

# SOUTHERN OREGON SIFTINGS

### Items and Ideas Picked Up by Our Special Reporter in a Day by the Way

Forty pound watermelons are now coming in from the lower Bear creek flats. The watermelon does not wait till after election to see if it is safe to expand.

Trout fishing on the Rogue river is affording royal sport for many pleasure seekers from the cities. Steel heads rainbows and young salmon from about two to 10 pounds are landed by the dozen every day.

Watermelons, grapes and peaches on the western slope of Roxy Ann, near Medford are now piling into the market. Honey, melons and cream are all mighty good things but they abound everywhere in this valley.

L. H. Pankey who pilots fishermen on the Rogue river says however carees any more for trout, he has had so many of them that he prefers pork and beans.

I. M. Meers of Portland caught 26 pounds of rainbow and steelheads from the waters of the Rogue on September 10 and 11.

H. D. Walker, a newspaper man of San Francisco has been securing recreation with rod and reel on the Rogue river for several days. He bagged many a speckled beauty but there are some mighty big saucy trout and salmon who are now awishing their tails in glee and saying, "ha, ha, he, never touched me."

#### A Boy Melon Magnate

L. Thompson formerly of Kalispel, Montana, has a 23-acre fruit and melon farm at the Bear creek bridge below Central Point. Master Russell Thompson, a boy of 12 years attends to the hoeing of the melons under the direction of his mother and the result is mighty fine melons which market at a figure that gives a return of about \$100 per acre besides all the melons that Russell, the rustler with the aid of his many friends can consume at home. The reporter found him carrying in melons from the nearby fields in the cool of the morning and storing them in the shade of a big oak tree and after securing two melons from the young melon merchant we were invited by him and his mother to a treat of a red ripe 35-pound watermelon. The melon was most excellent, being stored with nectar of delicious flavor. There is nothing but friendship that can improve the flavor of a watermelon.

#### Attacked by Panther

S. B. Tarbell came from Minnesota and settled here in Southern Oregon about four years ago. He has a little ranch up near Buck Rock on Trail creek, a tributary of the Rogue river about 27 miles from Medford. Mr. Tarbell has either transformed into a typical Southern Oregonian or else he was born to the type. He is big and broad and honest and could strike a blow with his fist that would shatter a hard oak board and so he is not afraid of any kind of animal that roams the woods. He was out some time ago in the cool of the evening near his ranch looking for jack rabbits from force of habit when he heard something coming trot, trot behind him and then pawing at his heels. He turned around and there was a big cougar purring and grinning to think what a big supper he would have on Mr. Tarbell's entrails. Now Mr. Tarbell is a subscriber to the Southern Oregonian and he cannot be taken by surprise by anything. He looked the cougar square in the eyes and said "what do you think you are doing there?" Before you could say "Jack Robinson!" he poked the shotgun in the cougar's face and fired him full of fine shot, then he jabbed the cougar in the belly and fired the other barrel. By this time the old dog Bravo came on the scene and the cougar scrambled up a big oak tree, but he was killed "too dead to skin" by the third and fourth discharge of Tarbell's artillery. It was my birthday said Mr. Tarbell and the neighbors all laughed about that cougar trying to whip me. He was reaching for my heels just like a cat would play with a base ball. It seems that the bear and cougar supply on the upper Rogue river will never grow less.

#### Advantages of Irrigation for Oregon

The Rogue river ranchers say that this is one of the driest years in all their experience and while it has greatly diminished the crops it still is not so bad when you find plenty of corn giving 45 bushels to the acre, wheat 40, oats as high as 100 bushels per acre and loads of fine fruit and melons. There are abundant water resources in this country, such for instance as the great beautiful Rogue river with many tributaries. If there was any such great streams in the desert states they would be drawn through canals as wide as these Oregon lanes and the mere desert sands would be made to blossom as the rose. There is no measuring the fertility of the Oregon soil and ultimately under irrigation it will produce double and triple the present excellent crops. Where desert lands give a fair yield under the same unfeeling process these fertile Oregon fields would become a dense jungle of garden, fruit and grain. By getting together on irrigation Southern Oregon farmers can triple the products of their farms.

#### Bre'r Grasshopper

The grasshopper is in his glory when the season is dry, but when it rains he has to put on his overcoat and rubber boots and stand around in the wheat and clover till he gets fever and ague and does not flourish. He feeds on the farmers' produce and laughs defiance when it is "extra dry" but in damp weather he gets the dumps and cannot sing, though Bre'r Cricket and the katydid seem never to cease their songs of praise to the sender of moisture.

Bre'r Grasshopper is fond of the garden patch and corn field. Perched upon a big watermelon or pumpkin he looks through his spy glass at the far green expanse of the garden bed and is a gay fellow until he is chased down and swallowed by some industrious yellow-legged chicken, the lore of Bre'r Grasshopper in Southern Oregon and might be sung in folk lore as follows:

Oh the grasshopper lived in the big corn field  
And he felt so fat and sassy  
That he said, "By gum, I'm a goin' some,"  
And the fields are green and grassy.

I'm a goin' to fly to the clover patch,  
Where the blossoms cover me over,  
And there my brood I'm going to hatch  
And we all will dwell in clover;

So he flew away to the clover field  
And there his luck he tried sir,  
Green goggles he wore and a troth he swore  
Against "race suicide," sir.

Old Bre'r Rain, he came along,  
Came along, came along,  
Old Bre'r Rain, he came along,  
The clouds hung heavy over;

Grasshopper then he ceased his song,  
Ceased his song, ceased his song;  
Grasshopper then he ceased his song  
In the soaking fields of clover.

Grasshopper couldn't stand the ills,  
He couldn't meet his doctor bills,  
He passed to a receiver,  
Old Doctor Cricket got the case  
And putting on a solemn face  
He killed the whole darned hopper  
And called it "chills and fever."

#### FOLDED HANDS.

(By Clarence E. Eddy)

By shores where the rocks are the steepest  
The sea mourns most to the lands  
But the paths divinest and deepest  
Is the pathos of folded hands.

I seek not to war with another,  
It would break my heart I know  
To look on some poor dead brother  
And I feel I had wronged him so.

To every heart there is given,  
In all of the world's broad lands  
A touch of the pity of heaven  
When gazing on folded hands.

It is God's own just decreeing  
That this to the dead we bestow,  
He may seek to chaaten us, seeing  
That in life we neglected him so.

Though roses are worth the giving,  
A single rose, it is said,  
Is worth far more to the living  
Than countless wreathes to the dead.

There are many lives so lonely,  
Longing for love that lingers,  
Give not the roses only  
To the poor folded fingers.

#### AMBULANCE COLLIDED WITH CAR WITH SERIOUS RESULTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 14.—Suffering from a fractured skull and injuries to the spine Robert Doepfner, driver of the ambulance of the Harbor Emergency hospital, is in a precarious condition today as a result of a collision between his ambulance and a street car. William Hefferman, who was with Doepfner at the time of the accident, escaped with a broken shoulder blade and minor injuries. The ambulance was responding to a call when the accident occurred. The heavy vehicle was hurled more than 25 feet. Doepfner was picked up in an unconscious condition. The surgeons attending said today they had but little hope for his recovery. George Fisher the motorman is under arrest.

#### WEDS MAN SHE HATES "FOR 24 HOURS ONLY"

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 14.—"Do you take this man, John H. Worthington, to be your lawfully wedded husband?" said Judge Houseman to Carrie Ethel Burkhardt, of Denver today. "I do for twenty-four hours only," she answered. There was a murmur of surprise from the dozen spectators. Mrs. Worthington explained that five years ago she married Worthington only to find after her child was born that he had committed bigamy. She left him, and after four years succeeded in forcing him to obtain a divorce and marry her legally in order to give her child a name, she said she hated him.

#### THREE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 14.—William Hunting Cooper, Miss Lulu Cliff and Charles McFarland are all in a critical condition today as the result of two automobile accidents yesterday in which the automobiles were going slowly and were hit by electric cars going at high rate of speed. Cooper and Miss Cliff were hurled several feet when an electric car hit the automobile in which they were riding and that neither were killed was surprising. McFarland's car was hit by a speeding car and pitched into a nearby yard. He received broken ribs, a broken arm and internal injuries. It is reported that he has but a slight chance of recovery.

#### SPORTING NEWS.

The Beavers and Loo Loos are still having a battle royal at Portland. After being beaten three straight games, the former turned the tables at Los Angeles; but at last accounts their run of luck had ended. There seems to be no doubt now that Los Angeles will again win the pennant. The real contest seems to be between Portland and San Francisco for second place with chances in favor of the latter. Oakland may not remain in the cellar always.

Gans, Attel and Ketchell, the pugilistic favorites met with a strenuous setback in their fights during the past week. The negro has lost the lightweight championship for good.

Matthewson, who is now leading the National league pitchers, has struck out more men than any other major league pitcher. Waddell leads in the American league.

To get to first place Portland must win the next 12 games straight, and Los Angeles lose 10 of the same number.

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Table for Rogue River Valley Railway listing train numbers, destinations, and times.

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