

### Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

There is a slough back of the Gold Ray dam which is at the lowest stage in years and the bass tribe are in danger of slowly dying there because there are now too many carp and catfish there to eat up the natural fish food. It is my hunch that there will never be as much water there again because the power company has diverted most of the water over to the north side of the river. I have no objections to that because it will mean the assurance that we will always have plenty of water to go down the fish ladders. What I would like very much to see is that something should be done about the bass in the slough.

Bass are gamey fish and good to eat and it will be too pitiful to see the tribe die from starvation or the lack of water. There is something the sportsmen of the valley can do and that is to devise ways and means to trap all of those bass and transplant them in Lake of the Woods where they rightfully belong. I would say Hyatt dam lake but the Hyatt lake will never be any good because of the uncertainty of whether there will be sufficient water there. A couple of years ago the lake there went nearly dry, causing thousands of bass and perch to die. And Vintie Beall testified that in the old days Hyatt Lake was one of the finest bass lakes he had seen in many a year till they put in the dam and the trees were cut down until there was no water shed to protect the water life. So Lake of the Woods is the best place because there are bass there already and it would be a crime to put bass in other lakes where trout tribes abound.

This year is one of the poorest steelhead years we have had in years. There have been mighty few steelhead caught this year, though it might improve a lot later. Last year at this time of the year there were at least fifteen or twenty guys sporting their names on the steelhead contest sponsored by the C. P. Sportsmen's club. Right now only two names are on the list, Bob Burns who caught his six pounder early this year and Sid Bristow with two steelhead caught a couple of weeks ago. That's all and the way the water keeps on being roily all the time below the dam, I guess I will have to switch to eggs if I have to have a steelhead for my luck. But I will use eggs only as a last resort.

My sister and hubby are coming around the first of September on their vacation trip and maybe then I will have some luck with the steelhead. Last year I did not have any luck till they come and whee! I begin having terribly good luck. Hurry, Dorothy.

### Elk Season to Open Sunday Noon, Aug. 31

With the opening of the elk season in the forested regions of Coos and Douglas counties set for noon, August 31, State Forester N. S. Rogers said today that although present weather conditions were favorable hunting would likely be restricted because of forest fire hazards. "Within a few hours a hot east wind would make the forest tinder dry despite the benefits of light showers

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and unless reins should continue through next week, present closure restrictions will remain for we simply can't afford to take any chances", the state forester said.

Present closure regulations provide for the issuing of camping permits for 33 designated grounds at the checking stations. The 100,000 acre Tloga burn, lying between the Reston-Sitkum and the McKinley-Callagan roads, is closed to all entry.

As a precaution against fire all designated camp grounds will be patrolled by wardens and the state forester ask that hunters cooperate in every possible way in order to prevent any possible fire outbreak. Hunters should come prepared with axe, bucket and shovel so that fire permits may be secured.

About 1200 hunters are expected to enter the regulated forest area during the seven day season which closes noon, September 7. The game commission estimates the number of elk at 3,000, many of which frequent the Elliott State forest which is included in the open area. State game commission checking stations will be located at Elkton, Reedsport, Marshfield, Coquille, Reston, Melrose and Sutherlin.

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### Young Bike Riders Must Learn Traffic Safety and Rules

Youthful bicyclists, who will be the drivers of tomorrow, must be taught traffic safety and traffic rules for bicycles, Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor Association, said in urging parents to supervise more carefully the use of bicycles by their sons and daughters.

"If parents will assume greater responsibility in connection with such bicycle use, many of the 700 deaths and 35,000 injuries annually to bicyclists will be prevented," Dr. McDaniel said. "About half of these involve children from 5 to 14 years of age."

"Here are several suggestions for parents, recommended by the American Automobile Association with which the Oregon State Motor Association is affiliated:

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### Local Boy Tells Of Eastern Trip

(Continued from last week)

A woman sitting across from me asked if I knew Bill Lawrence. He happens to be her brother in law.

You have no doubt heard of the Red River Valley of North Dakota. We are now in this valley which is a great agricultural region.

Interval: The conductor just came to me with a telegram from Portland. My ticket had not been endorsed so I might have had to walk from Chicago on.

9:30 P.M.: We are now in Minnesota—the land of 10,000 lakes. It is dark now so I am writing in my berth. It's funny everybody in the car is worrying about me starving to death since I haven't eaten since I left Spokane. My theory is that if I eat when I have no appetite it is just a waste of food. Somebody kidded into taking a hi-ball so the conductor brought me a drink of water. Ha-ha!

Monday, Aug. 11—6:28 A.M.

Last night we followed the Mississippi River through Wisconsin and have just passed thru Oregon, Illinois, about 100 miles from Chicago. To make up for being behind schedule we speeded up to 100 miles per hour for a while. The average speed is from 65 to 75 miles per.

Interval: We arrived in Chicago at 8:40. I took a cab thru the slum and underworld section of Chicago to the B&O Station. We really didn't get to see very much of the better parts of Chicago but I did see some things of interest such as the Police on horses and horse drawn carts on the old cobble stone streets. As we

passed out of the city we followed the shores of Lake Michigan for a ways. It seems funny to have to set your watch ahead every so often. We have gained 3 hours and are now in Eastern standard time zones.

Interval: We are beginning to see more negroes and will probably see more and more as we travel eastward.

It is dark now and you can see from the windows of the train the great steel mills with their blast furnaces lighting the skies.

At Akron, Ohio I saw huge piles of old rubber tires to be melted down. A little while ago we passed a 21,000 acre munitions plant. This is a new plant but is working day and night producing live amunitions, etc. At 10:25 the train stops at Pittsburgh where I change to a berth.

Tuesday morning, 6:00 A.M.—August 12.

In half an hour we reach Washington and will I be glad. This train riding can get a little tiresome. It evidently rained last night and looks like more might come today. To date I have passed thru 15 states in the past week.

Washington, D.C.—6:25 A.M.

As soon as I reached the station I took a taxi to Sid's address. In the meantime he had taken a bus to the station just in time to miss me. About 7:00 he called up the house and then came in a taxi a little later. Sid has a new address now. He stays at Lands at 221 same street. After eating breakfast I borrowed a bus pass a ticket from one of Sid's friends and we started out to see the town. A very interesting town. (Amosin' but confusin') The colored population of 700,000. We looked over most of the government buildings and went up the 50 story Washington monument. You have from here a perfect view of the city. Tomorrow I think I will borrow Sid's bus pass

and see the zoo, Smithsonian Institute and see the zoo, Smithsonian Institute, and as much more as I can find time for. Sid tells me that the Navy Yard barracks may be crowded so as to let me stay and board with Land's. He has been informed of a lot of Music School fellows that are payed so much for board and room and live away from the School.

By the way I forgot to tell you, Sid was given the morning off to show me around. Its a good thing he did to for I would probably have been lost before the day was over. It rained in Washington today making it cooler. There are about 5,000 taxi cabs in the city but I was told that that wasn't enough. I'm going to quit for a while now as I am a little tired.

Well I guess I'll quit for this letter and send it before it gets so big I have to send it parcel post. It is evening now. Sid is home and we have eaten supper. I'll let Sid finish this as I can't think of much more to write about.

Your son,  
Jim

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