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OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lane Leneve

And now another sportsman joins the charmed circle seated in the flickering light of the old camp fire. Look who's here! "Ain't that sumpin'!"

"This is Frank Osmond, game warden, speaking. My favorite outdoor sport is hunting. I have hunted ever since I was big enough to know anything. My favorite indoor sport is bowling and I like to see ice hockey and basket ball played.

"My favorite make of shot gun is a Winchester 12 gauge pump gun. My favorite size of shot are sixes. A Winchester 30-30 carbine is my favorite rifle. A 38 Special Colts, Officer's model is my favorite revolver. Winchester brand is my favorite ammunition. Fly fishing is my favorite method of angling. As to artificial flies, I have no choice. A Bear Valley spinner is my favorite. My ambition is and always has been to hunt big game in Canada and British Columbia."

Thanks, Frank. Here comes another sportsman to join us. Just move over fellows and make room for him. He will address you next week.

How many are there among us hunters and fishermen who can truthfully state that he is a real honest-to-goodness true sportsman? You see the assertion in print, or hear the statement made every now and then by a man that he is a true sportsman in every sense of the word. How many are there among the great rank and file of sportsmen who can truthfully state that he has never violated any game law? The chances are ten to one that he has in the past and if some of the proposed laws are put through at this season of the legislature, he will probably do so again. It's such laws as not permitting a man to go into the woods at all during fire season and the proposed short and late law that causes many a sportsman to turn outlaw. Lots of us would risk a fine to visit our favorite trout stream during fire season and I have heard the remark made by not a few, that rather than take a chance in the woods overrun by hunters, only to kill a spoilt deer, that they were going to get their deer whenever the opportunity presented itself.

It is true that many sportsmen who used to violate the law have reformed and obey it to a large extent, partly due to fear of being apprehended and partly due to a heart interest in the welfare of our game. But others have never reformed and probably never will. It really takes a lot to be classed as a real sportsman in every sense of the word. Do you live up to the following: Never kill game animals or birds out of season. Never exceed your bag limit on either game animals or birds out of season. Never exceed your bag limit on either game animals or birds during open season. Always give the game a chance. Never exceed the limit in fish. Never try to "hog" on your brother sportsman while in the field or marshes, or in the woods. Never take an unfair advantage of another in order to secure some good shooting or fishing.

If you live up to the above requirements you are a true sportsman. One of the worst traits in a hunter or fisherman, to my way of thinking is a man who is not content to give his fellow sportsmen a chance and match his skill against theirs at the opening of the season, but will fare forth a week or so in advance of the opening day and do his killing—just in order to beat the law abiding sportsmen to it. This sort of a man is not only a law violator, but a game hog as well.

Leading sporting magazines throughout the country are working along lines of game conservation. They are seeking to educate their millions of readers along these lines. It is seldom that one sees a picture appearing in any sporting magazines today of a large bag of game, in il-

lustrating a hunting story. Some twenty years back and even in more recent years, a picture of a hunter completely surrounded by a kill of dead birds and deer were often seen in illustrating an article. Not long ago I received a letter from a publisher of an eastern magazine requesting me to write an Oregon duck hunting story. A P. S. by the editor read, "Remember to submit pictures of this story with only a moderate bag of birds."

The fighting rabbit, belonging to Frank Wilson, the one that chased the bulldog about the place, is no more. He met his Waterloo at the claw and fang of Wilson's cat. Whether bunny met his demise seeking to lick the cat I did not learn. It was with regret that I learned of the rabbit's death, for it is doubtful if there is another rabbit in existence that will tackle a bulldog—that is, and get away with it, as Wilson's rabbit did.

I appreciate any comments, whether complimentary or otherwise, regarding Out-of-Doors Stuff and remember that I am always glad to get a bit of news from its readers concerning any out-of-doors happenings.

A Powers man last week shot and killed a green parrot in the Powers district. The bird was some three miles from any habitation and how it got there is a mystery and why the man should want to slay it is another mystery. Thos. Dungey has mounted the bird for the man.

With the pussy willows in bud and bloom and the hillside sprinkled with daisies, old Sol smiling out of blue skies the biggest part of the time, a fellow begins to get the yen for the feel of a fly rod. He begins to hear the call of his favorite trout stream and the wind blowing in from the big timbered hills, its warmth bringing the promise of early Spring, carries a message to the out-of-doors man that sets his pulse pounding and stirs within his mind memories of past Spring days that are never forgotten. These memories are truly the jewels of life in a store of golden memories. It is memories of past experiences in the out-of-doors that fires a man's imagination and arouses his ambitions each Spring and sends him forth to answer the call of a foam-flecked trout stream that year after year sings its merry song as it races among the moss-covered boulders on its never ending journey to the sea.

Independents Defeat Ekblad's

The Coquille Independent basketball team came back with a second half assault to rout the Ekblad Hardware quintet of Marshfield, 44 to 33, in a game played here in the community hall Wednesday night. The score at half time was, 22 to 19, in favor of Ekblad's.

The local basketballers took an early minute lead of 6 to 0 which faded in the second period when baskets by Sherill and Selen sent their mates to the front. Coquille rallied and, though unable to pass Marshfield, made shorter the gap in the score before half time.

Early in the third canto the score was knotted at 25 all. Soon, however, the county seat men began to drop in basket after basket to rapidly ride away from the opposition. Lineups: Coquille (44) Ekblad's (33)

Referee: Ben Hill, Coquille. Monday night the Independents completely routed the North Bend all-stars, 49 to 28. Lineups:

Coquille (49) North Bend (28)
Lorenz (10) F (8) T. Tyberg
Pulford (14) F (8) McDonald
Hartley (14) C (4) Morton

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Myrtle Point Junior Hi Wins

Meeting in the community hall on a neutral floor, the Myrtle Point Junior High, champions of the Coquille Valley, defeated the North Bend Junior High, leaders of the Coos Bay schools, 19 to 10, in a basketball game played here Wednesday night.

Presenting a well-balanced team the valley basketballers took the lead from the start to clearly outplay their adversaries. Rangier and faster they outstepped, outpassed and outshot North Bend throughout.

With the winning of this title goes a beautiful silver cup designating the championship. Lineups:

Myrtle Point North Bend
Rackieff F Copple
Ray F Muscus
Weekly C Wilson

Carver G Thompson
Barger G Neis
Referee: W. V. Ferguson, Coquille.

At the Liberty Theatre, Coquille, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3 and 4, Rex Beach's "Silver Horde." Many beautiful and thrilling scenes filmed in Alaska.

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