STATE FISH AND GAME.

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pose increase and spread to other parts of the State.

INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW, FINES ETC.

Twelve county wardens have reported an aggregate of twenty-six violations of the fish and game law, with fines amounting in all to $360.00.

Out of these fines I received from the State, I have received a reward for one nonresident warrant. On the 28th of June last, I sent a request to the county commissioners of each county for the same and solicited the fish and game wardens to work energetically at the same time creating their interest to notify them of the fish and game law, which provides that "on the first session after the passage of this act the county commissioners of each county of the State shall appoint a fish and game warden whose term of office shall be two years and shall be entitled to receive a salary of $50 per month etc. I am sorry that this provision has not been fully complied with, as there are some fish and game in every county in the State, and some persons or persons should be responsible for their care and protection, and to make them in the fields wardens. If the county commissioners get a move to take the matter hold, it would be placed upon the county board, and the law enforced up now and the deputies or other men who are in their duty to enforce.

THE LAW FOR THE RECOVERY, RECONSIDERATION, ETC.

It has been fairly settled by the Supreme court of the United States that the fish in public waters and wildgame are the property of the State, and that the state may regulate and prohibit the taking, killing, marketing and shipping of the game that may be deemed necessary for their preservation and propagation.

The fish and game law is probably the most difficult of all the laws on the lawbook to enforce. In view of the fact, the law is so hard to enforce, allowing no prosecution, and, in addition, we should all be thankful some obligation by making the enforcement of this obligatory upon all the peace officers, including the officers of the legislature, which, in fact, are the ones who are the best and most operative officers in this behalf. I have to thank personally and officially the officers of the legislature for their kindness and courtesy in this behalf.

The game law is in the very good provision, but is not effective in some essential respects. Provision is made for hatching and stocking the streams of the State with fish, and the stocking of game birds and the protection of the fish and game in the State is only one of the objects to be attained in the enforcement of the fish and game law