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GAME PROTECTION IS NECESSARY

BY PAUL H. HAUSER.

At a meeting of the Oregon Game & Fish association, held in Portland, October 7, many matters of interest to local sportsmen were touched upon. As far as could be gathered this association has a membership of about 150 members, consisting principally of Portland sportsmen.

While the association claims and aims to represent the sportsmen of the state, they can not do so, owing to lack of attendance of sportsmen outside of Portland.

The Pheasant Question.

Among other things discussed of interest to sportsmen, the China pheasant naturally came in for the most attention, the scarcity of birds was believed to be due to several reasons, the most prominent of which are: late spring rains resulting in the death of many of the young pheasants, and the dry spell previous to the opening of season, making the ground dry and hard, when it becomes almost impossible for a dog to do good work.

Warden Criticized. There was also a great deal of criticism of the state game warden and his deputies, or rather the lack of deputies. Mr. Stevenson, the state game warden, was present and was invited to address the association, but declined.

Warning.

The state of Oregon has within its borders at the present time an abundance and variety of game not equalled by any other state in the Union. The wild game in this state is treated shamefully and not appreciated at all by the people, and if the game is not better protected and taken care of it will only be a few years till it is extinct.

It is time for the sportsmen of this state to get together and demand better protection.

Enforcement in Marion.

Speaking locally of Marion county, the enforcement of the game law has been very poor this year, as the sportsmen of Marion county will pay probably over \$2000 for licenses to hunt they have a right to demand that this money shall be properly expended in the protection of game. The cost of protecting the game is not borne by the general taxpayer, but by the sportsmen themselves and they are certainly entitled to a voice in the management of this fund.

Changes Desired.

Among the local sportsmen the changes in the game laws that are desired are:

First—Open the season on upland birds and ducks at the same time. The present law opens the season one month earlier than the season on China pheasant, which makes it easy for a person to violate the law.

Second—Make it unlawful to kill the hen pheasant. A female pheasant will raise two or more flocks every year so it can readily be seen that by refraining from killing the hen, we would soon have an abundance of birds. It has been tried in British Columbia with gratifying results.

Another plan is suggested of cutting the limit of China pheasants down to five. That is allowing a hunter 10 upland birds, five others to consist of quail, native pheasant or grouse. Any game laws that are proposed are useless to help the game situation unless rigidly enforced.

Sportsmen Organize.

The time seems to be ripe among Marion county sportsmen for a good live, strong and energetic organization. The only way for sportsmen to accomplish anything will be in organizing good local clubs and then a state convention which will truly be representative and not purely a local matter.

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THE OPEN FORUM

Ed. Journal:—The undersigned appreciates all that Mayor Rodgers has done in corporation matters but believes the mayor is to be blamed for allowing the Portland General Electric to take up its tracks to the passenger station before they gave the people as good a service on the other line. We had a most convenient car service to the trains. Strangers or residents got off the train and stepped onto a car not 20 feet away that took them to the heart of the city, and distributed them in any direction. The corporation got a resolution through the city council, and immediately tore up its tracks. The mayor should not have permitted this until we had as good a service on the other line. For once he was wrong. He should

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