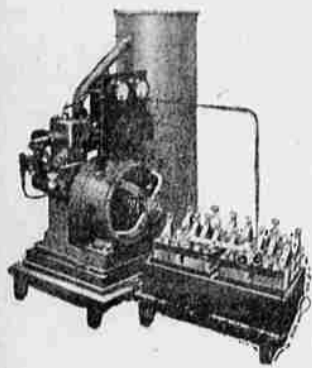


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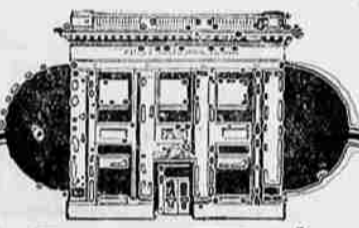
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Stating that the Oregon State Fish and Game Protective association was a unit for the complete divorcement of the commercial canneries' and people's interests now administered by the state fish and game commission and supporting Governor Olcott in his opinion that harmony could not be restored under the present commission or form of administration of fish and game matters, representatives of the anglers, hunters and other general public interests went on record at the special meeting called by Governor Olcott at Salem yesterday morning.

Immediately upon assembling in senate chamber, Senator A. W. Norblad, of the lower Columbia river district was elected chairman of the meeting and Governor Olcott was invited to attend the meeting. The governor in addressing the meeting reiterated his former opinion that harmony under the present plan of administration of fish and game matters of the state was impossible and that he believed the best interests of the people would be served by the establishment of two separate commissions, one to administer the interests of the people and the sportsmen and the other to be purely representative of the canneries and commercial interests.

Senator Norblad then called on the Fish and Game Protective association delegates, naming different individuals and insisting that they should state their grievances. President A. W. Downes, of the Fish and Game Protective association stated that the first move desired was the removal of the present fish and game commission and the elimination of all politics from the fish and game administration. Dr. Downes stated the Oregon State Fish and Game Protective association was fully in accord with the governor's view regarding the present necessary changes and said that with the cooperation of the support of the sportsmen employed to nullify the efforts of the present commission that the Fish and Game Protective association expected to effect concrete changes and that the usual elaborate legislative process should be to the possibility of having two separate commissions.

Evidently motions to give the Fish and Game Protective association a vote of confidence and to give them authority to have authority in the commercial canneries was to have the majority. Senator Norblad called on Governor Olcott, of the Columbia River district. Mr. Olcott emphasized the great value of the Oregon wild game and the preservation of the wild game and

game fish and criticized in no uncertain language the lax manner in which the people's interests were being cared for. Mr. Mansfield said that the fact that hundreds of millions of dollars of fish had been taken and sold by Oregon packers was not evidence that the packers had a vested right to all the remaining fish in the waters of the state but that the fish belonged to the people who were entitled to see that they were not exterminated for the benefit of commercial interests. The speaker made positive statements in regard to the steadily decreasing steelhead trout in the upper Rogue river and said that spawning beds that were visited by thousands of steelhead a few years ago, were to his personal knowledge now entirely deserted in the spawning season. Mr. Mansfield's address received considerable applause.

Senator C. M. Thomas told the meeting that the first action in order was the resignation of the present state fish and game commission and said he fully agreed with Governor Olcott that two commissions were necessary and that politics should not be permitted to have any part in future administration of either commission.

Rodolph MacCleave, owner of the cannery at the mouth of Rogue river, was called on at the afternoon session by Senator Norblad who said that in view of the statements of Mr. Mansfield and others, that Mr. MacCleave was entitled to speak in defense of his own position. Mr. MacCleave denied that commercial fishing at the mouth of the Rogue was depleting the salmon or other fish, and offered the excuse that if fish were becoming scarce in the upper river that it was caused by the Ament dam, irrigation ditches, fish being killed by power plants and the fact that the fish were fishing other spawning grounds in the lower river.

When told by Senator Thomas that of 37 commercial fishermen who took licenses at Grants Pass the year only two returned after the first week of the season's fishing, Mr. MacCleave had nothing to offer on the subject. He stated that the canneries were perfectly satisfied with the present commission and did not think it had to separate it into two bodies. The fact that the same game warden had been employed by the present commission in the mouth of the river for many years and had killed no salmon, and that the present commission was perfectly satisfied with the present commission and did not think it had to separate it into two bodies. The fact that the same game warden had been employed by the present commission in the mouth of the river for many years and had killed no salmon, and that the present commission was perfectly satisfied with the present commission and did not think it had to separate it into two bodies.

Mr. Nelson, one of the sportsmen, spoke in favor of keeping the present commission, saying it gave perfect satisfaction to the commercial canneries, while Mr. Norblad, also Columbia river sportsman, stated that the present fish and game commission had "given the commercial fishermen the best service that it had ever received from any administration."

The climax of the meeting was reached in the afternoon when Senator Thomas is concluding a formal address stating that it was the intention of the Oregon State Fish and Game Protective association to have introduced in the special session of the legislature a new bill to take the place of the Kogue River fish bill vetoed at the last session by the late Governor Withycombe and also a bill to prohibit the appropriation of state funds to be used in propagating commercial fish for the benefit of the canneries and other commercial interests. Senator Thomas stated that an unprecedented enthusiasm was aroused in southern Oregon in favor of preserving the fishing and game resources of the state and that Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties

would go down the line as a unit backed by strong organizations with sufficient means to carry their plea to the people of the state.

President Price, of the Oregon Hotel Men's association, Marshall Dana, of the Oregon Fish and Game Protective association and several others spoke in favor of separate commissions for canneries and the game fish interests.

Jackson county was represented by Senator C. M. Thomas, George Mansfield and T. E. Daniels.

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