

SENATOR GILL FOR ENFORCEMENT OF STATE GAME LAWS

Committee Chairman Declares Changes Needed in Code to Correct Loopholes.

State Senator John Gill, chairman of the game committee of the senate, takes the position that changes are necessary in the fish and game code, in divorcing game and commercial interests, in repealing what is termed the injustice done State Biologist William L. Finley by the present fish and game commission, and in correcting loopholes in the law which permit evasions of its terms.

The game code adopted by the last legislature, State Senator Gill agrees, intended to stop all trout fishing during the winter months. As a matter of fact, it is said, trout of any size over 6 inches in length may be caught with impunity, due to a weakness in the code.

LAW MAKERS CRITICAL

"There is a deal of critical criticism of legislatures everywhere, and certainly the legislature of Oregon is no exception. It is a fact that one of the most fortunate of governments, we Americans, suddenly submitted to such an autocracy, suddenly chafed and fussed, but an autocracy, of government, was greatly lightened. Governing ourselves is much like tinkering our own watches. But such is our rule: A government of the people, by the people, for the people, and subject to like limitations.

"In our last session, in a membership of 30, there were 18 attorneys. Much legislation affecting courts, practice, etc., arises in every session. The committee on revision of laws and the committee on judiciary receive from each of their houses all such measures and report them back again, recommending this or that change. The committee on manufacturing, on the other hand, is certain to be men in the business of manufacturing, and men of experience on roads and highways, and so on down the line.

COMMITTEES HINNY

"These committees are supposed to give much time to their work. It is done outside the session. Several men in our committee for the last two sessions, met five evenings in the week at 8 o'clock for the work of the committee, and it was a rare occasion when their committee adjourned at midnight. Each of the members on that committee (and on all of the others) was a member of three or five other committees, and for their work took time before the morning or after the afternoon session, or lunch hour.

"When these committees report a measure back to their houses with approval, it usually passes. In most cases the bill should pass.

QUICK WELCOME

"Legislators are as human as the rest of us. As I said, we wait for the opinion of the lawyers upon measures affecting courts, etc. We take Senator Finley's word in a question concerning cattle or farms, and on many other subjects too.

"But upon fish and game legislation each member feels a personal obligation. Pedagogues, statisticians and candlestick makers are vociferous upon these things before committee or in the forum, and this is well. Perhaps no other code is nearer perfection than that covering fish and game. It has been worked over for years, and the statutes of older states adopted were improvements upon our own in many instances.

"The momentary interest in the removal and proposed reinstatement of Mr. Finley, state biologist, invites a scrutiny of our law with regard to that office and officer. The only reference seems to be in the words: 'Said board is authorized, if it sees fit, to maintain an educational and biological department of its work for the collection and diffusion of scientific and information as shall be germane to the purposes of this act.'

"So the office of biologist has no other basis than the pleasure of the commission, and, unhappily, has met with its displeasure. The law ought to specify the duties of the state biologist and provide his assistants. The public evidently believes in the man, at least, and that the office shall seek this very man.

"A certain engine known as the 'trap,' which is a device for catching salmon, not intended for any other purpose, has no legal provision for size of mesh in the nets employed, and does, in fact, use so small a mesh that fish of barely one pound in weight are caught in these traps in great number. Having caught in these traps trout and infant salmon, a market (contrary to law) must be found and made for them, and in this trade seems not to attract the attention of commissions or wardens, but is becoming interesting to sportsmen, at least."

LEGISLATURE TO BE ASKED FOR ANOTHER REFORMATORY

Salem, Jan. 10.—The state legislature, when it meets in special session here Monday, will, among other things, be asked to name a committee to investigate the need for a state reformatory for older boys in Oregon. The request will be made by the state board of control at the recommendation of Lee M. Gilbert, superintendent of the state training school for boys, who declares that present conditions which require the training of younger boys in an institution which also must care for older boys who, in many instances, are already steeped in crime, is a most deplorable situation.

Gilbert's plan for the correction of the present situation involves turning

the present training school into a state reformatory and the creation of a new institution as a state training school. The present institution, he points out, is not at all suited to the needs of a training school, whereas it could very easily be converted into a reformatory. The new institution, he declares, would require a farm of some 200 acres with housing accommodations arranged on the cottage plan, provision being made for approximately 30 boys to the cottage.

At the present time there are 142 boys in the state training school. Of this number, according to Superintendent Gilbert, approximately 60 are older boys who should be in a reformatory. Many young men now sentenced to the state penitentiary, he points out, should also be sent to an intermediate penal institution. Judge Bingham of the Marion county circuit court recently, in sentencing a young man to the state prison, publicly deplored a condition which required the compulsory association of this class of criminal with the "hard boys" in the state penitentiary.

Under the present arrangement the boys at the state training school are divided into two "families" with a manager for each family who is responsible for the conduct of the members of his "family." The younger boys—some 82 of them—are included in one family, with the older boys in the other family. In this way a partial segregation of the boys is maintained, but a successful segregation is declared to be impossible when the boys are thrown together during recreation periods.

If the legislature approves the request of the state board of control and appoints a committee to investigate the situation, no report will be forthcoming until the next regular session a year hence.

In the meantime, however, a campaign of education to impress the people of the state with the need for better facilities for caring for the youthful wards of the state who are destined to form a part of its future citizenship will be necessary.

BRODIE DECLINES TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Well Known Oregon City Publisher Decides to Stick With His Chosen Profession.

Oregon City, Jan. 10.—E. E. Brodie, publisher of the Morning Enterprise, announced today that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state at the primary election next May.

"My many friends among the newspaper editors of the state," said Mr. Brodie today, "were the first to propose my name in connection with the office of secretary of state and I have already received, without my solicitation, the endorsement and promised support of more than 30 papers throughout the state."

"This, of course, is extremely gratifying and flattering, and I am deeply appreciative of the kind things that have been said about me. This is the first time that I have ever been even a prospective candidate for public office, though I have been honored by election and appointment to non-salaried positions in the state and have been for many years chairman of the Oregon county central committee for Clackamas county, which gave a plurality of 1015 to the Republican nominee for president four years ago, and a clear majority for Mr. Hughes '22 over all other candidates for president."

"After long reflection, I cannot separate myself from a profession with which I have been connected since boyhood. The publishing of a newspaper, in my opinion, is of greater dignity and service than holding a public office. The true newspaper man may be tempted by the lure of easier tasks and shorter hours, but if he is true to the calling of his own choosing, he will stick and be a leader in influencing public opinion within the radius of his newspaper's circulation."

The Enterprise was established 54 years ago, and has been published continuously in Oregon City since 1865. Only two newspapers in Oregon are older.

My connection with the Enterprise goes back 15 years, the last 12 years as publisher. We have just purchased and remodeled a building and have the finest newspaper home in the state outside of Portland. The Morning Enterprise is healthy, its growth and progress have been marked and I expect to continue as its publisher and do my part in making Oregon a better state to live in for many years to come."

Woodmen Lodges in Eugene Have Joint Installation Meet

Eugene, Jan. 10.—For the first time in 15 years, J. T. Inman was unable to officiate at the installation of officers of the Woodmen of the World and W. H. Tripp of Woodburn served. Mabel Wagoner was installing officer for the Neighbors of Woodcraft at the joint installation and banquet.

Woodmen of the World officials installed were:

Past consul commander, Wesley B. Pennington; consul commander, W. W. Bristow; adviser, Lieutenant C. W. Wilkeson; banker, L. C. Beckworth; clerk, Emma L. Smith; escort, George Zimmerman; watchman, M. G. Lyons; manager, Virgil Rowland.

Officials of Neighbors of Woodcraft installed:

Past guardian neighbor, Jessie L. Marsh; guardian neighbor, Susie Gerot; the G. Sinner; clerk, Mrs. S. J. Wilson; banker, Albert S. McMurphy; inner sentinel, Emma L. Smith; escort, George Zimmerman; watchman, M. G. Lyons; manager, Margaret E. Inman; musician, Minnie E. Frank; captain of guard, Marie St. Williams; managers, Stella L. Diamond, John L. Marsh and Miss Jennie M. Sherman; press correspondent, Miss Clara A. Benson.

A record sale of thoroughbred hogs was made in New York Friday, when 38 Poland China hogs were sold at auction for \$55,975.

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HIGHER TAX LEVY IN STATE FAVORED BY ROBT. E. SMITH

Secretary of Taxpayers' League Declares Revenue Should Be Increased to Meet Expense.

That the unusual financial demands of the state are brought about by temporary conditions and should be relieved by a temporary remedy is the contention of Robert E. Smith, secretary of the State Taxpayers' league, and one of the initiators of the 5 per cent tax limitation amendment.

"There is nothing wrong with the tax limitation amendment," declares Smith. "When we proposed it we knew there would be emergencies, and these were safeguarded by the provision which permits the voters to raise any tax they may desire. The sky is the limit so far as the voters themselves are concerned."

"Although I have made no investigation of the matter, I am strongly of the opinion that more funds should be made available to the state for the next two or three years. Anyone who buys shoes, stockings and round steak for a family these days knows that private costs have increased tremendously, and it is to be expected that public costs have increased proportionately. But we have reached the zenith and prices are now falling. No one can predict how fast or how far they will fall, so it is impossible at this time to determine upon how many millage rates for our state institutions or a new rate of increase for the limitation amendment, even if this were necessary."

ECONOMY ESSENTIAL

"If the legislature will submit to the people a measure appropriating additional funds for state purposes, it can be voted upon at the May primaries, and, if passed, the funds will be immediately available. The people will authorize an increase of state taxes if they are convinced that the increase is a reasonable one, but we are all staggered under the burden of high living costs and feel that public officials should manage our public business as economically as we are forced to manage our private business."

The people of Oregon can be trusted to do what is right in the way of voting more taxes if they are needed, and that is all that tax limitation means. If tax limitation is a failure, then democracy is a failure and we should elect a king or kaiser to run our government.

"There is a lot of talk about our financial difficulties that is unwarranted and is based either on ignorance or misunderstanding. Take, for instance, the matter of pay for our school teachers. I fear that our Chamber of Commerce went off half-cooked the other day when it recommended legislation for the relief of our common schools. Outside of Portland the taxpayers themselves levy the school tax. There is no limit to what they can raise. If the taxpayers of any district wish to pay their teachers a higher salary, all they have to do is to vote a heavier school tax. We do not need legislation to get the taxpayers of Pendleton, Roseburg, Scappoose or any other seaport to vote more money for their schools. The school directors of those towns estimate the financial needs of their school districts for the year and submit the question to the taxpayers at the annual school meeting, and it is always adopted. That is all there is to it. Tax limitation or other legislation does not enter into the question."

TAX IS LEVIED

"It is my private opinion that the people of Medford are just as much interested in the welfare of the Medford schools as anyone else, and I believe they can be relied upon to appropriate sufficient funds for their efficient management without outside interference. In other words, the problem of the common schools and teachers' salaries is a local one, and every school district outside of Portland has both the inclination and the legislative authority to conduct its schools on the highest plane of efficiency."

"Of course, in Portland there is a different situation. Here the old school meeting system of levying taxes is abolished and the school board levies the tax. Such a tax levying body comes within the scope of the 5 per cent tax limitation amendment, and for that reason the Portland school tax can only increase 5 per cent, or less, unless a greater increase is authorized by the voters. Authority for such increases has been submitted and invariably carries.

Portland's school tax for next year will be 2 mills higher than is permitted under the tax limitation amendment because the voters have authorized this increase.

"There is nothing alarming about the present situation. Doubtless we need more funds for temporary purposes, but the people will vote them if the request is a reasonable one."

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Murderer is Arraigned

St. Clements, Mich., Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The examination of Lloyd Prevost, charged with the murder of J. Stanley Brown, was set for January 23, when arraigned in police court today. Prevost stood mute when arraigned before Justice William Sawn.

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