

OREGON GAME LAWS

Last Legislature Passed Many Amendments.

Last winter the Oregon legislature started in to amend the game laws of this state, resulting in the production of a piece of crazy quilt patch work longer than the moral law and more complicated than the old Mills tariff act. The law is being generally discussed by state papers, which are contradicting each other and correcting themselves regarding its provisions, in successive issues. Local sportsmen don't know where they are at and several have asked THE MINER to publish such sections as apply to this region. With a view to complying with this request, a copy of the act, House Bill 110, has been secured and diligently studied.

It is a mosaic, without form or design; what is legal in one spot is a crime in another, and a man who is shy of meat and starts out to make a killing is liable to board with the sheriff. THE MINER advises any one who contemplates going hunting or fishing and wishes to continue a law abiding citizen, to employ a lawyer to construe the statute, a surveyor to definitely locate him before taking a shot or casting a hook, and a naturalist to decide whether the bird in the bush or the fish in the water is of the species around which the strong arm of the state is thrown, or is merely one of the unprotected mob that is taking chances along with the rest of us.

But from this conglomerate bunch of legislative lunacy, THE MINER thinks it has gleaned these facts, of local interest.

It is made unlawful to kill, hunt or trap beaver for the next twenty years, or a spotted fawn in all eternity.

The open season for deer, antelope, moose, mountain sheep is from July 15 to November 1; except in Grant, Harney, Malheur and Baker counties. Here they can be killed only during the fifteen days from October 1 to 15. None of these animals can be killed between one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise, or hunted with dogs at any time. No one is permitted to kill more than five deer in one season.

Silver squirrels can be killed from October 1 to January 1.

Duck, geese and swan can be killed between September 1 and March 1, except in Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties, where the open season is from September 1 to January 1. The limit is 100 a week or 50 in one day.

Water rail and upland plover are unprotected from August 1 to January 1.

Open season for prairie chickens, grouse, native pheasant or ruffed grouse, Chinese pheasant, quail and partridge is from October 1 to December 1, with numerous exceptions. East of the Cascades, except in Wasco county, pheasant and quail can be killed between August 1 and November 1. In the same territory prairie chickens are protected until August 15, 1903, after which the open season is from that date to November 15. Except in Klamath and Lake counties bobwhite quail are protected until October 15, 1905, the subsequent open season being until December 15.

English partridge, capercaillie, moor hen, wild turkey, woodcock, silver, golden, copper, Japanese and Reeves pheasants are protected until October 1, 1905.

Grouse, pheasant and quail can be sold only during the last fifteen days of the open season.

Black bass can be caught between October 1 and January 1; trout, except salmon trout, from April 1 to November 1, with a sky-line limit of 125 a day.

Eastern brook trout, loch lenn or grayling are protected until April 1, 1904.

It is made unlawful to trap, net or ensnare any of these wild birds and animals, or use flash or other lights to entice them to their death. A license fee of \$10 annually is charged non-resident hunters and fishermen who ply the trade for profit—except in the case of people who are looking or angling for suckers. Portland business men will endeavor to have this section so amended that they will be included in the game law, with a closed season the entire year, against non-resident fakirs only, of course. The natives and those who arrived here prior to the close of the civil war have life licenses to snare each other and the rest of mankind at all times.

FOURTH OF JULY FINANCE.

Paid Last Year's Shortage, Leaving a Balance of \$88.90.

The finance committee of the Fourth of July celebration has handed THE MINER a detailed statement of its accounts to publish, which, in full, would require more typesetting and space than the subject justifies. The following is a recapitulation of this statement:

RECEIPTS.

Odd Fellows fund.....	\$ 8 90
Subscriptions.....	468 50
Goddess of Liberty contest.....	337 65
Uncle Sam contest.....	17 35
Entrance fee drilling contest.....	50 00
Entrance fee tournament.....	10 00
Sale of ball tickets.....	92 00
Raffle of lot.....	11 75
Sale of lumber.....	1 20
Total.....	\$907 35

EXPENDITURES.

Stamps for invitation committee.....	\$ 5 00
Costumes for ladies on liberty car.....	50 00
Drilling contests.....	300 00
Sumpter brass band.....	125 00
Orchestra at ball.....	30 00
Rent of hall for ball.....	40 00
Horse tournament.....	50 00
Hose races.....	30 00
Sack race.....	3 50
Egg race.....	1 50
Three-legged race.....	3 50
Prizes for horribles.....	5 00
Blue Mountain American.....	9 00
L. N. Crane, labor, erecting scaffold.....	2 70
Al Wenrich, getting rock.....	2 50
Assistant.....	2 50
Greased pig, first cost Austin Meat Co.....	6 00
second cost, boys.....	4 00
Stamps and ribbon by executive committee.....	1 25
T. T. Kelley, dressing rock.....	5 00
D. Morris, greased pole.....	2 50
Basche Hardware Co, sundries.....	5 45
Thos McEwen, hauling drilling rock & timber	11 00
Morning Reporter advertising.....	10 00
Hobson Mercantile Co, silk.....	2 80
Miss Delle Consell, stenographic work for	6 50
invitation committee.....	6 50
Sumpter Miner.....	18 00
Sumpter Transfer Co, hack hire.....	4 00
Telephoning by invitation committee.....	2 50
T. J. Gray, work on mill street.....	1 50
SumpterLumber Co., for lumber hauled and	37 35
damaged.....	7 75
W. R. Hawley, bunting.....	15 60
Crane & Brady, carpenter work.....	7 80
J. F. Jennings, labor.....	7 50
H. K. Brown, livery hire by invitation com.....	5 00
To compiling three sets of statements.....	2 00
F. Jameson, labor on Mill street.....	2 00
Johns & Co., sundries.....	10 95
Hall & Rassman, expressage.....	1 50
Sumpter Drug Company.....	45
Incidentals.....	3 50
Unpaid bills from last year's celebration.....	65 35
Total.....	\$908 45
Balance.....	\$ 88 90

Gold Dredger for Susanville.

The Susanville correspondent of the Blue Mountain Eagle writes: Quite a placer mining deal has been made here by a representative of a dredging company. A bond has been taken on the placer ground owned by E. Nelson and G. J. Tucker, and on the entire Ed Smith place and on the placers owned by Ed and John Pearson. Prospecting has been already begun and will be carried on vigorously for the next five months.

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