

MISTAKE OF CLERK

How the Closed Fish Law Was Repealed.

REPRESENTATIVE NOT TO BLAME.

Clerk of Fisheries Committee Got Rattled in Redrafting the Bill by Referring to Wrong Section of the Law.

Last week The Leader published an article setting forth the fact that a bill introduced by Representative Jackson, and passed, abolished the closed season for trout fishing. Following we reprint a communication to the papers from Representative Jackson in explanation:

"I note a news article in the issue of The Journal of June 28 concerning my amendment to the trout law, originally sections 2034 and 2035 of the B. & C. code. Replying will say that the noting is correct as to the intention of the original H. B. 23, which I will explain later, but partially correct only when stating that the bill passed unamended.

"Original house bill 23, the printed bill as introduced by me, was correctly drawn and did not in any way change the old law except to shorten the close season for trout fishing to three months and permit fishing for 'salmon' trout the entire year in the waters of the Umpqua river and tributaries, and further providing that salmon for family use could be taken from the waters of the Umpqua river above the Winchester dam on the North Umpqua and above the Roseburg dam on the South Umpqua river, at any time of the year.

"The settlers residing on these rivers above the point specified were not allowed at any time to take a salmon for any purpose, a very unjust law, and a change was demanded by those people and with good reason. The original house bill, as introduced, would have given the relief without any mistake.

"This bill was referred to the committee on fisheries January 22. This committee divided the bill and made two bills, one touching the salmon feature of the original house bill 23, and the other the trout feature of that bill, and instructed the clerk to draft two bills covering the two features of the original house bill 23. This was done with my consent; the committee did this upon the ground that they could deal with commercial fish and did not care to report the bill with the game fish feature in it.

"The original house bill 23 was reported back to the house by that committee and amended so as to cover the salmon feature of the original bill 23. The clerk, in redrafting the bill to permit fishing for salmon on the Umpqua river above the point above specified, made a mistake in referring to the wrong sections of the law, and this was not noted until its passage as amendment to the original house bill 2. Governor Chamberlain vetoed the bill on that ground.

"The trout feature of the original house bill 23 was embodied in a new bill drawn by the clerk and introduced as house bill 205, which was intended to cover the trout feature of the original house bill 23, but in place of following the wording of house bill 23 as first introduced, the clerk being over cautious or becoming confused with the conditions of salmon-fishing on the Umpqua river, added these words 'taken from the waters of the Umpqua river or its tributaries.' These words do not appear in the

original house bill 23 introduced by me.

"The citizens living above the points specified on the Umpqua river, would have been allowed to take a salmon for table use and the trout law would have been changed only by limiting the closed season.

"In justice to the committee which had the original bill in charge and to myself, I make this explanation that the public may know there was no intention upon the part of the committee or myself to annul the close season for trout-fishing, though in my opinion no serious damage will result to the trout-fishing before the mistake can be corrected."

Separate Wraps for Summer Gowns.

The authority on fashions of the New Idea Woman's Magazine says in her article in the August issue that it is a well recognized fact in the modish world that some one article of dress always monopolizes the first place of interest and importance in the wardrobe. This year it is the separate wrap, from the bewitching, airy and fetching little shoulder scarf of silk and chiffon, to the cloaks and capes of cloth, lace and pongee. This season each linen frock should have its separate jacket, tailored with the same care as miladis' cloth suits, and even over lingerie waists are worn fascinating little boleros of exquisite handkerchief linen and lace. These are described in detail, and graceful drawings show the use of appropriate patterns in a variety of attractive materials.

SYNOPSIS OF RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at the Annual Session of the State Grange Held Recently—Demand Made for Parcels Post.

One of the most important acts of the State Grange was to instruct its Executive committee to initiate an amendment to the constitution depriving the legislature of any right to amend or repeal any law enacted by the people.

It expressed itself as opposed to the further free distribution of common seeds by congress.

The sentiment of opposition to the Tuttle road law was reasserted, and the Governor's veto of the Johnson (S. B. No. 96) act was commended.

The suggestion of building trolley lines upon our main highways, instead of expensive macadamized roads, was favorably received.

It reaffirmed its position in demanding aid from the National Grange in postal investigation, with the idea of reforming and economizing our system, and renewed demand for parcels post.

It favors putting the revenue from the inheritance tax into the public school fund.

The State Master was empowered to appoint a committee of five to report at the next State Grange, upon better laws for assessment and taxation, especially with the idea of increasing state revenue from taxation of corporate interests, which now pay little or nothing.

After a very warm debate the present system of giving a 3 per cent rebate upon taxes paid by March 15, was disapproved by a close vote. It was claimed that the penalty attached was sufficient to induce all who had the money, to pay anyway, and that this rebate caused much extra work and expense to the county.

Civil Service Examination.

Civil Service Examinations will be held as follows:
For Railway Mail Clerk August 6
For Repairman (Telegraph) July 24
For Type Writer Repairer July 31
Examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. For full particulars and information address Civil Service Examination, Secretary of Board, Eugene, Ore.

COOS BAY WIDEAWAKE

Adopts For Its Slogan: "It Will Be Built."

RAISES \$55,000 FOR RAILROAD.

With Concerted Action on the Part of Other Towns Along the Route, the Railroad is an Assured Fact it is Said.

For several days past mysterious pasteboard cards about two inches wide and two feet in length have been making their appearance around Marshfield and North Bend. On the cards are printed the words, "It will be Built," says the Coos Bay Times. No ostentation marked the initial appearance of the cards; few people knew the meaning of the inscription on the long narrow pasteboard when first they began to make their appearance in store and office windows. Inquiry developed the fact that the words referred to the Coos-Douglas electric railroad. Soon everybody came to know this and gradually the first feelings of surprise and curiosity died away into nonchalant acceptance and the mysterious card boards lost their glamour.

Now after what has doubtless appeared to outsiders as weeks of inaction on the part of the Coos Bay people regarding the electric road has culminated and Coos Bay can send the news broadcast that \$55,000 has been subscribed for the proposed electric line between Douglas county and Coos. That leaves a total with the subscriptions already secured of about \$55,000. The way is now open for the other cities in Coos county to come forward and total up with the Coos Bay electric road committees the amounts which have been subscribed toward the pushing of the project that will result in so much good to southwestern Oregon.

Apparently action has been long deferred by Coos Bay, but the men there, realizing the hugeness of the enterprise wished to proceed cautiously and with conservatism. L. J. Simpson has been out in the interest of the electric for several days. His work was carried on quietly and during the time that he was gone he visited in the cities of Portland, Cottage Grove and Roseburg. While in the latter city he sounded the sentiment and found that the people were almost a unit in their attitude toward Coos Bay. They realize that this terminus is the logical strategic point for the future road. Now it remains for the different committees in Coos county to get together and arrive at a perfect understanding.

He believes that premature statements published in certain papers of that city have resulted in injury to the proposed road in many different ways. With concerted action on the part of Coos Bay cities and sister towns throughout the county the mayor of North Bend is of the opinion that the road to Roseburg will be built.

RETURNS FOR PASTURAGE.

As Much as the Land is Worth—Hogs and Alfalfa on a Farm.

Three months of pasturage on alfalfa on a farm has brought the Oregon Agricultural College \$27.51 an acre. There will be four months more of pasturage season on the alfalfa field, and Dr. Withycombe is confident it will aggregate for the season more than \$50.00 an acre. That is as much as lots of land is worth that will do the same thing. It is an episode of great

value in showing what can be done with an alfalfa field. The thing was done with hogs. On the college farm there is a two-acre alfalfa field and on it 32 hogs were placed. Of the pigs all were picked up in the open market but five, and were only ordinary hogs.

Up to July 1st, a period of three months, they made a gain in weight of 1630 pounds. Besides the alfalfa they had been fed 11,630 pounds of skim milk, and 1420 pounds of chopped wheat. The milk was figured at 25 cents per 100 pounds and the chopped wheat at one and one-half cents per pound. Both were of course produced on the college farm. The allowance for the milk was \$29.62, and for the wheat \$21.30, making the total charge against the increased weight \$50.92. At the market price of 6½ cents live weight, the 1630 pounds increase aggregates \$105.95 leaving the net profit \$55.03, the sum being the gain produced by the alfalfa pasturage during the three months, or an average of \$27.51 cents an acre.

The experiment is of extraordinary value in showing what can be done with hogs on alfalfa. Besides the \$27.51 per acre, the skim milk brought 25 cents per 100 pounds, and the wheat 90 cents per bushel. In the meantime, nothing was taken off the field in fertility, but by the presence of the hogs and the leguminous crop, fertility is being added. Dr. Withycombe believes the same results can be accomplished with clover, rape or vetch as pasturage.

NEW NORMAL REGENTS

Appointed by Governor Chamberlain. But None Live in a Normal School Town.

Governor Chamberlain last Tuesday named the members of the new board of regents who will have control of all state normal schools after this date. The regents are D. E. Spence, of Carus, Clackamas county, to serve one year; E. Hofer, of Salem, two years; E. E. Bragg, of La Grande, three years; W. B. Ayer, of Portland, four years; Henry J. Maier, of The Dalles, five years; Stephen Jewell, of Grants Pass, six years.

It is evident that in making the appointments the Governor studiously avoided appointing men who might by past associations, geographical location or political interests, be prejudiced for or against any one of the four normals. Not one of the men is interested particularly in either the University of Oregon, the Agricultural, or any other state institution. This fact will leave them more free to handle the normal school problem free from other influences.

Spence is a farmer, a democrat and a member of the executive committee of the State Grange.

Hofer is editor of the Capital Journal and a republican.

Bragg is county superintendent of Union county and a democrat. Ayer is a lumber manufacturer and a republican.

Maier is a merchant and a democrat.

Jewell is county judge of Josephine county and a democrat.

The State Board of Education, composed of the Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction, are ex officio members of the board of regents.

Among educational workers in attendance at the session of the State Teachers' Association, it is generally remarked that the Governor has selected a strong board that will be free to manage the normal schools with a view to the best interests of the state.

The new board met in Salem on Wednesday afternoon and elected Governor Chamberlain chairman, and C. L. Starr, of Falls City, secretary. The secretary's compensation was fixed at \$1500 a year and traveling expenses.

STATE AND COUNTY

Items of Interest In a Condensed Form.

AS TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

At the Stayton celebration Vincent Pietrock took the prize of \$5 for having the largest family at the celebration.

A \$200,000 Bend deal involving the irrigation project, sawmills and much land, it is asserted will mean much for Bend.

During the month of May the little town of Stayton shipped 18,523 pounds of butter fat to the Hazlewood creamery, Portland.

The Benton county school fair to be held the last of August is to be a big thing. Among the speakers will be Gov. Chamberlain, Senator Fulton and President Kerr.

The Corvallis Times says the fatal accident at that city was due to bad insulation of the electric light wire and demands that the wires of the city be put in good and safe condition.

Wasco News: Sherman county's wheat crop, if present prospects hold, will bring a return of more than \$200,000. How is that for a county of 4,000 population, a per capita income exceeding \$5000?

A cannery man from Seattle is in Newberg looking the ground over for the purpose of locating a cannery there that will handle all kinds of vegetables as well as fruit. All he asks is for a location for his building.

Woodburn Independent: An old lady, 84 years of age, stopped at this office yesterday and asked to rest awhile. In the course of conversation she stated that she had been driven from the home of her only son by the latter's wife.

Toledo Reporter: Last week we said that we saw a man hugging a girl on the Newport beach that would discount the Portland Journal's prize beauty 100 per cent. There is no doubt that the three young ladies who wrote thanking us for the compliment are the identical one we saw.

Democrat: Martin Miller, one of Linn county's best known pioneers, of 1848, yesterday morning attempted to commit suicide at his home at Knox's Butte in a very peculiar manner. He tied a rope around his ankles, fastened it to a pole at the top of an eight foot well, with two and a half feet of water in it, leaving six feet of rope loose and

jumped head-first into the well.

He had been unwell for some time and had become demented. The day before he had told some of his family that he would commit suicide but for the disgrace of it, so that they were on their guard. He had eaten his breakfast and milked four cows and gone out in the direction of the well when one of the boys missed him, and rushing to the well saw the situation. He cried for his brother Ray and just then Messrs. DeVaney, Long and Bilyeu passed on their way black-berrying and the body was pulled up. He had been in the water only two or three minutes, and was soon brought to.

Mr. Miller afterwards in telling of his experience, said he found that by putting his hands on the ground he could raise his head up out of the water and could save himself if he desired, but instead he grabbed a pipe in the bottom of the well and pulled his head down under the water determined to end affairs here. He declares the experience to have been an awful one, and says he will never again in any way attempt to end his life.

H. L. Pittock, one of the owners of the Oregonian, was struck by a falling piece of board Monday night as he was passing by the Star theatre at East Park and Washington streets. He sustained a painful cut on the head which bled freely. Upon examination it was pronounced the injury was not serious. It is supposed that the board was thrown from a window in the theatre.

Una Earl, a 19-year-old girl, was arrested in Walla Walla Tuesday evening for wearing male attire. The girl when questioned by the police, stated that she and her husband were touring the country in hobo style, but that in some unknown manner they became separated near Pendleton. She says they have been in every state in the Union, with the exception of Montana, and was on her way there when arrested. She claims to have spent the last three months along the Southern Pacific lines, being in nearly every town between Ashland and Portland under this disguise.

CARES NOT HOW JAPS TAKE IT.

Governor Chamberlain Says Let That Fleet Go Forward.

In a response to a telegram from the New York World relative to the Japanese question in which that paper said, "We would deeply appreciate from you an expression of opinion concerning the plan to mobilize an American battleship fleet in the Pacific, and the view the Japanese nation would be justified in taking of the move."

Governor Chamberlain replied brief and to the point. He said: "The plan to mobilize American battleships in the Pacific meets with my approval. I know not what view the Japanese nation would take of this movement, and I care less. I do not think their opinion should be consulted, but I believe this government should act for its own protection, without consulting the views of any other nation."

FARMERS

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PEARCE BROS.

With your Produce and Exchange for

SHOES and GROCERIES.