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HOW NOT TO PROSECUTE

COUNTY ATTORNEY MILLER of Josephine county, though new in the country, is evidently imbued with the old Oregon idea, for instead of seeking to enforce the law he is busy trying to find a way not to enforce it.

The fish warden arrested a man for fishing within 200 feet of the old Grants Pass dam. He plead guilty and was fined \$25. A petition has been prepared asking the governor to pardon the delinquent, because he did not know he was within the limit, though fishing off the dam—a fine reason.

Now comes the county attorney, whose brief residence in the county gives him the appearance of being a carpet-bagger, seeking to find a way to permit violations of the intent, spirit and wording of the law, with almost as much ingeniousness as shown by Attorney General Crawford along the same lines. The Grants Pass papers say:

The newly appointed county attorney, Mr. Miller, states that under the law he doubts the guilt of Rosencrans, holding that the law as it reads prohibits the catching of "migratory" fish only below the fishways or dams, and that the common varieties of trout are not migratory, that term applying to such fish as periodically pass up or down the stream, and including salmon and steelheads.

If the recently arrived county attorney will study fish lore he will learn that there are only two kinds of native trout in Rogue river, the rainbow and cut-throat, and both are migratory. The so-called black-spotted or mountain brook trout is a cut-throat, stunted by its cold water environment. The "steelhead" is a sea-going rainbow, and the so-called "salmon trout" is a sea-going cutthroat. Nearly all rainbow go down to sea after the first year—some, however, remain in fresh water the year around. The small trout caught in Rogue river are young rainbow (steelhead) and cut-throat, and many of them are really young salmon on their way to the sea.

The county attorney will also find, if he consults the 1913 fishing laws, that the steelhead is classified as a trout in the Rogue river, as it should be, though on account of the greed of commercial fishermen it is called "steelhead salmon" in other streams, so as to permit their being taken commercially—though any well-informed packer knows they are not salmon. He will also find that the law prohibits the taking of any trout ten inches in length at this season of the year.

A dam in a stream stops the progress of fish and holds them until they locate the fish ladder. It is to protect them while locating the ladder and prevent the wholesale slaughter of schools of fish that the law was enacted. And the county attorney is sworn to uphold the law and prosecute its violators—not seek to find a way whereby they may break the law by conjuring up technical quibbles.

Prosecution of game law violations will not meet much success unless the county attorney act as prosecutor instead of attorney for the defense.

GRANT ON MEXICAN WAR

HISTORY repeats itself. The slave-owners of the south forced the nation into the Mexican war of spoilation in 1845, for purely selfish reasons—to extend territory for human slavery just as the capitalistic exploiters of today are endeavoring to force the nation into another unjust war against Mexico to protect their selfish interests, secured largely by corruption, largely profitable through a system of peonage that amounts to human slavery.

A second war with Mexico, and that is what armed intervention means, would be even more indefensible than the former, which was purely and simply a war of spoilation. Yet that is what speculators and exploiters seek—and what Woodrow Wilson and the administration seek to prevent.

When war was declared in 1845, Ulysses S. Grant was with others ordered to the front. Read what he says in his memoirs concerning the war:

There was no intimation given that the removal of the Third and Fourth Regiments of infantry to the western portion of Louisiana was occasioned in any way by the prospective annexation of Texas, but it was generally understood that such was the case.

For myself I was bitterly opposed to the measure, and to this day regard the war which resulted as one of the most unjust ever waged by a stronger against a weaker Nation. It was an instance of a Republic following the bad examples of European monarchies in not considering justice in their desire to acquire additional territory.

Before long, however, the same people—who, with permission of Mexico, had colonized Texas, and afterward set up slavery there, and then seceded as soon as they felt strong enough to do so—offered themselves to the state and to the United States, and in 1845 their offer was accepted.

The occupancy, separation and annexation were, from the inception of the movement to its final consummation, a conspiracy to acquire territory out of which slave states might be formed for the American Union.

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