

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Vintie Beall gave me a darned good reason why he favors the entire closure of boat fishing in Rogue River the year around. The more I think of his reason the more I am in favor of closing the boat fishing in Rogue River the year around. He says that salmon fishing from boats is allowable, if the game wardens are on the job to see that there is no trout tackle in the boat and the stretch allowed for salmon fishing in boats should be from Savage Rapids down to some point below Grants Pass. Here's his reason:

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"In this state of Oregon we have game refuges where thousands of deer flock to be safe under the sanctuary of the refuge law and while thousands of hunters hunt through the lands that are allowed for hunting and kill very many in that short period of a month, but when the next season rolls around that depleted hunting ground have drawn from that game refuges thousands more to fill those depleted forest lands so that more hunters may get some more deer again. And you know what would be the result if the refuge lands were opened to the public hunting, including the present areas allowed—the decrease of the deer would be noticed tremendously.

"But when it comes to fishing, it is a different story because there is no way to establish a fish refuge in the same way as deer refuges. The only remedy is to close Rogue River entirely to public fishing for a couple of years which may help a little but not very much. But if the commission could close the boat fishing for trout in the river the year around, the fishing is bound to improve. In hundreds of riffles along the Rogue River nature has created very good refuges for the trout while at the same time it is very hard for any body to fish in those riffles, and the only way to catch fish in those riffles is by boat. In lots of other riffles the fishermen would have no trouble going through that riffles and fishing too. When so many fish are being caught from that riffle, some more trout would gradually come to fill up the easy holes with the result that there would always be fish in every riffle. But the boats have easy access to every hole in the whole river and could systematically clean out every hole and what makes it hell on trout is that there are too many boats on the river. If the boat fishing were barred entirely the year around, we would be bound to see much improved fishing in the whole river provided both dams at Gold Ray and Savage Rapids sport their new and really better fish ladders. And it is a recognized fact on all of the great fishing streams of the coast that dams and boat fishing are the outstanding enemies of the fish life."

And I believe he is right. Last Sunday I fished about the distance of 3 or more miles from the mouth of Elk Creek up nearly to Casey's Camp. And I never could get any strikes at all till I hit a riffle that was so tremendously hard to wade and too dangerous for the boat to go down. It took me nearly half an hour before I could get down to the hole that I wanted to fish. Looking around that riffle I noticed that it was impossible for any boat to go down and no way to go up there, either. So I started to fish and was tremendously surprised to have so much good luck. In half an hour I caught thirteen trout, which is a nice mess of trout.

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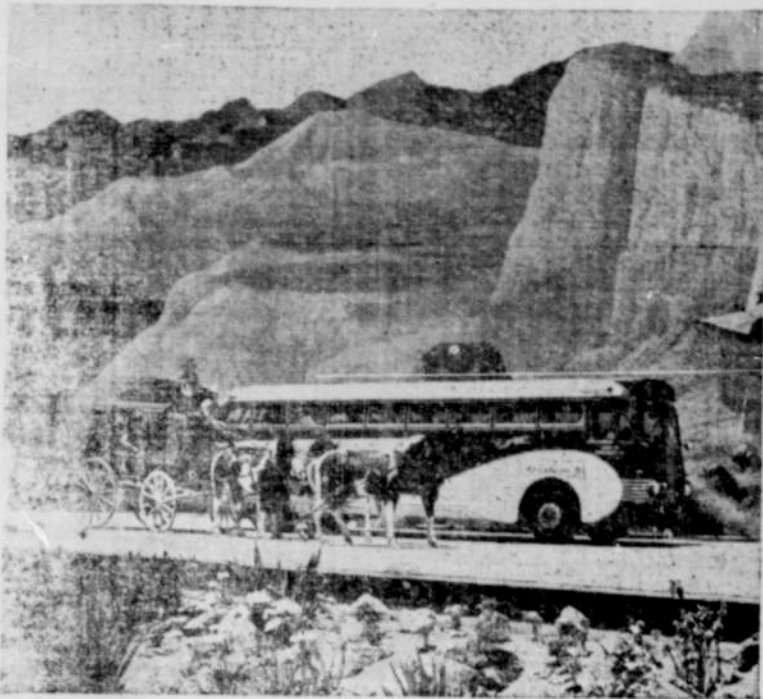
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And another 30 minutes of hard work before I could get back to the shore.

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Well, you can think there are many a riffle in the river that is so hard to get at and if the boats are not allowed to be used on the river, all of those riffles (hard to get at) will be very ideal sanctuary for the trout and it will mean as an increase to all the other riffles that are easy for any body to fish by wading.

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I was pleasantly greeted by Mr. Jas. D. Olson, Director of Information of the State Game Commission last Tuesday and had a nice chat on the fishing outlook this year.

WRESTLING NEWS

Ernie Piluso did just what he said he would do to Sgt. Bob Kenaston in the armory grappling ring last Monday night. He dished out the same brand of dirt he Gold Hill toughie displayed, and when it was all over Ernie had his revenge for that loss to Kenaston last week.

It took the popular Portland flash 14½ minutes to dispose of Kenaston, and it was a slambang, rough and tumble affair from beginning to end. With the falls standing one apiece after 11½ minutes of action Piluso started to work in earnest and three minutes later the match as history.

The middle event between Dude Chick and Prince Selaki Mehalakis lasted only two rounds as the big cowboy hoisted the Prince to his broad shoulders and gave him the lariat spin.

In the opener George Wagner, newcomer from Texas, grabbed a two out of three fall victory from Frankie Clemens.

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Mayors' Conference Adopts Resolutions At Port Orford

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penses and thus reduces taxes on land and property and makes for better business and the better development of schools and cities and towns.

It showed that in the year of 1933 the income from visitors and tourists in the state of Oregon amounted to \$130,000,000 and that a collection of a sales tax in this state would bring into the state from tourists and visitors alone at a rate comparable to that used in our neighboring states the sum of about four millions of dollars annually without any cost to our local citizens. It was the unanimous opinion of the Port Orford Conference that if such a sales tax were enacted it would bring about rehabilitation and improvement in the local communities throughout the state and that if the public fully understood that local taxes would be decreased and schools would be improved, and other municipal improvements made possible, such a sales tax would have the support and approval of every voter in the state.

A third resolution commended the state and the Liquor Commission for using the present liquor profits for charitable purposes but it was pointed out that the retail price of liquor in the state of Oregon is actually

about one-third lower than in California and recommended that a stamp tax be placed on each bottle of liquor. This increase in the retail price would be comparatively small and liquor would still be obtained at a retail price far below that which is common in other states throughout the nation but this slight increase would provide money which the state could then allocate to municipalities. As it is, the cities have the responsibility of police and general control which is influenced somewhat by the consumption of liquor while Oregon is one of the few states in the nation which pays nothing back to the cities to reimburse them for such expense.

Research showed that in the neighboring state of Washington the state allocates to municipalities \$1.44 per capita from liquor profits, while in Oregon the payment is 15¢ per capita, less than 1/10th the amount. This throws back upon the cities a tax burden that is rapidly becoming impossible for the people to meet, while a stamp tax recommended by this Conference would add only a small amount to the retail price of liquor and at the same time it would still be less than its cost in other states and at the same time it would reimburse the cities for local expenses which they can neither avoid nor successfully impose upon property owners.

The Mayors of southwestern Oregon attending the Conference at Port Orford reported that many citizens oppose an allocation of any money from the gasoline tax from the Highway Commission to the municipalities on the ground that it might divert from the development of highways and from highway projects generally. As a matter of fact, nothing could be further from the truth in the opinion of the Conference of Mayors because for some years past the income from gasoline tax to the Highway commission has exceeded all the budgets for all the highway improve-

ment and new projects by more than a million dollars a year and it is a part of that sum which municipalities, as represented by the southwestern Oregon Mayors, feel should be allocated by the Highway Commission to the cities.

It was shown that one-third of all the money collected from gasoline tax is for travel within the cities of Oregon and if the cities had a just proportion of this tax they could improve the tributary streets and thus further increase the use of automobiles, relieve the highway itself of unnecessary traffic and actually increase the amount of the tax collected by the more extensive use of gasoline.

The entertainment at Port Orford included a trip on a fishing boat to Sea Lion Rock which is a part of the Cape Blanco Reef towering three hundred feet above the ocean and looking like a yacht under sail. On its rock ledges the mayors saw thousands of sea lions at close range.

The meeting closed on Saturday

afternoon, to meet at the call of the President in another city of southwestern Oregon in about sixty days. Meanwhile, the resolutions were forwarded to the League of Oregon Cities for transmission to all the member cities in an attempt to bring about concerted action throughout the state.

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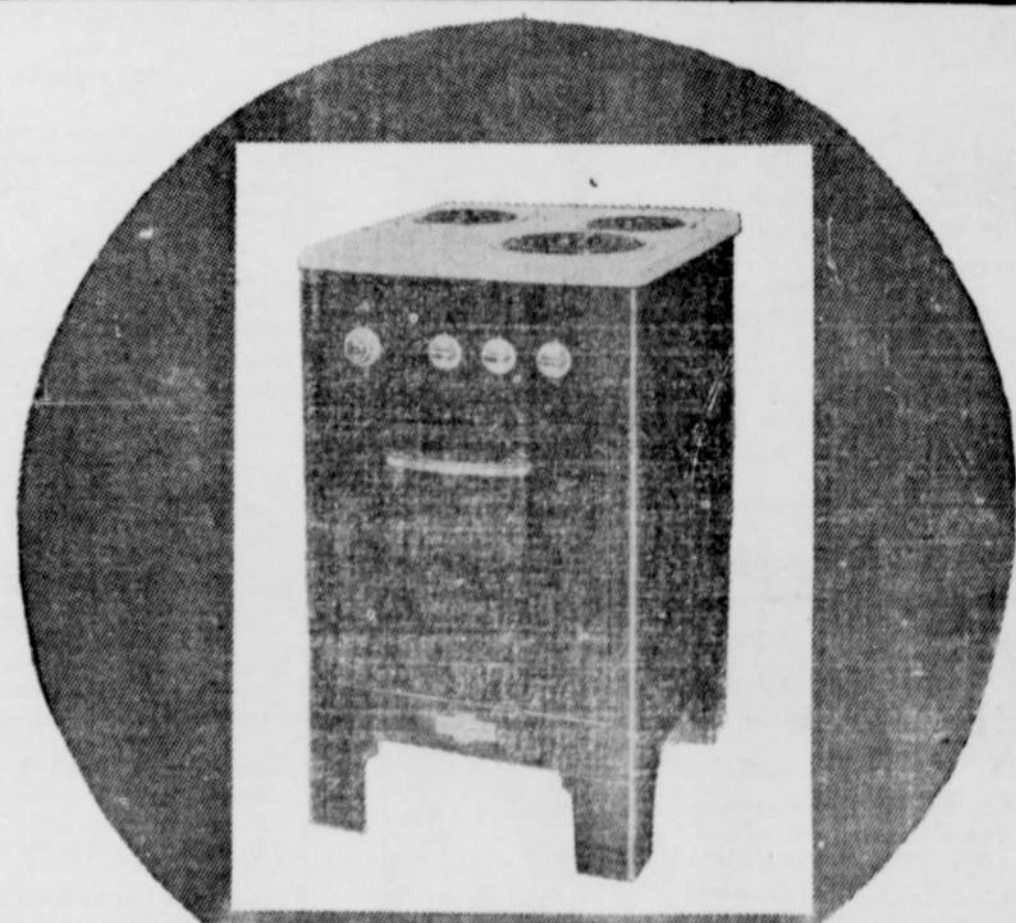
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