

# The Game Protection Fund

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In the report of the Oregon Fish and Game Commission for 1914 State Game Warden Finley discusses the value to the state of its tremendous fish and game resources pointing out that through the utilization of them the state can receive good profits from the non-agricultural land within its borders. Extracts from the report are printed below.

In the State of Oregon from the Columbia river to the California border, is a great public domain that will never be opened to settlement. This area comprises the Federal forest reservations. Here are 13,000,000 acres of forest land not subject to state tax, although the state derives thirty-five per cent of revenues from grazing, timber and other sources collected by the Federal Government. Approximately 25,000,000 acres more is covered with heavy timber and is not used for agricultural purposes. In Eastern Oregon are other vast areas of land of no value from an agricultural standpoint. Much of it is unclaimed and bears no taxes to the state.

How can the state of Oregon ever profit by this extensive territory within her borders? What are the resources of this great domain?

Our 40,000,000 acres of forests contain the finest mountain streams and our most beautiful lakes. To make them valuable to the state, they must be stocked with fish. Practically all our big game animals live in our forests. Our forest areas are the recreation grounds for our people. This is the area that will always be open to the poor man as well as the rich man. As population increases, this is the only area in the state where we can guarantee hunting and fishing to the poor man as well as the rich man.

Our splendid streams and lakes, our snow-capped mountains, our magnificent forests are attracting tourists from all parts of the world who come to fish, hunt and enjoy outdoor life in Oregon. The game resources in Maine bring \$20,000,000 annually into that state. California values her game resources nearly as high. Neither of these states has better opportunity than Oregon to become famous as a fishing and hunting paradise. An entire Chinook salmon in the Willamette and fishing for rainbows in the Rogue, McKenzie, Deschutes and our other streams is attracting people from all over the United States. Every year tourists come from New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other states to take their outings in Oregon.

Of what profit is this to Oregon? Tourists spend a large amount of money in railroad and stage fares, at hotels and farm houses, in the employment of guides, hiring horses, purchasing equipment, supplies and numerous other items. This money goes directly into the pockets of our citizens. Fishing and hunting thus become a business proposition to the farmer, the fruit-grower, the timberman and every other land owner in the state by attracting the class of travelers who have money to spend and money to invest.

**Food Value of Game.**  
The game of our state is worth approximately \$800,000 annually from the food standpoint. In the neighborhood of 3,000 deer, 150,000 ducks, 45,000 Chinese pheasants are killed annually. When we also consider the numbers of grouse, quail, geese, shore birds and other game that is killed and when we estimate that this meat is worth from twelve to sixteen cents per pound, whether it is on the table of the farmer, the mountaineer or the merchant, it means a big income to our people. A pound of trout or other game fish is worth twelve cents from a meat standpoint. A vast amount of game fish is taken from the waters of our State each year which furnishes food for our people.

The records, which are not quite complete for 1914, show that 58,813 of our residents fished in our streams and lakes during the past year. The number of our people who actually engage in this outdoor sport rapidly increases each year. During the past year, there was an increase of \$6,443 anglers over the previous year. Out of the total population in Oregon at the present time of 700,000 people, from 85,000 to 90,000 of these residents take an active part in either hunting or fishing some time during the year. This shows we are an outdoor people and it is the duty of the state to furnish this recreation.

A large amount of money is derived annually from the hunting and trapping of our fur-bearing animals. This is a crop that is worth \$100,000 yearly to our state. A large part of the revenue derived goes directly to the homesteader and the settler who needs it to develop his property. The rifle and the trap have been almost as important as the ax and the plow. In times when it has been hardest for the homesteader to make a living the wild birds, wild animals and the fish have been his mainstay. It, therefore, becomes the duty of the state to propagate all kinds of game and carefully protect and preserve our game resources for the benefit of the poor man and his family.

**Is it Not a Good Investment?**  
From an economic and business standpoint, the game and other wild creatures of the state are worth \$5,000,000 annually to us. This is not placing a high estimate on these resources. During the past year, the Fish and Game Commission has expended \$120,000 to protect and develop our game resources. This is an expenditure of two per cent a year on the investment. The expenditure is necessary if we are to increase the value of the resources. The money

spent is paid in entirely by those who hunt and angle. Every effort has been made to spend this money economically and to get value received for each dollar. It can only be spent on duly authorized warrants, signed by three of the commissioners, passed upon by the Secretary of the State, and checks drawn by the Secretary of the State and paid by the State Treasurer.

During the past year game conditions have improved in every way in the state of Oregon. Over 6,000,000 game fish have been liberated in the lakes and streams in different parts of this state. Fishing conditions have improved in many places, 5,636 pheasants, Hungarian partridges and quail of two species, California and Bob White, have been sent out and liberated in nearly every county in the state to stock places where these game birds will thrive and increase. Practically all the pheasants liberated have been sent into Eastern and Southern Oregon to stock fields where these birds were not introduced before.

### SABBATH MORNING.

With silent awe I hail the sacred morn  
That slowly wakes while all the fields are still.  
A soothing calm on every breeze is borne,  
A graver murmur gurgles from the rill,  
And echo answers softer from the hill,  
And softer sings the linnet from the thorn.  
The skylark warbles in a tone less shrill,  
Hail, light serene! Hail, sacred Sabbath morn!  
The rooks float silent by in airy droves,  
The sun a placid yellow luster throws,  
The gales that lately sighed along the grove  
Have lushed their downy wings in dead repose.  
The hovering rock of clouds forgets to move,  
So smiled the day when the first morn arose.

—John Leyden.

## LEAVES LARGE SUM TO CHURCH

### BILL BROWN MAKES HIS WILL

Residue of Estate, Estimated to be Over \$300,000, Goes to Methodists —Addison Bennett Tells About Rancher and His Big House.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—W. W. Brown of Crook county, well known rancher and stockman, has made a will leaving various amounts to different institutions in the Willamette valley and the residue of the estate, estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000, to certain religious and educational institutions connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

While Bill Brown is well known in Bend and throughout Crook county, where he has the reputation of having one of the biggest ranches and the biggest heart in the community, it remained for Addison Bennett to tell something of his career in the Oregonian on Sunday. For the entertainment of Central Oregonians here are a few extracts from what the veteran Addison wrote:

It is 28 years since Bill and two of his brothers drove their little band of 1500 sheep across the Cascade mountains into Harney Valley. They made their first stand near the present post office of Egli, not far from Wagon Tire mountain, adjacent to Lost Creek.

**Money Made at Teaching.**  
Bill had made his money to start with as a school teacher in the Willamette valley, being a graduate of Willamette University.

The sheep business along in the late 80's was not prosperous and the little band of 1500 soon became a band of 700. Then Bill bought out his brothers and went it alone. He filled one pocket with raisins and another with strychnine and followed these sheep out over the range. When they stopped, Bill stopped; when they traveled, Bill traveled. In rain, in snow, in sleet and in sunshine, Bill followed these sheep. When the band increased to 2500 he hired an assistant, as—but why delay the finale? Why, in a short time there were 30,000 of them and Bill was the largest sheep owner in Central Oregon.

Then, when the sheep business was at high-tide and range horses worth about \$5 or \$6 a head, Bill let it be

known that he would pay top price for a few thousand brood mares. People thought Bill was mentally unbalanced so they unladen a few thousand on him—and laughed in their sleeves at him as they pocketed the money.

### Big Mansion Constructed.

For the last five or six years Bill has been selling his 5-year old colts from those mares at \$70 a head at the corral. When he made his first big sale he removed his headquarters to Buck Creek and erected the mansion mentioned, and lives there still. But his range is anywhere within 100 or so miles to the south and west, and lesser distances to the north and east. He owns about 13,000 acres of land, or did three years ago. He most likely has a few thousand acres more now. He probably sells over 1000 head of horses every year—and he still has many thousand head of sheep. In fact, he will never go out of the sheep business. He told me that the horse business was all right as a money-maker, "but give me sheep," he continued. He also had, when I last asked him, about 1,000 head of cattle.

If you were to meet with Bill, on the range, in Prineville, or on the streets of Portland, you would take him for a clergyman. Well, you would not be far amiss, for he is one of the most deeply religious men I ever knew. He abhors, worse than abhors, liquor of all kinds, will not tolerate profanity in his presence, dislikes tobacco in its every form. He practically keeps the accounts of his great business in his hat.

### Credit at All Banks Good.

He is an eccentric man. For instance, it is said he once wrote a check for a thousand dollars on a label torn from a tomato can. Indeed, the bankers say many of his checks are written on wrapping paper. Any bank in Central Oregon will cash a check signed W. W. Brown, no matter how his account stands with them. A Prineville merchant told me that he received an order from Bill for goods amounting to more than \$5,000 which was written with a lead pencil on butcher's paper—with it a check for \$5,000 on the same sheet of paper.

Bill has made several large gifts, notably one of \$30,000 to a Willamette valley educational institution and another of \$15,000 to a religious school at Bendleton. His smaller gifts in magnitude far overreach these, but Bill is non-committal when it comes to telling about his good deeds—you have to go to those whom he has assisted for such facts.

### Seventy Seven Years Old.

George W. Clough, Prentiss, Miss., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all. Just think of the relief and comfort that means to him. Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism and kidney and bladder ailments. Patterson Drug Co.—Adv.

## JANUARY WEATHER

Few Warm Days and Presence of Snow Makes Month Seem Cold.

With no great amount of snow and with the clear days in the majority for January was yet of an unusually cold and wintry month for Central Oregon. In large measure this was due to the fact that the clear days were not warm ones and that the snow which came late in December stayed on the ground all the month. The mean maximum temperature was 39.8 degrees and the mean minimum 17.5 making a mean of 28.6 degrees.

As stated above the clear days were in the majority there being 14 clear as against 13 partly cloudy and four cloudy. The snow fall amounted to nearly 9 inches and the total precipitation was half an inch. Twice in the month the mercury rose to 50 degrees and twice it went below zero, the lowest point being six below on the 25th. The greatest daily range of temperature was 41 degrees.

The daily temperatures and character of day were as follows.

Date.	Max.	Min.	Char. of day
1.....	44	26	Cloudy
2.....	44	27	Ptly Clidy.
3.....	50	32	Ptly Clidy.
4.....	38	22	Itly Clidy.
5.....	40	24	Clear.
6.....	45	27	Clear.
7.....	42	29	Clear.
8.....	46	30	Ptly Clidy.
9.....	45	25	Clear.
10.....	45	24	Ptly Clidy.
11.....	47	24	Ptly Clidy.
12.....	40	24	Ptly Clidy.
13.....	40	25	Cloudy.
14.....	36	20	Ptly Clidy.
15.....	38	18	Clear.
16.....	40	4	Clear.
17.....	45	14	Clear.
18.....	50	8	Clear.
19.....	46	20	Clear.
20.....	45	12	Ptly Clidy.
21.....	20	15	Cloudy.
22.....	35	2	Clear.
23.....	32	2	Clear.
24.....	36	-3	Clear.
25.....	45	-6	Clear.
26.....	48	11	Clear.
27.....	27	19	Ptly Clidy.
28.....	30	17	Cloudy.
29.....	24	17	Ptly Clidy.
30.....	27	8	Ptly Clidy.
31.....	33	12	Ptly Clidy.

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