

## WILD TURKEYS

### A Plan Is On Foot to Stock Our Mountains With Wild Turkeys

Before leaving for the north Senator A. M. Willis of Redlands made the interesting announcement that, if plans recently formulated by the State Game and Fish Commission are carried out, the mountains of Southern California may soon offer to hunters that prince of game birds, the wild turkey. A part of the funds derived from the hunter's license law is to be used in stocking the reserves of the State with this "national" bird. The departure has been discussed by the Board, and finally agreed upon, data having been collected proving the feasibility of the venture.

From the forests of Arizona the first consignment of wild turkeys is likely to come. The Arizona forests are said to be alive with the birds, and with the aid of experts in the art of trapping them and collecting their eggs it is thought possible to obtain a sufficient number to make a fair start in the unusual work, and once the first birds are turned loose on the mountains of Southern and Northern California their propagation will be rapid.

#### FUNDS WERE LACKING

It seems that when the framing of the new law was in progress the plans of the Commission were also being laid. For years the Board has had to go on a limited fund, which was so small that the effort to restock the forests of this State with game had to be undertaken cautiously and with little hope of success. Pheasants were the first birds introduced to the mountain regions of the State, several large consignments having been secured from Oregon, where unusual success had attended the introduction of the bird to that section.

In the extreme northern counties this venture proved somewhat successful, but it would have been more so had the funds at the disposal of the Commissioners been adequate. With the passage of the hunters' license bill, the future opened big with prospect for the Commission, and one of the first plans set in motion was that to stock the timber belts on the public domain with turkeys.

#### SIMILAR CONDITIONS

"The conditions in Arizona are in every way similar to those in this part of California," said Senator Willis in an interview with a representative of the San Bernardino Sun, "the trees are about the same as those on the San Bernardino mountains. There is an abundance of acorns and pine nuts for the birds to thrive on, and conditions are excellent for the propagation of wild turkeys, which ought in a few years to become one of our principal game birds.

"The State Commission has investigated the subject and you may rest assured that part of the funds now being raised by the license law will be expended in this laudable enterprise, which bids fair to carry the fame of Southern California as a paradise for hunters to all parts of the country.

"The turkey is probably the most clever of our game birds. In its wild state it can evade the most skilled woodsman, and no matter how good a shot one may be he will find his mark hard to reach when he goes gunning for

the turkey. In Arizona they are numerous, and the first consignments for our reserves will likely come from that section."

#### STATE HATCHERIES

In case it becomes necessary to depend largely upon the hatching of turkey eggs to supply the first birds for the mountains of this State, it is possible that the Commission may make arrangements to establish State hatcheries conveniently located to the reserves, private families thus becoming interested in this important work, but in any event the venture seems certain to be undertaken at an early date, or as soon as arrangements can be perfected.

The license law has so far placed in the hands of the Commission a fund amounting to over \$100,000 and it is stated that to stock the reserves of this State with turkeys will take but a small amount of the fund, leaving still an immense sum for other ventures having for their purpose the improvement of hunting and fishing in California.

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## SHOULD BE CAREFUL

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Several complaints have come in of late to the effect that parties are out hunting and it is not believed they have a hunter's license. Report has also reached here that a few have taken the liberty to kill quail, which at the present time is unlawful. The quail and duck law does not release these birds until the 15th of October.

County Clerk Elder is now supplied with license tags and you can readily obtain one by applying to him and paying the required fee.

#### Transferred to the River

F. M. Upstill was a passenger on the train Sunday evening on his way to Calexico from the lower heading. He has been put in charge of the work there by the California Development company and was going to pack up and move his effects to the Colorado. Mr. Upstill has always been a very progressive, energetic worker and his many friends in the valley are always glad to hear that the C. D. company recognizes his worth.

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Realizing these advantages D. G. Whiting, south of El Centro, has now a large flock of sheep on his ranch and they are doing fine. They have had a good taste of our summer weather and it seems to agree with them perfectly. Mr. Whiting is very hopeful as to the final outcome of his venture in this line.

The markets for this class of products is near at hand, and with still better railroad connections in the future will give the farmers the benefit of quicker and cheaper transportation. We might just as well be able to supply the markets with "early" spring lambs as well as with early fruits and vegetables.

#### A Traveling Man's Experience

"I must tell you my experience on an East bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a deathlike look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suit case and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in twenty minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grand, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by El Centro Drug Store.

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