

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

To any officers of Copco: I have tried to give you a fair deal in my article in regard to the Gold Ray dam fish ladders and now it is your turn to give your plan in regard to the new proposed fish ladder. The first thing is, when are you actually going to start the construction? The second question is, is it possible that you have postponed the construction to a later date? (I hope not.) Turn about is fair play and too many have begun to annoy me, saying "What is the matter with my special friend, Copco, not being able to start any sort of work?"

And to all who have annoyed me too much about my part for Copco, I have never had a least thought of being rewarded by the company, only it is my belief that Copco should be given a fair deal by all concerned. During the depression years of 1932-33 the school district was experiencing lean financial years, trying to keep the school work up to standard. And it was the tax money of the Southern Pacific and Copco that enabled the school to pull through up to the present. And all of you have boys and girls who have entered the school during that period while in hundreds of cities over the nation the schools were forced to close down. You ought to be mighty thankful that Copco really exists in this part of the country, not such as that tax free government power dam.

Now, it sounds like a paid propaganda from Copco but it is not true because it is my own thoughts that I put into this column and I think you should give Copco a fair deal.

And say, Copco, what about answering my questions? And as far as I can see the work of repairing the dam has been completed and I see only a few parts of the tract up by the power house cleaned up. But I have not seen any sign of the fish ladder work being started. I think it would be a far wiser move to start the work promptly before the high water level come around. If you could get the ladder ready by October or November, you will do a great deal to aid the annual chinook run in the spring season.

Of course those ladders at Savage Rapids are not so hot but you may be assured that if Copco builds a better ladder, all the sportsmen in the valley will bear down on the irrigation company and force them to build a better ladder in coordination with Copco's new ladder.

There are over 1000 sport fishermen in this part of country. Hold on, that's too short a number. There are 10,000 or more in the entire valley including Josephine county. And all of those are Copco's customers in the use of the electricity. So in order to insure good feelings, please them by building a good fish ladder.

So send down your publicity man to this shop and have him take me over to the dam and explain your plan for the future so the proper news may reach all the people of the valley.

WRESTLING NEWS

It appears that nobody is going to put a halt to Mike Nazarian's blazing drive through the ranks of grapplers now doing their stuff in Medford.

The brutal match lasted 14 minutes, and once more it was Nazarian's potent wrist twist that brought him victory. With the falls standing one apiece, Pete Belcastro cut loose with a mighty dropkick, missed, and fell heavily to the carpet on his back. Nazarian immediately leaped abroad the dazed Belcastro and went to work on his wrist, and a few seconds of that was enough for the Mad Italian. He gave up to present Nazarian with number five in a row.

Ernie Piluso grabbed a sparkling win from Otis Clingman in the center attraction by flipping out of a Boston crab in the fourth round, with the falls one and one, and pinning Otis with a press.

Jack Hagen of Shreveport, La., won his first match in three starts by taking a straight-fall verdict over George Wagner in the opening fracas.

There will be no program next Monday, Labor day. Next card will be staged September 9. Promoter Mack Lillard announced.

LOCALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Tompkins of Ashland is visiting at the George Treichel home.

Mrs. J. W. Birkholtz spent Wednesday visiting at the Harry Du Buque home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Buckman have moved into the Linbeck house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Root and children of Grants Pass were visitors at the home of Mrs. Root's parent Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Berry's daughter Aleene will graduate from high school next spring, while her sister Martha starts as a freshman this fall, and the youngest daughter Patricia starts her first term in grammar school.

Mr. R. E. Meek of Marshfield is working in the Gleason barber shop. Mr. Meek's father is a barber in Marshfield. Mr. Meek and his wife arrived here from Marshfield a short time ago and have rented the Faber apartment.

Mr. E. R. Gleason has purchased the Van Gundy house and is remodeling it.

Change Made in Train Schedule

South-bound schedule of The Rogue River, overnight passenger train which operates nightly serving points between Portland and Ashland, will be shortened 50 minutes, effective September 1, according to advice received at local Southern Pacific offices today from J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent, Portland.

The train will continue to depart from Portland at 7:15 p.m. as at present, but will leave Central Point at 7:15 a.m. instead of 8:05 a.m. and will arrive Ashland at 8:15 a.m. instead of 9:05 a.m. The north-bound schedule will be unchanged.

Speeding of the schedule of The Rogue follows a recent announcement of a reduction in coach fares between southern and northern Oregon points good on this train.

"Pa" and "Ma" Take in Roundup Sights

By Mrs. Ella H. Leonard

Pa and ma splurged for the first time in years and went to the roundup in Medford, Saturday night. Went shortly after 6, to be in plenty of time to see the parade get ready, and to be able to get good seats.

Pa was all fixed up for the occasion, with his red bandanna and his cowboy hat, and handmade Texas boots all filagreed to tickle an ex-cowpuncher's fancy. He knew how to tie and to wear the handkerchief. "In the good old days," it served as serious a purpose as any of the rest of his outfit, and was not worn to splash color before a herd. Pa's shirt was quiet, too. "Who in h—," says he, "ever saw a cowboy at a roundup with all them loud shirts."

—, it would have stamped the whole bunch of cattle 'til they'd have hightailed it to the brush. . . . All fixed up, was pa? We-e-ell, maybe a mite of shaving lather clung to his ears, what with the grounds where pa could chat and joke with big and little riders; even lending a hand to help the sheriff, who could not be expected to lead the parade bareback. "Hey," he yelled, at a passing rider, "Find Everett Telcamp and get that riggin' here for the sheriff's horse."

Pa stood and stood and stood in line for a ticket. It kind-a mashed his feet. And he'd put in a hard day too. But you knew he was there, and having fun, because his laugh is all his own—and absolute identification.

Good seats were obtained close to the railing. Folks began slowly to filter into the stand—stockmen, farmers, businessmen. . . . There was the inevitable pop and hot dogs. Two seats to the right of ma sat a young couple and two children. The mother—very thin, peaked, delicate, with tiny hands—sat puffing a cigarette. The smoke drifted around ma. She became ill with the first breath of it as usual. Looking around to see where she might to escape it, she saw smoking every direction. Many more women than men. Society women, who set the example "for what is proper, seemly, smart."

The seats in front were empty. Ma took one and leaned over the railing, retching. Pa could do nothing but look on. Came two ushers with a woman in tow, and asked to see their tickets. Ma spoke quickly. "These are not our seats. I came down here to get away from that smoking. Would you mind changing seats with us?" "Where is it?" the woman asked belligerently. "The two seats directly back of these the second row," the old folks answered. "Would you change. . . ." the usher began but was interrupted by a snapping "Indeed, I will not. My legs are short. I bought this seat so I could see, and I'm going to keep it." All evening she sat there stiff as a ramrod; companionless; her face set as cement.

(Would the offending smoker care a whit if she could know ma is not yet recovered from that one whiff? Does any smoker, man or woman,

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give a thought to the one who is poisoned by them? Men have said, "We've sort of lost the habit of asking if it is offensive, since women and girls smoke like they do. I'm sorry.")

The program followed the usual lines for such occasions. It must have carried excitement, thrill, and entertainment for those who had never seen one before. Like Jenny, who was completely engrossed by it. And the three C boys who were anxiously awaiting it. To ma it was a make-believe of what had once been real. She forgot to look, as in memory she once more stood with her toes stuck between the corral's logs and hung to the top rail watching the Horse Ranch boys handling the wild ones run in off the Lake County range. That was every day work that had to be done, and not just to put on a show. Though it is true the boys were conscious a woman was looking on, and acted accordingly.

Yes, every one said, Medford sure put on a good show; did it up brown. And pa and ma chugged back to the old routine.

1940 Hunting Laws Are Now Available

Copies of the official synopsis of the 1940 Oregon Hunting laws are now available at all Game Commission license agencies, as well as at the Portland office of the Oregon State Game Commission, 616 Oregon Building.

Printing of the synopsis was delayed somewhat awaiting the federal government's regulations on shooting of migratory birds. These regulations arrived from Washington, D. C. about 10 days ago.

Every sportsman who plans to hunt this fall is urged to obtain a copy of the synopsis in order that he may be familiar with new regulations, both federal and state, now in effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, accompanied by Mrs. Elva Lough, will leave for Bellingham Sunday. Mrs. Lough will stop at Portland and visit her daughter and also her brothers and sisters. They plan to be gone about one week.

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The color guard stood near the flag pole
In soldierly order arrayed,
As the trumpeter blew "To The Colors":

"Salute" was the order obeyed.
Each morning before the school opened,
This duty with pride and with love,
Showed pleasure in all of their faces
As the Flag proudly floated above.

"Now what is the Flag," said an idler,
Who sat on the curbing close by,
"That you should salute it each morning
While raising it up toward the sky?"

Who made it, and what is its meaning,
Is there anything in it you see
That should cause us to do it such honor,
Does it benefit people like me?"

Then up spoke young Ernest Antonio,
The captain commanding the guard,
"The answer to such a plain question
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Then chimed in keen Patrick

McGinnis,

"There are other things, too, he

should know:

It was Betsy Ross cut out the pattern

And sewed it together just so.

But when all her work was completed,

The making was only part through.

For the flag is the voice of our people,

Expressed in the things that we

do."

"That is true", said Pete Hanson,

from Sweden,

"We are making that flag day by

day,

It's our conduct that adds to its

glory.

Regardless of what you may say,

You had better accept what it offers.

Your complaining will never avail.

It is you that has slacked on your

chances,

It is you that's to blame if you

fail."

"My grandfather came here from

Prussia,"

Said Hans Seigel with positive

voice,

"But this is my flag and my country.

With me there's no other choice.

Don't promise me something that's

better,

For it doesn't exist, as you know,

It's failure to function in Russia.

Both hunger and bloodshed will

show."

John Alden stood patiently waiting
To hear if the idler said more,
Then spoke of his kin on the

Mayflower,

Who settled on New England's

shore.

"Among the first laws they enacted

Was to worship God just as they

chose,

Broke down all the creed persecutions

Against either Gentiles or Jews."

"It matters not how we came here,

Or what our forefathers have done;

As Americans true to our country

We stand here united as one.

So we put up the flag in the morning,

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ever ready

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—Anonymous

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