

GAME COMMISSION ASKS FOR DEBE

Four Members Call for Legislative Inquiry.

FINLEY CASE INVOLVED

Matter Would Be One for Investigation by Joint Committee of Senate and House.

Investigation, thorough and complete, of the affairs of the state fish and game commission is to be asked at the hands of the special session of the legislature by four of the five members of the commission.

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Determination of the commission to make the request is contained in the following statement:

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We take the liberty, also, of expressing the desire that the legislature may see fit to invite all of the undersigned members of the board in the Finley matter or any other matter to appear to the end that they may have an opportunity to explain their charges or offer their criticisms.

An investigation of the scope suggested by the commission will probably be assigned to a committee composed of the joint fish and game committees of the senate and house, and this joint committee can carry on its hearing and report to the legislature afterward, and make its report to the governor.

The inquiry will be an opportunity for the opponents of the commission to present all the objections they have against the present administration, or the personnel of that body.

The first meeting of this year of the Republican Club of Oregon will be held at the Central Library tonight.

Attached to the Hiram W. Johnson machinery in Oregon is Sanford McDonald.

Mr. Gerard intends speaking at Washington, also, but he will send a message to be read at the Portland function.

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Our Afternoon Tea Menu offers a variety of dainty afternoon tea combinations. We feature the choicest teas that can be procured.