

THE PARSON'S VACATION.

BY LOUIS REISNERS. One of our readers who is fearful that the preacher will not get their share of roasting sends us the following with the request that we publish it. Don't be too hard upon them. (Another: you know we might some day feel the need of their aid to save us from just what we are now trying to inflict on them. -Editor.) The old man went to meetin', for the day was bright and fair, Though his limbs were very totterin', and 'twas hard to travel there; But he hungered for the gospel, so he trudged the weary way, On the road so rough and dusty, 'neath the summer's burning ray. By and by he reached the buildin', to his soul a holy place; Then he paused, and wiped the sweat drops off his chin and wrinkled face; But he looked around bewildered, for the old bell did not toll; All the doors were shut and bolted, and he didn't see a soul. So he leaned upon his crutches, and he said, "what does it mean?" And he looked this way and that, till it seemed almost a dream; He had walked the dusty highway, and he breathed a heavy sigh— Just to go once more to meeting, 'ere the summons come to die. But he saw a little notice, tacked upon the meetin' door, So he limped along to read it, and he read it o'er and o'er; Then he wiped his dusty glasses, and he read it o'er again, Till his limbs began to tremble, and his eyes began to pain. As the old man read the notice, how it made his spirit burn! "Pastor absent on vacation, church is closed till his return!" Then he staggered slowly backward, and he sat him down to think, For his soul was stirred within him, till he thought his heart would sink. So he mused aloud, and wondered, to himself soliloquized— "I have lived to almost eighty, and was never so surprised, As I read that oddest notice, stickin' on the meetin' door— 'Pastor off on a vacation'—never heard the like before! Why when I first joined the meetin', very many years ago, Preachers traveled on the circuit, in the heat and through the snow; If they got their clothes and vittals, 'twas but little cash they got. They said 'nothin'' 'bout vacation, but were happy in their lot. Would the farmer leave his cattle, or the shepherd leave his sheep? Who would give them care and shelter, or provide them food to eat? So it strikes me very singular, when a man of holy hands, Thinks he needs to have vacation, and forsakes the tender lambs. Did St. Paul get such a notion, did a Wesley or a Knox? Did they in the heat of summer, turn away their needy flocks? Did they shut their meetin' houses, just to go and lounge about? Why they knew if they did, Satan certainly would shout. Do the taverns close their bar rooms, just to take a little rest? Why 'twould be the height of nonsense, for their trade would be distressed. Did you ever know it happen, or hear anybody tell, Satao takin' a vacation, shuttin' up the doors of hell? And shall preachers of the gospel, pack their trunks, and go away, Leavin' saints and dyin' sinners, git along as best they may? Are the souls of saints and sinners, valued less than sellin' beer? Or do preachers tire quicker, than the rest of mortals here? Why it is, I cannot answer, but my feelin's, they are stirred; Here I've dragged my totterin' footsteps, for to hear the gospel word, But the preacher is a travelin' and the meetin' house is closed; I confess it's very tryin', hard indeed to keep composed. Tell me, when I tread the valley, and go up the shinin' height, Will I hear no angel singing—will I see no gleaming light? Will the golden harps be silent—will I meet no welcome there? Why the thought is most distractin', 'twould be more than I could bear Tell me! when I reach the city, over on the other shore, Will I find a little notice, tacked upon the golden door, Tellin' me, mid dreadful silence, writ in words that cut and burn— 'Jesus absent on vacation—Heaven closed till his return'?"

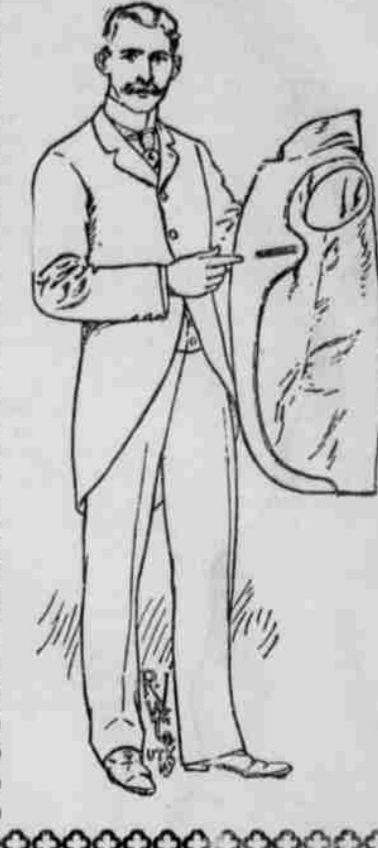
STATE GAME LAWS.

Carefully Prepared Summary By the Secretary of the State Game Commission. COMPILLED BY JOSEPH KALBITZ. The fines attached to the violations of the several sections of the act of June 4, 1897, must be paid with costs of prosecution or the convicted party serve one day in jail for each dollar of penalty imposed. There shall be no hunting or shooting on Sunday; penalty \$25. Section 1 of the act of May 14, 1889, says: "That no person in any of the counties of this commonwealth shall kill, wound, trap, net, snare, catch with birdlime, or with any similar substance, poison or drug, any bird of song or linnets." Here follows quite a long list of birds of Pennsylvania, including the yellow hammer or flicker, and closes with the words, "for any wild bird other than a game bird;" penalty not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. This act is un repealed and still the law of the state. Section 2 of the act of June 4, 1897, after quoting a lengthy list of the birds of Pennsylvania, says: "Nor shall any person purchase or have in possession, or expose for sale, any of the aforesaid song or wild birds or the game mammals killed or taken in this state except as herein after provided" (for scientific purposes only, under a certificate of the game commission.) Penalty \$10. This is still the law and should be used by those interested in bird protection, to prevent the killing of our wild birds for decorative or other purpose. The destruction of the nests of eggs of wild birds is forbidden except for strictly scientific purposes under the certificate of the game commission. Bond, \$100; fee, \$5; penalty, \$10. The killing of game birds and game animals prohibited except with a gun held to the shoulder. Penalty \$50. But two deer can be killed in one season by one person and then only during the month of November. Penalty \$100. Deer must not be killed or captured in the waters of the state, and the running of deer with dogs is prohibited. Penalty \$100. Dogs found running deer can be killed by any person and the owner shall have no recourse whatever. It is unlawful for any person to kill in any one day more than ten pheasants, or more than fifteen quails, or more than ten woodcock or more than two wild turkeys. Penalty \$50. Pheasants, wild turkeys, quail and woodcock can be killed only from October 15 to the 15th of December, inclusive. Penalty \$10 for each bird, except that woodcock can be killed during the month of July. All manner of trapping of game is prohibited, except that quails can be trapped from January 1 to February 15 for the purpose of keeping them alive during the winter, and all quail must be released in the same neighborhood as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. All manner of devices for the deception of game is prohibited, penalty \$50, except that decoys may be used in the hunting of web-footed fowls. Rabbits can be killed from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, inclusive. Penalty \$10. The use of ferrets in hunting is prohibited. Penalty \$25, prima facie evidence of intent to use the same. Grey, black and fox squirrels can be killed from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15, inclusive. Penalty \$10. Red or pine squirrels are not protected. The purchase or sale of pheasant, quail, woodcock, wild turkey and deer is prohibited. Penalty \$25. All other game of the state can be sold within the state, except wild pigeons, the capture or sale of which is forbidden in the county of Tioga. The shipment or carrying out of the state of its game birds or game mammals is prohibited.—Penalty not less than \$50 nor more than \$100. All persons and common carriers, such as railroads, express companies or stages, are absolutely forbidden to carry said game out of the state. Penalty not less than \$100. Section 33 of the game act of June 1878, provides that "nothing in this act will prevent any per-

sons from killing any wild animal or bird when found destroying grain, fruits or vegetables on his or her premises." This section has not been repealed. By the act of April 11, 1901, owners or lessees of real estate are permitted to kill rabbits at all seasons of the year, where said rabbits are destroying crops or fruit trees, and for no other purpose or reason. The act of March 22, 1889, makes the constables of the state ex officio forestry, game and fish wardens, and requires them to prosecute all violations of the forestry, fish or game laws coming under their immediate notice or reported to them in writing in a manner prescribed by said act. The penalty for neglecting or refusing to so act is \$50 or two months' imprisonment. Prosecutions can be brought by any person and one half of the penalties go to the informer. All prosecutions must be brought within one year from the time of the offense. NATURAL ANXIETY. 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Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution: that is to say, that section ten of article one, which reads as follows: "No person shall, for any indictable offense be proceeded against criminally by information, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, or by leave of the court for oppression or misdemeanor in office. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall private property be taken or applied to public use, without authority of law and without just compensation being first made or secured." be amended so as to read as follows: "No person shall, for any indictable offense, be proceeded against criminally by information, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, or by leave of the court for oppression or misdemeanor in office. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall private property be taken or applied to public use, without authority of law and without just compensation being first made or secured." A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GRIEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth. 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Add at the end of section seven, article three the following words: "Unless before it shall be introduced in the General Assembly, such proposed special or local law shall have been first submitted to a popular vote, at a general or special election in the locality or localities to be affected by its operation, under an order of the court of common pleas of the respective county after hearing and application, granted, and shall have been approved by a majority of the voters at such election. The date of such election shall be held until the decree of court authorizing the same shall have been advertised for at least thirty days in the locality or localities affected, in such manner as the court may direct." A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GRIEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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