

Former Editor To Lecture in Wheeler Hall

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Motion Pictures Will Illustrate
Famous Naturalist's Talk;
Speaks of Debating

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For "panning" the paint splattering activities of an honor society in the height of its glory, William L. Finley '03, former editor of The Californian, first broke into the public spotlight in 1902.

Today, Finley is the west's most famous naturalist, known from coast to coast for his wild life portraits, respected as an authority on measures to protect the nation's living and inert natural resources.

CONDEMNS RITUAL

As a student editor eager to condemn those who would "ruin the reputation of the University", he roundly condemned the crude initiation ceremonies of Theta Nu Epsilon, and gained state-wide publicity.

Yesterday he spoke of his lecture at 8 p. m. today in Wheeler auditorium, and of his impressions of the University in a day when North and South halls marked the nucleus of campus activities.

PAPER 'KIDNAPED'

He especially remembered when an entire edition of The Californian was "kidnaped" and a "Dooley Californian" was substituted by the pseudo criminals. He found his brain child satired and burlesqued with the main figures of campus life placed in a ridiculous light. The culprits were never apprehended.

"Debating was then, and should be now, the most important student extra-curricular activity," he said. "It takes brains for a man to think on his feet—to get up and say what he wants. Why isn't it developed?" His question stood unanswered.

TALK ILLUSTRATED

To illustrate his lecture, the former state game commissioner will bring five reels of his own motion pictures, recently shown before President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Titles are "Where Rolls the Oregon", "The Forest", "Talking of the Marsh Lands", "Water Fowl", and the "Public Domain."

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WILLIAM L. FINLEY '03, noted naturalist, author and explorer, will explain the New Deal's work on "The Public Domain" at 8 p. m. today in Wheeler auditorium.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

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WILLIAM L. FINLEY, Oregon's naturalist, probably should go again to Washington, D. C. He should present again his pictures of the "silver horde" ascending the Columbia on the way to spawn and to maintain one of the most valuable of the activities in the Oregon Country, the salmon industry.

He should point out anew to national authority what will happen if the ascending salmon are stopped at Bonneville dam and cannot get by.

Naturalist Finley at the Chamber of Commerce forum last Monday made a very true statement when he said that adequate fishways at Bonneville are imperative if the salmon industry is to survive. The Bonneville dam is higher than other structures over which salmon have successfully been passed. It is at tidewater. It creates a complete obstruction. The best devices that can be installed at the very beginning cannot completely reestablish the natural inducements to the spawning Chinooks.

The estimates for fishways as submitted to national authority were reduced from \$3,000,000 to \$2,500,000. This was due primarily to distance. It is difficult to see Western projects in their full size and significance from the opposite side of the continent. And the reduction may have been made because of the traditionally canny notion that all estimates are padded.

In this instance the danger is that fishways were not adequately estimated at the larger amount. The Columbia at Bonneville is a tremendous stream. It is the second largest river on the American continent. Facilities to pass the fish must be in proportion, or the structure designed to provide the incalculable boon of power will become irreparable damage to a great industry.

Finley Relates Fishway Need At Bonneville

The \$200,000,000 salmon fishing industry in Oregon, which returns a \$10,000,000 annual dividend to the state, is in very real danger of complete destruction because of inadequate fishways for the passage of spawning salmon at Bonneville dam, William L. Finley, Portland naturalist, told members of the Chamber of Commerce forum today.

"They have limited the fishway cost to \$2,500,000," Finley said. "Originally five fishways were planned. Now plans call for the construction of four, two of which are purely experimental and will likely be useless. Certainly a \$200,000,000 industry deserves \$5,000,000 at least for fishways to guarantee its continued existence."

Dams turning the Columbia into a series of lakes will make the stream suitable for bass and lake fish, but it is also doubtful if young salmon can return to the sea through a chain of lakes, where the essential river food has been destroyed by the change in the character of the stream.

"If the salmon industry in the Columbia, the world's greatest salmon stream, is destroyed, you will find that Bonneville dam cost far more than \$32,000,000," Finley declared.

Officers of the U. S. S. Worden, the new destroyer visiting Portland harbor, were introduced at the forum luncheon by Mayor Joseph K. Carson Jr. and Worth Caldwell.

A resolution extending a courtesy membership to L. K. Hodges, former chairman of the chamber's committee on navigation in the upper Columbia and a retired editorial writer on the Oregonian, was unanimously passed. The reports Hodges turned in were largely used by the chamber of commerce in securing legislation and approval for improvements in the Columbia river.