

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

It really does seem strange to me to feel that the softball season is over. I just can not seem to believe that the season has already passed when I keep on thinking about the softball games. Well, I am afraid that I have got a bad case of softball bug and I believe Everett has too.

During the season I have watched all games in both leagues and if there is an award being made to the player for being the outstanding sportsman in either league, I would have given the award to Big Borchert of the Teamster of the Classic League and to Scrawny Pinkham of Faber's in the City League. During all games I have seen these two players get some terribly bad breaks yet they have never make a kick with the umpires but have kept on playing in a way that captured the eyes of all fans.

Last Saturday night I was pulling very hard for Medco to beat Eureka but Medco's constant arguing with the umpires switched my support from Medco to Eureka. Medco have really one of the finest teams in southern Oregon but their conduct during all games have make all good sportsmen blush in shame. It is the belief of one fan who has watched the games, that Medco won all games by browbeating the umpires and about half of their victories have been unearned.

I do not understand this at all. Before the start of the season I, being manager of the Faber's, was given a slip of instructions. That instruction stated that no player will be allowed to dispute the decision of the umpires, the manager being the only one who will have the right to argue. Yet I have never seen that rule being observed in both leagues. If the rules had been strictly observed, Medco or Teamsters would not have been at top because the umpires would have banned half of the players from the games, thus crippling the strength

of the teams. Of course some of the players may claim that it is not fair to do so. But the fans come down to see the games, not to see any silly arguments. There should be strict observation of the rule that "we play the game and let the umpires run the game." By stricter observation of the rules all fans will surely enjoy the games and drive out in flocks to see the games every night.

I stopped at the Savage Rapids dam last Sunday and I tell you that I am not really satisfied with the amount of water running down the ladders. Something really should be done to force the company to put more water down the ladders. They have plenty of water all right but they just hate to waste so much water down the ladders as they want to make the most of everything in profit. Anyway the people of Grants Pass are noted for being money tight. My Lord, they don't seem to realize that right by their site is the finest fishing spot where people from all over the world flock to fish. And if they refuse to do anything about the ladders thus preventing the access of the fish to their natural spawning grounds, it will kill the fine fishing of the river quicker than anything else and as sure as the dickens they will suddenly miss the income that they have got from the river.

WRESTLING NEWS

Marshall Carter and Cowboy Dude Chick battled for a full hour in last Monday night's main event wrestling match in the Medford armory, and when it was all over both gents had one fall to their credit for a draw verdict.

In the middle event Wildcat George Wilson took a two out of three falls from Bob Kenaston when he employed the flying tackles that had made him one of the greatest football players in history.

Toots Estes took two out of three falls from Tony Morelli in the opener.

Market Prospect Good for Pears

(Editor's note: The following excerpts from the weekly bulletin sent out by G. R. Green of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., is indicative of the improved market and crop situation for the pear growers on the valley this year.)

"California has a total of 1123 cars Bartlett's left to ship from all districts and Medford about 400

cars, which all makes a very bright picture for the remainder of the Bartlett deal.

"This is also going to make a much better Bosc and Anjou deal particularly Bosc, because Hardies are also short and for the first time in many years Medford Bosc will find their rightful place in the pear selling program.

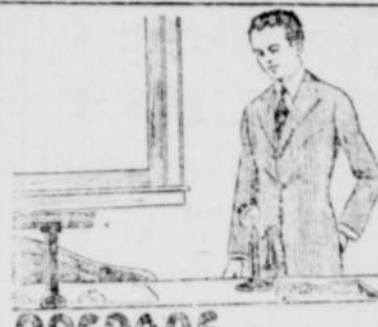
"We look for the Bartlett market to be steady to strong through October, and Bosc being a short crop should run into good prices. This looks like the year we have all been waiting for and we are certainly mighty glad that all our growers diligently and faithfully carried out a good cultural program and are consequently coming in with clean and fine quality and getting good packouts, and by good packouts we

mean 75% to 80%. Such good packouts, together with present prices, certainly will make a big difference in net returns.

"I have seen and talked to most of our members since my return from the East a week ago Monday and to those few I haven't seen will say briefly that I found quite a bit of optimism regarding the general outlook for the next few months. Beyond the next few months no one ventures a guess."

Vilas to Replace Ulrich on Committee

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