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NEW GAME CODE IN CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL STATUTE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—The house has passed the new game code, making a number of changes in the hunting seasons of the old law. The action of the senate on the game code will depend largely on the attitude of the officials in the game service and the sportsmen's organization. Among the changes made are:

To make the deer season from August 15 to October 31, instead of from August 1 to October 31, as at present.

To open the season on hen Chinese pheasants with a limit of two hens in a bag of five birds. No more than four hens can be killed in any seven consecutive days.

Closed Quail Season: Quail can be killed only in Klamath county, where an open season from October 1 to October 10 has been granted.

The season on Chinese pheasants remains from October 1 to October 31, as at present in all the counties of western Oregon with the exception of Jackson county, where the season is to be from October 1 to October 10, and Josephine, Coos and Curry counties, where there is to be no open season at all.

The open season on ducks, geese and other aquatic birds in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties will be from September 15 to April 1, instead of from September 15 to February 15, as at present. In Harney, Malheur and Lake counties the season on these birds will be from September 1 to December 1 and from March 1 to April 15.

Slaughter for Geese: The season on sage hens will be from July 15 to August 31, instead of August 1 to August 31. Wasco and Sherman counties are to have open season on prairie chickens from September 15 to October 15, and Union county from October 1 to October 10. It will be permissible to sell geese killed in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Harney, Crook, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

This bill conflicts with federal laws, which have precedence.

SENATE REFUSES AID IN RECLAMATION WORK

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The senate has refused to memorialize congress or urge Secretary of the Interior Lane to urge the appropriation of \$450,000 for expenditure in Oregon on the central Oregon irrigation project on condition that the 1917 session of the legislature of Oregon appropriate a similar amount to match the federal appropriation.

Senators I. S. Smith and Dimick spoke against the resolution. When it was placed on final passage only nine senators voted for it. They were Burgess, Butler, Kellner, Kiddle, Languth, McBride, Moser, Perkins, Mr. President.

Building a Ford

"There was an old man and he had a wooden leg; he had no money and he wouldn't beg. He had a piece of pipe and a twelve-inch board. Says he to himself, 'I'll make a Ford'. A gallon of gas and a quart of oil and a piece of wire to make a coil. Four big spoons and an old milk can, he hammered together and the d-n thing ran."

LEGISLATIVE ECONOMY

PRATING of economy, the legislature is putting its own brand into effect by the creation of a number of new circuit judges at salaries of \$4000 a year each.

The first judicial district, now comprising Jackson and Josephine counties, is divided and reduced to Jackson county.

The second judicial district, now comprising Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln, with three judges, located at Marshfield, Roseburg and Eugene, is reduced to Douglas county.

The thirteenth district, comprising Klamath and Lake, is reduced to Klamath county.

The fourteenth district, comprising Lake county, is created and a new judge appointed.

The fifteenth district is created, comprising Lane, Lincoln and Benton counties, with two judges, one to be appointed.

The sixteenth district, Coos county, is created. The seventeenth district is created with Josephine and Curry counties, with a new judge to be appointed.

A seventh department for the fourth district, comprising Multnomah county, is created with a new judge to be appointed.

The emergency clause is attached to all of these creations that impose additional burdens upon the taxpayer, not because any emergency exists, but in order to rob the people of their right to referend the measures. By this action alone the legislature confesses that its action is against public interest.

None of the present circuit judges are overworked. None of them are far behind in their docket. No complaint is forthcoming from them. There is no real need of new judges, and the legislature knows it.

The population of Lake county is 4658. The population of Klamath county is 8554. The population of Josephine is 9567 and of Curry 2044. The population of Douglas is 19,674, of Jackson 25,756, of Coos 17,959, of Lane 33,783, of Lincoln 5587, and Benton 10,663.

Similar courts in other states attend to the litigation of many times the population comprised in the new Oregon districts. Judge Calkins is only forced to give a small portion of his time to Josephine county, and he never complained of overwork. A judicial district for a population of 4658 is the limit.

There is as much need or excuse for the creation of a judicial district at Ashland as for many of those created by the legislature. Why not? Ashland has more population and as much litigation.

Regarding the need of a new judge for Multnomah county, Judge Henry McGinn, now on the Multnomah bench, criticises both courts and jurymen for the small amount of work they do, and says:

No more circuit judges are needed here. To add additional circuit judges or judge would be a great increase in taxation, in the salary of the judge, of the bailiffs, but chiefly in the per diem jurors.

EXPENSIVE PARASITES

THE legislature, at the behest of the retail merchants of the state, has passed a law to protect the merchants from their own folly in resorting to trading stamps, a parasitical institution that costs the merchants three per cent of their gross sales and confers in return no benefit.

The law imposes a 5 per cent tax upon the gross receipts of trading stamp concerns and all institutions that give tickets or coupons good for premiums. This makes the cost prohibitive.

The trading stamp, the travel scrip, the piano contest, the coupon and other parasites upon business tend to increase the cost of living. A merchant cannot give away three per cent of his sales and sell at a close margin. Either he loses himself, or, as is usually the case, the customer, who thinks he is getting something for nothing, pays the increased cost.

The three per cent the merchant digs up is usually added to the cost to the purchaser, who gets a small portion of it back in a premium, while most of it goes outside the state to swell the coffers of the trading stamp company.

One per cent of the gross sales invested in intelligent newspaper advertising will bring the merchant greater returns, besides helping to sustain local payrolls, than the three per cent invested in trading stamps that maintains foreign payrolls.

The theory of the trading stamp is that it gives the merchant an advantage over his local competitor. But when the competitor also offers the same inducement there is no advantage—both are out the three per cent or else the purchasing public is out. All are supporting an expensive, useless parasite.

COMMUNICATION.

"WHY HOWL?"

I've howled for four years, and I am worse off now than I ever was. So I am going to quit howling and try barking. A howling dog is the most shunned thing in existence. They have always been accepted sign of some great calamity and are claimed to foretell the death of someone. But a barking dog is a sure sign that there is something stirring, someone approaching, or some unseen presence near. Now every howler in this community has howled till this town is almost dead. So if we want to kill it, let's just keep on howling and in a few short months our town will be buried. For who was ever known to seek the company of a howling dog?

We will get just what the dog always gets, only instead of bootjacks, old tin cans and stovewood we will get great chunks of nothing, just nothing, just like we got the best sugar factory, the sawmill and all the rest of those things that we howled away.

So let's all bark—see who can

bark the longest and loudest. Curiosity will bring many to see what we have treed. So "Bark, bark, bark!" MRS. JOHN BILLINGS, 18 Myrtle street.

A Good Resolution. To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mt. Pitt cigars.

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CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver acts sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

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