

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1, 1911.

Mr. William L. Finley
Jennings Lodge, Oregon

Dear Mr. Finley:

Your two letters of January 26 have just come to hand, and I am greatly obliged for the copies of House Bills 140 and 166. I note that matters are progressing favorably, both in Oregon and California, and that the Oregon Audubon Society will pay Warden Lewis \$12 or \$15 per month for the present. Please keep me advised as to the progress of the bills, particularly that establishing a fish and game commission of five members. In this connection you may be interested to know that Michigan is considering the same plan, while in Massachusetts and New Jersey movements are on foot to abolish the commissions and substitute game wardens.

I understand the bill reorganizing the game warden service in Washington and providing for a State warden is under consideration. Mr. H. Rief is a candidate for the place. He has written me for a letter of recommendation and I have advised him that for various reasons I hesitated to make a recommendation for the office before the bill had actually passed, but that I had asked you to look after the matter. Will you please bear this in mind and take such action as you may deem advisable?

Very truly yours,

D. S. Palmer.
Assistant Chief, Biological Survey.

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Klamath Falls, Oregon, Feb. 7, 1911

Mr. Wm.L.Finley,

Jennings Lodge, Oregon

My dear Mr. Finley:

I returned here, arriving the 3rd. I missed you in some way at the Hotel the day you left. I found out the day I left that Clanton was no friend of yours so look out for him a little. He will support Stevenson. He has many opportunities of seeing the Governor and if he is inclined he can do some systematic work against you.

I have been out of town since I arrived home so have not been able to write you sooner.

I send you herein my expense statement for some months past which you will find, I believe, O.K.

I believe that I will have the Grebe painted now while there is not much use for her. As soon as the nesting season opens I want to be in a position to spend a great deal of time on the Reserve, perhaps a little more than I spent last season.

I see that you have started something ~~XX~~ which forced Green out in the open and may force Stevenson to make like statements. This will do you no harm considering the state of feeling on their part.

I will write you again as as I hear of anything of interest.

Very truly yours

Lilla Lewis

February 11, 11.

My dear Mr. Rief,

I understand there is a bill in the Washington legislature to re-organize the game warden service and establish an office of State Game Warden. I should like very much to see such a change as I think the present county warden system is not nearly as effective. If I can be of any assistance in helping bring about this change, let me know.

If an office of State Game Warden is created I should be glad to recommend you for the position, if that would be of any help to you. I feel you have done work in game protection and I know of no other person I should rather see in this position.

Kindly let me know how things are going and whether any bad legislation is likely to get through.

Sincerely,

TC

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 13, 1911.

Mr. William L. Finley
Jennings Lodge, Ore.

Dear Mr. Finley:

Senator Birdsall

I beg to call your attention to Senate Bill No. 701, introduced by Senator Birdsall in the Legislature of California on January 31, 1911, which proposes to amend section 637 A by adding to the list of injurious species the kingfisher, grebe, night heron, tern, pelican, bittern, and shag or cormorant. Please note that the passage of this bill would jeopardize the terns, pelicans and grebes on Klamath Lake Reservation and would leave the least tern colonies along the southern coast of California without any protection whatever. Please take this matter up at once with any one you can reach at Sacramento.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Palmer

Assistant Chief, Biological Survey.

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Klamath Falls, Oregon, Feb. 17, 1911

My dear Mr. Finley:

I have just gotten word that the commission bill has passed the senate. It is needless to say that this has pleased me. I consider this a personal triumph of yours and believe the people who have watched the work of the legislature will concede to you the credit. We must keep our eyes open from now on and see that nothing that works to our advantage escapes us.

I am very busy right now. I have a case in court where dynamite was used in one of the streams here, also I expect to start for the lava beds on a week or ten days camping trip tomorrow morning. I have reliable information that deer are being killed in that section. The weather is cold now. The thermometer ranging from zero to below every night. So it will not be pleasant camping.

When you get time let me know how things look, and what new opposition has developed. I have heard nothing from Stevenson since I left.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Lewis

P.S. Please send me a copy of the commission bill as it passed if you have one to spare

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON Feb/ 18 1911

Mr/ Wm. L. Finley,

Dear Friend:

I have just received your letter as I am starting out for the Lava beds, I am in very much of a hurry.

In regard to Judge Noland do not let him be appointed if you expect my influence with him to assist you. We are not on very good terms on a count as a member of the county high school board I voted for the expulsion of his son.

Try and get the appointment of either Alex Martin, Jr. casier of the Klamath county bank ~~XXX~~ or Judge Geo. T. Baldwin ~~XXXXXX~~ both prominent democrats/ Or C.S. Moore or L.F. Willits both prominent republicans.

I will write you further the first postoffice I touch.

Do not let Noland be appointed if possible. I will try and get the organizations here to settle on either Martin or Baldwin preferably the former. Also C.E. Stone the partner of Judge Benson would be a splendid man for us.

Very truly yours

L. C. Lewis

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San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28th, 1911

MR. WM. L. FINLEY,

Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Finley:

Many thanks for your favor of the 24th. No, I don't think that Griffith's bill placing the Fish Commission in the hands of the State Forester will pass the Senate, - or if it does pass the Senate, that the Governor will sign it.

The situation in Sacramento is most involved. Every thing that a clever man could do to embarrass everybody has been done and we are now in the toils of an investigating committee, patiently going through a great many matters. Personally, I am very glad of the investigation. It cannot personally reflect upon my administration I am confident, and even though the Committee should report to that effect, I should have the conscious of knowing that I had done the best I could. It adds however, to our work at this time when we should be free to advise with the Legislature. One of the purposes of the investigation is to prevent the passage of an Act which we were very actively supporting which will do away with the Chinese shrimp fishing methods in San Francisco Bay.

We have noticed the Birdsall bill "No. 701" in re terns, grebes, etc., and tried to get the Senator to withdraw it, but he was very positive in the matter and succeeded in putting the bill through the Senate without any opposition. We trust it may still be delayed or its passage prevented in the Assembly. If it gets through, it might be well for your Society to protest to the Governor.

Thanking you for your kind message, I have the honor to be

Yours respectfully,

John P. Babcock