

REPORT ISSUED BY GAME WARDEN

R. O. Stevenson Supplies Fund
of Interesting Informa-
tion for Sportsmen.

STATE GETS \$3000 FINES

Ninety Convictions Secured During
Year for Violations of Game
Laws—Warden Recommends
Changes in Statutes.

The annual report of State Game Warden Robert O. Stevenson for the year 1908 contains much interesting data to sportsmen for it explains in detail the expenditures of the office during the year, as well as detailing the convictions secured for violations of the state game laws. In this instance Warden Stevenson has succeeded, with his deputies, in securing 90 convictions which accrued something over \$3000 to the state in fines. Warden Stevenson also submits a number of recommendations of considerable merit, and shows that the Game Warden's office has been in most capable hands during the incumbency of that official. The report, together with the Warden's recommendations, follows:

Arrests and Prosecutions.

A. W. Walker, killing deer, fined \$50.

H. F. Marvick, killing deer, fine \$50. (Half of fine remitted.)

August Halberg, illegal fishing, fined \$10.

Frank Fulkerson, killing deer, fined \$50.

I. D. Cort, killing deer, discharged.

J. A. Fausch, illegal fishing, fined \$10.

John E. Smith, killing deer, fined \$50.

G. Olson, killing song birds, fined \$5.

C. Bell, hunting without license, fined \$25.

LeRoy Brown, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Charles R. Bone, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Lee Waddell, trapping beaver, fined \$50.

Tim Goodrich, trapping beaver, fined \$50.

Charles Alexander, trapping beaver, fined \$50.

S. G. Jones, killing deer, fined \$25.

W. W. Fowles, killing deer, fined \$25.

Gideon Smith, polluting Mill Creek, fined \$25.

W. F. Adams, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Harry Adams, hunting without license, fined \$25.

(Forfeited bail.)

Hoffer, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Schoenack, running deer with dogs, penalty not recorded.

Kamachie Bataira, illegal fishing, fined \$5.

Georty, killing deer, fined \$50.

K. V. Krouse, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Fred Bodie, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

John L. Simpson, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

John Doe, illegal fishing, fined \$25.

Thad Stevens, killing quail, fined \$25.

Benjamin Stephens, illegal fishing, fined \$5.

J. D. Edwards, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

I. J. Tarnie, killing China pheasant, fined \$15.

K. Kuntze, killing robins, fined \$5.

E. R. Graham, illegal fishing, fined \$50.

B. Butte, illegal fishing, fined \$50.

Lee Brown & Son, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Mayton C. Factory, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Looney, killing deer, dismissed.

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W. B. Nevitt, killing deer, fined \$50.

W. W. Handy, killing deer, fined \$50.

J. J. Houser, killing deer, fined \$50.

A. J. Reed, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

C. T. Reynolds, killing deer, fined \$50.

Miss Peaslee, killing deer (in dogs, fined \$50. (Appealed to Circuit Court, found not guilty.)

Fred Gorch, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Wallinger, hunting without license, fined \$10.

Pete Inchan (Indian), killing deer, fined \$25.

Sain Dave (Indian), killing deer, fined \$25.

Ross, selling untaxed deer hides, fined \$25.

Captain Johnson, selling salmon without license, fined \$50.

Henry Smith, hunting without license, fined \$10.

John Stranger, hunting without license, fined \$10.

Charles Matlock, hunting without license, fined \$10.

William Woodcock, hunting deer, fined \$25.

Isaac Colahan, killing deer, fined \$25.

J. J. Fuzer, illegal fishing, fined \$50. (Fine remitted on payment of costs.)

John H. Walker, killing deer, fined \$50.

Charles Stead, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Walter Beard, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Clen Inkly, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Tom Maddox, killing spotted fawn, fined \$25.

Roy Tolson, hunting without license, fined \$25. (Fine remitted.)

A. D. Owen, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Richardson, killing China pheasant, fined \$15.

Hendley, having fawn in possession, fined \$15.

O. C. Kland, having quail in possession, fined \$15.

George, killing China pheasant, fined \$25.

Amos Young, killing birds, fined \$10.

L. Davidson, selling spotted fawn, fined \$25.

Grant Brown, killing pheasant out of season, fined \$25. (Fine remitted.)

Emory Colahan, hunting without license, fined \$25.

Stanley Ray, killing China pheasant, fined \$15.

Robert Davis, killing China pheasant, fined \$15.

George Johnson, killing ducks, fined \$15. (Served time in jail.)

Victor Tarbell, selling quail, fined \$100.

Strabel & Barenstcher, selling quail, dismissed.

H. B. Mayer, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Jefferson Milling Company, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Lee Brown & Son, dumping sawdust in stream, fined \$50.

Joseph Deane, illegal fishing, fined \$5. (Fine remitted.)

Clyde Speck, illegal fishing, fined \$5.

Lade Branciflora, illegal fishing, fined \$5.

Burr Jones, illegal fishing, fined \$5.

Expenses of Game Warden.....	310.02
Total.....	\$1,310.02
Balance.....	\$2,889.99

Game Protection Fund.

Balance on hand, Dec. 1, 1907.....\$2,284.81

Received from licenses and fines.....\$23,777.09

Total.....\$27,762.81

Expenses for services of deputies.....\$19,706.53

Balance.....\$7,956.98

Recommendations.

1. I beg to take this opportunity of offering the following suggestions, which, I believe, if enacted into law, would prove of distinct advantage to the cause of game protection.

1. Enact a law fixing the open season for deer between dates of August 15 and October 15, with three deer in any one open season as the killing limit.

2. Fix the open season for ducks between the dates of October 15 and March 1, and place 25 ducks as the maximum killing limit for any one week.

3. The open season for upland birds should commence October 15 and close November 15, with six birds in any one day or 12 in any one week as the maximum killing limit.

4. During the last 15 days of the open upland bird season the killing of Chinese pheasants should be absolutely prohibited.

5. Fish should have more protection than a closed season for six months in each year, as must be apparent from the number of streams, once excellent fishing grounds, that are now almost barren of fish. I would also reduce the maximum limit of one day's catch of trout to 50.

6. Provide all fishing streams in which damns are maintained for any purpose, with adequate facilities to enable the unobstructed passage of fish for spawning purposes. My observation leads me to recommend the circular ladder as the best device.

7. The law against hunting with dogs in a most unsatisfactory state and I earnestly recommend the passage of an act that will effectively restrain the running of deer with dogs and yet contain provisions affording stockmen the privilege of hunting animals that prey upon their flocks.

8. Elk, mountain sheep and antelope should have the protection of a closed season for at least ten years, for it is certainly a fact as will be attested by all sportsmen, that these magnificent specimens of our big game are threatened with speedy extinction.

In order to make this protection effective I beg to offer the suggestion that the violation of such a law should be made punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

9. For the convenience of hunters residing in parts remote from the county seats, I earnestly recommend the enactment of a law extending the power to issue hunters' licenses to the State Game Warden and all his deputies, and to all justices of the peace.

10. To insure a fund more adequate to an effective policing of the state, I would recommend that all moneys received by the state in the way of penalties for violations of the game law, be paid into the game protection fund.

11. It must be known to every one who has taken an interest in the preservation of our game supply, that the natural enemies of game contribute as much or more towards its extermination than all the hunters, whether licensed or not, or hunting in or out of season. The natural enemies of game know no closed season and no killing limit, and recognize no distinction between the age or sex of game. For this reason some important should be offered to encourage the destruction of the larger vermin, and I would therefore recommend that a law be enacted placing bounty upon cougar, bob-cats, coyotes and black and gray wolves. In order to equitably adjust the burden of the bounty law, and obviate abuses thereunder, I would suggest that the bounty be paid in the form of one-half the bounty by the state, and the other half by the county in which the animal may be killed.

12. I urge that a memorial be addressed to Congress asking for the enactment of a law setting aside forest reserves as a permanent breeding ground for wild game and making it a violation of the federal law for any person to hunt or kill wild game within the boundary of such reserves.

13. I beg to say in conclusion that while violations of the game laws during the past year have been as usual quite numerous, I believe that there is, on the whole, an upward tendency in the public conscience with respect to the enforcement of laws enacted for the protection of game. There are, of course, to be found those who will not obey the law so long as there is hope of escape by the payment of small fines, and usually provided for slight misdemeanor cases. And my observations in this regard impel me to the conclusion that there should be a general amendment of the game laws to the extent of vesting in the courts power to punish all violations by imprisonment. While this may seem harsh and drastic, it is but proper to reflect, that as the present state of game destruction, and the rapid restriction of its preserves, due to the setting up of the state, some effective means must be had for its protection, or else no distant day will witness the great State of Oregon barren of one native resource that to all of us is now a matter of pride.

All of which I have the honor very respectfully to submit to you.

ROBERT O. STEVENSON,
State Game and Forestry Warden.

WILL ARRIVE NEXT MONTH

New Pastor of First Christian

Church Man of Fine Attainments.

Rev. W. F. Reagor, of Sacramento, Cal., who has accepted of the call to the First Christian Church of this city, was born in Tennessee 43 years ago. He was graduated from the State University of Kentucky, and from the Bible College of Lexington, Ky. He removed to College City, Colusa County, Cal., 15 years ago, and was president of the

theological seminary at that place for one year. He was then made pastor of the Christian Church of Colusa, remaining with that congregation for seven years. He then removed to Sacramento, where he became pastor of the First Christian Church, where, under his management the church was freed from debt, and the congregation became one of the most influential in the city.

Rev. Mr. Reagor is considered one of the ablest pulpit orators in his denomination in the West, and a man of exceptional executive ability. Members of the Sacramento congregation expressed deep regret when he tendered his resignation last Sunday. At the conclusion of the service the trustees passed resolutions strongly recommending the retiring pastor for his work in Sacramento, and wishing him success in his new field.

Mr. Reagor, with his wife and two children, will arrive in Portland next month. He will assume his duties as pastor of the First Christian Church here on March 1.

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