

Bryan Reported Seeking Scalp of W. J. O'Brien

Head of State Fish Hatchery for 30 Years Not Active Enough Politically—Rutenbeck May Get Job.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, May 16.—W. J. O'Brien, for 30 years superintendent of the state fish hatchery at Gretna, has been ordered by Governor Bryan to live in the house provided by the state at Gretna and give up his residence at South Bend.

The governor furthermore stated that in the future George G. Koster, state fish and game warden, would be directly in charge of state hatcheries, located at Benkelman, Valentine and Gretna.

In political circles, it is believed that the governor's action in ordering O'Brien to use the house provided by the state for the hatchery superintendent is a first step toward ousting O'Brien from his job.

Rutenbeck Wants Job.

For weeks it has been known here that friends of Gus Rutenbeck, chief state game warden under former Governor Morehead, were working quietly and insidiously to oust O'Brien and get the appointment for Rutenbeck. The story that O'Brien lived at South Bend across the Platte river from the hatchery and abandoned the home provided for him by the state has been circulated in state house circles for many days.

Few expect that O'Brien will give up his native home, which he built at South Bend, and return to the hatchery house. It is expected that as soon as he returns from Sioux City, Ia., where he was called on business yesterday, and learns of the governor's order, he will tender his resignation, unless the governor withdraws his ultimatum.

Records available at the state house show that O'Brien's action in building a home at South Bend, a few miles from the hatchery, has not detracted from the efficiency of the hatchery. Each year finds that propagation and distribution of fish from the Gretna hatchery has increased.

Politician Is Wanted.

However, numerous democratic politicians feel that while O'Brien knows more about fish and stocking of fish in streams than anyone in the state, he isn't of much account in a political way, as all through his 30 years of public service O'Brien has worked steadily in increasing the numbers of fish in Nebraska streams and has paid little attention to production of either democratic or republican votes.

O'Brien and his brother founded the state hatchery at Gretna. His brother is now in charge of the hatchery at Valentine. The two O'Briens probably have done more toward making Nebraska a fishing state than any other two men.

The governor's statement followed action of the state auditor in withholding a claim granted O'Brien by the legislature, which had been sanctioned by the governor. The claim was for \$1,200 in back pay which O'Brien asserts is coming to him.

Legislature Granted Increase.

Four years ago, the legislature in appropriating a salary for the superintendent of the Gretna hatchery fixed the salary at \$2,400 a year. Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, under whom O'Brien worked, refused to pay this amount and fixed O'Brien's salary at \$2,100.

This year, O'Brien went before the legislature committee on claims and told his story. An appropriation for

Gretna Hatcheries Head Is Slated for Removal



Fish Commissioner "Bill" O'Brien, probably the best known man in the state among sportsmen, who is reported slated for removal by Governor Bryan.

Secretary of Hibernians Found Dead in His Room

Mike Whelan, 65, employed in the Burgess-Nash store checkstand, was found dead in a rooming house at 821 South Nineteenth street Wednesday.

The governor did not state whether he intended to give Koster power to choose his own help at the hatcheries or whether he would dictate to Koster as to the personnel of hatchery employees.

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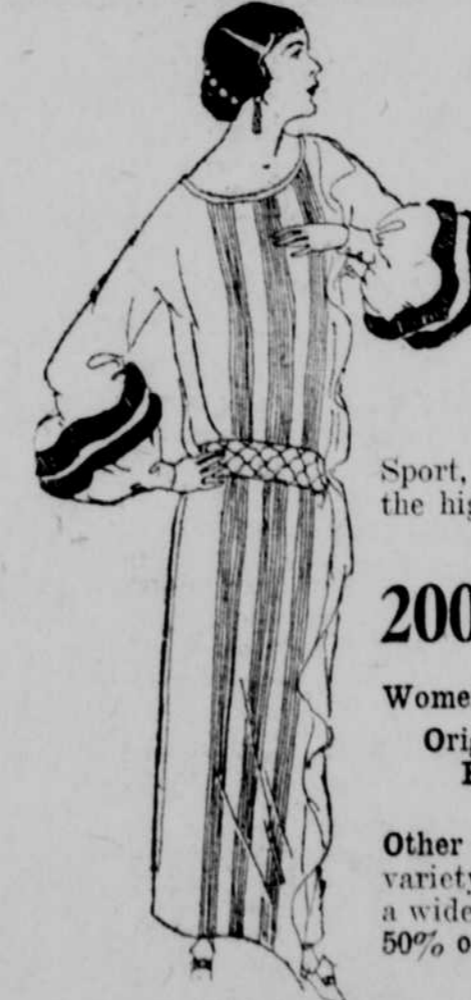
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