

COMMISSION IS TO BE ELIMINATED BY GOVERNOR OLCOTT

Executive to Act if Legislature Fails to Divide Fish and Game Interests at Special Session.

Salem, Dec. 30.—The present state fish and game commission must go. If the state legislature which convenes in special session here next month fails to act favorably on the recommendations of Governor Olcott for the creation of two entirely new commissions, which would automatically eliminate the present commission, then the governor will immediately ask for the resignation of all four members of the present commission.

In any event the state is to be wiped clean and a new start made immediately after the adjourning of the forthcoming legislature in an effort to end the "squabbling and bickering" which have characterized the career of the present organization and to restore the harmony essential to the effective propagation and conservation of fish and game in Oregon.

BEAT THE WHIRLWIND

This policy of the executive office with reference to the state fish and game commission which has been brought to a head by the refusal of the commission to accept his recommendation for the reinstatement of William L. Finley as state biologist, is outlined in a statement given out by Governor Olcott Monday.

While the "State" is regarded as referring directly to the four members of the commission—Frank M. Warren and J. N. Fleischner of Portland, Marion Jack of Pendleton and C. F. Stone of Klamath Falls—the statement is also regarded in state house circles as sealing the doom of R. E. Clanton of Portland as master fish warden and of Carl E. Shoemaker of Roseburg as state game warden, both of these officials being appointees of the commission.

REINSTATEMENT DELAYED

No further action will be taken by the governor toward the reinstatement of Finley, deposed as state biologist by the commission at a meeting in Portland, December 11, until a new commission has been named, all the members of the present commission having signified their opposition to any such move, the statement says.

"Fish and game propagation and conservation cannot be carried to its fullest effectiveness under present inharmonious and unsatisfactory conditions," Governor Olcott's statement reads. "There must be a definite ending of squabblings and bickerings which in themselves have caused dissatisfaction, distrust and lack of confidence. Whatever may be the merits of the various controversies they can be ended in but one way—and that is by wiping the slate clean and starting anew."

ALTERNATIVES OFFERED

"I have studied the situation from all angles. In what I say I am actuated only by the sincere and conscientious belief that Oregon's wild life is not receiving the greatest possible benefits."

"As previously announced, I will ask the legislature to create two entirely new commissions—one to supervise the commercial fishing interests and the other to administer affairs for hunters and anglers. Should the legislature see fit not to act upon such suggestion, I shall ask the members of the present commission to resign and immediately a new commission will be appointed."

MEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE

"The men in question are citizens of the highest type, citizens in whom the people of the state may repose the utmost confidence, and citizens who have a deep interest in fish and game life."

They are not connected with any of the factional differences which have led to the present unfortunate situation and could start upon their difficult task with open minds.

"When I entered upon the duties of the governor's office I found the fish and game situation at the boiling point. Charges, counter charges, recriminations, allegations and counter allegations, all showed plainly that discussion and strife were marred the effectiveness of the commission's work. These dissensions have continued and have shaken public confidence, opening wounds that cannot be healed as long as present conditions last. During my 10 months as a member of the commission I have heard more complaints witnessed more dissension and have seen more strife than I have come in contact with on all other boards and commissions with which I have been connected during nearly 10 years of public life, and I am satisfied the public has had its fill of these contentions."

COMPLAINTS FILE UP

"When I became ex-officio chairman of the commission because of the fact that I was governor, one of the first matters coming prominently to my attention was the volume of complaints relative to the fish and game commission. A great number of my friends told me that there could be no harmony in fish and game affairs as long as the present commission existed. These statements were supplemented by numerous letters from all over the state which conveyed the same information. Despite these things I deemed it my duty to endeavor to secure a reconciliation of the antagonistic interests, if possible, and joined in the work as a member of the commission with that end in view."

"The commission's ground, was made up of men of excellent type and at that time I believed harmonious conditions could be reached. After a series of constant annoyances, and a hearing at which all of the various factions were represented and decision was arrived at to have an audit of the books, embracing a complete investigation of all of the commission's activities."

CONVINCED OF FUTILITY

"By a careful watch of conditions I became fully satisfied that whatever harmony could never prevail. In consequence, some time ago I fully determined that a new commission must be the only eventful solution."

"The commission at this time was reached to delay action until the findings of the investigator were completed and made public. But those findings, whatever they may be, cannot amalgamate the conflicting elements, nor can further conciliatory efforts on the part of the executive office gain that result. For that reason I am making this announcement at this time."

"I believe that the men of the commission are big enough and broad enough to see these things. I further believe if I called them in and submitted to them my belief that harmony cannot prevail while they are on the commission, they would resign, without hesitation, for the good of the service, and probably would be glad to do so. But to call them in now with such intentions, that those men may be placed them in a delicate position which I would hesitate to do. Consequently I have decided to bear the entire brunt of this decision and announce openly my intention, that those men may be relieved of possible embarrassment."

QUESTION OF EXPENSE

"As to my proposed recommendations to the legislature that there be two commissions to handle the varied interests involved, I realize that such division must be made with the greatest care. Consideration will arise as to expense entailed by duplication of work in hatchery operations, in patrolling of streams, and various other angles must be straightened out. It is my hope that a calm survey of these conditions by the legislature may result in definite and lasting good by separation of the two conflicting interests. If separation cannot be worked out in the minds of the legislators, along practical lines, the only alternative will be a new commission."

"This statement is issued in the endeavor to make an honest, frank and above board outline of my position. I have tried to conceal nothing, to gloss over nothing. My hope is to place administration of fish and game affairs on a basis where constant conflicts, inimical to good results, may be eliminated, if such is possible."

FINLEY NOT INVOLVED

"To avoid misunderstanding I wish to say that the Finley incident is in no way responsible for the stand I am taking toward the present commission. They all acted with greatest consideration in answering my suggestion that Mr. Finley's services be retained. I have a sincere appreciation of their

STATE CHAMBER OUTLINES POLICIES FOR COMING YEAR

Adopts Number of Resolutions, Including One Urging Cut-Over Land Improvement Districts.

Policies of the State Chamber of Commerce for the coming year were definitely molded into shape at the second day of the first annual convention of this organization today. The morning session was devoted to speechmaking but early this afternoon a flood of resolutions was introduced. The resolutions briefly were as follows:

"That the State Chamber recommend passage of a law permitting organization of cut-over land improvement districts."

"That support be given the Hawley bill, before congress, urging a federal appropriation match fund to build a book and the Northwest coast highway."

"That the Oregon delegation at Washington be urged to hasten the appropriation of money necessary to construct the McKay creek reservoir in Umatilla county."

"That the legislature be petitioned to guarantee the payment of both principal and interest on irrigation, drainage or other land improvement bonds. The state is now guaranteeing bond interest only."

"That the chamber request a combination of the appropriations for the Oregon book and the Northwest coast highway association in addition to other support the legislature may see fit in place of the funds in the hands of a permanent committee for compiling a new blue book and in advertising the state."

"That the Oregon delegation be urged to support the Jones bill appropriating \$250,000 for a revolving reclamation fund."

"That the governor be urged to veto the Rogue river fish bill and that a thorough investigation be conducted of the entire controversy by a report at the annual convention."

"That the fourth assistant postmaster be urged to discontinue the daily mail service between Bend and Burns."

"That every effort be put forth to defeat the legislation to limit the bond limit in Oregon from 2 to 4 per cent."

"W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, addressed the session this morning on water power, and George Cecil discussed the work of the forest service."

"Needs of Central Oregon were told in brief address by Judge J. T. Rorick of The Dalles. He placed the one big need of this section of the state under the head of development and divided this into three sub-heads—irrigation, hydroelectric and road development."

"Proper utilization of the Celilo canal was urged by Rorick, who said that only two boats passed through the nine mile stretch of canal during the year 1918—one up and one down the river. He suggested that turbines and stockpiles be constructed on the canal and that the \$500,000 investment of the government be put to some use."

"Rorick also called attention to lack of interest in the Dalles-California highway and the need for further development of the Umatilla irrigation project."

"Walter Denton of Salem spoke on community development and an open discussion was entered into by 'Farmer' C. B. Smith, secretary of the O. W. I. L. L. Goodrich, Eugene; Leslie Butler, Hood River; Thomas Kay, Salem; John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific; C. C. Chapman, Astoria; R. E. Clanton, master fish warden; and Charles Helmlie of Roseburg."

"attitude and a full realization of their position in the stand they have taken. 'As to the status of Mr. Finley, a majority of the members of the present commission have expressed themselves as being opposed to his reinstatement. This naturally ends the matter as far as that commission is concerned. Following adjournment of the legislature the new commission, whatever it may be, will have the question relative to Mr. Finley's services.'"

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"Punch Board Operator Fined
John Georgeoff and George Petcoff, operators of a cigar stand at 524 North Twenty-fourth street, were fined \$5 each in the municipal court this morning when found guilty of operating a punch board. They were arrested by Patrolmen Mossie and Huntington."

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has adopted the best plan for all concerned," added Fleischner in further reference to the governor's announcement that he would appoint a new commission should the legislature fail to act on his, the governor's recommendation for a divorcing of game and commercial interests.

RESIGNATION NOT CONTEMPLATED

"No, I do not believe the governor's statement is sufficient cause for our immediate resignation. We have only to hold office a little while longer, and I, for one, will be heartily glad to shift the responsibilities and contentions to other shoulders."

"Frank M. Warren said this morning that he had not seen or talked with Governor Olcott since the announcement of the governor's intention to remove the state fish and game commission."

"If the governor chooses to take this action, it is his prerogative. He has a right to remove the members of the commission from office if he wishes to do so and I certainly shall not try to interfere with his plans, whatever they are."

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WILSON TO CHOOSE LANE'S SUCCESSOR

Secretary of Interior Wishes Resignation Accepted at Convenience of President.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—A new secretary of the interior may be named by President Wilson shortly, it was learned at the White House today.

Secretary Franklin K. Lane has expressed a desire that he may be allowed to resign at the convenience of the president.

The president now has a man in mind to fill the place, it was stated at the White House, and Secretary Lane may be permitted to resign. It is possible that the appointment will be made at the same time as the appointment of a new secretary of the treasury to succeed Secretary Glass, who has been appointed to the senate by the governor of Virginia.

FIVE TEACHERS QUIT; SALARY RISE DENIED

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aries if the educational system of Oregon is not to be seriously handicapped. GREATEST CONVENTION

Such expression is rife at the annual session today. Alderson's election to the presidency will be made Wednesday afternoon.

Fireworks are expected this afternoon when the program of departmental work is started. In the division of science and mathematics, of which Professor F. L. Griffin of Reed college is chairman, will be debated the broad problem of "hiring and firing." The proposal to be presented, as explained by teachers interested in the work of the division, is to provide a board of teachers in each school district to advise with the school board on appointments and dismissals from school staffs.

INJUSTICE CHARGED

Under the present plan, teachers point out, they must submit to association with anyone the board selects and they aver that the board's selection is not always above criticism. On the "hiring" side, teachers are dismissed summarily without power or place for redress and teachers are firm in the statement that favoritism and other elements entering into school board actions cause many unjustifiable dismissals.

This morning the first general session of the three day association convention opened with the Lincoln high school auditorium almost filled with teachers from every part of Oregon.

SUMNER OFFERS PRAYER

The session was opened with prayer by Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon. Musical features were interspersed in a highly interesting program, marked by the address of H. M. Wilson, superintendent of the public schools of Berkeley, Cal., on "Americanization of Education," and that of Frederick G. Bonser, professor of education at teachers' college, Columbia university, New York City, on "Socializing the Public School Curriculum."

Superintendent Wilson of Berkeley pleaded for more careful inculcation of American citizenship in the minds of American school children.

FIVE FUNDAMENTALS

"Children in our schools should be trained in the five fundamentals of broad, far-seeing life," he said. "These are work of the constructive sort; leisure—few of us are properly equipped for leisure hours; morals—not forgetting the religious aspects of the moral life; citizenship—we know how to vote, but we do not know what citizenship means, and physical welfare, a branch of our life that we have too often neglected."

W. C. Alderson, superintendent of Multnomah county schools and vice president of the Oregon State Teachers' association, will be president of the association for the coming year, as a result of the recommendations of the nominating committee submitted at the close of the Monday meeting of the representative council. The election will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Alderson will succeed A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools at La Grande. To fill the vice president's chair now occupied by Alderson, the nominating committee has selected Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, rural school supervisor of Marion county.

TO FILL BOARD VACANCIES

A. A. Campbell, principal of Thompson school, Portland, and J. C. McLaughlin, city superintendent at Corvallis, have been named as candidates for the coming vacancies on the executive board to succeed J. W. Todd, city superintendent at Salem and E. M. Whitney, assistant superintendent of Portland schools. Miss Julia Spooner of Woodmen school, Portland, and W. R. Rutherford, city superintendent at Eugene, are the hold over members of the board.

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Convention Chat On Schoolma's

Mrs. M. Harrison, teaching under special permit at Silver Lake, through no fault of her own, failed to take the state examinations for a teacher's certificate on December 17. County Superintendent A. E. Oliver had been notified that seven women applicants would appear for examination.

Throughout the previous day the superintendent was continually receiving telephone messages from the seven applicants, who were struggling through the snowdrifts from various directions. Oliver advised the applicants to turn back or take shelter where they were, fearing a tragedy if the intrepid applicants continued in their efforts to break through. By late afternoon six of the women had given up the struggle, but the seventh, kept coming and late at night reached Lakeview, having covered 40 miles, a slight with the mercury at 20 below. This was Mrs. Harrison. Next day she found she could not take the examinations because the official questions were snow-bound under the weight of the mail. She was given a special permit to continue teaching until the next regular examination.

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Full dress suits on school teacher salaries are held by most pedagogues as the famous champagne appetite and beer income. Therefore, E. F. Carlton, assistant state superintendent of schools, is threatened by his co-workers assembled at the annual teachers' meeting with dire things if he again appears at the annual teachers' banquet in his "soup and fish." A president of the state teachers' association last year Carlton bore himself proudly in full dress. Fearful of being outdoors completely, A. C. Hampton of La Grande, present president, is equipped with like garb, which he promises to wear at the dinner tonight. He will not be molested, teachers say, but should Carlton appear in full dress he will be singled out as the originator of the budding custom and will be handled accordingly.

Charles F. Romig, principal of the Silver Lake school in Lake county, grasped the coat tails of Earl Morin, his assistant, and pushed through 35 miles of snow and slush in a motor truck on Christmas day so that he might reach the teachers' convention on time. When Linn, Clackamas county, scene of Romig's former endeavor, is just across the Willamette from civilization, but Romig is undaunted by his experience with the snow and the vast areas of Southern Oregon. To get to Lakeview by train and into Portland travelers must go to Reno, Nev., thence to Sacramento, and north from there. Romig beat the railroad time by going across country to the main line.

A. E. Oliver, superintendent of Lake county schools, took the round-about way through Nevada and California and traveled more than 800 miles. Temperature of 35 degrees below zero, which froze the toes of those who dared to cross the icy land, inspired Oliver to take the long train journey.

As a compliment to the teachers attending the convention a reception and musical program has been planned by the Monday Musical club to take place in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce this evening at 8:30. The program follows:

Mrs. E. L. Knapp, string ensemble, concert, "Unrequited Love," Link