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*"With or without offense to friends or foes
 I sketch your world exactly as it goes."*
 —Byron

The Open River Issue

In granting a temporary injunction against placer miners operating on Rogue river between Gold Ray and Gold Hill, the circuit court of Jackson county held that the Rogue is a river of "limited navigability" and that therefore the landowners have a riparian right to midstream. In so holding the court remarked that "the fish question is in no wise involved."

If the court decides that the Rogue is privately owned as it temporarily has, the right to angle in the stream is certainly involved, for the owners have the right to bar fishermen as trespassers, should they desire. The privilege of fishing then depends upon the pleasure of the wealthy Californians who sought the injunction after purchasing both sides of the river for a private fishing preserve.

This case of an open river is far more important to the sportsmen of the state and especially those of the Rogue river region, than the closure of the mouth of the stream, to commercial fishing for salmon, which so excites them. They had far better spend their energies and money in a legal battle to establish the principle of the open river in the courts than to fritter them away in an attempt to destroy an Oregon industry and payroll that utilizes what would otherwise be a wasted food product. For what happens on the Rogue will happen on other streams, and they will eventually become private reserves for millionaires.

The issue depends entirely upon the construction of the word "navigable" for the state of Oregon reserved title to tide lands and shores of navigable lakes and rivers between lines of high and low water as well as stream beds when the title passed from the federal government to the commonwealth on admission to statehood. If a stream is navigable the public right to use both its flow and its banks as thoroughfares is unquestioned.

The Rogue river is navigable, in that it can be traversed by boat. It has also been extensively utilized in the past for logging operations. Under some court decisions, this constitutes navigability. It is not to the public interest that any Oregon stream become private property and it would be well that this issue be settled, once and for all in the highest court, that there may be an end to attempts to monopolize a river.

Touches and Contacts

"Ma" Kennedy, like her gifted daughter, Aimee, never lets an opportunity pass to gather in the shekels, so it is not surprising to find her capitalizing her recent honeymoon escapade through syndicated articles in newspapers describing her love thrills with her husband of a fortnight, the Rev. "What-a-Man!" In this way she not only keeps in the spotlight, but offsets the collection taken up by Aimee at the bridal spectacle staged for her rising young evangelist son.

"Ma" describes the palpitating love taps exchanged between her romantic Romeo and his somewhat passe Juliet as follows:

Contact—that's the only word "G" and I use to make love—and what love we can make on that one word! You see, when "G" and I are out in public we are never demonstrative in our affection. I just touch him lightly on the hand or face, or he will touch me the same way and then we say "Contact." Isn't that cute? * * * Love, real love has come to me and the world wouldn't believe me if I told how happy I am. Mr. Hudson is a wonderful man, educated, talented and above all, kind and considerate. Why, he just swept me off my feet, but I loved it.

Light touches seem characteristic of both "Ma's" and "What-a-Man's" contacts. The former touches her moronic followers in the sawdust ring for so much per gospel incantation—a trait the inimitable Aimee has inherited, while the "What-a-Man" touches susceptible elderly women for the worldly goods they may possess and then disappears to repeat the contact. "Ma" does not say however, just how much she was touched for as the price of this wonderful man's contact. But whatever the sum, it was evidently worth the price—while it lasted.

And then the love lorn lady proceeds to tell about her deceased husband and squares her conscience for her lack of faithfulness to his memory by declaring, "I gave him a wonderful funeral," which must be a wonderful consolation to a dead man. But at that he probably heaved a huge sigh of relief, if a corpse can sigh, that the contacts with "Ma" were over.

Only A Breathing Spell

The London conference arranged for a renewal of short time credits by present loaners to Germany, which is like having the bank renew one's expired notes. With the moratorium on reparation payments it affords temporary relief, but offers no solution of the problem Germany faces. The fundamental cause of the crisis, the dependence of the German financial set-up or short term foreign loans, whose withdrawal in large volume precipitated the present crisis, continues to menace the future.

There seems no reason why foreign banks should have confidence in a country which is burdened with a reparations obligation of two billion marks yearly, and for twelve years has not been able to pay a mark out of its own economic earnings, but used foreign loans for the purpose. It is the German contention that in order to establish financial and economic stability, the reparation payments must be wiped out—a condition none of the beneficiaries will agree to. The alternative German proposal is that the countries having a stake in these reparations, must cooperate in rehabilitation of Germany by opening markets for German wares—the only way Germany can pay.

The present German government is making drastic economical reforms to live within its budget, but high tariffs everywhere destroy the chance for economic recovery by limiting markets which curtail production. Whether the negotiations now in progress for a long time loan will be successful depends largely on the political demands accompanying them. Politics, rather than economics, rules the situation.

PINE GROUP OF LUMBER TRADE NOW ORGANIZED

Klamath Falls, Ore. (AP)—Designed to develop both domestic and foreign markets and balance production and consumption, the Western Pine association was formed here Thursday night by 60 of the most prominent lumber manufacturers of the Pacific coast.

B. W. Lakin of McCloud, Calif., was elected president; J. P. McGoldrick of Spokane, first vice president, and J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Lewiston, Idaho, second vice president.

The association will take the place of the older organizations of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association of Portland, and the California Sugar and White Pine association of San Francisco.

Principles outlined for the organization call for establishment of an export bureau to develop foreign markets, of an economic committee to endeavor to balance production and consumption; standardized grading of sizes and basic weights; use of trade marks and cards; a basic price list for all regions; employment of a secretary-manager and organization of a wooden box committee.

The trade name "Pondosa Pine" was selected for use on all products of members of the association. Offices will be established in Portland.

Directors of the association are: E. H. Pauley, Missoula, Mont.; Walter K. Nells, Libby, Mont.; J. P. McGoldrick, Spokane; J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Lewiston, Idaho; Ralph J. Hines, Chicago; C. L. Isted, Bend, Ore.; Charles H. Ingram, Tacoma; W. E. Lamm, Modoc, Ore.; B. W. Lakin, McCloud, Calif.; D. S. Painter, San Francisco; J. M. Clifford, Piedale, Calif.; J. P. Humphill, Madera, Calif.; John D. Tennant, Longview, Wash.; Raymond B. White, Kansas City, and Walter C. Leuthold, Deer Park, Wash.

The association, representing five states, will meet semi-annually and will elect officers annually.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To The Editor—

Permit me space to reply to an editorial of the News Telegram in which he proposes a way to make a billion dollars without hurting anyone, by placing a high tax on liquor. I would like to ask him three questions, first, how could we sell a billion dollars worth of liquor at high prices and not hurt any one when we all know that the drunker a man gets the more he spends for liquor and the less he has to buy food and clothing for his family so some one is liable to get hurt and how? Second, are you willing to sacrifice the lives of our children for a profit? If so, why have any schools or spend any money trying to make honorable men and women of them at all? Third, are you willing to sacrifice the lives of your son and daughter on the altar of profit? If not you have no right to suggest it for mine.

There are better ways to get this grand old U. S. A. out of debt without sacrificing the lives of our children. Uncle Sammy doesn't need a profit on whiskey, if he could save what he now spends every year trying to enforce the prohib law he soon would be out of debt, AND IT CAN BE DONE.

Listen, I say that if this government is so far gone as that, I say let her sink and start all over again. I am opposed to a profit from the sale of anything that will cause a man to lose his head and cause him to spend more than he otherwise would, and get no real value in return. Now then, if we can find a way to give a man all the whiskey he wants any time he wants it and keep him from interfering with the rights of his neighbor who perhaps does not drink, then we will have taken a long stride forward, and it can be done.

I propose government stills in every state and government trucks to deliver it to all parts of the state at actual cost, not a cent of profit, and any man in any kind of business whatsoever can buy from the government and dish it out to his customers at actual cost, not a cent of profit. That would bring the moonshiners down out of the hills and Uncle Sammy could eat all his Prohib agents and they could go to raising corn and barley to sell to the government.

Now listen you drunken reckless driver, it will pay you to stay sober for I propose to have every man that drives a car under a bond, so

when you ask for a license you will be required to hand to the secretary of state a bond proving to him that you are a sober driver so if you have a police record you will have some trouble to get a license and that is as it should be, for the general motoring public have a right to be protected on the highway.

Last I propose to blindfold the judge and the cases will be brought before him by number so he will not know his friends and the law will be administered in a judicial way as it should be. There are many more details to be mentioned but this is getting too long. I have them worked out and can give them on demand. Why \$10 per gallon when \$10 will buy enough to drown half of Salem?

Yours for justice, one law for all alike.

Frederick W. Berger
 Box 174 Salem

MAN SHOT OVER BATH

St. Joe, Ark. (AP)—As the result of an argument over which family would take the first bath, S. M. Wilson was shot in the chest and leg, when Max Dampf said Wilson boarded up his entrance to the room. Dampf was tearing it down when the argument started.

SEND OUT LIST OF TEXT BOOKS FREE TO PUPILS

Application of the new free textbook law—free textbooks in most cases to the extent of a \$1.50 per pupil—is being formally gotten under way by order lists going out from the county superintendent's office to clerks of the various districts of the county. The order lists are so divided that a main list in black type is set out as the books to be purchased first by the districts under the \$1.50 per pupil allotment and if the district finds it has any money left for free textbooks after this list is absorbed then additional lists are added in lighter type from which the district is to make its selections. When the selections are made up the lists are to be returned to the county superintendent's office to be checked. The books will not be purchased through that office but by the districts themselves and will be sent directly to the district clerks and

paid for from the district funds. The object in having the complete list of books on the order sheets is to accommodate some districts which have determined to put the free textbook law into effect all down the line and go a step further than the state law which allows only \$1.50 per pupil.

Acting Superintendent Mrs. Cora Reed states that a number of districts already have evidenced their intention of furnishing free textbooks throughout to their pupils, some of these districts included the amount in the annual budget and in most cases this increased the budget beyond the 6 per cent limitation and required a vote to validate it. In some instances the vote was taken at the annual meeting. In other instances a special vote has been required. She hasn't as yet a complete list of all the districts to take on the free textbook law for all of the school books used but states that from the number of clerks who have dropped in and indicated their districts were working on such a plan no doubt there will be several.

When the order lists are completed and sent in to the superintendent's office for checking complete data will be available as to what extent the country districts have approved

SCHOOL CONTRACTS ORDERED FILED

Strict enforcement of the school laws which require that not only must clerks of school districts file the teachers' contracts with the county school superintendent before school starts but that teachers must also register their credentials before that time will be made by the county school superintendent's office this year, according to notices being sent out by that office to various school clerks. "This is the law and it will be enforced this year," state the notices.

The penalty which makes the law enforceable is the requirement that no school funds will be available to the laggard districts until the free textbook idea in its entirety and some idea will be given as to how much it will augment the tax burdens of these districts. The order lists are to show just the number of pupils in each grade that the district expects will require each separate book or set of books and so the cost per grade will also be available.

provisions are complied with. And the district will forfeit its funds for the time the teachers teach without meeting the requirement of filing their credentials with the county superintendent. It is stated that some clerks wait until the last minute or come in late and this causes considerable trouble. Information must be available for the county superintendent so that work on the budget may not be delayed.

Interurban League Title Play Sunday

Central Howell—The last game of the series being played by the Interurban league, which is made up of towns and communities through this section of the valley, will be played at the Central Howell diamond Sunday. The two teams competing are Sublimity and the Central Howell nines. It is hoped there will be a good crowd to witness this game.

TRAPS LOON WITH HANDS
 Bonny Eagle, Me. (AP)—George Davis caught a loon, elusive fish-eating bird, with his bare hands swimming near here. He is keeping the loon as a pet.



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Cops Too Slow To Protect Husband

Boston (AP)—Even a police station does not, apparently, furnish ample protection for a husband who has just quarreled with his wife.

Patrick J. Noonan, a resident of Boston's West End, learned that recently when he fled to the Joy street police station, seeking refuge from his infuriated "better half." Soon after Pat had entered the station, his wife stormed through the front door, took aim at his jaw, and planted a healthy right to that spot before the officer on duty could separate them.

75 years of malting behind it



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