

AN ENEMY OF THE SALMON

GOVERNMENT OFFICER SAW SEA LION AFTER THE FISH.

Will Make an Official Report—He Talks on Spawning and Habits of Salmon.

ASTORIA, Aug. 17.—United States Fish Commissioner Claud Butler returned to Astoria last evening from a two weeks' trip to points adjacent to the mouth of the Columbia river, investigating the habits of sea lions and seals with reference to their effect, if any, on the depletion of the food fishes of the Columbia. The object of the Governmental department under which he is working are that he shall not make public the results of his investigations until after they have been approved and published by the commission, but by knowing what he has seen and learned his conclusions can readily be surmised. Mr. Butler was sent to the Pacific Coast to make these investigations as the result of requests made by persons interested in the fishing industry in California, who desire the aid of the Government in destroying the lions, which they allege do an immense amount of damage to the food fishes of the Pacific Coast.

His first work here was to visit the sands at the south side of the jetty, where he saw numerous seals and sea lions, but was unable to get a single one to examine its stomach. Several of them were shot, but all succeeded in getting into the water before they died. In this work he was assisted by Assistant Engineer H. H. Brown, and by several of the enlisted men stationed there. He did, however, see the lions jumping after the salmon and was successful in getting a shot of one of the torn pieces of salmon floating on the water, as well as of the seals hovering around and picking up the fish. While at Cannon Beach he took several photographs of the sea lion rookeries and at the cannery here he secured pictures of salmon that had been bitten by either seals or sea lions.

STREET FAIR A SETTLED FACT.

Men Who Will Be in Charge of Baker City's Carnival. BAKER CITY, Aug. 17.—It is a settled fact now, it seems, that Baker City is to have a carnival in the Pacific Coast city. The committee appointed by the citizens' meeting Thursday night met yesterday morning and perfected a complete organization, as follows: General executive committee—C. A. Hodder, chairman; James Goodwin, Jr., P. Pascho. General manager, George L. Baker, secretary; W. S. Lewis, treasurer; P. Pascho, general excursions manager, F. S. Lusk. Street lighting and illuminating—R. D. Carter, Seymour H. Bell, William Fullmer, H. S. Bowers, W. F. Butcher, A. Geisler and A. Neuberger. Streets and street grades—M. Fox, chairman; C. Palmer, Mose Dillemer, Mose—Jed Ballyntine, Jesse Helmer, Ed Hyde, F. M. Saxton, Sol Tischer. Queen of carnival and all varying committees—Ed Bodman, Carl Adler, John McLellan. Mines and minerals—Isadore Fuchs, chairman; Dick Stockman, Robert Wall, Bruno, O. L. Miller, secretary. Agriculture and horticulture—Carl Dillemer, chairman; C. Whitehead, W. A. Baird, O. L. Miller, secretary. Committee on entertainers—Charles J. Flynn, chairman; C. W. Hill, Edward Everest Young, Robert Palmer, Frank Berry. Accommodations—S. O. Correll, G. L. Lacy, Robert Donald. Ladies' auxiliary executive committee—Mrs. J. P. Atwood, Mrs. H. Bamberger, Mrs. James Gledhill, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Mrs. E. L. Baez; committee to elect its own chairman and have exclusive control of the ladies' department.

AFTER OREGON MINES.

New York Capitalists Are Looking Over the Baker City Field. BAKER CITY, Aug. 17.—A party of New York capitalists is in Baker City, having come direct from New York, to look over the Eastern Oregon mining field. H. A. Mitchell will show them around the mine, and also the property of Campbell, C. N. Barker, John J. Kline and John R. Graham, either of whom, it is said, can draw his check for \$100,000. They are already in charge of a large tract in this vicinity several days, devoting their time to looking up good properties, and if any of them can be bought at what they consider a reasonable figure, they will buy them outright, as they do not care to bond. Mr. Campbell says he and his associates are well pleased with the investments they have made in this section, and are anxious to secure more good things.

Galagher Group Bonded.

J. R. Bowden today secured a bond on the Gallagher group of mines located in the Durkee district, about 30 miles south of this city. Mr. Bowden secured a two-thirds interest for \$800. Men were sent out to the property at once to begin a week of developing. A boarding-house and several other buildings will be erected.

NEW OREGON CORPORATIONS.

Eight Concerns Last Week, With a Capital Stock of \$2,300,250. SALEM, Aug. 17.—Eight new companies filed articles of incorporation this week, with a total capital stock of \$2,300,250. In his last biennial report to the Legislature, Secretary of State Dunbar recommended that these corporations be charged a reasonable fee for the privilege of incorporation. Had the Legislature acted on this advice and fixed the fees charged in Iowa, the state would have received \$30,000 from this source this week. The articles are as follows: The West Side & Suburban Railway Company, Portland, \$200,000; W. N. Sayre, W. S. Selover, A. Graydon, etc.; operate an electric road from Forest Grove to Forest Grove. Union Light & Power Company, Wood-

MEANS GAIN FOR STRIKERS

MEN ON INCOMING SALMON FLEET MAY BE CALLED OUT.

This Means an Addition of 2000 to Strikers at San Francisco—Nonunion Men Attacked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The arrival of the ship Santa Clara, the first of the salmon fleet, presents another phase of the local labor trouble. There are about 50 vessels in the fleet, and there are about 40 union men on each vessel, who are all subject to the orders of the City Front Federation, and with each arrival the army of strikers will be increased. The salmon pack which these vessels are bringing to this city is one of the largest made in years. The entire pack is contracted for, and under the agreement entered into between the packers and the purchasers should be delivered by a certain date. The present condition of the labor world renders the accomplishment of the terms of the contract difficult when it can take care of no more than the present inmates, and the board has been a number of applications for admission. There are 30 members at the Home, and some of the men are sleeping three in a room where the accommodations are sufficient for only two. There are 15 new arrivals whose candidacy for admission has not been definitely disposed of, and the board is in receipt of letters from nearly as many more old soldiers who announce their intention of applying for admission. The board has about determined to make the neediness of the applicant the main factor in disposing of the applications, and probably the amount of pension each one draws will be the basis on which their respective claims to admission will be decided. There are some members of the Home who are now drawing from \$12 to \$17 50 per month in pensions, and if the board insists on this rate each of these men will be required to take out his discharge. At all events, the next Legislature will have to make provision for the growing needs of the institution.

BEARS NEVER SO NUMEROUS.

Long Creek Stockmen Fear Brains Will Become Troublesome.

LONG CREEK, Aug. 17.—Never within the memory of the oldest mountaineers have the bears been so bold as now. Stockmen are becoming apprehensive for the safety of their calves and sheep, for the reason that the bears are being literally starved out of their retreats in the mountains, and have begun to prey upon the young stock. The severe frost that ruined garden vegetables and fruit blossoms early in the season has also cut off the natural food of the bears by blighting the nuts, and as well as the numerous other things upon which they subsist. A concerted effort was made today by the coal men to unload the colliers in the harbor. Considerable headway was made on the Carrina and South Portland with nonunion men. The discharging of the Telius was finished, and work will be begun on the Bristol tomorrow. The steamer Enterprise sailed for Valparaiso with a full cargo. The Peru also sailed for Valparaiso. Two nonunion men were attacked on Market street tonight by five strikers. The fight pistols were drawn. Nine shots were fired, and Thomas Moran, who was walking on the street, was hit and slightly injured.

THE LATE MRS. E. W. FISHER.

ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN CORVALLIS.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 17.—Mrs. E. W. Fisher, who died here Thursday, was one of the first settlers in Corvallis. She was born in Germany, June 4, 1834. Her parents were Joseph and Madeline Diller, the first of whom died in Corvallis in 1887. Mrs. Diller is still living. The family came to America in 1843, settling in New Jersey. In February, 1854, Mr. and Mrs. Diller, with their children, arrived in Oregon City. The following October they settled in Corvallis. In 1857 Amelia Diller became Mrs. E. W. Fisher, and had since resided in Corvallis. Seven children survive her—Anna Fisher, Mrs. Lena Barber, Charles Fisher, Mrs. Emma Barber, Clara Fisher and John Fisher, of Corvallis, and Mrs. Melville Thompson, of Los Angeles.

STRIKE AT SAN FRANCISCO HELDS GRAIN VESSELS FOR EUROPE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Twenty-nine deep-water ships, all chartered to carry grain out of this port for European markets, are tied up in the harbor, unable to take in their cargoes because of the strike. These vessels aggregate 347,000 registered tons displacement, and they have a carrying capacity of about 100,000 tons of grain. Besides this fleet of chartered grain ships, there are four other grain-carrying vessels in the harbor with an aggregate tonnage of 8420 tons that have not accepted charters. Four other vessels are chartered to carry away cargoes of California products, but they cannot get away for want of men to load them. In addition to the grain fleet, there are 15 vessels under charter to sail for Hawaiian Island ports and return with sugar cargoes.

Capitalist Committed Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Samuel Levy, a retired capitalist, aged 75 years, sought relief from asthmatic pains by hanging himself to a post last night. He was dead when discovered. He came to California from Cincinnati, where he had been the head of a corporation that operated a planing mill and furniture factory.

Stanford Professor Resigns.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Aug. 17.—Dr. T. D. Wood has resigned his position as professor of hygiene and organic training at Stanford University to accept a similar position in the teachers' college of Columbia University.

Winters Pleaded Guilty.

CROCKETT, Cal., Aug. 17.—John Winters, charged with having robbed the vault of the Selby Company of bullion exceeding \$30,000 in value, had his preliminary examination here this morning, and pleaded guilty.

FARMERS POOL THEIR GRAIN.

Bids for the Whole Block Will Be Considered Tuesday. SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—About 30 farmers residing in the Rocky Point neighborhood, in the Waldo Hills, formed a pool of their grain last night. About 50,000 bushels of oats and 30,000 bushels of wheat are already in the pool. These farmers formed a similar pool last year, and in selling their grain in this manner made several hundred dollars. The farmers organized by the election of W. H. Downing as president and H. H. Humphrey as secretary. J. T. Hunt, Charles McElhenny, W. J. Humphrey, T. B. Patton and Henry Keene were appointed a sales committee. Grain dealers have been invited to make bids for the whole block of grain. Bids will be opened next Tuesday.

To Represent Prune Association.

The directors of the Willamette Valley Prune Association held a meeting today and elected H. B. Gile agent to represent the association in making sales. Last year sales were made through the firm of H. S. Gile & Co., but this year the association will make sales direct. Orders have already been received for the best grade of prunes in 25-pound boxes at 6 cents for 30s, and one-half a cent off for each smaller size.

SOLDIERS' HOME TOO CROWDED.

State Is Confronted by a Serious Difficulty. OLYMPIA, Aug. 17.—A serious difficulty is confronting the State Board of Control in the disposition of applications for admission to the Soldiers' Home at Orting. The institution is now in a con-

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THE SWEEPSTAKE.

ALASKA COMPANY IS USING MONEY TO TAKE UP OTHER CONCERNS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The Chronicle says: A joint bond issue of \$6,000,000 has been so quietly authorized and partly placed that it has escaped attention, despite its unusual size. The money derived therefrom has been employed in part payment by the Northern Commercial Company and the Northern Navigation Company in the purchase of the Alaska Commercial, the Empire Transportation and the Alaska Exploration Companies. The authorized issue of Northern Commercial Company is \$4,000,000. That of the Northern Navigation Company is \$2,000,000. Both issues are secured by trust deeds given to the Northern Commercial Company, and are secured by mortgages and property of the corporations.

NORTHPORT SHELTER TROUBLE.

Labor Commissioner Says It Is a Fight Against Unionism.

OLYMPIA, Aug. 17.—Labor Commissioner William Blackman, who has just returned from Northport, Wash., where he went to investigate the smelter trouble, says the whole difficulty seems to be a fight against unionism. The trouble at Northport, Wash., and that at Roseland, where there is now a walk-out of union men on the wage question, has never been any difficulty at all about the left side. Results: Five and a half furlongs—Chusenunda won, Specific second, Demurrer third; time, 1:37 1/2. Mile and 70 yards, for gentlemen riders—Carburn won, Cogswell second, Dogtown third; time, 1:51 1/2. Five and a half furlongs, the United States Hotel stakes—Marler Man, 119, 216 foot, purse \$100—Waubun won in three straight heats; best time, 2:19 1/2. 2 1/2 mile race, purse \$100—Quito won in three straight heats; best time, 2:09 1/2. Free-for-all pace, purse \$200—Anaconda won two straight heats in 2:05 1/2, 2:03 1/2, beating Prince Alert.

MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows: Bid. Ask. American Boy 7/8 8 1/2 Morrison 1 1/2 1 3/4 Black Cat 1/2 3/4 P. & N. 1 1/2 1 3/4 B. & B. 1/2 3/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 Conceptor 2 3/4 3 1/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 Deer Trail 1/2 3/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 El Callah 1/2 3/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 Gen. Ledger 1 1/2 1 3/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 Mtn. Lion 1 1/2 1 3/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 Mtn. Glory 2 1/2 3 1/4

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THEY SWEAR VENGEANCE

UNION COUNTY CATTLEMEN FIND STOCK SHOT TO DEATH. Sheepherders Are Suspected of Act—Serious Trouble Is Imminent. BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 17.—A message just received from Pine, Or., says: The news has just reached here that there is great excitement on East Pine Creek on account of the finding of 17 head of cattle that had been shot to death, and cattle owners of this section swear vengeance. It is supposed the killing of the cattle was the work of sheepherders, the cattle having demolished a sheep camp. If it proves true that sheepmen are responsible for this wanton act, there will be serious trouble, as the best of feeling has not existed for a long time between cattle and sheepowners in this section on account of the encroachments on the range.

NOT SO BAD AS REPORTED

FEW FATALITIES CAUSED BY THE STORM ON GULF COAST. Mobile's Famous Shell Road Partly Destroyed—The List of Marine Disasters. MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 17.—The Gulf Coast from Pensacola to New Orleans is at last under view, telegraphic communication having been resumed. The general report is that, aside from damage to wharves and bath-houses, cottages and smokestacks, cross-houses and farms, instances of serious loss have been few. There has been no loss of life, as far as is known here. A tug was sent down the bay from Mobile today to investigate the conditions on Mississippi Island, about which some apprehension was felt, but up to midnight nothing had been heard from there. The steamer Evelyn is ashore near Pensacola; the schooner Asa C. Stowell, stranded in Mobile Bay; the schooner Foster Rice is damaged in the Gulf and has been towed into Mobile; a three-masted schooner, name unknown, has been sighted in distress five miles outside of Mobile Harbor, and the American bark Julia is ashore and capsized on the south beach of Horn Island. These are the marine disasters, so far as known tonight. The warnings of the approaching storm were so widely disseminated that nearly every place in this region was prepared. The coast resorts suffered less damage than first reports indicated, according to advice here. Pascagoula, Miss., felt the full force of the storm. The damage in bath-houses and wharves alone there is put at \$60,000. Moss Point, Miss., a sawmill town, sustained much damage by logs being carried away. At Biloxi, the beautiful clubhouse was demolished, together with several cottages. One fisherman is reported drowned.

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