

TO CONTROL FISHERIES

SYNDICATE IS NEGOTIATING FOR PACIFIC COAST FISH.

Capital Stock Will Be \$30,000,000—J. Pierpont Morgan and Others Are Subscribers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The call for \$200,000,000 syndicate deal is pending in San Francisco, and with its successful consummation the entire fishing and packing industry on the Pacific Coast will be controlled by one big corporation.

The principal stockholders in this new syndicate, should the deal be closed, will include the well-known New York financiers, J. Pierpont Morgan, August Belmont, W. Seligman, J. Seligman and the presidents of several of the most extensive banking-houses in New York City. Negotiations have been pending several months.

Representatives of the Eastern capitalists who have been working all over the coast have secured options on a large majority of the fishing and packing syndicate will be able to control the entire salmon industry with the exception of a certain per cent that is controlled by the Alaska Packers' Association of this city. It was learned yesterday that negotiations have been commenced with the Alaska Packers' Association for an option on its plant, but nothing definite has been done.

Among the companies that will be absorbed should the deal go through will be the Pacific American Fisheries Company, which has a plant at Chicago, is the president, and the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, of which Senator George C. Perkins is the head. Should the syndicate be formed, it will have its headquarters of the big corporation will be in this city.

TO TREAT REFRACTORY ORES.

Roasting Plant Will Be Put in at Baker City—Success Means Much.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 31.—A new process for treating refractory gold and silver ores is being introduced in Eastern Oregon. It consists in heating the ore in a base coating is vaporized, after which the oxidized ores pass through the regular mechanical process of crushing and amalgamation on rollers.

Some of the latest properties are remote from rail transportation, and do not have this facility for shipment for years to come. Values are not sufficiently high to warrant an expensive haul to the property. If the new process is successful, it is likely that a 50-ton plant will be erected on the Balesley within the near future. Mr. Soderling will invite all the operators of this district who have a quantity of ore to send him quantities when he is ready for work, that he may make an absolutely satisfactory demonstration. He is constructing the plant at his own expense, and has the confident confidence of his confidence in the new process, and should encourage Eastern Oregon miners with suitable ores to give him a chance to test whether new and cheaper process for treatment is possible.

PORTLAND-YAKIMA ROAD MAY BE EXTENDED.

Electing for Ensuing Year—Road May Be Extended.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31.—The Portland, Vancouver and Yakima Railroad Company, at its annual meeting held here last night, elected the following officials for the ensuing year:

President and treasurer, I. N. Gray; vice-president, Louis Gerlinger; secretary, W. J. Miller; Board of Trustees, I. N. Gray, Louis Gerlinger, J. H. Morrison, H. J. Mercer, the new member of the board, is a Buffalo, N. Y., man, and will reside in this city.

Inspected Speyer's Texas Interests.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., March 31.—A representative of Speyer & Co., of New York, who recently purchased the Mexican National Railroad Company, accompanied by General Superintendent Brown and J. N. Hildreth, superintendent of the northern division, arrived here this morning from Laredo and spent several hours inspecting the company's interests here. It is said that Vice-President George Morton will be made General Manager of the National. The road connects at Aris with the San Antonio & Aransas Pass, a Southern Pacific property.

Southern Pacific Opens New Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Southern Pacific today formally opened its new coast line. The first through train for Los Angeles, the Coast Line Limited, left the Third and Townsend-street depot at 8 o'clock this morning. It is scheduled to reach Los Angeles at 10:20 tonight. Included in the train was a cafe car, which is a new feature on the Southern Pacific system.

FUNSTON ONCE IN OREGON.

Worked as Pipefitter in Oregon City, Paper Mills.

OREGON CITY, March 31.—In 1837 or 1838, General Frederick Funston, who captured Aguinaldo, was employed at the Willamette pulp paper mills as a pipefitter for a couple of months. He came here from California with a force of men, who were fitting up buildings with Gray automatic sprinklers. The foreman of the buildings of the company with automatic sprinklers. Vice-President Johnson, of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, who knew Funston personally, says that he is the same man who worked here as a pipefitter.

Will Scramble for Mining Claims.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—The steamer Amur, from Skagway, brings the news from Dawson that during the recent stampede to Gold Run and Eureka, 39 men mistook one claim and made a rush to record it, while at the mouth of Gold Run

100 men made a wild scramble for three claims. The Yukon Journal, a new four-page daily, has been established at Dawson and is being received at Dawson of a big strike at Pelly.

ORE FOUND IN MINE NEAR HOLLIS, ALASKA.

Innardsville at Kendrick. KENDRICK, March 31.—A landslide occurred on the hills north of town and just below the water-work reservoir Friday night. About 500 yards of earth slipped down the hill, covering the country road leading up American Ridge. The reservoir was emptied and it was found that a large crack had been formed in the bottom.

Citizens' Ticket at St. Helens.

ST. HELENS, March 31.—Following is the citizens' ticket nominated last night for the election to be held tomorrow: President of Council, James D. Douthett; Vice-President, W. F. Slaughter, J. H. Sheldon, S. A. Miles and R. S. Hutton; City Recorder, R. H. Mitchell; City Treasurer, E. E. Quick; Marshal, John McKie.

Newfoundland Fisheries.

LONDON, March 31.—A conference was held yesterday at the Colonial Office on the Newfoundland fisheries question. Mr. Chamberlain presided. Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Bond, the Newfoundland Premier, were present.

Telegraph Cable Repaired.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—Repairs to the Western Union Telegraph Company's cable across the Columbia River were completed last night. The cable got out of order three weeks ago.

School Population of Marion.

SALEM, March 31.—The annual reports of the school clerks of Marion County show that the school population this year is 3866, an increase of 30 over last year.

Receipts of State Land Office.

SALEM, March 31.—The receipts of the State Land Office for March aggregated \$2,634.61, of which all but about \$200 went into the common school funds.

Alleged Oregon Bigamist Arrested.

EUREKA, Cal., March 31.—B. F. Dunphy was arrested today by officers from Oregon. He is charged with bigamy. He was taken away on the steamer Pomona.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. George P. Howell, of Wasco. WASCO, Or., March 31.—Mrs. Emma I. Howell, aged 42 years, wife of George P. Howell, an old-time resident of Sherman County, died today of pneumonia. She had been ill several days. Her husband, who has a husband, survive her.

Oregon Notes.

Sheridan has a siege of measles. A baseball team has been organized at Ione. Toledo will hold a local teachers' institute April 12.

Negotiations are pending for an admiring plant at Athena. The O. R. & N. Co. paid its Wasco County taxes Friday, amounting to \$877.74.

The Lebanon Electric Light & Water Company has received its new electric light plant. Tom Quaid last week sold 130 ewes to Pat McEld at \$4.25 per head, says the Register Times.

The steamer Modoc ran into the ferryboat at Buena Vista the other night. The company paid the damage. The Union Promotion & Development Company has organized at Union. The amount of capital stock is \$193,000.

A carload of hardwood lumber was shipped to Portland on Thursday's West Side freight by the Corvallis sawmills. George Cavansugh, of Huntington, was arrested at Walla Walla last week for alleged horse-stealing and taken to Union for trial.

George Handsaker shipped 50 sacks of flour from Junction to Cottage Grove Wednesday, and 5000 pounds of feed to Eugene.

Two carloads of machinery passed from Philomath on Thursday's train for the new sawmill in course of erection on the John Hyde place.

It is reported that certain parties are ready to start a cheese factory in the vicinity of Jewell, in the Nehalem valley. Provided the milk from 150 cows can be secured.

An application for a special school meeting at Eagle Point to vote on the proposition to bond the district for \$500 has been filed with the Clerk, but no action will be taken on it, as the law provides that there is no school year and the board has already levied a 7-mill tax.

Petitions are being circulated at Eagle Point protesting against the Fish Lake Dam. Farmers along the creek have to depend on the waters of that stream to irrigate their gardens and alfalfa. An injunction was granted and the matter will be tested in the courts.

Jesse Orme, while prospecting on the south bank of Rogue River, about a mile west of Savage Rapids, found some good gold. He has a little ditch, built a reservoir and ground-sluiced for 12 days, and the clean-up amounted to about \$90. He found two or three nuggets of \$5 each and several more worth \$4 each.

E. W. Veatch killed a large rattler last week near the Cal Wallace place, says the Cottage Grove Leader. He killed its mate at the same spot last year, and went back this time with the intention of capturing the rattler alive. He succeeded and started for town with it, but it could not be carried safely, and he was compelled to kill it. A number of rattler eggs were secured. Corvallis has come into prominence as an egg center, says the Times. An egg war between two local firms has made a stir in the market. From every direction eggs are arriving in abundance. On account of the war, eggs are higher priced at Corvallis than at Portland. They are 3 or 4 cents higher than at Albany. They are 15 cents a dozen to the farmer who brings them to town, although consumers may buy them at any store in town at 12 1/2 cents a dozen.

Farm Names Have Value.

New York Times. "It is a wonder to me," remarked the dairyman as he sold a lot of eggs that came from a farm whose name is known all about this section for the excellence of its products, "that farmers do not name their farms more frequently and so establish a sort of trademark for their produce. They would do it, I am sure. If they only knew how much it adds to the value of the stuff they send to the market. I have scores of customers who will buy only milk, eggs, chickens or other produce they want that comes from a certain farm and is so stamped.

Now, Jones' farm or Smith's farm does not mean anything to the average buyer, but call it 'Edgewood,' 'Ivanhoe,' 'Lookout' or any other fanciful name and it at once obtains a market value that would be before and without the expenditure of a penny. It is a queer short-sightedness that has led farmers to overlook this, for they are usually shrewd enough in other respects. If they would name their farm and furnish good stuff for a couple of months, they would find that the value of their property had doubled in that period."

CARRIES \$50,000 TO TON

ORE FOUND IN MINE NEAR HOLLIS, ALASKA.

Southeastern Part of Territory is a Promising Section—Fox Raising a Profitable Industry.

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, March 28.—A section of Alaska that has attracted little attention compared with its apparent merit is the southeastern part of the territory of which Ketchikan is the main trading post. Two years ago there was no trace of civilized industry there, but now business houses, canneries, saw mills and hundreds of dwellings are being constructed, while countless small vessels do a thriving business, carrying mail, passengers and freight to mines and mills. The value of the mines of this district has not been demonstrated, as but little work has been done upon them, but if surface indications amount to anything there are mines here that cannot be excelled for richness in any part of the territory.

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