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FORMER WIFE THANKS LEWIS

WIDOW OF MURDERED MAN SAYS THAT SHE LIVED WITH HUSBY 25 YEARS, GREATLY AGAINST HER INCLINATION

United Press Service
SAN DIEGO, Nov. 18.—Hilbert G. Lewis, who was acquitted here for the killing of Mrs. Kate Tolliver, has received a letter from a Mrs. M. M. Martin, expressing her delight at his acquittal, and adding that she was Tolliver's wife for 25 years. "I was young then," the letter reads, "and felt that I must stay by him to save him. It was 25 years of martyrdom."
 Lewis is to be tried soon for killing Tolliver, whom he accused of attacking Mrs. Lewis.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stensmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Felton and Mrs. Obchtchott came in last night from Fort Klamath. Mrs. Colchett is on her way home in Wood, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Felton.

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Game Laws Will Be Revised At Salem

Conflicts Will Be Eliminated To Aid Sportmen, According to State Game Warden Finley.

Oregon game laws will probably undergo a complete revision this coming winter at the hands of the legislature, if plans that State Game Warden Finley is now working on mature. He is engaged in carefully going over all the existing statutes pertaining to the propagation, protection and killing of game of the state, recodifying and revising. Glaring inconsistencies that are held to be distinctive of Oregon's present code are being eliminated for the purpose of giving hunters equal rights everywhere. Abuses regarding the shooting of ducks and deer are receiving special attention.

The general state code says that deer may be shot all over the state from August 1st to November 1st. The limit for each hunter is five. At the present time there exists a separate code applying to Willamette, Union, Umatilla, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties, the whole extreme eastern portion of the state, which allows the shooting of deer only from September 15th to November 1st, a difference for hunters of adjacent counties of one and a half months. It is manifestly impossible to enforce such a code, the game warden holds. For instance, the character of portions of Morrow and Umatilla counties is exactly the same, especially along the two adjacent borders. Game is just as plentiful in each. Yet hunters of Umatilla can't cross the line to Morrow to hunt and take their game back with them. There are many violations here, and the game department of the state is almost powerless.

Game on Duck Shooting
 Duck shooting regulations are much the same. In Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah and other counties of the valley south to Coos and Curry, shooting begins September 15th and lasts until January 15th. At the present time in Washington county hunters cannot go after ducks until October 1st and the season lasts until February 15th. By reason of this a plan cannot come from Washington county and kill in Multnomah season, and on the other hand, after the season closes in Multnomah the Portland gunner cannot go to Washington county to hunt. The discrimination lies in the fact that men from either of the counties, hunting in the other open season, cannot take their game back home with them in the brief period preceding or subsequent to their own season.

In Lane and Klamath counties identically the same conditions obtain. The counties are of the same contour, have the high altitude climate and in all respects game conditions are similar. In Klamath county duck shooting is allowed between September 1st and February 1st. In Lane county the season is between September 15th to March 5th. An arbitrary line, sometimes a tree, indicates where a man may shoot and carry game during certain portions of the year. Enticing views of flocks of ducks just across the line have proved irresistibly tempting a great many times, as the helpless game wardens of the two counties will affirm.

The game commission should be given more authority on the game laws of the state. There has been a fight back and forth in the legislature for a number of years over the game question, and hardly anything in the way of progress has been accomplished. Every man who goes to the legislature invariably has a pet measure, and some of the legislation that has been developed shows that the makers of the bill had no knowledge of conditions. The fish and game commission is looking at this from a scientific standpoint. Its men are constantly studying these things out. The commission should have the same power that is given the railroad commission. It should be allowed to

close counties where game supplies are running low, and it should set dates for the seasons. I should be allowed to get the opinions of hunters and citizens, and set upon them.
To Discuss Sale of Game
 A meeting of sportsmen will be held in Portland the latter part of the month to discuss questions of killing wild game for sale in the public markets. The meeting will probably be held within the next two weeks, and in conjunction with the session of the game and fish commission. The annual meeting of the fishermen of the state will be held this month also, and arrangements will probably be made for a joint session, as interests of the two classes of sportsmen are similar. A large assemblage is expected, as State Warden Finley believes the call he is sending is an important one.

Ducks may be sold in the open market from November 15th until December 15th, inclusive, the season opening last Friday. Many sportsmen are doubtful about allowing the sale of game at all, and the question to be discussed at this meeting is therefore a vital one. The big majority of sportsmen hunt for the pleasure. On the other hand are those who have a taste for game and who would never be able to secure it except for the markets.
 Should these men approve of game being sold, Mr. Finley has a measure ready to turn loose before the state legislative body that is believed will cover the point to the satisfaction of every one. It is a tagging system. Each game bird sold will first have to be equipped with a state tag, sealed by a state officer. This will be a leg band. Deer meat will be tagged and sealed in the same way. This will guard against the indiscriminate killing of game, as the proposed measure will allow game to be shipped into the state from any point in the world at all seasons of the year. Thus the Oregon seasons could remain closed except for the few months or weeks that are now open, and the local game supply would not suffer so seriously through the market demands. There would be no objection to the sale at any time of game raised in captivity.

Warden Sends Out Letters
 Game Warden Finley is securing an alphabetical list of all duck hunters in the state whom he can reach, and is sending out letters asking them to keep track of the varieties of birds they kill. The letter asks them to list the species as nearly as possible, and this in a way would give the department a general idea of where the game slaughter is greatest. The game department could then, when it saw that a certain variety of birds was becoming scarce, put the ban on killing.
 It is well known to game sportsmen that the wood duck is becoming very scarce. The variety is well high exterminated in the East, and present indications are that the bird will go the way of the passenger pigeon if protective measures are not taken shortly.

Most duck hunters do not know the various varieties of the common species they shoot. To help this condition a circular is being issued by the game department containing descriptions and pictures of the common game birds of the three classes: water, sand and upland. The book will instruct as to the varieties which are being killed the most rapidly, and which varieties are of the most agricultural and horticultural value.
 Since August nearly 1,000 pheasants have been liberated in all sections of the state. Of Chinese pheasants \$31 have been released. Besides a few golden and silver pheasants, 120 reeves have been turned loose. Many more will have been set out to propagate their kind before the year is over.

OLCOTT CUTS OFF LAW BOOK CRAFT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS THREATENED WITH LAWSUIT BY THE WHOLESALM BOOK DEALERS OF THE STATE

SALM, Nov. 19.—Because Secretary of State Olcott has refused to sell to wholesale book dealers the Oregon law reports at 20 per cent discount of the price fixed by statute, George A. Bateson of Bateson & Co., Inc., of Portland, has threatened to bring suit against Olcott to compel him to allow the dealers' discount. Bateson cites for his authority section 2695, Lord's Oregon Laws, which provides that the secretary of state "may allow to dealers such discounts as are usual to the trade."
 In a reply sent to Bateson Olcott said he considered such discount discretionary with him, and that he would never allow such discount unless ordered to do so by the courts. Secretary Olcott said:
 "Shortly after assuming this office I found that the law book dealers, most of them residing outside the state, had been purchasing Oregon reports at a discount of 20 per cent; this meant that the state was selling for \$2.80 each, books that actually cost \$3.53 13 for compiling and publishing, and thereby losing about \$1,000 annually. In other words, the state was losing over \$1 on every book it sold, and the more business done, or books sold, the less the state had to show for it, and the poorer it became. An individual could not long continue in business on this basis, and therefore why should the state?"

SINGLE TAX WAS VERY UNPOPULAR
VOTE SHOWS THAT THE MEASURES DO NOT WANT THE MEASURE—THE BANKING LAW GETS GREATEST SUPPORT

According to the official count, which has just been compiled by the secretary of state, the most popular measure on the ballot at the recent election was the one designated as No. 113, providing for "Constitutional amendment of section 2, article XI of the constitution, striking stockholders in banking corporations liable to pay for the benefit of depositors an amount equal to the par value of the stock held by and stockholder in addition to having originally paid the par value thereof." This measure received 51,046 affirmative votes.
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