

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

I have a sneaking hunch that Judge Norton will never force a permanent injunction on the new drift dam at Gold Hill. In spite of all the excellent work of collecting evidence by the state commission, the trial probably will end in favor of the cement company with one exception, that the company must fix up a suitable way for the fish to get over and past that drift dam.

It is the fault of the state commission because they failed to bring the action when the drift dam was first built. They did have an injunction against the building of the dam during the early progress of the work. But when the court lifted the injunction, the commission seemed to be strangely silent during the whole time up to the present when the water was turned into the channel. Then they raised howls that could be heard all over the valley.

I think that the sportsmen and the commission should have fought every inch of the way from the time the injunction was lifted up to the present. I am sure much could have been done that way, and might have been a means of forever closing the drift dam. But to do nothing during the whole time hurts like the dickens in the long run. Because do you think that the court will put on a permanent injunction on that dam after the company have put thousands of dollars in the building of such a dam. But I favor the permanent injunction if the company refuses to cooperate in building a new fish way.

So I hope that an arrangement may be drawn up that will suit both parties. The company can draw in all the water they want if they, with the help of the commission, will built real fish ladders that will enable all fish to go up and down the river. But I don't know how it will be done because of the expense of building the ladders or fish ways, I am sure that the company will not do it because the commission have not made any kind of cooperation but constant wranglings have caused all those bitter words.

There is one thing I wish and that is every member of the sportsmen's clubs in southern Oregon make a strong protest to the state commission on their wasteful method of distributing the fingerlings or young trout in the various streams and lakes of the state. One of the most idiotic pieces of work I have ever seen was committed by the state little while ago.

They planted in the Lake of the Woods almost 500,000 fingerlings of Eastern Brook and Silversides and some odd fishes as stated by the commission. Now, what's wrong with it, you may say. Every one of you pays \$3.00 for a fishing license. The money derived from this goes into the expense of the commission's work. They raise millions of trout to restock all the river and lakes. Well, you go fishing at the Lake of the Woods and rarely you got eastern brook or silversides. Remember how many trout have you caught there. But how many bass have you caught? Plenty, I bet. Now what's wrong with it?

That costly, expensive fingerlings have become the costly food of the bass that abounded in the Lake of the Woods.

Bass are cannibals and are the greatest enemies of the trout tribe. They will systematically clean up all the minnows in the lakes if any. That is where all those expensive trout go to. It's a far more logical thing to plant more bass fingerlings in the lake than trout.

There are many fishermen who like to fish for bass because they are quite scrappy fighters and the more bass they plant in the Lake of the Woods, the more they will be assured of good crops of tourists all the time there and the tourists will mostly be rich outfits who enjoy bass fishing and will spend like no body's business to engage in this bass fishing. And the license fund derived from the tourists will make more than enough to raise the necessary amount to raise more bass. But for jimmy's sake, lay off trout planting in a bass lake.

Bill Lees writes that he is in the hospital with a broken hand. Bill is still at San Diego.

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Prof. Bowmer Wins Award for Play

Angus L. Bowmer, instructor at the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland received word that his one-act play, "Rogue Rest," was in the first ten comedies selected by a board of critics for dramatic writing in the United States and Canada. Dr. Margery Bailey, proctor for drama awards at Stanford university, made the announcement and requested the privilege of reading Mr. Bowmer's play to the Third Dramatists assembly at Stanford university, where the winning plays were viewed and read last week.

WRESTLING NEWS

Mean Mike Nazarian, the maddest of all mad Armenians, registered his fourth straight grappling victory in the Medford armory last Monday night at the expense of popular Ernie Piluso, the brawl being one of the wildest seen here in a month of Mondays.

Nazarian won the match, two out of three falls, by virtue of a savage and villainous attack that Piluso was unable to cope with, although he made things more interesting for the 14-minute duration of the fracas.

In the middle event Belcastro handed young and popular Jack Hagen his second straight setback, clamping on a surfboard in the third round that incapacitated Hagen for the evening.

Bob Kenaston lost to George Wagner in the opener when Bob refused to halt his dirty work.

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"Medford is advertised as a fruit country. All I wanted was a basket of fruit. We only stop 20 minutes and I was afraid to go very far, and I couldn't find any fruit. I would think some young boys would meet the stages with fruit baskets."

"Every thing is interesting."

These words were actually heard at the depot and not by jokers either.

Local Boys Visit Oregon Caves Recently

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Diversions included hiking up the trails to the mountain peaks, feeding the chipmunks, resting in the rustic Chateau lounge, and listening to the Starlight Serenade, presented each evening by the college and university student staff around the blazing campfire.

Mrs. Everett Soles and little daughter Geraldine Fay returned home from the Community hospital Friday evening.

Dick Twyman of San Jose is visiting his parents and friends. He will return to San Jose Sunday.

Lawrence Martin has accepted work as grader at the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine Co. Lawrence is to be congratulated on his promotion.

Norma Holland of Chehalis is visiting her mother Mrs. Holland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber and Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop of Medford were callers at the Mollie and Emil Britt home in Jacksonville recently.

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