

Out-of-Doors Stuff

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The hunter this season may bag a bull elk with forked horns or better, so states the Oregon Game Laws. Will some kind person please page some hunter who has ever seen an elk with forked horns? We have never seen such an animal ourselves and have failed to find a single old-time hunter who has glimpsed such a freak. We hate to show our ignorance in this case, for evidently the State Game Commission knows what it is doing but, nevertheless, we should like very much to know just where this forked horn elk ranges that the season has been opened upon. It will be too bad to slay such a rare specimen of the elk family.

Yep, once again all you need to possess a gun, some ammunition, a special five-buck license, an axe, a saw, block and tackle and the necessary ambition and bloodthirsty nature and you may fare forth in search of the few remaining bull elk of southwestern Oregon.

The antelope herds in eastern Oregon have decreased from 20,000 to 10,000 during the past eight years of open season. The decrease is viewed with alarm by many of the sport-fraternity but, nevertheless, the slaughter goes on year after year. The Game Commission is cashing in on the antelope just as they are on the elk. They gaze only into the future so far as dollars are concerned; game seems to be a secondary matter with them, so far as its propagation is concerned. Never is an attempt made to conserve game while it is still plentiful. It is allowed to be killed down to a pitiful few of a species before steps are taken to protect it. That is history. It applies to the Great American Bison or buffalo, the Heath Hen, the Carrier Pigeon, certain species of ducks—all of them now extinct with the exception of the buffalo, their numbers being pathetic when compared to the eleven million of them once estimated to be roving the great plains.

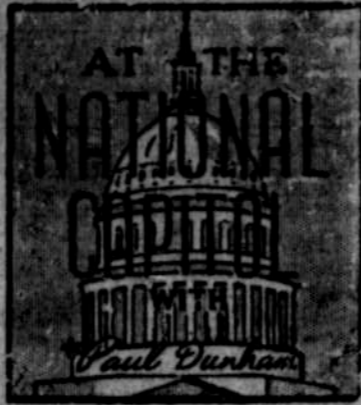
The continuous open season on Chinese pheasants in Coos county is a shining example of ignorance and greed in handling game affairs. The once numerous birds are whittled down to just a few scattered birds and within a few more years there won't be a half dozen pair left in the entire county.

We wish to thank Clyde Lillie of the armed forces for one of the nicest compliments we have ever received regarding this column. Clyde states that while stationed at his base in the South Pacific that he and his buddies enjoyed and looked forward to Out-of-Doors Stuff, that they especially enjoyed "the battle" between "Moon" Mullins and the writer and that he looked upon this column as a morale builder. Just who wouldn't be proud! Thanks a lot, Clyde.

It isn't long now until the opening of deer season and many thousands of hunters are looking forward to the opening day with keen anticipation. The fever which has lain dormant for many months will gradually mount and will be at a high degree when the hunter sets forth the morning of the opening day. There is no use in giving advice to old hunters, but let us issue a warning to the tenderfoot, the inexperienced man, woman, boy or girl who has never before hunted, or whose hunting experience has been limited to just a few seasons. Right now, while preparing for the opening day, do not fail to remind yourself constantly of the fact that you are not the only hunter who is faring forth the opening day or will be in the woods during the open season. Constantly remind yourself that forked horn bucks or better, are the only legal bucks to be killed in most districts. Remind yourself that a deer does not resemble a man in any manner—that a man does not possess horns, but that a legal buck does. Remind yourself constantly that another hunter can be in the same country as yourself. Coach yourself never to become excited to the extent of firing at any moving object or at moving brush, for the chance are 99 out of a 100 that to figure that a man's life is no more shooting down, in cold blood, another hunter.

Fare forth with this fact fixed firmly in your mind—to shoot only when you are positive that it is a buck you are firing at and not a fellow hunter. Preach this lesson to yourself daily, keep it constantly in mind while in the woods. If you see the brush move or glimpse an object, say to yourself: "That's a man, not a deer," and hold your fire until you are positive that you are mistaken and that it is a buck.

If you are inconsiderate enough to figure that a man's life is no more valuable than that of a deer, then case your gun and stay at home. But if you place the value of human life above that of a buck's life, remember that fact, as you set forth.



Washington, D. C., Sept. 27—

"There will always be an America, unless we give it away," declared Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota.

Congressman Knutson opened the fight against extending further aid to the British and was promptly attacked for this attitude. The lawmaker from Minnesota asserted that the British want money from the United States with which to finance the expropriation of coal mines, railroads and the Bank of England, but this charge was denied. From now on, until the question is settled, imtemperate debates may be looked for in congress. Here is the situation:

As a result of the first world war, Great Britain owed the United States \$6,500,000,000. The labor government, under Ramsey MacDonald, repudiated this debt. Under lend-lease, Great Britain received \$29,500,000,000, which will never be paid. Sir John Maynard Keynes and Viscount Halifax have arrived in the United States to solicit a loan—the exact sum has not been announced. Great Britain also wants returned the money it spent for war supplies in the United States before lend-lease was adopted.

It is acknowledged by the British that their economic condition is in a bad way, and they must have money from the United States. When lend-lease was cut off they criticised this country severely, and among the critics was Winston Churchill. Great Britain, as well as the rest of the beneficiaries of lend-lease, were advised in advance that lend-lease would stop with the surrender of Japan, but the British expected an exemption to be made in their case.

In lieu of lend-lease, the administration is offering to extend credit to the allies which will enable them to get back on their feet. The French have already applied for and will receive \$2,575,000,000, which must come from the pockets of American

taxpayers, and perhaps the loan will be repaid some time. At the end of world war one, the United States had supplies in France amounting to \$2,400,000,000 and the French did everything possible to prevent this material (hams, shoes, food, typewriters—everything) from being shipped back to the United States. Finally, this country sold the material for \$400,000,000, or 16.66 cents on the dollar. The French gave a ten-year note. Later, the French repudiated this note together with an agreement to repay the war loans with two percent interest in 60 years. So France got the material for nothing and the British got out of paying; but American taxpayers are still paying for these repudiated debts, for the money advanced to France and Great Britain by the United States had to come from the American pocketbook—there is no other source from which Uncle Sam can obtain money.

As of this date, Great Britain has received from American taxpayers \$36,000,000,000. Inasmuch as Britain defaulted the debt of the first world war (the lend-lease can be forgotten), Representative Knutson declares that anyone would be a sap to make a new loan after the first loan had been repudiated.

However, it is reasonably certain that Great Britain will get something—something between three and six billion dollars, in the negotiations now in progress. The plight of Britain is desperate. It is estimated that the money Britain has already received represents a per capita of \$675 to American taxpayers.

Russia is reported as wanting credit of six billion dollars, but this has not been officially confirmed. Russia is, however, applying for \$750,000,000 from UNRRA.

The next bond issue, for which preparations are now in progress, will be for \$11,000,000,000. If Britain swings a loan of six billion and Russia is given six billion in credits, this will be in excess of one billion more than the Victory bond drive is expected to yield.

Just before the Japanese surrender congress was asked for \$20,275,000,000 to be spent outside the United States. Here is the breakdown: Army, for relief, one billion; FEA for lend-lease, \$4,375,000,000; international bank, \$9,100,000,000; international monetary fund \$2,750,000,000, export-import bank \$3,500,000,000. Only part of these requests have been eliminated. Regardless of what happens to the various requests

for financial aid, the United States will have to feed millions of people abroad this winter. This may necessitate a resumption of food rationing; but America will not hesitate to feed the hungry, regardless of creed, race or color.

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