

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Last Saturday I and my better half went out to Squaw Lake to camp and get away from the awful heat and were glad that we did because the climate was delightful and the weatherman even gave us a 20 minute shower which helped considerably to cool us off. That night I fished for a while and got two nice cutthroat and had to put them back in the lake because they were very wormy. One of them I accidentally hooked on the back with the fly and after unhooking the fly a white worm, about half a inch long, popped out of the wound. I attempted to pull the worm out and after several attempts gave up for those worms surely can hang on to the body of the fish for dear life. Now do you wonder I put them back in the lake—who in heck want to eat wormy fish?

The next morning we went out again on the lake and using trolling spinner, caught three big cutthroats and they all are so full of worms that I just put them back in the lake and called it quits for the day.

There are two fine lakes, big Squaw and Little Squaw lakes where the only tribe of cutthroats live. Early on the opening days the fish are not wormy, they are excellent eating, and put up quite a scrap. But when the warm weather come, the fish get wormy, making them unfit to eat. Yet there are still fishermen coming in to the lake to fish there and some of them who know that the fish are wormy, have told me that they go fishing just for the fun of it, while the others do not know what wormy fish are.

Certainly they could fish for the fun of catching them, but putting them back in the water isn't so good, for mighty few can live after being manhandled by humans.

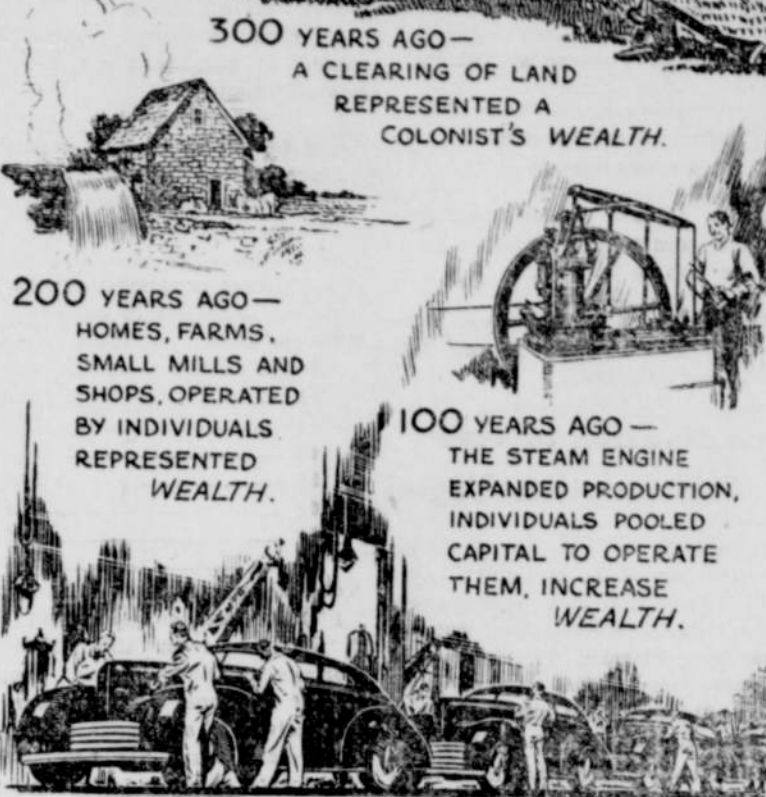
When the rainy weather comes, the road becomes very impassable and mighty few cars can get up the grades up to the top of the mountain but if the owners attempt to go clear down to the lake they might as well leave the cars there till the dry weather come around. A few years ago in the first part of the open season, I went up there in my old Chrysler coupe with chains on the wheels. Even with the aid of the chains I had a heck of a time crawling up to the top. After one look at the other side, I just decided to leave my car at the top and walked down to the lake which is about two miles at the least. That was before I found that there is a short cut trail to the lake which would be about a mile or more. It was hard walking in the slick mud but I got to the lake and, after catching my limit of cutthroats free of worms, I had to hike back to my car and even though it was raining I enjoyed every bit of the trip and considered my catch to be the best and hardest-worked-for limit I had ever had. (Even now too.)

Now I wonder that with the new power placed in the hands of the fish commission, why don't they open the season at Squaw lakes from the first of February till the first of May. If they do that, it would do more good to the lakes and also to many sporting fishermen who will think nothing of walking two miles just to get to the lakes, even when the weather is miserable and cold. And you know there are lots of real sporting men left in this world and that new law would forbid fishing in the lakes after the first of May and would mean the savings of thousands of trout there.

Pass me the smelling salts please. Oh me, what has come over those fighting chinooks of ours in this wonderful Rogue River. Scott Hamilton and his father caught three salmon on No. 10 hooks and single eggs

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

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and a light six-lb. leaders. And to think I have hooked at least six salmon this year and they have just about tore my leaders (20-lb. test) to pieces. And two of the treble hooks on my spoons have been straightened out. They must have hooked dead salmon but Mr. Hamilton, please don't shout to the world for it's bad on the reputation of the chinooks. Oh me, pass me the smelling salts.

WILLOW SPRINGS

By Naomi Elden

Mr. Cleo Young left by auto for Fort Lewis Tuesday. He accompanied Mr. Ashcraft of Ashland.

Mrs. Vernon Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Palmer left by plane for Chicago to take a two weeks course in music. She plans to return home by train through the Southern states. Mrs. Day is well known here in the valley for her musical talents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elden and family spent the week end camping and fishing on Wickup Creek.

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Economic Highlights

What is probably the most authoritative criticism of the government's handling of the defense program, has recently appeared. It came from the House of Representatives' Military Affairs Committee. Sixteen members of this Committee voted to publish the report, while nine voted to suppress it.

The report criticizes, among others, Secretary Ickes "for putting petty quarrels above national interests," to use David Lawrence's phrase. This criticism is based on the Interior Secretary's handling of the aluminum problem. To quote the report directly, "The aluminum industry relies on power—electric power. Unwillingness of some government officials to provide hydroelectric energy from government dams in such an emergency as exists today is at least shortsighted. Whatever the merits of any controversy between so-called 'monopolies' and the Administration, it is the sense of this Committee that a squabble at this time on the subject of monopoly is a tragic and sorry spectacle." The report also largely absolves the aluminum interests of blame for inadequate production, when it says: "All testimony before this Committee was to the effect that the Aluminum Company of America not only used its own money for expansion, and lowered the price, but of its own initiative trebled its production."

Far more important is the section of the report which says, by inference, that the Administration has harmed the national defense effort by refusing to sidetrack political projects which are unnecessary and unwise at this time. To quote directly again, the House Committee says: "Emphasis over the last few years has been made on social reform rather than national security. As a nation, we seem to have forgotten that without national security, social reform might well prove meaningless."

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So the country has been given high official authority to back up the many and varied criticisms of the handling of defense that have been made by economists, business men and others who have no connection with the government. The report cites a long list of cases which prove, in its opinion, that the Administration failed to assist maximum expansion of our productive facilities. It criticizes the Administration also for failing to coordinate the defense effort "under a single responsible head." It believes, in other words that there has been too much division of responsibility, and that the men charged with various major defense jobs have not been given the powers that are necessary to achieving maximum results in a minimum period of time.

This does not mean that our defense program has bogged down. The obvious truth is that noteworthy progress has been made in many fields, especially that of airplane production. By comparison with the last war, we are doing very well. But, in the view of almost all experts, that is not enough. The arms that were needed to equip a field army in 1917 would scarcely equip a division today. This is a war of machines, and the nation which gets the most from its industrial plant will probably be the victor. The fact that potentially we can outproduce all other powers will do us small service if the limit of output is not secured.

Very strong pressure is now being

exerted on the White House to abandon social reforms for the duration of the emergency, and to coordinate the whole defense drive under one head, as was done in the last year. Some think that Mr. Roosevelt is at last coming toward the view that this must be done again now. In the meantime, criticism such as that of the House Committee is becoming more prevalent.

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