

Days Off

Week-End Jaunts

"To be entirely at leisure for one day is for one day to be an immortal." Chinese proverb.

By Edith Durgan

By ruling of the Oregon attorney general, soldiers from out of the state who desire to hunt or fish must purchase non-resident licenses. A non-resident angler's license costs \$5.00, and a non-resident hunter's license costs \$15.00. Until this ruling has been modified, soldiers should be governed accordingly. Resident licenses are available after six months residence.

With so much controversy in regard to fishing licenses for soldiers, it is well to be on the safe side. Crabbing, and we really mean fishing for crabs and not complaining, in the salt water bay areas of the Pacific ocean, will not only give you excitement and good sport, but may help defray some food bills, or at least furnish some deluxe eating for a few days. No license is required and no bag limit is imposed, but no more should be taken than can be used, and the minimum legal size limit is six inches across the back at the widest point.

Jay B. Long, instructor in fish and game management at Oregon State college, recommends this sport for a lot of fun at low cost, and suggests the procedure outlined in today's column.

If you can manage to reach the coast you can rent all necessary equipment. You will need a boat, crab rings, bait and a sack. Average boat rent is from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, and crab rings rent at 25 cents each. If you have a large can, take it along and bring back some salt water in which to cook the crabs—if you catch any. The equipment may be rented at Yaquina, Newport or Waldport.

A rowboat, either with or without outboard motor, or a small inboard motor boat, are recommended for this sport. Crab rings are about three feet in diameter with a short net bag attached. A 40 to 50 foot rope is attached to the crab ring at one end to a large painted wooden float on the other.

Bait the net with some fish heads or fish, which can probably be prepared at the dock, then throw the ring out of the boat. The crabs crawl over the net ring to feed, and you should give them from 15 to 30 minutes.

Then the fun begins. The problem is to pull the crab ring out of the water faster than the crabs can climb out, so the quicker the better. It should be pulled fast enough so that the water pressure will hold the crabs against the mesh of the net. If you wait too long before raising the crab ring the crabs will finish their dinner and move on to more interesting spots, so it is up to the crabber to outguess them.

If you have not had experience with the way of the tides, be extremely cautious. Danger is always present in an outgoing tide. The change is so rapid and the pull so great that an inexperienced

fisherman may be quickly swept toward the sea. Fishing for crabs should be undertaken either at high or low slack tide. Tide tables are available in most chamber of commerce offices and at all boat or equipment concessions.

It is obvious that crabs pinch, and large specimens may pinch hard enough to take off the tip of your finger. By the way, you might be interested to know that commercial crabbers handle crabs by grasping the last or posterior leg just at the base of the body.

After the crabs are caught they should be kept alive, if possible, until cooked. They can usually be held out of water for about 12 hours, but should be cooked as soon as convenient. The process is very simple. Bring ocean or heavily salted fresh water to a boil. Sometimes a bay leaf or a few drops of Worcestershire sauce are added, and perhaps a small bag of spices if you like more seasoning. Drop the crabs in the water and cook them for 20 to 25 minutes after the water begins to boil again.

Clean the crabs by pulling off the shell and cleaning and washing the body. This may be done either before or after cooking, preferably before. When cooked, crack the legs with a hammer, don the biggest apron you can find, whip up some garlic butter for hot fresh bread as a sole accompaniment, or toss lettuce, tomatoes, hard-boiled eggs, crab meat and dressing together for a crab lousie, and you'll have one of the finest delicacies you've ever tasted.

Nonsensored

By Hy Brid

"My friend," said Douglas Jerrold, "have you sufficient confidence in me to lend me a ten-spot?" "Oh, yes, I have the confidence. All I lack is the ten-spot."

"What kept you out of school yesterday — acute indigestion?" "No, a cute Corporal."

Two soldiers were returning to camp and passed a residence where one of the occupants had forgotten the conventional use of the window blind:

"That girl's not a bit shy, is she?" said the buck private.

"Well — not exactly, but she's certainly retiring," answered the Sarg.

R.O.T.C. Quartermaster's Sergeant — "Well, speak up there, how do you want your uniform, too big or too small?"

Dinah had been having trouble with an ulcerated tooth and finally go up courage to go to the dentist. He had scarcely touched her when she yelled bloody murder.

"What are you making such a noise for?" demanded the dentist. "Don't you know I'm a 'painless dentist'?"

"Well, sah," retorted Dinah.

"mebbe yo' is painless, but Ah isn't."

It was Casey's first ocean voyage. The ship's doctor found him in his berth suffering from seasickness and wishing to cheer the man up said:

"I know you are miserable Casey, but brace up and act like a man. It will soon be over, you aren't going to die."

"Oi ain't goin' to die?" wailed Casey. "Faith and the thought that Oi would, was the only thing that was keepin' me alive."

"But I told you, you should love your enemies," the preacher told the Indian.

"I do. I love um rum, whiskey, tobacco and women," said the crafty red man.

During the Saturday night revels in a frontier town, the scrawniest and skinniest beanpole citizen got shot in the leg. A citizen ran for the doctor, who had done his share in the celebrating.

"Whazzamazer?" he called down. "Ole Slim Jim Sauers has been shot."

"Whereabouts shot?"

"In the laig."

"Some shootin'!" said the Doc as he slammed down his window.

"Sarge" the policeman at the desk bit into his pencil savagely, "faith an' how d'ye spell 'Schenectady'?"

"Schenectady, eh? Let's see. S-S-k., S-k-i-n-n-e-k—What d'ye want to be spellin' it for?"

"I found the corpse of a horse at the corner of Schenectady Av'—noo an' First."

"Well, ye'll have to spell it yerself."

The policeman rose suddenly and made for the door.

"Where are ye goin'?"

"I'm goin' to drag that corps over to Troy Av'noo."

Boners

Fiction are books which are fixed to the shelves and cannot be removed.

A hamlet is an English dish consisting of ham and eggs cooked together.

Monasteries were places in the Middle Ages where monsters were kept.

A millennium is an insect with many more legs than a centennial. The only article of clothing worn by Gandhi in India is the sirlolin.

My darling wife was always glum I drowned her in a cask of rum And so made sure that she would stay In better spirits night and day.

"Why did Sam invite only married people to his wedding?"

"Well, he figured that way all the presents would be clear profit."

First Tramp — "Dese railroad police got a tough life, ain't dey, always tramping a beat?"

"Yes, and when they ain't doin'

that, dey gotta be beatin a tramp."

"I thought your minister was to have a call to Minneapolis."

"He did expect it, but when he went up there to preach a trial sermon he took his text from St. Paul, so it's all off."

HOW GOOD ARE YOU?

- 1. What recent Vice-President was part Indian and brought up on an Indian reservation?
2. What fish does genuine caviar come from?
3. Where do naiads live?
4. What state maintained a famous lottery?
5. Whose wife was Xanthippe?
6. What was the "Gentlemen's Agreement" in U. S. diplomacy?
7. What is the official name of Constantinople?
8. What is the name of Rabelais' hero?
9. To what place have the Canadians built a railroad so that they can ship their wheat to Europe more cheaply?
10. What is it, according to the advertisements, that your best friend won't tell you?

ANSWERS

- 1. Vice-President Charles Curtis.
2. Various varieties of sturgeon.
3. In the sea or other water.
4. Louisiana.
5. Socrates' wife.
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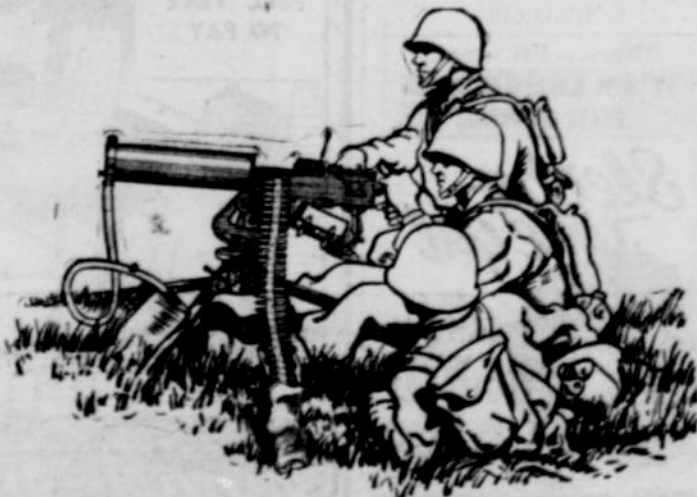
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