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OREGON'S ASININE GAME LAWS.

THE OREGON game and fish laws have been printed distributed, and some of the matter contained in the 198 page tome has perhaps, been read. It is a notable example of legislation gone stark, staring crazy. It seems as though every legislator who had nothing else to do to kill time, put in his 40 days at the capital trying to see how much "dumbness" he could inject into the so-called game and fish laws. Just think of 200 pages of laws to "protect game and fish," and scarcely one of the entire lot bearing the earmarks of common sense. It is all right to protect the game, but surely the average man has some rights which game and legislatures should respect.

There are game preserves made any and every place, their boundaries are not marked in anyway that an average man can discern nor is there any way in which these boundaries may be discovered, other than to do some shooting on some of them, when a game warden will be around to arrest the red handed criminal, whom they, apparently, neglected to warn in anyway as to the boundaries of the preserves, for the purpose of getting a chance to arrest and punish him.

Game preserves are laid out by mentioning sections of land by number and township, and private preserves are declared without any information being given out whatever.

About the most asinine thing about the whole game laws however is the provision that only male birds are allowed to be killed. Nearly all the game birds, especially the upland birds mate more or less, and they do not multiply promiscuously. The result of killing off all the males, was never apparently thought about by the learned gentlemen who made these laws. However under the wise administration of these asinine laws there will soon be more game wardens than game birds, and the legislators, it is hoped will then declare an open season of not less than six months for game wardens, so that they, like the birds may be exterminated.

As the law stands now a hunter must carry around a 200 page volume of game laws, a sectioned map of the country, and every time he comes to a fence sit down and read it through. This would not be so bad if the matter had any interest but reading about Secs. 1, 5, 9, and the undivided S. W. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 14, T. 3 S. of R. 2 W. and so on ad infinitum, is not absorbingly interesting even to a man at home and certainly not of any interest at all to a man with a gun who is in doubt as to whether he can find out what he wants to know before it grows dark and he has to start for home.

OUT THE BACON THIN

Eighteen years ago today bacon sold for 10 cents a pound in Minneapolis.

Eighteen years ago, the big packers had not yet fully capitalized all the possibilities of that sort of co-operation which makes the anti-trust laws look silly.

Today bacon is selling for 40 cents a pound in Minneapolis with other meat products up in proportion. And the packers at Chicago are about to give a banquet at which the guests are to be attired in hunting costume and one of the stunts will be the hunting down of real live game released from cages in the dining hall.

Meantime the packers' small game in other parts of the country will cut their bacon with a safety razor to give it area if not substance and everybody will be wondering at the growth of socialism and other more radical movements looking to social revolution.—Minneapolis News.

THE TARIFF ANN MEN'S CLOTHES.

"I do not know anything about the tariff," said one of the best known tailors in Tacoma, "but I know that the first effect of it is that by patrons will get better clothes than they have ever had before for the same, or possible less, money. Many a man will be wearing woolen clothes this year who has not worn pure woolen goods for years, although he has paid the price."

The high protective tariff has placed a cruel burden on the consumers. It has made clothes dear in price and cheap in quality. It has been proved that there is no people in the world that wears as much shoddy as the American. A direct connection has been traced between disease and this insufficient protection against the cold. But we could not get relief because, as President Taft has admitted, the combination between certain manufacturers of the east and the far western wool growers was stronger than the Republican party as represented in congress.

Now things have changed, and greatly for the better. Wool is to be free of tax, and the levies on woolens have been much reduced. The new wool schedule may not be so favorable to the wool trust, and to Senator Smoot's constituents, but it is much more favorable to the people. But it will also be good for the manufacturers, since under it they will be able to get all the wool they want, and of all varieties. There ought to be a great expansion of the business. Possibly those who have thrived through the loss inflicted on other branches of the industry may make less money. But those who have been discriminated against will make more. And they will serve the people much more satisfactorily.

It may be some time before the open price of clothing is reduced in the retail market. Under the prevailing system clothes are sold at \$10, \$15 and up to \$35 a suit. There is little variation in the fixed prices, but the effect of the reduced tariff will be immediately manifest in the quality of the clothing. The man who buys a \$15 suit will probably get as good values in it as he used to get for \$18 or \$20. The revision of the wool schedule alone promises to be worth enough to prove its value to the whole people.—Tacoma Ledger.

The bankers in the east seem to think that the control of the issue of currency should be controlled by them. This under the much praised national bank system they were permitted to do. At the time this system was inaugurated it was probably the best that could be done, but it is question-

able if it is the best now. Times change and systems must change with them. The government reserves to itself the exclusive right to issue and therefore to control the gold money, the silver, copper and nickel money; why then should it make a distinction as to paper money? If it is right for it to control the issue of all metallic money why draw the line at paper?

It is perhaps somewhat out of a newspaper's province to discuss money for it must speak largely from hearsay on that subject but still it can apply the doctrine that what is sauce for the goose is also good dressing for the gander, even to the money question, and it at least knows something about paper.

The Capital Journal claims for one of its force the first direct and real benefits from the opening of the Panama canal. This person who generally is at the state house at 11 o'clock in the morning, remaining in the office until the dispatch was received Friday morning for the purpose of calling up the fire department when the big blast at Panama was touched off, so that the whistles and noise should start at the proper moment. Owing to this, he was a little late in getting started for the state house. As he reached the street the noise was still in progress, and before he had gone a block he discovered a great, big, fat nickel, lying on the sidewalk. It is needless to add he gathered it in and now claims to be the first beneficiary of the completion of the Panama canal.

SUPREME COURT OF UNITED STATES MEETS

Session Is Brief and Adjournment Is Taken to White House, Where President Is Greeted.

CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE IS FIRST MAN TO ENTER.

Others Follow in Order of Service and Tomorrow Arguments in Cases Will Be Heard.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Oct. 13.—With all the pomp and judicial dignity of precedent, the Supreme Court of the United States today met promptly at noon for the October term. In accordance with tradition which decrees that the court shall conduct no judicial business on the first day, the session was brief. Following the ceremonies and presentation of Solicitor General Davis by Attorney General McReynolds the justices repaired to the White House and were greeted by President Wilson.

Chief Justice White, led the associate justices garbed in their long black silk robes into the chamber promptly on the minute of twelve o'clock today. The justices marched in in the order of their service on the highest bench as follows: Justices McKenna, Holmes, Day, Lurton, Hughes, Van Devanter, Lamar and Pitney. A respectful hush overspread the chamber as the procession entered and all arose and remained standing until the court ascended the bench. At a given signal from Chief Justice White spectators and court officials, including the Attorney General were seated and the session began. Following the Solicitor General's presentation court adjourned for the visit to the White House.

Following ancient custom, Chief Justice White was the first to enter the executive mansion and grasp the President's hand. Seniority is one of the strict rules of the highest judicial body. The chief justice chatted for a moment with the President and passed on. Justices McKenna and the remaining justices were formally greeted by the Chief Executive. The more formal greeting preceded an informal exchange of pleasantries between President Wilson and his visitors before the latter returned to the Capitol where work incident to disposing of the heavy October term docket was immediately begun.

The court will meet again tomorrow to hear arguments on the most advanced cases on the docket. A large list of these have been set forward. The first decisions of the October term will be handed down on Monday, October 20.

FIRST ELECTRIC CAR LINE OWNED BY CHINKS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Shanghai, Oct. 13.—The first electric street car system to be financed, constructed and operated solely by Chinese was opened a few days ago in the native city. By native city is meant old Shanghai, or the section under Chinese jurisdiction as distinguished from the International Settlement which is controlled by foreign residents.

No foreigner was allowed to subscribe a cent of the 130,000 or 200,000 taels which was raised to finance the project. All the construction work was

done by Chinese contractors, and the management and working staff are all Chinese. The finished job is eminently satisfactory in view of the fact that previous to this attempt the Chinese have had no practical experience in such work without foreign direction. The only foreigner connected with the enterprise was E. Kocher, a consulting engineer.

Just at present the new line is only three miles long, running from the Chinese waterfront from the Marche de l'Est to the Shanghai terminus of the Hangchow railroad. An extension of a half mile or the Arsenal Road has already been begun, and it is planned to further enlarge the service by building a line on the boulevard which it to encircle the old native city, on the ground formerly occupied by the ancient city wall. The native city has a population estimated at 280,000. Six cars are now in operation and twelve more are being made by the Chinese car builders, the Yur Sing company. The electrical apparatus was bought in Germany.

OPERATION CURES HIM OF CRIMINAL TRAITS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Canon City, Colo., Oct. 13.—From a habitual criminal, showing at times tendencies to violent insanity, Jeff Lee, a prisoner at the penitentiary here, has been transformed into a quiet, gentle, man, perfectly sane. The skill of the surgeon has made Jeff Lee a man. Recently his skill was trephined and a pressure on the brain removed. As a result, Warden Tynan today announced that his cure had been effected.

Until the operation, half of Lee's 20 years had been replete with criminal acts and periods of insanity. He went to the penitentiary in December, 1912, to serve from two to five years for burglary and grand larceny. He was sullen and mean; he constantly defied the warden and ignored the prison rules. Two months ago he attacked a fellow prisoner and when put in a straitjacket showed indications of insanity.

Until Jeff was ten years old he was a quiet, well-mannered, lovable boy. Then suddenly he became a veritable little demon, the terror of his neighborhood. He rapidly drifted into crime and spent most of his early years in reformatories. Recently Warden Tynan questioning the man, discovered that his criminal tendencies followed immediately an accident which caused a depression of the skull and he arranged for an operation. Surgeons removed splintered pieces of bone and scraped the skull where it was pressing on the brain. Almost instantly the youth's life changed. His sullenness and meanness vanished and the sweet disposition of his boyhood days returned. Warden Tynan says his intelligence also has improved wonderfully.

"Jeff Lee's moral sense is what it was when he was a small boy," said the warden today. "He would not now consciously do wrong. What terphing might lead to none of us can tell. It might prove that hundreds of our habitual criminals are not criminals at all—merely poor sick men suffering from a pressure on the brain."

STREET RAILWAY MEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 13.—Delegates who represent the ownership of 36,000 miles of street railways—more than 76 per cent of the country's total mileage, gathered here today for the opening sessions of the thirty-second annual convention of the American Electric Railway Association. The convention will last through Friday. The delegates are from practically every city in the country which does not own its street railways. Following the organization of the convention this morning the delegates registered. The engineers meeting and inspection of the huge exhibit comprised this afternoon's session. The exhibit includes models of every kind of street car from the old

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THE ROUND-UP.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

The Tillamook Co-operative Fish company will commence operations this week. It will buy the salmon caught at Nestucca, ship them to Pacific City by auto, and from thence they will be shipped to New York.

The attendance at the Rodeo at The Dalles Friday is stated to have been above \$600. The riding and broncho stunts are said to equal if they did not surpass the events at the Pendleton show.

More cattle will go fed at Echo this year than ever before. One man unloaded 17 cars of cattle there to be fattened, Wednesday, and he has 130 more which he will soon ship there.

Tom Ingram and Irvin Angler were killed near Baker sometime Thursday night. Their bodies were found near the road with one of the runaway horses lying dead on them. How the accident occurred is not known.

Several buildings covering half a block on Greenwood street between Sixth and Seventh streets, Junction City, were burned Friday morning about 2 o'clock. The loss is about \$7,500, insurance \$3,700.

Marshall J. Lazelle aged 23, died at Oregon City Friday from typhoid fever.

Contributions from the various fairs held in Oregon are being received at Portland to complete the exhibit to be sent to the Chicago Land Show.

Hood River's apple percentage may be figured out easily from the assessor's report. This official finds 19,000 acres in cultivation and that 15,000 of these acres are planted to orchards.

Pendleton East Oregonian: For the

world championship opening game there was a crowd of 40,000 and we had 20,000 people, real count, at the Round-Up Saturday. What do you think of that?

Condon Times: We congratulate Wheeler county upon the short list of delinquent taxpayers published in the Fossil Journal. Our neighbor county compares favorably with any county in the state in this respect.

The building to be erected by the First National bank of Bandon will, the Recorder says, be the finest structure in the city, and will have many more modern features than any other business block in southern Oregon.

The Astorian congratulates Astorians upon the city council's prompt and positive elimination of three useless expenditures this year, the \$9500 automobile pumping machine, the municipal rock-crusher and the "contagious hospital." The Astorian considers this "a very fair beginning at economy."

The Eugene Guard takes high hope from the meeting of the Federation of Women's clubs at Hood River, saying: "This will no doubt result in stirring up the women of the state to take an active part in the campaign in behalf of the university. And when the women get started the result can already be foreseen."

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