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"The Man in the Open"

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COMMISSIONER STONE TELLS WHY

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the State, thereby depriving the streams of Klamath County of the just quota. There will not be one egg shipped from Diamond Lake, all the eggs taken there will be hatched and put back into the streams in that vicinity.

The statement is made that Klamath County is furnishing millions of trout eggs for the streams of the State and that it is not getting its share. Now as a matter of fact the records will show that of the trout hatched in the State, Klamath county has received about one-fourth, and the big kick from other portions of the State has been that Klamath County was getting more than its share.

It is also asserted that Spencer Creek has practically ceased to be of value as a trout stream. The person who makes that statement does not know what he is talking about. Here are the facts. We began to take trout eggs at Spencer Creek seven years ago and each year put back a good supply of young trout. For the last four years the number of eggs taken have gradually increased each year, and the present season we secured over 2,000,000 eggs, or a million more than any season before. Just inquire of people who have fished in Klamath River below Keno this season. They will tell you that the fishing was never so good before. These are the Spencer Creek fish. Another thing: Spencer Creek is not closed to fishing and never has been, except a small section of the creek where the hatchery stands. The writer speaks of the fish being small. Certainly the fish in Spencer Creek at this time of the year are not more than one-year old trout. All the big ones have gone back into the river. There never was any big trout in Spencer Creek at this time of the year.

The falling off of the fishing at Spring Creek and Williamson River this year has been due to the immense number of logs that have covered the surface of the river all Spring and Summer. This has prevented the usual run of trout; the fish will not ascend a stream that is covered with logs. The Fish and Game Commission has put a million fingerling trout in Williamson River and Spring Creek within the last three years, and but for the logging operations utilizing the river, the fishing would now be the best in the history of these streams.

I know what I am talking about when I say there are more trout in Klamath County today than there were fifteen years ago. Certainly the fish may not be found in Klamath River, Lost River or some of the near-by streams. You must take into consideration that for every angler in this county fifteen years ago there are now ten and that the universal use of the automobile has made most of the old angling places easily accessible; also, that many of the trout streams have been tapped by irrigating ditches. These agencies have taken a big toll and but for the large number of trout fry placed in the streams within the last seven years, Klamath County would have nothing to offer in the way of angling. To compensate the sportsmen for the loss of some of the trout streams, most of the lakes of Klamath county have been stocked with trout. Six years ago there was no fish life in Four Mile Lake, Diamond Lake, Fish Lake, the group of lakes at the head of Cherry Creek, and but few fish in Crater Lake. These lakes were all stocked with rainbow trout. There is no better trout fishing in the world today than Diamond Lake. The lakes in the Cherry Creek country are teeming with the finest kind of trout; Lake of The Woods is an angler's paradise; one can soon get the limit at Four Mile, Crater Lake or Fish lake. The sportsmen from outside points who have fished at the places mentioned have gone away singing the praises of Klamath as an angler's Mecca. Then why should The Herald send out the sort of misleading slop that was dished up to it yesterday? It would be interesting to know whether The Herald man or the writer of the so-called letter ever fished in any of the lakes mentioned, or if either has visited one of the Klamath County hatcheries; if you have done none of these things do not undertake to advise Klamath County sportsmen at least, until you get posted.

Very truly yours,
C. F. STONE,
Member State Board of Fish
and Game Commissioners.

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