

SPORTSMAN LEAGUE FAVORS CLOSED RIVER BY VOTE 14 TO 10

With representatives present from over fifty rod and gun clubs, the resolution presented by the Medford club requesting the State League of Sportsmen's Clubs to endorse the proposed closing of Rogue river except to anglers was warmly debated for several hours Monday at the league's annual meeting at Portland. A unanimous indorsement was requested and on the vote fourteen clubs, including the Ashland and two Medford clubs, voted in favor of closing the stream, and ten against closing, with over half the clubs refusing to vote.

Attorney C. M. Thomas represented the Rogue River Fish Protective association and R. L. Ewing, of Ewing's Gun Store, the Medford Rod and Gun club. G. Putnam, as a member of the executive committee of the state league, was also present. Without his knowledge, President Van Duzer, probably from force of habit, appointed Putnam a member of the nominating committee, which brought forth a formal protest from Messrs. Thomas and Ewing on technical grounds, whereupon Putnam refused to serve.

The debate over river closure was opened by Mr. Ewing, who declared that unbearable conditions existed along the river, that anarchy prevailed at the mouth, that the laws were not enforced, that the dead line established at the mouth had brought no relief, that no fish could get to the upper waters and that angling was getting poorer every year, to the great loss of the sportsmen. He appealed to the sportsmen throughout the state to stand with their Medford brethren.

Shoemaker Talks.

Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, explained conditions at the mouth, that law violations were due to the factional fights between seiners and gillnetters, not between the canery owners and the fishermen, and that none of these violations were in regard to steelhead or trout fishing, but over salmon, and that convictions had been hard to secure because the justice of the peace at Gold Beach was himself a gillnet fisherman. This justice had been defeated in the recent election, convictions had since been secured and little trouble was hereafter anticipated. He told of establishing the dead line, 1700 feet from the mouth, which cut out the objectionable seining and netting at the mouth, but as the dead line did not go into effect until the close of the present season, the benefits would not be realized until next year. He favored a fair trial of the new conditions before making drastic changes.

Opposes Closed River.

G. Putnam stated that, although a charter member of both the Medford clubs and an organizer of the state league, he did not represent any of them, but spoke from the viewpoint of a believer in fair play and a square deal, and as an ardent angler thoroughly conversant with conditions in the Rogue river, having once been responsible for closing it, he declared he knew conditions both at the mouth and in the upper river, and that the Rogue river already had more protection than any other stream in the state. He reviewed the history of fish legislation, of the initiative bill and of the reopening of the stream upon terms dictated by the sportsmen, and declared that experience had shown that a closed river was not a cure-all for poor fishing, that dead salmon lined the banks and made it offensive, that live salmon drove out the steelhead from their favorite haunts and holes, and that the quantity of salmon rose kept the steelhead from taking the fly. He declared that there had always been good fishing and poor fishing years, in trout as well as salmon fishing, due to unknown as well as uncontrollable natural conditions, and that there always would be, and as long as steelhead were protected and salmon not wanted, it was an act of injustice to deprive the state of an industry that meant the distribution of \$250,000 a year among the people of the lower river, who had few other resources and were dependent upon it.

Thomas Waxes Eloquent.

C. M. Thomas waxed quite eloquent in behalf of the downtrodden angler of the upper river, whose

birthright was being destroyed by the commercial fishers of the lower river. Rogue river anglers had already caused the investment of \$3,500,000 in the Medford district, he declared, while the hard times experienced during the past few years could be traced directly to the poor luck fishermen were having. People no longer came from abroad in autos to camp along the stream during fishing season. Public sentiment, he declared, was unanimous for closing the river and destroying the commercial fishing industry, and only two persons he knew opposed it, and to prove his statements he read a telegram signed by the Medford banks, hotels, business houses and sportsmen, urging indorsement of the closed river.

Grants Pass View.

Dr. J. N. Smith of Grants Pass, representing the Grants Pass club, declared that the foundation of sportsmanship was justice and fair play, and that the clubs were asked to work an injustice. The intent of the move dishonest, because confiscatory, and no real sportsman could lend himself to a project that meant hardship to many of the poor of the lower river country to increase the pleasure of a few rich sportsmen of the Medford section, who were rapidly buying up the river land to fence the poor man out. He stated that

there had been better angling at Grants Pass since the river was reopened than during its closed period. He told how the dead salmon menaced the health of the people of Grants Pass when the river was closed, how the city was forced to hire men to clean the river banks, and the unsanitary conditions resulting.

Commissioners Talk.

Frank Warren, a member of the state fish commission, detailed the efforts of the board to improve fishing conditions at the mouth and favored giving the deadline law a trial. He stated that the increase in irrigation in the upper valley made a smaller flow of water in the river, and experience had shown that the fish had a tendency to lurk in the lower pools rather than run up the shallow riffles in hot weather.

I. N. Fleischer, also a member of the fish commission, declared that the dead line was established at the board's own initiative and not at Macleay's request, in response to a query from Mr. Thomas. He stated that for many years he had spent a fortnight every autumn steelhead fishing in the Rogue near Galice, and to his surprise had had the poorest fishing during the two years the river was closed, and very good fishing in late years.

Rod Macleay, manager of the can-

tery at the river's mouth, declared that he had made every effort to obey the law, that no steelhead were taken or purchased, and that while Mr. Hume had taken tens of thousands annually in the old days, the present owners had never taken any. He admitted that occasionally steelhead caught in the seine with salmon might be injured, but said the number so killed in a season would not total more than 100 or 200. Seining did not begin until July 15, after the large runs of steelhead had passed the mouth. In the Columbia it opened May 1. Most of the agitation at Medford, he declared due to ignorance of real conditions and caused by misrepresentations by irresponsible gillnetters who are seeking to eliminate the seines so as to gain a monopoly and fix the price. He declared that as fish wheels, traps and other appliances used in the Columbia and other streams were barred from the Rogue, if seines also were barred the canery could not be operated profitably. He said that he had no monopoly on the river, that there was another canery, and probably there always would be competition there. He stated that a year ago the league appointed a committee to inspect conditions at the mouth, but although he had offered to pay their expenses, the committee had never shown up. He asked investigation before action by the league.

This ended the debate, and the vote was taken.

H. G. Wortman returned Tuesday morning from Portland, where he spent a few days on business.

SANTA FE SHARES PROSPERITY WITH MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad company today authorized a distribution equal to 10 per cent of a year's pay to all its employees in the service of the system for at least two years and whose annual compensation does not exceed \$2,500.

President Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad said today that the amount to be distributed was estimated at about \$2,750,000. He said that the railroad "especially since the influence of the European war, has been fully felt," has enjoyed "what appears to be an abnormal prosperity." It was in recognition of this and of the increased cost of living that led the directors to make the distribution, he said.

74 HOGS BRING \$1993 AT PORTLAND

Horace Pelton of Sams Valley has sold the record car of hogs at the Portland market, seventy-four hogs bringing \$1993, or an average of \$27 a hog. Mr. Pelton's livestock always tops the market, and this particular carload broke all Portland records.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WOUNDED AT MACORIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Captain J. A. Hughes and eight privates of the 31st infantry and two privates of the 32nd company of United States marines, were wounded in the fight November 29 and 30 at Macoris, Dominican republic, between the American forces and natives, who resisted occupation by the Americans, according to a dispatch to the navy department today from Captain Harry Knapp, commanding the forces there. Eleven Dominicans were reported killed and six wounded. Captain Knapp reported the clash was caused

by the resistance offered by Governor Perez of San Francisco de Macoris, when the Americans appeared.

APPEL GATE VOTES SPECIAL ROAD TAX

By a vote of 26 to 24, the Applegate road district has voted a special road tax of 3.2 mills, which will yield about \$4000 for rebuilding of the road to the Blue Ledge mine. The county court equals the sum given and the government will be asked to put up the same amount, \$8000, that county and district spend, under the new federal road law.

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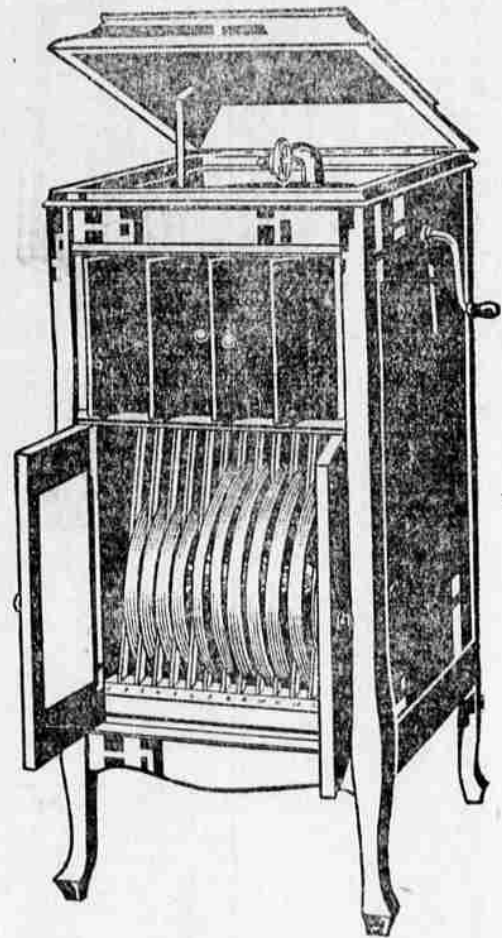
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- Men's Suits—Every new suit in the house including the very finest serges and worsteds, going your choice at \$11.98.
- Men's Work Shirts 39c—men's heavy winter underwear, both fleec lined and ribbed, going at 39c.
- Men's 50c Caps, 29c—Men's 75c Caps, 39c—\$1.50 Caps, 89c—Mule-skin Gloves, 25c—Buckskin Gloves, 69c—Flannel Shirts, 98c.
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