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Trout Mature Quickly

The "fish pullman," or the automobile truck used by the state game commission for fish distribution will be at work at the Oak Springs hatchery four miles below Manpin on the Deschutes river this week. Rainbow trout will be planted. The Oak Springs hatchery has the advantage of other similar places operated by the commission in that the water used by it, due to feeding from a warm spring keeps a year around temperature of 55 degrees. This is regarded as the ideal temperature for fish culture. Fish raised there have a year round growth, while those hatched and cultured in water of changing temperatures grow only during the time when the thermometer is forced up by warm weather. Fish that were hatched less than a year ago have grown to from four to six inches in length at the Oak Springs hatchery.

ATLANTA BOY, 13, IS A SKYSCRAPER

Youth Is Growing Toward New Altitude Mark.

Atlanta, Ga.—How would you like to be thirteen again—but seven feet two inches tall?

That is the age and height of Henry Mullins of Atlanta. He hopes to be a football star at Georgia Tech some day.

Doctors say the trouble—if it can be called that—is caused by overactivity of the youth's pituitary gland, a ductless organ below the brain. Such overactivity causes the rise of most giants.

Henry Mullins is in the seventh grade in school. His report card is usually word showing to his father and mother—A's and B's. On top of that he is a good golf player. He goes around in the 80s and some of his drives are 200 yards.

Henry doesn't look toward golf for success, however. "All the club handles are too short, anyway. I want to be a boxer and a football player, but I can't find anybody to box with me," he said.

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Sails Over Earthquake; Feels Ship "Hit Bottom"

Washington, D. C.—Sailing over an earthquake that was sufficiently severe to be felt by seismographs throughout the world was the experience of a British ship, the Magnolia that has just been reported to the hydrographic office here.

The report incidentally confirms the location of the quake made on December 2, the day after it happened, by the United States coast and geodetic survey, with the aid of telegraphic data gathered from a number of observatories by Science Service.

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Grain Raisers Fight

Wheat Growers of 3 States Fight Higher Grain Rail Rates

Wheat growers of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, represented at a spirited meeting held at Pendleton April 27, refused to accept defeat in the grain rate fight and voted to carry the battle through to a conclusion. Their goal is a one-third reduction to ports of the Pacific northwest and a parity with the rates given to Canadian growers.

Arthur M. Geary, attorney for the growers, was given support in carrying on the case. Funds are to be raised by an assessment on growers of \$1 for each 1000 bushels of grain produced.

Harry Pinkerton, upon his return to Moro, stated that the Washington state wheat growers had, up to the day of the meeting, spent approximately \$4,200 in their effort for lower freight rates and that about \$6,000 additional would be necessary to carry the fight to a conclusion.

It was proposed to raise this fund by the assessment method and that the share allotted to the state of Oregon was \$3,750 divided among the eastern Oregon wheat growing counties as follows: Umatilla, \$1,600; Sherman, \$700; Wasco, \$400; Gilliam, \$350; Morrow, \$300; Union, \$200; Baker, \$100; Jefferson, \$100.

One resolution adopted by the meeting calls for laying the case before western senators and recites that competition from Canadian growers is severe and that the report that Canadian and American rates are not comparable is "lacking in essential information and misleading." Another step taken was to provide committees to check up and report on the extent of co-operation or lack of co-operation given to the growers' attorney by the regulatory commission in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

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Where the West Left Off

By JACK SMITH
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EVERYBODY was eating breakfast—yep, a masculine one, with an eye to see how Will took it, "who is going to stop off here. I've told him you're a rough diamond, dad, but I fancy he thinks you're rougher than you really are. I'd like to show him a thing or two."

"Oh, yes," drawled her brother Jim. "Old stuff. You want us to pose as Sureshot Sams and Quick-on-the-draw Pates—"

"Not at all," broke in Rosalie coolly. "I merely wish to prove that we are as civilized as easterners when we want to be. Know how to dress for dinner and—"

"Aw, shucks, sis!" said Jim in disgust. "There isn't an extra outfit of civil rags for fifty miles."

But Rosalie persisted. "I know how to get them. The 'movie' people that did let camp down by the creek are through doing society stuff and are on the wild and woolly western. They'll lend us their 'soups and fish.' Jack Thorpe told me so!"

In her triumph she failed to observe that this time she really drew blood to Will's cheek. The newcomer was an unknown quantity, and the leading man in "The Cowboy's Revenge" had him guessing.

Now when an entire ranch full of people have fallen for a person's eyes, why since childhood they are not likely suddenly to leave off. Thus it happened that when Higginson Brooks descended from his train he found awaiting him, instead of the pawing team and knicker-clad, leather-limbed dame he expected, a slender girl in a crepe de chine frock.

"It's wonderful!" he exclaimed. "Wonderful! 'Out where the West begins!'"

"Well," said Rosalie apologetically. "I am afraid we are rather where the West leaves off!" Suddenly her eyes widened. She reached in the side door pocket and pulled out a pair of binoculars. "See what is going on down there," she bade him, pointing to the valley where the motion picture company was working. "That's part of our land but—"

She handed him the glasses.

There was a moment's silence as Brooks studied the landscape. "Why—er—there seems to be a number of cowboys dragging an animal or—er—something."

Temptation came to Rosalie and to her shame, was not resisted. With a shriek that was realistic she covered her eyes with her hands. "Oh," she moaned, "I had forgotten. Poor Link! Auto stealing. And I always liked Link."

"But what will they do? Surely lynching—"

"Oh, no!" Rosalie's eyes were properly horrified. "They just drag them behind a flivver until—well, it always kills them!"

Higginson replaced the glasses and said very little for some time. Then he spoke as one who has been weighing his words. "Miss Rosalie, I have a special reason for coming West. I have come to have an interest in—"

But Rosalie, who considered herself an old hand at warding off proposals, stepped on the gas.

Now Rosalie contemplated nothing so crude as letting a guest in in sports garb when the rest of the men wore dinner clothes. She let fall the necessary hint so that sometime later at the meal the only embarrassment was on the side of those outfitted in costumes not made for their respective measurements!

That Higginson took them all for granted was evident, and, somehow or other, Rosalie got little satisfaction out of her plan.

Afterward in the cool of the starlit evening it was Rosalie's father with whom Brooks conversed rather than Rosalie, who sat in the couch hammock and realized that playing a part seldom pays.

"Yes," she heard the intended victim of her pranks remark, "I've quite an interest in the movie company I saw on location this afternoon down in your meadows. I own a good deal of the stock, and Thorpe, the leading man, is engaged to my cousin. Thought I recognized him today. I wrote the scenario."

Rosalie got out of the hammock and wandered down to a seat beneath the trees where she had sometimes sat with Will. And it was there he found her later.

The voice with which she greeted him was so obviously fearful that he doffed his premeditated aloofness. "What is it, Rosalie?" he asked tenderly.

"I—I hate having made a fool of myself," she said meekly.

"There's a pair of us then," comforted Will. Then, as he remembered how he had felt in a coat that was too tight with sleeves that were too short, "You certainly made one of me!" he added emphatically.

Rosalie started up indignantly. "You, too?" she cried.

There was one thing to do. Will did it—caught her in his arms and kissed her. "Forgive me, darling," he whispered. "I'll never mention it again!" And Rosalie believed him.

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