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In explanation of a complaint that has been made, that the News has a tendency to give up too much space to advocating a limited few measures, with constant repetitions, instead of covering a wider range of subjects, both sides of the question should be considered.

The News is primarily devoted to the interests and development of Eastern Clackamas County. Only a limited amount of news originates in this peaceful, law-abiding community and then seldom of a sensational nature. This being a home-loving, rural district, where taxes, roads and agricultural subjects are the main items of interest, naturally the home-newspaper deals largely with those subjects and possibly proves uninteresting by their repetition.

Our people are not asking for much, but the few reforms which they seek are essential to future happiness and prosperity, consequently if a reform or measure is worth advocating, it is worth repetition. One stroke of an axe never hewed away a bothersome stump, but steady hacking away usually clears the path.

As to the larger, state, national and world-wide questions, these subjects are ably presented in the daily press and the current magazines; but as these larger questions are really of no more vital importance to us, than some of our county and community ones, the home paper has to fight the little homely community battles, and try to reflect the sentiment of its readers.

There should a law, making a ballot invalid, which is cast, where so called "single-shotting" is done in the voting for only one candidate, where more than one office is to be filled.

This practise was current in several localities in this county during the primary election and if each district is going to "single-shot" its respective candidate for the coming legislature, why not make three representative districts in the county and be done with "Vote for Three"?

There is no doubt but that many changes are needed in the state fish and game laws, especially relative to the protection of Chinese pheasants, which birds during last winter's severe weather, suffered heavily.

During the coming legislative session many changes will be made in the game laws, but before it is done, the legislators should stop and consider the view point of the farmer and the rural hunter, before adopting the suggestions of the Portland and other city sportsmen.

The sportsmen of Portland, by being organized along both fishing and shooting lines, are able to present more pressure on the

legislators than their rural brethren.

These Portland sportsmen are now agitating several radical changes in the laws; one to shorten the season on Chinese pheasants and one to lower the daily catch of trout to 35, instead of 75 and to increase the minimum length of a fish, which may legally be taken, from six to seven inches.

These same sportsmen last spring advocated the closing of Eagle Creek and its tributaries to fishing for a year or two and have fostered many other game law changes.

With all due respect to our neighboring lovers of the rod and gun, they must consider the position of the rural sportsmen, who, owing to long hours of work and lack of means, is only able to fish and hunt in his home territory; not being financially able to flit from one choice hunting or fishing ground to another, when the law prevents his enjoying home sport.

Allowances must further be made for the fact that the rural sportsman often owns the land on which the game lives or through which the streams flow.

In the case of many of the Portland sportsmen, a change in the game laws effects their pleasure but little, for if the pheasants are protected, most of them can enjoy as much or more sport hunting duck, geese or shore birds, shooting largely on privately owned preserves.

As a suggestion, let the Portland sportsman this season confine his efforts to hunting ducks, geese and shore birds, allowing the rural resident to hunt the pheasants. Such a plan would guarantee fewer hunters and fewer birds killed, especially as the city sportsmen is usually a better marksman, owing to months of trap shooting, coupled with the services of fine bird dogs.

But what can those of us who reside in the hill and mountain parts of Clackamas County do, if the pheasant season is cut short?

We have no alternative but to put our guns back in the cases; let the dust settle on our ammunition and return to further reading of the sporting magazines, containing alluring accounts of hunting and fishing in distant pastures, finding our ultimate reward and a realization of our dreams only in the Happy Hunting Grounds hereafter.

The A. D. Schmidt family of Springwater moved to their new home in Sheridan last Sunday, joining Mr. Schmidt who had preceded them by several months.



The greatest bulwark against the indigence of old age or the financial drain caused by a protracted illness is a bank account. If you are a business man making big profits; if you are an employee with a fine salary, plan to lay aside a certain sum weekly. Then if the rainy day comes along it will find

you prepared.

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