

CENTRAL OREGON GAME PARADISE

AUTO TO POPULARIZE THIS SECTION.

Propagation of Trout is Big Problem—Protection for Game is Suggested by Game Warden Carl Shoemaker.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
By Cary D. Shoemaker,
State Game Warden.

The Fish and Game Commission comes in intimate touch with every class of citizen of Oregon. The fish to angle and the desire to handle a gun seems to be born in everyone. Children are delighted with fishing games and with toy pistols and guns, and as they grow older this inborn hankering to wade along the streams and climb the mountain sides grows with them. True, it is, that one's occupation may lead him from the paths of sport, yet there is always within his heart the desire for a good day's outing and the joy which goes with the pulling in of a gamey fish or the bringing down of a big buck. Oregon has a population of less than one million, has close to 100,000 sportsmen who annually purchase their licenses and make one or many pilgrimages to the shrine of sportdom.

In order to take care of the game birds, animals and fish that exist in the wild state and to provide for the distribution of game birds and game fish propagated at the hatcheries and the state game farm and to give an adequate patrol service, the Fish and Game Commission is compelled to maintain an extensive organization, the ramifications of which are many and intricate.

Streams Brought Nearer.
The constantly increasing use of the automobile and the better roads have placed many of the hitherto out of the way angling streams and hunting grounds practically at the back door of the sportsman. Fishing conditions in Oregon ten years ago were better, beyond question, than they are today. This is true because of the greater number of people who angle today and of the inroads being made upon the upper reaches of spawning streams and the elimination of a great many of the waters of the state for natural spawning beds, through the development of irrigation projects, power plants, and mining operations. As an illustration of this, the upper reaches of the Columbia river at one time were the natural spawning beds of the salmon. Today, these spawning beds have been practically ruined.

Stocking is Problem.
The greatest problem of the Fish and Game Commission, therefore, was to provide artificial propagation of the fry in the various streams of trout fry and for the distribution to the state. The central hatchery at Bonneville was established about eight years ago and millions of trout fry have been propagated there annually to restock the streams of Oregon. Last year there were liberated more than seven million fingerling trout throughout the state, of which number 287,000 were distributed in Crook county. It has been the policy of the Fish and Game Commission to obtain trout eggs wherever they could be taken in sufficient number to justify the expenditure of time and money and establish feeding stations where the young fry could be reared in as nearly the natural state as possible. Such a feeding station has been established in Deschutes county, and it is the opinion of Mr. R. E. Clanton, superintendent of hatcheries, that the work of building up this station will be started within a short time. Certain, it is, that the value of such a station has been demonstrated and must be continued if streams are to be restocked and replenished. The Fish and Game Commission maintains about 20 such stations, all of which contribute their share to the streams of their particular district.

The Chinese pheasant hen, the best game bird by actual experiment for this state, is on the increase. The Commission has been liberating about three thousand of these birds annually for the last four or five years and it is safe to say that the annual increase is about ten birds to every hen. In particular localities however, this is high, on account of the vicissitudes of nesting and animals which are inimical to the young pheasants.

From reports received from our deputy game wardens and from sportsmen who are in the field a large portion of the year, I feel safe in saying that the deer are on the increase. This is not so true of the Eastern Oregon, or mule deer, because there have been pretty well exterminated in certain portions of that district. However, with the growth of game protection sentiment, I believe that the past few years have marked a decrease in the number

of deer killed illegally and out of season.

The protection of our game animals, birds and fish is provided through a deputy warden patrol service, which has covered practically all of the game districts of the state. On the efficiency of this warden service depends the future of our game conditions. Our game wardens have, for the most part, done good work and have attended promptly to the reports of violations which have come to them and to the head office. During the past year there were 287 arrests for violation of the game laws and 258 convictions. Crook county, out of which has been carved Jefferson and Deschutes counties, has had but one arrest in the past three years. This arrest was made last fall by Deputy Warden McKay, and the violator charged with killing a sage hen out of season.

In addition to the regular deputy game wardens, the Game Department issues special deputy warden commissions without compensation. These commissions are issued to sportsmen who desire to assist and co-operate with the Game Department in holding down violations. During the last year I issued 453 such commissions. These special wardens are usually unknown, work quietly with people in their district and keep the Game Department informed of violations with which they come in contact.

That portion of Central Oregon through which flows the wonderfully scenic Deschutes river is one of the best playgrounds for sport in the entire state. Here is combined magnificent scenery with splendid hunting and angling conditions. In this district are numerous lakes and streams, hundreds of fine camping places, thousands and thousands of acres of hunting grounds on the slopes of the Cascades, all of which make up a real paradise for him who seeks the solitudes of nature.

If these conditions are to prevail for the future, it is necessary for the building up of a widespread sentiment favorable to the protection of our game. No lasting benefit can be derived, except through the popularity of this sentiment. In the final analysis, game protection rests largely upon the attitude of the people. If that attitude is friendly, the Game Department becomes highly efficient. It has, therefore, been my earnest effort to build up this kind of sentiment throughout the state, and I believe I can conscientiously say that good citizens everywhere are rallying to the cause of game protection. I cannot too strongly urge that the people study more closely our wild animal life to the end that they become more familiar with the great benefit that may be derived from its proper conservation, as a future food supply and the source of healthful recreation.

BILLY GEORGE TO MEET AL. SOMMERS

Bout Set for April 3, in Portland, With Return Match, if Bend Man Falls to Win.

(From Friday's Daily Bulletin.)
That Billy George, of this city, has signed to meet Al Sommers, of Portland, in the Rose City on April 3 was the word received here today. In case George wins, no return go is scheduled, but if the Bend fighter should lose, or the fight go to a draw, Sommers will come to Bend on April 9, to try conclusions again with George. In this event, the second match will be pulled off at the Hippodrome.

Arrangements have also been made for the staging of a fight in Bend, probably on April 16, between George and Battling Ortega, of San Francisco, who cleaned up on Valley Trambitas shortly after George wrestled the coast middleweight title from the Portland lad.

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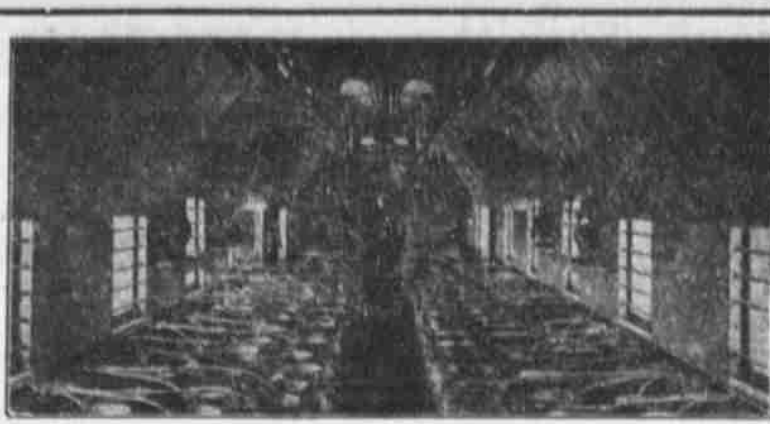
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General view of the State Game Farm at Corvallis, where Chinese Pheasants are raised for distribution. Three thousand birds were liberated last year, and a splendid Rainbow caught in one of the many angling streams of Oregon.

PRISONER IS LOOSED

No Warrant Follows Arrest Here on South Bend Instructions.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
After holding O. D. Gorman 24 hours on instructions from the authorities in South Bend, Sheriff R. E. Roberts turned the man loose, as no warrant had been sent to authorize his further detention, he announced this morning. Mr. Roberts stated that he believed Gorman had left town.

Mr. Roberts had no intimation of the charge against the man, and is of the opinion that the South Bend officials did not care to go to the expense of bringing him back.

MAN THOUGHT DEAD IN BEND STORE IS RESTORED TO LIFE

(From Thursday's Daily.)
After Roy Keizer, delivery man for the Louis Bennett Grocery store, had mysteriously disappeared, he was found 30 minutes later yesterday, in the store room in the back of the building, apparently lifeless. This was the first belief of Claude Metz, a salesman in the store, who stumbled over Keizer stretched prone upon the floor, but after a physician had been summoned, Keizer regained consciousness.

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The maps show the roads, trails, creeks, lakes in the forest and are accurate and valuable for fishermen not acquainted with the highways of this locality.

FISHING LICENSES MAY ALL BE GONE WHEN SEASON OPENS

Demands for Permits Coming Thick and Fast at Clerk's Office and Local Stores.

Although the opening of the fishing season is still more than a week ahead, demands are coming in thick and fast at the county clerk's office and at the various stores in the city where licenses are to be obtained, and every indication is that the supply of angling permits will be nearly cleaned out when the morning of April 1 sounds the call for rod and reel.

So far, licenses are being issued chiefly for fishermen only, although a few are being purchased for hunting, and a few others of the combination type are being bought.

The total income to the State Fish and Game Commission last year from Bend, from fishing, hunting and combination licenses sold, was between \$1400 and \$1500, according to Judge J. A. Easton, permit vendor during 1916.

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