

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

There are several guys who showed plenty of fire by jumping on me because of my article last week about closing down deer hunting this year. One of them is Ray Watkins who is crazy about deer hunting. He stated that the forest officials have told him that the forest fires this year have not been serious in this valley. Most of the fires have been started by electric storms. It is true no doubt about that. But he forgets one thing. Nearly every one of the forest rangers this year are terribly worried because of the dry condition of the forests and keep constantly on the watch for any kind of smoke. If they are in such a condition as to worry about the forest, it's plenty serious.

Ray claimed that no hunter has ever started a forest fire. Gee, he's taking in a lot of territory already. It is my belief that in all of those serious fires, it has been at least some fault of some of those hunters. Ray may be extra careful in putting out every fire and stamping out cigarette butts but there are some who are apt to be a little careless. He also said that I do not know as much about deer hunting as he does. That's true, but he can get away a whole week and go hunting while I cannot get away more than two days from the shop. If I can get away at least ten days as he does, I might have got a deer same as he did.

Ray's still a young man and it would be considerable disturbing to him for the next 20 years if the state commission decided to hold a closed season on hunting because someone has started a forest fire. It's far better to forego the pleasure of hunting for only one year to save the accidental starting of forest fires, than to lose all pleasure of hunting. Better think it over a lot before jumping on me but you may have all the pleasure of jumping on me if it rains a heavy rain on the opening day of the season.

There are many fine fishermen who fear those forest fire worse than anything else. Because the forest fires would destroy all the watersheds that nature has built and cause high water in winter and incidentally dry up the river in summertime, which would kill all fish life. And say, Ray, you like to fish, too.

Careless Autoists Costly to Railroads

Although the careless motorist bucks heavy odds every time he tries to beat a train to a crossing, the property loss isn't so one-sided as it might seem, according to the Southern Pacific Company.

Huge sums have been expended by Southern Pacific to protect its grade crossings with wig-wags, flagmen, gates, lights, bells and warning signs, but in spite of all this the company was put to \$37,297 expense last year for repairs to locomotives, other equipment and rights-of-way damaged in crossing collisions with autos and trucks, F. L. McCaffery, general auditor, reported today. The figures do not include thousands of dollars for investigations and losses due to disruption of schedules, he said.

McCaffery pointed out that failure to heed warnings not only leads motorists to drive onto tracks in front of locomotives but also causes them to run into the sides of trains in a great many crossing accidents.

Folies, Flowers at the Fair



Pretty Eleanor (left) and lovely Virginia of the New Folies Bergere enjoy a frolic in the bedflowered gardens on Treasure Island. Knee deep in blooms, the beauties make a striking picture at the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Cow Elk Tags Available Now

Sportsmen wishing cow elk or antelope tags should make application at once at the office of the Oregon State Game Commission, in Portland.

A total of 2000 cow elk tags will be issued and 1500 antelope tags. Should less than the quota be applied for by August 1, the tags will be issued in the order in which applications are received. Otherwise, a drawing will be held.

No formal application blanks are being issued. Those desiring the tags should send in their names and addresses and the kind and number of the hunting license they hold, together with a check or money order for \$5.00 for each tag.

The elk season this year will be from November 1 to 16, inclusive; the deer season from September 20 to October 25; the bull elk season in Clatsop County alone, from August 24 to September 2, inclusive; and the antelope season from September 29 to October 6, inclusive.

WRESTLING NEWS

Dangerous Danny McShane, the Hollywood jitterbug, pranced unscathed through a tough six-man battle royal and wound up his evening's mat activities by walloping George Wagner in the final match of last Monday night's great wrestling card in the armory, witnessed by some 1,000 fans and their ladies' night guests.

Danny and George, finalists in the battle royal, staged a gruelling main event, but the former light-heavyweight champion was a little too strong, sly and, of course, unorthodox. The bout went 30 minutes before McShane put over the deciding tumble. In probably the best match of the

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evening, Otis Clingman took two out of three falls from Pete Belcastro in the middle event, grabbing the third tumble in the fourth canto with a stunning slingshot back through the ropes that leveled Belcastro and Referee Earl Yoakley and enabled him to pin Pete with a press.

Jimmy Goodrich took a one-fall victory over young Joe Lyman in the opening event, winning his fall in the first round with a potent arm bar over his leg, which forced Lynam to give up.

Crop Production Promises to Fill All Requirements

Crop production in the United States this year promises to be fairly in line with probable requirements, in general, with a gross output only slightly under 1939, reports the O.S.C. extension service in its current re-

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view of the agricultural situation. Some decline occurred in the farm price level during recent weeks in the country as a whole, but the Oregon general farm price level was maintained, according to data in the report.

The principal variation in crop prospects from last year which is of particular significance to the farmers in Oregon is forage supplies. The hay crop of the country is expected to be very large—probably the largest production since 1927. Despite an increase of about 2 per cent in hay-consuming livestock, principally cattle and sheep, the hay crop will be large enough for liberal feeding in most areas with considerable carry-over next year.

The report contains detailed information regarding prospective production and farm prices on a large number of farm commodities, including wheat, feed grains, hay, seed crops, potatoes, truck crops, hops, beans, fruits and nuts, dairy products, chickens and eggs and pig crop prospects.

The general level of farm prices at mid-June in the country as a whole was 95 per cent of the 1910-1914 level, compared with 123 as the index

of prices paid by farmers for commodities. Considering interest, taxes, and wages for farm labor in addition, farm costs were approximately 128 per cent of the pre-war average. The Oregon index of prices received by farmers was 70 per cent of the 1926-1930 level, compared with 67 for the country as a whole.

With the volume of production of all crops combined expected to be nearly the same as in 1939, the report points out that gross production in 1939 was the same as in 1938 and just equal to the average from 1924 to 1929. However, the increase in all livestock and livestock products in 1939 was 6 per cent over 1938 and 13 per cent over the 1924-1929 average. Animal production in 1940 is expected to show an increase in cattle and sheep but some decrease in

hogs and poultry. Copies of the report are available from county agents or direct from the college.

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