

MEASURE WHICH THE GILNET FISHERS HAVE ENDORSED.

Senator Smith and Representative Curtis Offer a Solution of the Salmon Question.

"Be it enacted, that hereafter it shall be lawful for only the gillnet fishermen of Clatsop county to take salmon in the Columbia river; provided, that it shall be unlawful for them at such times and seasons as salmon of good quality are not running in profitable numbers."

"It shall not be lawful to take or fish for salmon in the Columbia river or any of its tributaries, by any means whatever, in any year, between the first day of March and the fifteenth day of April, or between the first day of August and the first day of September, or between the first day of October and the first day of November."

AN OPEN SEASON WANTED

Some New Ideas Advanced on the Salmon Question.

Portland, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor.)—Undoubtedly the protection of our salmon industry will be one of the most important subjects with which the legislature will have to deal.

"Whereas, The supply of salmon and other food fishes in the waters of the state of Oregon is rapidly being exhausted by the indiscriminate catching and destruction of young and small, as well as mature salmon, and other food fishes, by means of fishwheels, fishtraps, poundnets, or any other stationary gear or contrivance, or by any other means, and shall be fined not less than \$50 more than \$25, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 100 days."

"The great danger of the salmon industry now is that those peculiarly interested in the fish, and therefore most active in discussing and recommending laws, will expend all their energy in fighting each other, and that the struggle will have without any other result than to exhaust the fish and the river."

THE LOOCHOO ISLANDS

Where the Women Are the Majority and Do the Hardest Work.

These islands are situated in a south-west direction from the province of Satsuma, at a distance of about 200 miles. The group consists of several islands, the largest of all is popularly known as Honjo, its circumference being about 200 miles. The natives are roughly numbered at 40,000, and the number of Japanese residing there is only 300.

scribably dirty and intolerably repugnant. But the dirtier they become, the more blood the prouder and happier they look. The women are said to be usually stronger and larger than the men. When at work they are usually clothed in a simple and unadorned manner, but they are very droll and stubborn; but they are very polite externally. The men and females alike have dressed their hair up into round queues which they ornament with hair pins made of metal. Formerly distinctions something like those which were observed by the natives wearing only gold ornaments, the next caste silver ones, and so on with other inferior metals. But since the islands were put under the Japanese government the distinctions have been abolished, though the custom lingers on among them. In Shuri, the capital, and in Naha, the second city, morality is not kept on a high level, and the very curious custom of a newly-married man to leave his bride for some days and to spend his time in a house of ill repute.

They have really no religion beyond a kind of ancestral worship. They have a very strong custom of worshipping the dead's bones every three years, and they spend a great deal of money in keeping their tombs clean and magnificent all the year round. They regard the Buddha and their incomes on the tombs. Buddhism and Christianity have been introduced, the former about 35 years ago, and the latter about 15 years ago. They are converts. The natives are peculiarly averse to education, and though there are a great many government schools, very few have ever attended them. Special inducements and money awards have been offered to get them to school, but still they will not enter. Some 50,000 yen are expended annually at present in educational experiments in the islands.

A SNAKE RAMPART.

Serpents Twisted Into a Mass for Self-Defense.

A German traveler and naturalist describes a spectacle he once witnessed in the savannas of Senegal, in Guinea, which he well characterized as "the most wonderful and terrible" that can be seen.

"We were 10 men on horseback, two of whom took the lead, in order to sound the alarm, which they did by blowing their great horns. One of the blacks who formed the vanguard returned full gallop and called to me:

"Here, sir, come and see serpents in a pile!" He pointed out something elevated in the middle of the savannas, which appeared like a bundle of arms. One of my companions then said: "This is certainly one of those singular and dangerous phenomena which heap themselves on each other after a violent tempest. I have heard of these, but have never seen any. Let us proceed cautiously and not go too near."

"I own I was one of the first to draw back; but when I saw that this formidable phalanx remained at its post, and appeared to be more disposed to defend itself than to attack us, I rode round it, in order to view its order of battle, facing the enemy on every side. I then sought what could be the design of this numerous assembly, and I concluded that this species of serpent dreaded some terrible enemy, which might be the great serpent, the cayman, and that they reunited themselves after having seen their enemy, in order to resist or attack him in a mass."

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Why should the packer be denied the opportunity to put up the best quality; why should the fishermen be prevented from catching the fish when they bring him the highest price; and why should the highest price be kept from the consumer when it will bring him the largest returns, simply to loaf about the lower river and be caught at last in a poorer condition than he was when he first entered the river, perhaps two months before? Business is fine thing, but plain business facts and common horse sense are what we need in dealing with this question. I hope the legislature will not act upon the impractical recommendations of these very excellent but wholly theoretical gentlemen, without first appointing a committee of careful and conscientious men to make a study of the subject from the experiences of men actually engaged in the salmon industry. They can give them some points on the business aspects of the question the theorists seem to ignore. What is wanted is a regulation of the salmon industry, so that the state of Oregon can draw the greatest possible revenue from it for many years to come.

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