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CALIFORNIA LEADS THE WAY.

For several years California has been the only state on the Pacific coast that conducts its own fish hatcheries, the propagation of fish in Oregon and Washington being in charge of the federal bureau of fisheries, which confines its attention to the commercially valuable species and does not maintain hatcheries for trout, says a bulletin of the federal government.

California, having its own hatcheries, has been able to supply not only other states of the Union, but even foreign countries, as Germany, New Zealand and Japan, with fish eggs. The total output of young trout in California will amount this year to eleven millions, there being three millions each of rainbow, cutthroat and steelhead, the rest being Loch Leven and eastern brook trout. Of the eleven millions, six are produced by the Sissons hatchery, while the rest come from the trout stations at Tahoe City, Glen Alpine and Tallac on Lake Tahoe, the hatcheries at Brookdale in Santa Cruz county, at Ukiah in Mendocino county and on the Eel river.

The fish commissioners of California follow the practice recommended by the best authorities, of liberating the young fish as soon as the umbilical sac is absorbed and the search for natural food begins. The fish thus retain their native wildness and develop the instinct of self-preservation, which is weakened if they remain too long in captivity and are nourished on artificial food, such as they do not find when they are in the wild state.

At the last session of the legislature of California several bills for the establishment of small fish hatcheries were presented, but the fish commissioners contended that the hatcheries ought to be situated in places whence the young fish could be conveyed quickly to the streams to be stocked, and urged that the desired results could be attained better by building a special fish-distributing car than by establishing small hatcheries. The legislators, taking this view, appropriated \$7500 to build a car for the distribution of fish. Hitherto the practice has been to transport young fish in baggage or express cars.

The new car is sixty feet long and has vestibuled end, so that it can be attached to a passenger train. It is painted orange and bears the inscription, "Fish Distributing Car." It contains large tanks, which are filled with fresh mountain water at starting. The car holds one hundred and twenty-five shipping cans or six hundred thousand fish, which arrive at their destination in much better condition than when shipped by the old method. The car also contains accommodations for four men and an office for the superintendent.

Every part of the state can be reached by the car, and by its facilities the commissioners are able to fill a dozen or more applications for young fish on each trip. An applicant for fish to be used in stocking public waters simply makes his application, meets the train at a specified time and place, receives the fish and liberates them in accordance with the instructions supplied by the commissioners.

The first trip of the car was made early in September to various points on the Sacramento river from the 18th crossing to Chico. The commissioners were much pleased with the results, as the fish were delivered in as good condition as when they left the hatchery; and, being planted in shallows or riffles, found suitable food and avoided attack by large fish. The new method of distribution enables the commissioners to concentrate the hatcheries at points that are of easy access, and to transport fish from the hatcheries to the streams and lakes which are to be stocked at 50 per cent smaller cost than under the former system.

NATIONS DISCUSS ROAD BUILDING.

At this time of the year, when the roads of the county are almost bottomless, rutty, sticky and horse-breaking to use for business requirements, and realizing that the more impassable the highways the greater the indifference on the part of those who use them to haul produce to market, it will be surprising to the public generally to learn that an international congress with the sole object of discussing and forwarding country road making was recently held in Paris. The official and district delegates in attendance represented twenty-three nations, and included military and civil engineers, highway superintendents from state and local governments, officers of road associations and other progressive men who are interested in road improvement as an essential measure of public policy. They represented countries with varying local conditions, spoke in many languages, and related widely different experiences and opinions, but they were unanimous in declaring the question of highway construction and maintenance to be one of the most urgent and important subjects now pressing upon their respective governments.

In reporting the meeting, Farm and Home stated that every phase of road construction was considered, and maintenance and traffic were given attention. It may naturally be supposed that a subject which would bring together representatives from widely separated countries would enlist the most serious discussion and effort to arrive at practicable conclusions for the betterment of highways and for the improvement of social and business conditions. Such was the case. The delegates were earnest and intelligent advocates of world-improvements in public highways. A permanent organization was effected to be known as the International Road Congress association.

If work of such semi-national character shall, even in a small way, lead people who use country roads to want better conditions, results of large benefit will in time follow. Next to good ranches and favorable climatic conditions, good roads are profit makers. They are, like markets, side partners of success.

BELIEVES THAT FIRE WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 4.—Believing that the fire which destroyed the Underwood skating rink in Eugene on the night of January 23 was of incendiary origin, and obtaining several clues of the guilty persons, E. J. Fraser, owner of the building, has employed a special detective and hopes to be able to make arrests within a few days. The loss to Fraser was over \$2500, with no insurance. The spouses of the building, George & M. Donald had their skates and other things insured for \$1500.

Christian Science

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning in the Commercial club room at 11 o'clock. Subject of the lesson-lesson for February 7, "Spirit." All are welcome. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

WHEN HER BACK ACHES

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FEARS FELT FOR SAFETY OF TRANSPORT BUFFALO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 4.—Fears are felt for the safety of the converted transport Buffalo, which is four days overdue from Hawaii. The wireless reports were last heard from the boat when she was two days at sea. There was an understanding that the Buffalo would remain within wireless communication excepting two days of the present voyage en route to San Francisco.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 4.—The safe in Paul Bettelheim's general merchandise store at Springfield was blown open some time Saturday night and over \$100 in cash was taken. The robbery was not discovered until Sunday morning, when Mr. Bettelheim opened the store. The safe door was badly shattered, but the explosion was not heard during the night, as far as can be learned. There is no clue to the robbers.

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