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On April 17th, sixteen members of the club were stranded aboard the commodious, well equipped, sea going craft recently acquired by Bros. Tad and Lunk, for the good and sufficient reason that they were eagerly awaiting the time when the trusty tub would haul in the hook and give under way for the Lower Columbia and Gnat Creek on the first outdoor party of the season.

The stores and all equipment necessary for a stag party and fishing expedition were aboard by four o'clock. Most of the Brothers who were on time and ready to go hustled themselves for an hour and a half inspecting the boat, taking a few snapshots, and picking the roofing off Bro. Bones' boat house, while awaiting the belated arrival of Bros. Zip and Gabby. However, the party was well under way by five-thirty.

Bro. Bones and Peanuts stood the first watch in the galley, and by the time the St. Helens' Light was sighted, all hands had partaken liberally of the bounteous feast set before them. Bro. Pad deserves especial mention, a citation for bravery, and a lead medal for the splendid courage he so persistently displayed in the presence of hostile criticism that he might be the last to succumb to starvation.

Bro. Dedo handled the wheel like a veteran for a time, but for some unknown reason he thought it advisable to remove the docks at Kalama from their present site, and also to widen the channel at that particular place, but, fortunately no damage was done, for he recovered from his reverie in time to pilot the boat back into the channel and there was relieved of his arduous duties at the helm.

The party reached Clifton at one-thirty A. M. where they tied up to the old dock, which appeared familiar to some of the brothers, although it had been partially destroyed by fire since the time when they landed there on the "Bachelor" some five or six years ago on a similar though more spirited fishing trip. An argument immediately arose, after a landing had been made, regarding the advisability of hiking seven or eight miles up hill over an old logging road to the creek at that early hour. Some of the Bros. insisted on an early start, but the majority craved sleep and rest while waiting for daylight, and for the benefit of those who were so unfortunate as not to be alone on this trip, it might be well to say that, as usual, someone took the joy out of sleep on this stag party, consequently the brothers made the best of a bad situation.

In the meantime Bro. Lunk demonstrated to the satisfaction of all the Brothers his resourcefulness, daring courage, and ability to paddle his own raft against the tide and strong current of the mighty Columbia, in the dark of night, to the beach, and to safety. Bros. Zip and Murph assisted Bro. Lunk in collecting some timbers and planks from the old dock, and, after successfully maneuvering about on two by fours nailed to pilings, they finally reached a favorable location for their shipbuilding operations. With the aid of a hammer and a number of rusty nails they managed to get their material fashioned into a serviceable raft. Bro. Lunk was chosen by the unanimous consent of the two conspirators to act as skipper, and navigation officer of their improvised shore boat, and as soon as he stepped on deck to take charge of his new command, things began to happen without due regard to the possible consequences. The swift current of the river and the tide contributed their fair share in having the raft lose its mooring without unnecessary delay, yet it is rumored that Bros. Zip and Murph were exceedingly anxious to see the handwork of their art cast adrift on her maiden voyage, and in order that their curiosity regarding the seaworthiness of their new craft might be satisfied before daylight they gave the raft material assistance in clearing her home port. He that as it may, the fact remains that Bro. Lunk found himself and his raft in a dark and stormy night, tossed about by heavy seas on a clumsily built craft wholly at the mercy of the elements. When the news of this near catastrophe reached the more conservative members of the party the excitement of the moment had subsided, for by that time Bro. Lunk, who was making progress with his trusty paddle, reported his position close in shore.

Bro. Tad had breakfast ready by five o'clock. The strong coffee and egg sandwiches were welcomed by the Brothers as soon as they could be relieved from the spell cast over them by Bro. Bones' snoring.

The engineering force was called into conference soon after breakfast, for the purpose of devising ways and means of persuading the "Horse Powers" to function properly in order that the boat might be moved to a more serviceable dock. After being patted, coaxed and cussed for more than an hour, the engine finally consented to return to duty, and within a very short time thereafter the impatient fishermen were hiking up the hill at a lively pace.

Like all good fishermen, the brothers do not care to boast of their piscatorial prowess, and the good luck which attended them on this trip, but they will say that they caught a goodly number of the wary trout, and some of them were as big as young whales. Bro. Hap, who shared honors with Bro. Tad in catching the largest trout, is also credited with a life sized rabbit, which posed as a target until Bro. Dedo and Hap had fired a dozen or more shots at close range. Bro. Zip is of the opinion that the little cotton tail died from shell shock.

About two-thirty in the afternoon, the Brothers came straggling back to the boat. They all but staggered under the heavy load of fish which they were bringing with them as they limped along, dragging their sorely blistered feet and aching bones over the rocky, ice crossed trail. A regular cup of coffee and a substantial feed, to say nothing of a barrel of trout fried in a tub of butter was all the Brothers needed to put them on their feet again. All but Bro. Dedo. He made himself a little nest, crawled into it, and there surrendered himself to the soothing charm of Morpheus, and was left there undisturbed until the cruise was ended.

A happy lot of fishermen disembarked from the boat at the Richmond street dock in time to see the sun rise Monday morning.

Lunk and Tad hauled anchor Monday, April 26, for Astoria, where they expect to catch many members of the finny tribe. Trolling outside the bar will be their means of attack and with their sturdy and convenient little ship it looks to us like "poor fish." The club will probably be planning on a salmon bake in the near future.

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