

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

There are rumors that a member of the fish commission had been here last Saturday looking for me because of my article about the lack of the fish screens in this county. But it happened that I was out fishing that day. But as far as I could learn that member has stated that because of some technicality nothing could be done about the Applegate district, in the matter of the use of fish screen.

I don't understand this. The state commission has plenty of backing by all sportsmen of the state in untold thousands. And if the state commission don't do anything or even try to find some means to make the Applegate farmers use the screens, they are going to fall down tremendously in the esteem of the fishermen. There should be a way to do this screen business and it can be DONE.

I felt so burned up last Saturday morning when I was out at Gold Ray dam to see if I could hook a steelhead on the fly, (night before I have hooked three steelheads and landed one). It must have been at least 6:00 a.m. when I got there and I saw a man carry out three big brutes of salmon and they have been snagged. A little later down below the dam, I saw another man snag a salmon. Later I found that he got two salmon and the third salmon broke his line, finishing the day for him. I tell you the salmon looked too old and really unfitted to eat. But there are thousands of salmon that could not go over the Gold Ray dam. But I am not going to rave at Copco for not doing anything about it. Why ask one of the heaviest taxpayers in the county to go to the expense of fixing up a better ladder. It will cost plenty to fix a good fish ladder and Copco has been paying thousands of dollars in taxes to help maintain the schools of the county and other affairs. And then to expect them to pay more to

maintain a good fish ladder. I just feel that it should be the fish commission that should devise a way to raise money and fix up a good ladder. And I am sure Copco will do everything to make it easier for the commission to build a good fish ladder. It is my firm belief if there was a good fish ladder built at the dam, the snagging of the salmon will become a thing of the past.

Local steelhead fishermen are conducting a steelhead derby that I think all of you should enroll in. Ross & Ross will put in the pot \$2.50 and each one who signs their name on the roll will donate 25¢ to the pot. To the one who catches the largest steelhead of the season will go the prize of valuable fishing tackle. Remember this: that the more members enroll the bigger the prize will be. If you buy a high priced fly rod and still have some surplus left in the pot, you can buy a reel or line till the money in the pot is all gone. This derby is under all conditions not to be termed as a money making scheme. It is primarily for the lovers of the steelhead fishing. And any of you may be the lucky one to get the only prize as there will be no second or third prize. The contest started on July 7 and closes on October 15. The date line for the signing on the roll is August 10. So far 30 have put their name on the list, showing much interest in the contest. (By the way this contest is only for the local people and will not allow other city folks to enroll.) So come on folks, let's make it a fine contest.

So far four persons have hooked the steelheads which appeared on the steelhead derby roll, they are: Harry Elden 5 lbs 1/4 oz. Harry Elden 6 lbs. Ray Wyatt 6 lbs 14 oz. Sid Bristow 3 lbs 4 oz. Sid Bristow 4 lbs 8 oz. Bert Peck 4 lbs. 8 oz.

I hooked six steelhead and was only able to land one which must have at least weighed 2 pounds to

to make me feel ashamed to put it in the contest. But one of the steelheads I hooked, must have been a monster for the last I saw the tail it must have measured from tip to tip at least 8 inches. You may be assured that the air was blue with cussings. Anyway, I am still grinning for I knew that I am going to get that pride for I still think that I am the greatest steelhead fisherman in the valley. And no snaggings, either.

SOFTBALL NEWS

Last Tuesday night Faber's crushed Catholic Men 9 to 3. Billy Abbott lead the team with 3 hits out of three trips which drove in five runs.

Last night Eagles defeated Faber's 10-9 in one of the biggest upsets of the season. It was poor managing on the part of Faber's manager and costly errors by infielders that proved to be the downfall for Faber's.

As to whether Faber's will be in the playoff, this will not be known till Friday night. There still is a chance for our team. Providing Catholic Men lose another game, 3 teams will be tied for 4th place—Lions, Catholic Men and Faber's. This tie will probably be played off, thus giving Faber's another chance for this 4th place.

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WRESTLING NEWS

There were only two grappling matches in the Medford armory last Monday night—the Toots Estes-Otis Clingman middle event was cancelled at the last moment because Estes had contracted a bad case of poison oak—but what the program lacked in quantity it more than made up for in quality as another near-capacity crowd of ladies nighters went off their beams when Sgt. Bob Kenaston took two straight falls from Bulldog Jackson in the main event.

In the opener Sailor Dick Trout grabbed a sensational win from Bobby Wagner.

CLIMAX NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Colbeth and daughter Shirley, of Jacksonville are visiting at the Frank Hurst home. Mr. Colbeth helped Mr. Hurst put up his hay.

Robert Hill returned to his Ashland home Monday after spending a week visiting Charles Kinney.

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Everett Grissom of Central Point who has been putting uphay at his ranch here was a dinner guest at the Lester Wertz home Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Alguier has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Comstock during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wertz and daughters Roberta and Norma Jean were dinner guests at the Ted Kinney home Sunday in honor of Charles Kinney's 11th birthday. He received many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones and son Floyd of Medford were guests at the Frank Hurst ranch Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Wertz shopped in Medford Saturday. Mrs. Zelda Hurst and Mrs. Betty Colbeth called at the Wertz home Sunday evening.

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