

CHIEF OBSTACLE GONE

SALMON-CANNERS' TRUST ALMOST AN ASSURED FACT. Much-Sought Option on Plants of Alaska Packers' Association Has Been Secured.

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SMALLPOX ON SENATOR. Steamer Was Held Up at Juneau by Quarantine Officer. PORT TOWNSEND, May 7.—The City of Seattle, arriving from the North, reports that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Senator was held up at Juneau by a United States quarantine officer on account of smallpox among the passengers upon her arrival there.

SEATTLE, May 7.—A dispatch from Port Townsend states that Dr. H. M. Foster, United States quarantine officer at that place, has been notified by steamer City of Seattle today of one case of smallpox on board the steamer Senator. The case developed on the way North and the steamer was turned back to Juneau.

ROYALTY REDUCED.

Miners Object to Rule That Non-Payment Means Confiscation of Dust. SEATTLE, May 7.—Dispatches from Dawson under date of April 23 state that the royalty has been officially reduced to 5 per cent, and that certificates must be presented at a certain date for the payment of royalty or suffer confiscation of dust.

Released From Quarantine. PORT TOWNSEND, May 7.—The British steamship Callithers was released from Diamond Point quarantine station this morning after being there 14 days. The Callithers is the vessel which arrived from Japan, and during the voyage across the Pacific two of her crew had smallpox, but were convalescent when she arrived at Willapa Bay.

SALEM HAS A FIGHT ON HAND.

Defendant Is Surety Company on Forfeited Franchise Land. SALEM, Or., May 7.—The Salem City Council and the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, severed friendly relations tonight and will probably engage in a war of litigation. The company was surety on the \$5000 bond given by F. R. Anson to be forfeited if he should fail to have an electric light plant in operation in this city by April 1.

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Several Graduates of State Schools Profit by New Law. SALEM, May 7.—The State Board of Education today granted state life diplomas to Clara Hiron, a graduate of the Sodaville Academy; Edith Kiras, state University; Clarence Clement, Drain Normal; and Lillian C. Fay, St. Mary's Academy. Each of these prizes receives state diplomas under the old law by virtue of their graduation, and have received their life diplomas under the same law, as authorized by the act of the last Legislature.

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VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS

DR. P. S. BYRNE ELECTED MAYOR OF SPOKANE. With the Exception of Three Councilmen, All of the Ticket Was Successful.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 7.—In the city election here today the Democrats elected the Mayor, Controller, Treasurer and seven of the 12 Councilmen. Dr. P. S. Byrne, Democrat, for Mayor, defeated Dr. O. G. Brown, Republican, by 125 to 100 plurality. Anderson, who was nominated by the Prohibitionists and endorsed by a strong citizens' movement, polled more than 1000 votes. Though nominated by the Prohibition party, prohibition was not an issue in any sense. The Anderson supporters merely standing for stricter control of the saloon element. The election was remarkably quiet and orderly. The total vote was about 5000.

OLYMPIA COMPROMISES SUIT.

Water Company Will Receive About One-Half What It Did Herebefore. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 7.—At last night's meeting of the City Council a long-standing suit against the city was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the feeble suit to be relieved among taxpayers here generally. The Olympia Water Company for four years past has been endeavoring to force the city to live up to a contract for furnishing water for municipal purposes at a price generally considered exorbitant, and under a contract thought to be illegal. The charge for furnishing fire hydrant water service for a year is \$1000, according to the contract, \$322 annually. Four years ago the city asked for a reduction, setting up that the contract price was too high by far and the further fact that the contract would not hold in court. Since then the city has refused to pay a dollar for the service, and litigation has been in progress. About four months ago an endeavor was made to effect a compromise, and a settlement was reached last night. The terms of the settlement are that the city is to pay arrears to the total amount of \$2000 for four years, and the future charge, until the termination of the contract in 1902, is to be the rate of \$1500 annually. The suit against the city will at once be withdrawn. The result of the settlement will be to place the city's finances in much better condition.

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Oregon Asked to Operate Washington Salmon Hatchery.

SALEM, May 7.—Fish Commissioner A. C. Little, of the State of Washington, attended a meeting of the Oregon Board of Fish Commissioners today for the purpose of proposing that Oregon undertake the operation of the Wenatchee salmon hatchery for two years. Washington has eight hatcheries on the tributaries of the Columbia, and this year has an appropriation sufficient to maintain only seven. The Wenatchee hatchery is the best of the eight and cost about \$7000. It has a capacity of 10,000,000 fish a year. The cost of maintenance would be about \$5000 per year. As the Oregon coast has a hatchery on the Oregon coast, the proposal of Commissioner Little was taken under advisement. The board will probably reach a decision in a few days.

Said to Have Smuggled in Japanese.

SALT LAKE, May 7.—As a result of a hearing before United States Commissioner T. W. Twomey today, Trakachie Ogasahara, a Japanese, is to be held in custody for eight months and fined \$5000, to appear before the United States District Court of the State of Washington at the June session and answer to the charge of having bought Japanese women in Japan and smuggled them into the United States for immoral purposes. The offense is punishable by a term of imprisonment for a period of five years and a fine of \$5000. The arrest of Ogasahara resulted from an investigation which had been made by Chinese and Immigrant inspectors at the Puget Sound district, and which has uncovered a period of several weeks.

Sentenced to Penitentiary.

ASTORIA, Or., May 7.—Charles Wilson, who was charged with the murder of a Circuit Court of larceny from dwellings at Seaside, was sentenced by Judge McBride today to six years in the penitentiary. This is within one year of the limit allowed by law. The murder of Wilson was taken to Salem this evening.

State Wood Contracts.

SALEM, May 7.—The board of trustees of the Grand Seaside and Astoria school districts held a meeting at 2 o'clock today to consider the award of wood contracts. The board decided to award a contract for 25 cords of second growth fir at \$25; 100 cords of \$24; and 30 cords at \$20.

Catch of British Columbia Sealers.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 7.—The sealing catch of the British Columbia Coast for 23 schooners will be about 8000 skins, an average of 344 skins to each schooner. Fourteen branded skins were taken.

Portland Man Gets Contract.

SEASIDE, May 7.—J. B. Siemmons, of Portland, has been awarded the contract to construct a system of sewerage for the city of Seaside. The contract is for \$870.

Behring Sea Patrol.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The following vessels have been ordered to cruise the Behring Sea fleet: Thetis, Bear, Manning, Rush and Grant.

Oregon Attorney Admitted.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Tra Jones, of Oregon City, has been admitted to practice as attorney before the Interior Department.

Will Get a Creamery.

MONROE, May 7.—Citizens of this place have decided to form a stock company and establish a creamery here.

Mech Wool Coming.

MONROE, May 7.—Wool is now pouring into the local market. Thirteen cents is the prevailing price.

CONTROL OF FOREST RESERVES.

California Judge Decides That Government Has Entire Authority. FRESNO, Cal., May 7.—Judge Olin Welborn, sitting in the Northern division of the Federal District Court for Southern California, today, in overruling a demurrer made by sheepowners to complaints against them for trespassing on forest reserves, gave an important opinion regarding the jurisdiction of the United States Executive authority over the forest reserves. He held first that the state law would not apply to the jurisdiction of the Federal Executive over the forest reserves, just as that of any private owner; second, that even if this were the case, it could not be questioned by the State; third, that the authority over its public lands; third, that the right enjoyed by graziers of running their stock on the public domain is derived from the executive authority of the National Government, and not from any authorization of Congress.

Dunham Suspect Still Held.

SAN JOAQUIN, Cal., May 7.—Charles F. Crill, the Dunham suspect who was brought here from Kansas on April 30, is still held in custody. Handwriting Expert T. Line has been employed to make comparisons between his writing and that of Dunham, but says he has not yet reached a conclusion. Crill, whose wife is said to be at the point of death in Kansas, is very indignant at his detention, and asserts that his identity has been fully established.

Chinese in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Ho Yow, Chinese Consul-General at this port, replying to inquiries by H. H. North, United States Commissioner of Immigration, estimates that there are 25,000 Chinese in California, in San Francisco, 15,000; employed in laundry business in California, 6000; in San Francisco, 1000.

Fifty Carloads of Peanuts.

Richmond, Va.—The Southern Peanut Company was chartered in Norfolk, Pa., with a capital of \$100,000. This is the largest laundry which has ever entered the market for No. 1 Spanish peanuts, of which they have bought a large quantity of late. They will operate 40,000 nickel-in-the-slot machines, which will dispense the nuts roasted in a cask and sold in a tin. A solid train of 50 cars of nuts left Norfolk Saturday for Chicago via the Norfolk, Philadelphia & Norfolk route. The plant is now being the beginning of the enterprise. It is proposed to install the slot machines in all parts of the world.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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Perhaps one of these days you will want to profit by it.