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TROUT DEPLETION IN LOCAL RIVERS

Commission Is Asked to Restock Once Famed Walla Walla River.

Anglers and sportsmen of the Milton-Freewater district want trout fry planted in the Walla Walla river. Recently warden Glenn made a survey of the Walla Walla river with the view of recommending that 200,000 of the fingerlings now at Bingham Springs hatchery be allotted to the Walla Walla river. It is said that the fishing is poor in the Walla Walla and no fish to speak of have been planted in that stream for sometime. It is reported that a number of unscreened irrigation ditches lead from the Walla Walla, and if true, this phase will have to be satisfactorily adjusted to conform with a recent decision of the game commission that hereafter no trout will be allotted to any stream that has ditches open and unscreened.

Time was when the Walla Walla river was one of the best trout fishing streams in the state, but of late years the fish numbers have become woefully depleted. And the cause is not altogether due to open irrigation ditches, so those who claim to know, asseverate.

These sportsmen and anglers declare that from the time the state game commission turned the Umatilla county streams over to Walla Walla anglers on the reciprocal resident license fee basis, the numbers of trout in the Walla Walla river began to dwindle until they have about petered out. Formerly the fishermen of Walla Walla county paid a non-resident license fee when fishing the Umatilla county streams and their numbers accordingly were few, but with the lowering of the fee, it was soon discovered that Walla Walla county contained about as many anglers as Umatilla had.

The result was inevitable, according to the chorus emanating from protestants that with the increased number of anglers, Umatilla county streams would have to receive greater plantings of trout or conditions would accrue to exactly what they now are. Further, the fact that the Umatilla river has been depleted by over-fishing, notwithstanding a hatchery has been established there for several years, is blamed by the objectors in a great measure to non-residents who are privileged to fish on payment of resident license fee.

Cooley Is in Accident At Railroad Crossing

Mrs. Room, hostess of the Athena hotel freed word from Oregon City from her daughter, Mrs. Lyman Cooley, that Mr. Cooley was in a Portland hospital, as the result of an accident which happened when his automobile was struck by an Oregon Electric train at a crossing.

The accident happened sometime Monday. The car was thrown 25 feet from the rails and totally demolished and Mr. Cooley was picked up 45 feet beyond the car. He was immediately removed to a hospital in Portland where an X-ray examination revealed that he had sustained a broken arm, a gash over one eye and a badly sprained back.

Minor bruises and cuts comprise total injuries and the condition of the patient is expected to improve at once, denoting an early recovery.

State Line Woman Dead

Mrs. Lucretia Crockett-Overturf, 76, early pioneer of the State Line district in the east end of the county, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ross Reed, at Kirkland, Washington, near Seattle. Prior to her death Mrs. Overturf resided in Pendleton. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Jerold Ashton and Mrs. Ellis Irland of Seattle; Mrs. Reed of Kirkland and Mrs. Otto Diddion of Crockett station.

None Go From Here

It is reported no members of the Athena Golf club made the trip Sunday to Pilot Rock to participate in the annual tournament and picnic held there. A general invitation to local club members had been received, but as the day was ideal for playing on the new course here, the home bunch just could not tear itself away. A large number of visitor players were on the course during the hours of both forenoon and afternoon.

Groups Named To Take Care of the Unemployed

Looking toward relieving the unemployed and needy over the late fall and winter months, concerted efforts are being put forward in the cities and small towns of the state.

A survey of the relief organizations in Pendleton reveal that the leading men of that city are at the head of investigations now being made to ascertain the best means of financing relief work there.

The county organization of which County Judge Schanney is chairman and which has a local chairman and committeemen in each town in the county is beginning to function. For Athena, E. C. Rogers is chairman and has selected as committeemen, Alex McIntyre and W. P. Littlejohn.

At Weston, C. W. Avery is Chairman and Bert Kirby heads the committee in Adams. L. L. Rogers and Charles Bond of Pendleton are two committeemen appointed with Judge Schanney on the county committee by Governor Meier.

In the larger towns of the state preparation for relief work have been under way for some time. In Portland a number of organizations are lending support to the movement. Miss Mildred Bateman, who is with the Multnomah county social welfare department, informed The Press while in Athena last week, that it is surprising to learn of the number of people who have been forced to ask for aid, who up to this time have had employment such as nursing and teaching.

Many corporations and companies in the cities have cut down the number of employees to such an extent that those thrown out of employment are in sad circumstances. There will be a limit to county aid which can be given to such cases, said Miss Bateman, as the funds are from the tax budget and this is being cut to quite an extent in line with the general economy program.

Deer Season Opens, Local Hunters Will Go

The deer season opens Sunday and a large number of Athena hunters are making preparations to be in the hills at sunrise to get a crack at a buck. Different ideas prevail as to where is the best place to hunt. The breaks of the John Day are beckoning to several who have been there before, so to the John Day they will go.

The Pearson creek district looks good to others, and it's Pearson creek for them. Later in the season Fly Valley and Sheep Creek, beyond Starkey Prairie will be the deer hunting grounds for others.

Close to home, the Blue Mountains east of town, many deer have been seen by huckleberry pickers and campers and we know of several hunters who are going there for opening day only, returning home in the evening. Good deer hunting is reported to be had this season low down in the foot hills only a few miles from town. Only the dry condition of the mountain terrain is to be considered a handicap under which hunters will labor, for "thar's deer in them thar mountains" this season.

Wheat Traded for Fruit

A trade proposition that seems to have been working pretty well for all concerned has been going on over the project this fall reports a Hermiston correspondent. Farmers of the wheat county going to Hermiston for vegetables and fruit quite often bring with them several sacks of wheat which they readily exchange for the supplies they want.

A Melon Raid

Weston Leader: A raid was made on George Winn's watermelon patch late Friday night by unknown marauders, presumably young and callow, and the melons were then brought to town, broken open, and the contents smeared over sidewalks and store fronts. Those who had the mess to clean up rank the perpetrators of the "joke" only a degree or two above the moron in intelligence and decent instincts.

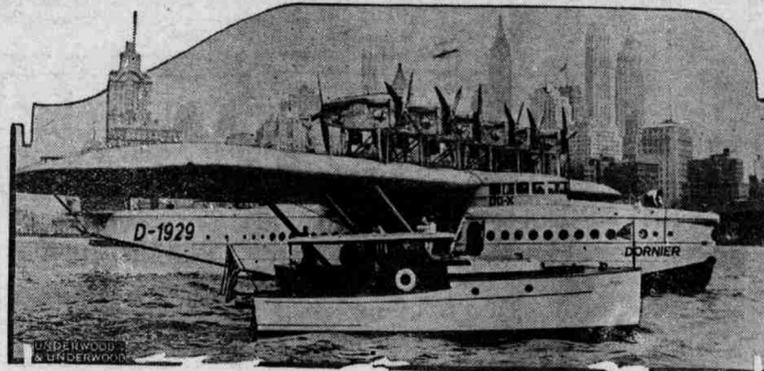
Boynnton Shows Up

Vayne Boynnton, whose disappearance was noted last week was located in Seattle and later returned to the home of his brother Earl in Portland. During the three or four intervening days between the finding of his car at the bottom of a grade on the Columbia highway and his location in Seattle, he was said to have been dazed and to have had no recollection of the accident.

Apple Tree Wood

Ralph Jr., and Edwin McEwen have been hauling apple wood to town this week from a Pine Creek ranch. Last winter they cut down and uprooted an old apple orchard and converted the trees into cordwood. Being dry and firm, it should make excellent fuel for heating stoves and fireplaces.

DO-X Resting in the Harbor of New York



An excellent shot of the giant Dornier DO-X, world's largest flying boat, as she rested in the harbor of New York, part of the world-famous skyline in the background. She was not taken to the air races at Cleveland because her engines needed overhauling after the long voyage from Brazil.

The Continental Oil Company Offers \$10,000 in Cash Prizes for Answer

On another page of this issue of The Press appears an offer of \$10,000 in cash prizes for the best answers explaining "The Mystery of the Hidden Quart," and launching the largest advertising campaign ever sponsored by Continental Oil Company in the interest of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil.

The contest announced today is one in which motorists are invited to compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes, in telling how the "hidden quart" of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil benefits motorists. The question is "What becomes of the 'hidden quart' and how does this quart benefit the motorist?" There are 29 prizes, first prize being \$5,000.

The contest closes at midnight, September 28, 1931, with all communications being sent to Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla. Judges of the contest are: Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma; John A. Hunter, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Colorado; and Frank L. Martin, associate dean, School of Journalism, University of Missouri.

"I've Found My Ideal," Aimee Says of Her Mate

Los Angeles.—"At last I have found my ideal." Aimee Semple McPherson-Hutton, noted evangelist, smiled happily as she spoke when she admitted eight newspaper reporters and four camera men to her luxurious bedroom and told why she eloped to Yuma, Ariz., and married David L. Hutton, Angelus temple singer and eight years her junior.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a cerise silk kimono and green "mules," the bridegroom in a blue bathrobe and with a grin on his round, cherubic face.

"I have always said that my ideal husband must love music and have the same interest as I have," she explained. "And," with an admiring glance at the somewhat bulging bathrobe-clad figure, "David has all of those things and more. He has understanding, sympathetic human understanding."

"I don't like it very well, this hectic kind of a honeymoon," she said with a wry smile. "We were married 18 hours before we had a moment alone together."

"The lonely little sparrow," as her mother, Mrs. Minnie ("Ma") Kennedy recently characterized her, when she, Mrs. Kennedy, married Guy Hudson, then went to a long French window in the bedroom and looked dreamily out as photographers fired their flashlights.

Pilot Rock Bank Dividend

A fifth dividend of 10 per cent to depositors of the liquidated First Bank of Pilot Rock has been authorized by Judge Calving Sweek of the Umatilla county circuit court. The dividend, totaling \$15,696.41, when paid will increase to 60 per cent the total sums paid on the claims of depositors, according to A. A. Schramm, acting state superintendent of banks.

Mrs. Murphy Wants Divorce

Mrs. Minnie Murphy has filed suit in the circuit court for divorce against Jack Murphy. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Seeking custody of the youngest child, she states in her complaint that the husband is a fit and proper person to have custody of two older ones. There are no property rights involved. Both parties to the action reside in Athena.

Bonifer Wins at Rodeo

Walt Bonifer, of Gibbon, won first in the bucking contest of the three-day fair and rodeo that ended Saturday evening at Condon. Buck Tiffin and Joe Fisher won second and third place, respectively. About 800 were in attendance Saturday.

The Farm Board Turns Down the Walla Walla Wheat Purchasing Plan

A Washington, D. C., dispatch yesterday said: The "Walla Walla" wheat plan, designed to increase prices and reduce acreage, was rejected by the farm board as impracticable and without the scope of its authority.

The board's decision, arrived at after a series of conferences with a delegation of wheat growers, bankers and business men from the Pacific northwest, was made known in a letter to Representative Summers, republican, Washington, chairman of the group.

This plan was one of hundreds which the board has had submitted to it for consideration as a means of relieving distress among wheat farmers.

"The farm board cannot approve this plan," C. B. Denman, acting chairman, wrote in the letter to Summers. "We do not believe it is likely to work to the advantage of the wheat producers of the country, or that we are justified, under the terms of the agricultural marketing act, in authorizing the stabilization corporation to make the contracts suggested."

Two New Race Horses

Two new race horses recently acquired by Athena owners are attracting attention from local admirers of ponies that are sprinters. "White Face," a thoroughbred from the George Drumheller racing stable is now the property of Fay LeGrow. The horse, which won races on the Vancouver, B. C., track this summer, is a half-brother of "Prince," a fine big bay colt that was raised by Mr. LeGrow. Bryce Baker owns "Friday," a winning veteran from the McCarthy-Elliott string. This horse, while well up in years is still going strong. He raced at the Pendleton Round-Up and the week following won the pony express race at the Hepper Rodeo. Bryce will race him at Baker during the meet there.

A Chinaman for Squashes

Jim Lee, Chinese cook at the Athena Hotel has ordinary gardeners hereabouts backed off the truck-raising map when it comes to raising squashes. In a vacant lot in the rear of the hotel, Jim has profitably utilized a small plot of ground for his garden. The only blessed seeds he planted were squash and tomato. His crop of tomatoes was fairly good, but his squashes beat anything this side of Gardena. Big, buster fellows they are, now being exposed to sunlight in the ripening process as the stems begin to weaken and leaves wither away.

Pioneer Resident Passes

Charles B. Isaac, pioneer of Umatilla county, who first settled on Dry Creek, died at his late home in Pendleton, Monday morning at the age of 78 years. Besides his widow who was Millie Kunzie he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Helen Snyder, Mrs. Herb Green and Charles Isaac, Pendleton; Mrs. Ruth Randall of Milton, and Mrs. Francis Turner of Caldwell. Mrs. Mary LaDow, a sister, of Corvallis, also survives.

Duck Season Dates

Changes in the hunting season for ducks, geese, brant and coot in 14 states are announced by the agriculture department. The changes included: In Oregon and Washington the season commences November 16 and closes December 15.

High Grade Wheat

Oregon will take care that China receives a high quality product in the recent consummated 15,000,000 bushel purchase of grain, State Director of Agriculture Max Gehlar said Monday. Practically all of the wheat to be shipped will go through the Port of Portland, and will be graded by state inspectors on federal standards, says.

Cigar Case Robbery at Athena Hotel Nets Cash and Cigarettes

Tuesday night someone entered the lobby of the Athena Hotel and robbed the cigar case of three cartons of cigarettes and \$3.50 in small change. A screwdriver reposing in a desk drawer was found and used by the thief in removing the screws from the padlock clasp on one of the doors to the case. The sum of money taken was change from cigar and cigarette sales and was kept in a small can.

The cartons of cigarettes which disappeared with the change were not full ones and other cartons that contained full number of packs, were not molested, indicating that the thief was in a hurry to get through with the job.

In all probability the thief will not be apprehended as no clues have developed. The hotel lobby remains open all night for convenience of patrons coming in at late hours.

Jack Floors Two

Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, knocked out two of four opponents in a fistie exhibition in Salt Lake City, Monday night.

Guests Appear Dressed Up in Antique Costumes

In response to an invitation cleverly rhymed, the Athena Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. F. S. LeGrow for a buffet dinner Tuesday evening. Hostesses and guests were arrayed in antique garb, period costumes from 1860 to the present day being in evidence. Top knots, frizzes and curls reminiscent of old style coiffures, topped by millinery ranging from the smallest bonnet to the merry widow mode, and augmented by trailing, flaring and beribboned frocks, disgraced the members of the party to an extent beyond belief.

Following dinner the group made several calls and votes taken decided in favor of Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn who was presented the first prize and Mrs. B. B. Richards second.

Mrs. Littlejohn was a perfect replica of the famed "Mrs. Wiggs" and she carried out the character in manner as well as costume. Mrs. Richards wore a dress eighty years old, with tight fitting basque, full skirt and lace stole. A minute bonnet completed the effect.

In addition to members of the club Mrs. S. J. Bowles of Walla Walla and Mrs. F. B. Boyd were guests. At the first meeting of the fall season which will occur at the home of Mrs. H. I. Watts Friday September 25, a tournament will be started. The club will meet alternate Fridays.

Return Home

C. O. Henry and Leroy McCubbins returned Saturday from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where they had been employed in the harvest field on Jacob Booher ranch. C. O. staged a real come-back and made a full hand at sewing sacks in a crop of wheat that averaged well. The Bonners Ferry district produced good crops this season. Clarence Hand did not return with Henry and McCubbins, having a harvest job of a few days days.

Kill Kare Pinochle Club

The Kill Kare Pinochle club met last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swift. Members sufficient for three tables were present and Mrs. Harvey Roseberry and Ross Catron won high score, and Mrs. D. A. Lowe and M. I. Miller received the consolation. Seasonable refreshments were served by the hostess.

License Receipts Drop

Receipts from the motor vehicle license fees are approximately \$250,000 less now than they were at the same time last year. Fees paid to September 10 were \$5,752,022.94 for this year, compared to \$5,975,625.34 for 1930, Secretary of State Hoss says.

Teacher Marries, District Sues to Rescind Contract

Multnomah county school district No. 4 Gresham, Thursday of last week, filed suit in circuit court at Portland, seeking to rescind the teaching contract held by Jeannette M. Null, formerly Jeanette M. Miller, of Athena, on the ground that the teacher married subsequent to execution of the contract in violation of her agreement with the school directors of the district.

A contract was executed September 8, 1931, whereby Mrs. Null, then Miss Miller, was employed as teacher for the present school year. The board of directors had adopted a rule that unmarried women would be given preference to exclusion of married women. The defendant promised she would not marry until after expiration of the term of contract, it is alleged.

It is further alleged that the promise was made solely for the purpose of misleading the district, and that Mrs. Null has employed counsel for the purpose of enforcing the contract and has threatened to file an action to collect compensation or damages for alleged breach of contract.

Dell Brothers Buy Farm

York and Henry Dell have purchased 520 acres of wheat land from Joseph N. Scott. The land lies west of Athena and 320 acres of it is the old Frank Mansfield homestead. Formerly 160 acres of it was owned by the late Jerry Stone, and 40 acres by E. A. Dudley. A portion of the place yielded a good crop of spring sown grain this year, the remainder being in fall sown grain. The Dell Brothers will not farm the land, but will lease it out.

Crater Lake Sets Mark

Attendance records for Crater Lake were broken again this season when the 158,000 mark was reached last week. Last year's season total was 157,693.

Purchases the Grocery Interest of L. A. Cornell

H. A. Roseberry has purchased the half interest of L. A. Cornell in the Red & White grocery and provision store at corner of Main street. With the filing of the transfer papers, the ownership firm controlling the Red & White store will be Montague & Roseberry.

C. E. O. Montague retains his half interest in the Red & White store, which he established in its present location, when O. O. Stephens retired from the grocery business in Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. Roseberry recently moved to Athena from the M. L. Watts ranch north of Athena, where for a long time Mr. Roseberry was foreman. Both are well known in this part of Umatilla county and Athena people will be pleased to welcome them as permanent citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell came to Athena a couple of years ago from Brogan Malheur county. Mr. Cornell first took over the Thompson Garage. Later disposing of that, he formed partnership with Mr. Montague in the Red & White. He will probably leave Athena but as yet has not decided where he will locate or what business he will engage in.

It's a Boy, of Course!

The reason why George Simpson, well-known Pendleton-Walla Walla truck line operator, has been juggling vinegar barrels on his nose and tossing 100 lb. sacks of sugar out of the truck as though they were toy balloons is explained by the arrival of a boy at his home. George has been doing the strong man act at Walla Walla and Pendleton and way points for over three weeks. The new lad bowed admittance to the Simpson home August 26.

Saturday Night Dances

Edwin McEwen has leased the Miller building on Main street and will utilize it for a series of Saturday night dances. He has been getting the floor in proper condition and decorations have been made. Edwin will furnish modern dance music by phonograph and radio, with electric amplification. A charge of 50 cents per couple and 15 cents for extra ladies will be made. Light lunches of sandwiches, coffee, etc., will be on sale. The terms of the building lease provides for his permission to sublet it for club and orchestra dances, social gatherings and parties.

Athena vs. Mac-Hi Today

This afternoon Athena high school football team will meet Mac-Hi on the Milton-Freewater gridiron, in the first game of the season. Mac-Hi being in the upper bracket with the heavier teams in this scholastic district, the contest will be on the order of a practice game, the result not affecting or entering into final results in games won and lost.

LABOR DENOUNCES MEIER PROPOSALS

Report Asserts Governor's Unemployment Program Is Inadequate.

Salem.—Unemployment and wage cutting overshadowed all other problems as the 29th annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor got under way here Monday. The annual report of Ben T. Osborne, executive secretary, and President William Cooper, presented just before noon, sounded the keynote of the session, and the situation caused by the present business depression predominated that note.

One hundred and fifty-five delegates registered the opening day of the session.

The state government in its action concerning unemployment and wage reductions has been an even greater disappointment than the federal government, Osborne said in his report. The chief executive "seems utterly unable to grasp the extent of unemployment, the inevitable results that must follow if it is not checked and the significance of the ominous clouds that hover on the not distant horizon."

Osborne criticized the governor's "comprehensive program" for unemployment relief in Oregon, which he termed three means for relief. They are "two and half million dollars for highway construction, an agitation for greater consumption of Oregon-made products and tax conservation. The proposed highway work, if undertaken, will provide a degree of relief but will be wholly inadequate to the needs of the situation, Osborne pointed out in discussion of Governor Meier's program. Graver potentialities than existed in 1917 and 1918 during the World war are seen in the present situation by the labor leader.

Skepticism of any great success of a home products campaign was expressed in the report, which holds that any increased consumption of Oregon products by citizens of the state will be offset by decreased purchases by other states which will retaliate against attempted discrimination against their products.

The governor's tax conservation program and his policy of wage slashing in public employment was severely criticized by Osborne.

"His (Meier's) whole tax reduction program is predicated on less public spending and particularly on discharging some public employees and reducing the wages of those retained," Osborne declared. "The program of false economy in public expenditures also means a curtailment of public expenditures, lessening employment in the various lines of construction. The saving that can be effected by reducing wages of public employees will be insignificant in its effect on taxes.

Auto Crash Death Toll Reaches Four

Corvallis.—The death toll of an automobile accident of Yachats was raised to four Tuesday with the death of Kenneth Berry, 32, who died early this morning in a local hospital from a fractured skull.

Buster Taylor, 17, Waldport high school sophomore, was killed instantly Sunday when Berry's car crashed into a parked gravel truck.

A. O. Thomas, 32, of Yachats and Miss Deborah J. Johnson, 20, other passengers with Berry, died several hours after the crash.

Witnesses said the car was traveling at high speed when it shattered against the heavy truck.

Mrs. Pinkerton Hostess

Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton was hostess to a small group of friends Wednesday afternoon when she arranged a miniature practice tournament at the golf course. Those competing were Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. Lisle Gray, Mrs. Justin Harwood, and Mrs. Pinkerton. The guests drew for partners and played nine holes. Mrs. Michener and Mrs. Pinkerton held the low score for the afternoon.

Two Violators Fined

Two infractions of the fish and game laws of the state were adjudged last week by the arrest and convictions of Herbert Castiel of Pilot Rock, who was charged with killing grouse out of season, and C. H. Harris of Milton, for polluting a stream. Castiel was fined \$25, and Harris was assessed \$100 and costs.

Linesman Fractures Leg

For the second time since spring practice, Clair Anderson, stellar guard on the Wa-Hi football squad suffered a fracture of the right leg during a game, the result not affecting or entering into final results in games won and lost.