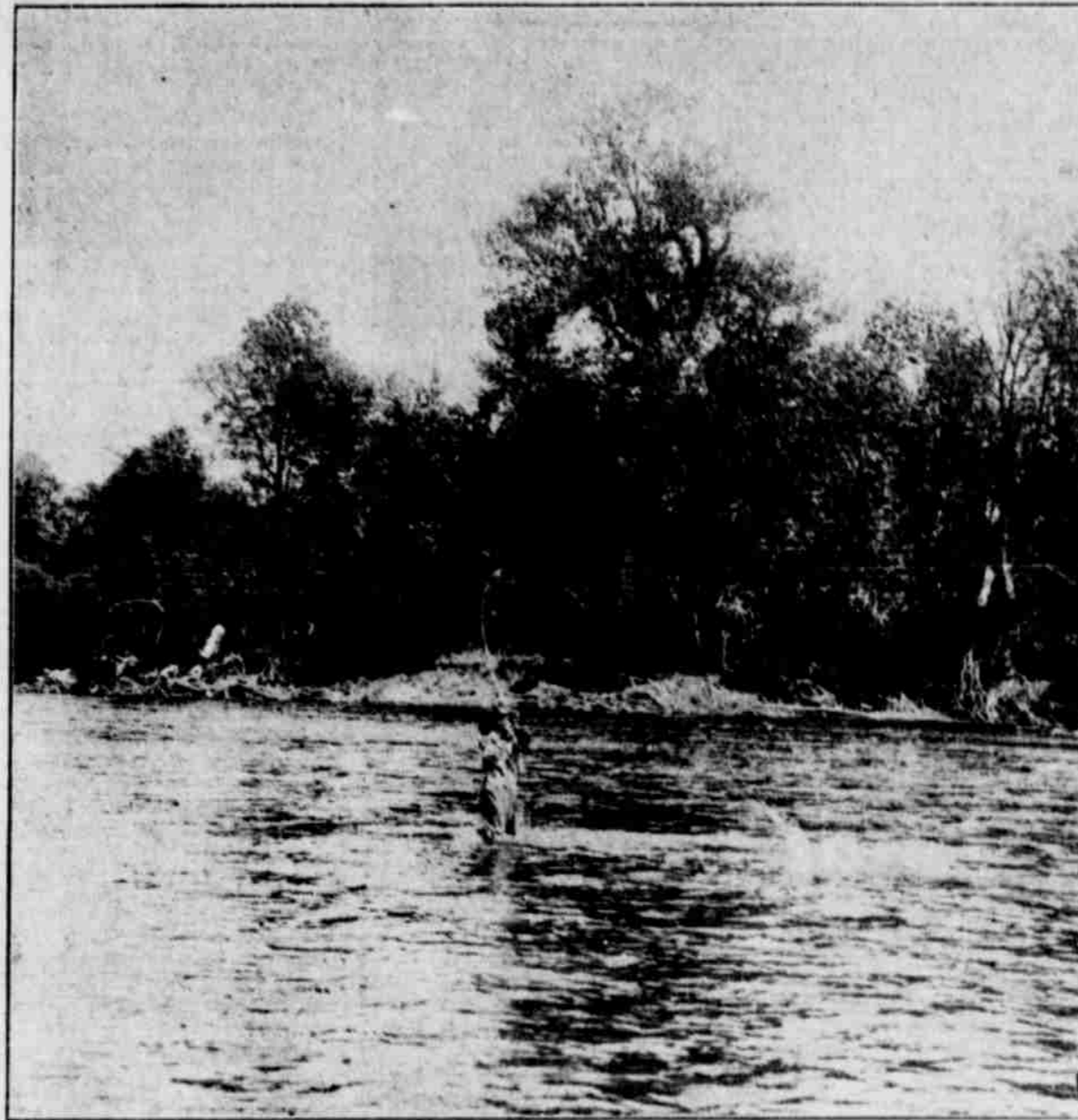


Southern Oregon a Veritable Sportsman's Paradise



Automobile Camping Party—To Left "Toggerly Bill" at the Wheel Showing the Splash of a Seven Pounder Fighting for Life. The first trout in Crater Lake were carried in a bucket by Will G. Steel twenty odd years ago. Since then they have been replenished frequently and now furnish fine sport.



There are extensive opportunities in Jackson county for hunting and fishing. The Rogue river especially, offers royal sport at certain seasons in fly fishing for the steelhead (rainbow) trout, the fish varying from three to twelve pounds or more in weight. Larger salmon may be caught by trolling or by spoon, and there are a great many streams in the foothills and mountains where brook trout are plentiful in season. The several lakes of the district, including Fish Lake, Squaw Lake, Four-Mile Lake and Lake of the Woods—the latter two lakes being just outside the county boundaries to the east—offer splendid outing sites, including fishing, hunting and boating. Quail and grouse are plentiful in many sections of Jackson county, and deer are fairly numerous in nearly every wooded part of the county at certain times, and plentiful at nearly all times in other sections. Bear and cougars are not so plentiful, but may often be found in the most isolated districts.



Fishing at Crater Lake—The Lake is Full of Trout Weighing as High as Six Pounds.

and fishing licenses. Nowhere else in Oregon does fish and game abound so plentiful as in this section, and all within a day's travel from Medford.

The opening of the deer season netted its regular fatality, one man being mistaken for a deer by a member of his own party. It was the only accident of seriousness in hunting during the year.

In the spring, summer, and fall scores of Medford families take to the woods for hunting and fishing, and out door sport has a long list of devotees of both sexes.

County Schools

Jackson county's public school system consists of two districts of the first class (having more than 1000 children of school age), Medford and Ashland; five districts of the second class (from 200 to 1000 children of school age), Central Point, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Talent and Phoenix.

During the past school year there was an enrollment of 4948 pupils and 243 teachers were employed. Fourteen high schools were in operation with an enrollment of 710 pupils.

Manual training and domestic science courses have been introduced in the schools of Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill and Talent. Other places will take up this same work in another year. Special instructors in music are employed in Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, Talent, Phoenix, Gold Hill, Rogue River and Wagner Creek.

During the last six years every incorporated town in the county, with one exception, has erected an up-to-date school building, and many of the rural districts have school facilities not to be excelled



Even a Two-Pound Steelhead Makes a Game Fight.

by any of the towns. Altogether during these six years fifty new school buildings have been erected in the county, most of them modern in every way.

Love and Death

Cupid's dart felled 94 Jackson county couples during the year that ended December 31, and 58 couples were divorced in proceedings before the circuit court. There were more marriages and less divorces than in the preceding year. The month of June led with 28 applications for licenses.

Medford and Jackson county was remarkably free from crime during 1914. One murder spattered the calendar with blood, that of Game Warden A. S. Hubbard by Loris Martin, game poacher held in the county jail awaiting trial. Martin will plead self defense.

The chief crime was forgery, Medford merchants being victimized over a dozen times by bad penmen. Most of these were caught, but a number made their getaway. The usual amount of petty thieving that inflicts any community was noticeable, but juvenile delinquency, hold-ups, burglaries, and larceny were below the average.

The police docket shows that the chief offense was violation of the auto laws—speeding and running without lights. During the summer and winter wholesale arrests were made for these violations.

Arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct were the lowest in the city's history.

A New Hotel

The new hotel now being erected at the northeast corner of North Front and Fifth streets by W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River

Valley Railway, can truly be classed among the best business blocks in the city.

The building is 56x100 in size and four stories high exclusive of basement. The basement and first story walls are of concrete, the other three stories of white pressed brick with concrete sills and trimmings.

There are 57 rooms, all supplied with hot and cold water, and half of them with baths. There is a large basement in which is installed a steam heating plant. On the first floor there will be a large, well appointed lobby, a dining room and kitchen, a store or sample room and

Big Salmon Caught on the Lower Rogue. These Fish, Weighing up as High as 70 lbs. Take the Spoon Road and Make a Terrific Struggle. Below—A Day's Catch of Rogue River Trout.

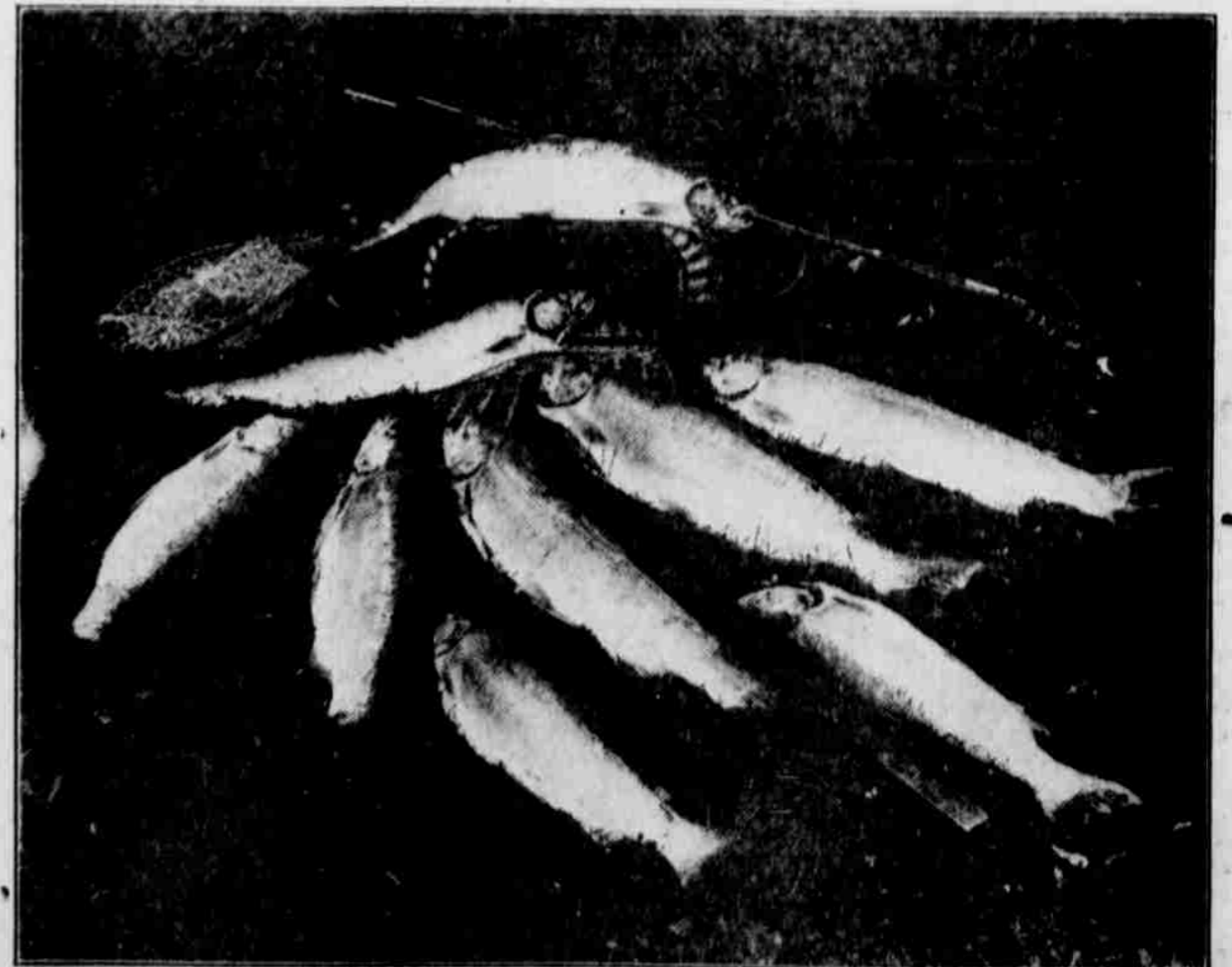
barber shop. The building, when completed, will cost a little more than \$30,000. The name it will carry will be "Hotel Barnum."

Last year brought to Medford few changes in its municipal organization, the official changes being the retirement of Water Superintendent George Trauna and Fire Chief Eugene Amy. An auxiliary fire truck was added to the fire protection facilities. There were two fires during the year in the business district, one in the Blaine Klum paint shop, and the

other in the attic of the Diamond lodging house, both of North Central avenue. The fire calls during the year totaled 186, a large percentage of which were for grass fires in the summer months.

The year brought two suits to the city, one questioning the validity of a sewer assessment in District 13, and the other brought by the California-Oregon Power company for establishing of its franchise rights through the federal courts. Both have been issues in controversy for months.

AN EVENING'S CATCH OF STEELHEAD TROUT AVERAGING FIVE POUNDS EACH.



LITTLE BUTTE CREEK, SOURCE OF MEDFORD'S WATER SUPPLY, A GOOD STREAM FOR TROUT.