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CAUSE OF POOR FISHING.

In another column the work being done by the United States Bureau of Fisheries on the Rogue river is discussed by Fish Culturist H. L. Kelly, Jr., who asserts that the racks across the stream constructed by the government to hold salmon are not responsible for the poor steelhead fishing on the upper Rogue this year.

Mr. Kelly makes a plausible argument. He asserts that the steelhead do not follow along with the salmon fleet. This is contrary to the observation of most anglers. In many streams, steelhead or salmon trout as they are called, do not appear until a salmon run is on. In the late summer and early fall they follow the salmon to devour the spawn, and most of them caught then are found to have been feeding on salmon eggs. It necessarily follows that when the salmon cannot ascend the stream, the steelhead who merely follow to secure spawn, will not come up either. In addition, only the smaller steelhead can pass through the rack.

It is true that a trout hatchery should be placed on the Rogue, for the number of anglers increases each year with the population, and the drain on the supply constantly enlarges. It is also true that gross carelessness is shown in failure to provide proper screens for irrigating ditches, but Mr. Kelly fails to mention the principal reasons for the trout shortage, seining and defective fishways over dams.

A century ago, every Atlantic stream abounded in salmon. Now one there is a curiosity. The causes of the extermination principally were dams, which prevented the fish from reaching natural spawning beds, and ruthless destruction by seiners, who apparently thought the supply inexhaustible. The same thing is happening to all fish in the Rogue.

There is not a correctly built fishway on the Rogue, and Mr. Kelly will admit it. When the water is high the fish can find the fishways if they have not already beaten themselves senseless against the dams. When the water is low, as it is now, it is next to impossible for any kind of a fish to either find the fishways or work its way up them. All one has to do to secure proof of this assertion is to watch a fish trying to get through. Why the master fish warden does not force the construction of proper fishways is one of the questions constantly asked by observers, and that can only be answered by himself.

Seining causes the destruction of more steelhead trout than all other sources of destruction combined. The Grants Pass fishermen ship them by the ton during the season they are running, the spawning season. There are weeks at a stretch when no salmon are caught, only steelhead, and there are times when the supply is so great from the Rogue river that the entire Portland market is heaped and the surplus consigned to eastern cities or to cold storage. If the steelhead are slaughtered in such wholesale fashion just before spawning, how is it possible to keep up the supply? What are the comparatively few fish caught by those anglers skillful enough to land steelhead with hook and line compared to such a butchery? And these Grants Pass fishermen never have obeyed either the letter or spirit of the law. These seines render it next to impossible for a fish to ascend, and are clandestinely stretched clear to the toe of the Golden Drift dam.

There is but one way to restore good fishing on the Rogue river, and that is to stop all fishing except with rod and line above tidewater; force the construction of adequate fishways over dams and the screening of all ditches and conduits, and then construct if necessary a trout hatchery.

Only a comparatively few people are benefited by the salmon hatcheries. Almost everybody likes to fish and will be benefited by the trout hatchery, and all anglers would cheerfully pay a fishing license for its maintenance, but the professional fish hog, who, with his seines, glutts the markets of San Francisco and Portland with choicest steelhead, will have to go, or the sportsman must desert the Rogue, hitherto the most famous fishing stream in America.

What Papers Say

CHEERING TO DEMOCRATS.

(Oregon Journal)
The Maine election is decidedly encouraging to the democrats. While the republican majority is about as large as it was in the state election two years ago, it is only 8000 as against 27,000 four years ago, in round numbers and is only about one-third the usual republican majority, or plurality, in the September elections in presidential years. More than this, the vote shows a democratic gain over 1904 of 12,000, and a republican loss of 2500, in a total vote of 140,000. Applying these ratios of gain and loss to New York, Ohio, Illinois and other populous states, the result in Maine indicates that a number of the hitherto solid and overwhelmingly republican states are today, to say the least, doubtful. And the anti-republican tide is likely to rise continually from now to November, rather than recede.

The explanation is made that Maine voted on prohibition and other state issues. But this is no more true now than it has been in other years. Prohibition is always an issue in Maine. And republicans made great efforts to carry the state by at least a usual republican majority. And it is to be remembered that the causes of the anti-republican slump in Maine are far more active, potent and infectious in the west than in New England. Where one republican is deserting his party in Maine there are likely to be two or three in Illinois, Kansas and Iowa—and possibly in Oregon.

REPUBLICAN PRAISE FOR BRYAN'S TARIFF SPEECH

(Portland Oregonian)
As an essay on the tariff Mr. Bryan's Des Moines speech is admirable. All that he says about the inquiry of Dingbys is true. It does corrupt the Government by setting up a business partnership with the protected interests. It puts the public offices up for sale and causes party success to depend too much upon contributions from those who devour the substance of the people. Nor can it be denied that the tariff has also corrupted business. It has taught the protected interests to look to the government for their profits instead of to their own initiative. It has given them an opportunity to combine for the explicit purpose of raising prices and robbing the consumer. It has placed them in the position of the tax farmers in France before the Revolution, who kept two-thirds of the taxes they collected and turned over to the state only one-third. For Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly correct in saying that the barons get a large part of the proceeds of the tariff tax which is levied upon certain articles. If nine-tenths of a protected article are produced at home and only one-tenth imported, that one-tenth pays the tax to the government while the other nine-tenths pays it to the interests.

Old Resident Dead

Another old resident of Ashland has crossed the Great Divide and into the undiscovered country. William Harris, 83 years of age, and for thirty years a respected resident of this city, died at his home on Granite street, Thursday evening last, having been in feeble health and afflicted with infirmities incident to his advanced years, for some time past. The funeral took place from his residence on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and was conducted by the Rev. Ward McHenry of the First Presbyterian church, and the remains were laid to rest in the Ashland cemetery—Tidings.

WOULD IRRIGATE WITH WATERS OF BUCK LAKE

In connection with an offer submitted by J. J. Chambers of Ashland owner of the Buck Lake preserves just over the Klamath county line and nearly due east from Ashland, to furnish Medford with its much desired municipal water supply, it is stated that Colorado parties have been looking over the feasibility of the project of bringing the entire flow of the springs which feed what is called a Buck Lake to the upper valley for irrigation purposes in this vicinity, and find that it is practicable to do so. Mr. T. J. Smith has surveyed the project in a preliminary way and has also measured the flow of water which he finds to be four thousand inches. The distance is less than 30 miles and he says the water could be let down Little Butte creek through Dead Indian and to one of several low divides in the Cascades from which it could be diverted easily so as to cover any and all points in this valley.

EVELYN BACK TO THE SAME OLD FOOTLIGHTS

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 17.—Howard Nesbit, the brother of Evelyn Thaw, today confirmed the report that Harry Thaw's wife will soon be seen before the footlights again. Young Nesbit declares it is not at all improbable that his sister will go out on the road with the "Morning Noon and Night" company, with which he is playing, within two weeks. It is said that Evelyn Thaw is almost penniless and that she is compelled to go on the stage or try her hand at something else to make a living. She held a long conference yesterday with Joe Welch, a theatrical manager.

Notice to Hunters.

As the impression that it is lawful to kill deer by dogs during hunting season has gone forth, I wish to state that in accordance with a decision rendered by the attorney general, it is unlawful to kill deer pursued by dogs at any time of the year, and that the law is regard to the same will be rigidly enforced.

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