

STORY IS OUTLINE

Salmon a Better Emblem for Roosevelt Coat-of-Arms.

KNOWS NOT RACE SUICIDE

King of Food Fishes Lives but to Perpetuate His Species—Death Inevitably Follows Triumph.

There is a strong possibility that the story, emblem of maturity, and most revered of all birds by the opponents of what President Roosevelt calls race suicide, will lose his proud distinction and his place be taken by the Columbia River salmon. Having over the houseboats with a baby in his keeping may not be the long story of the king of food fish, but the pink-skinned Quinault can give the stock cards and apud and then beat him easily when it comes to qualifying for a place in the Roosevelt hall of fame.

No other weaver of fur, fin or feather will deserve the honor of being added to the stock of the salmon. No one accepts so literally the responsibility of going forth, multiplying and replenishing the earth, as such a fish would be placed among the North Pacific and the streams flowing through the Pacific Northwest. If Mr. Roosevelt knew the habits of the salmon, this worthy fish would be placed rampant, while the stock would appear couchant, on the President's coat-of-arms. According to Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, the salmon is the king of the streams in the Spring and Fall, running the gauntlet of a thousand perils from the sea to the spawning grounds, imperiling his life in the salt water, where there may lurk in equal danger in the swift reaches of the rivers, where a fish-wheel may scoop him up without a moment's warning and hurt him, dripping and wriggling, into the clutches of the canneryman; taking his life in his fins, if such a thing were possible, at every eddy, where the strong twine of a salmon net is used to ensnare him; and, when he is free, he accepts all these dangers cheerfully to propagate his species.

Not only that, but he goes to the spawning grounds, knowing death awaits him on the riffles of the upper river, even if he passed the myriad of dangers that surround him on his long journey, for spawning salmon never return to the sea. They spawn once and die, leaving behind thousands of fry as the fruit of their determination. If they escape as by a miracle the hundreds of fishermen's boats that sweep above their heads as they swim on to the shallows of the smaller streams, death is still ahead of them, for the smaller streams are the most dangerous, where their eggs deposited in the loose gravel of the fresh-water shallows, still trying to breast the current so long as there is an atom of energy left, these little fish are doomed to die, content when they have accomplished their life mission.

After they leave the sea, their stomachs whirled up; the fresh water depresses them and in it they forget their cunning and lose their agility. With their heads upstream, their eyes deposited in the loose gravel of the fresh-water shallows, still trying to breast the current so long as there is an atom of energy left, these little fish are doomed to die, content when they have accomplished their life mission.

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ember," he said. "The increase of that month over the previous December was 15.3 per cent, and of course, we are so near the end of the month now that we can estimate closely what our sales will be. It is evident that only a small proportion of the sales during the Exposition months were due to it directly. This office has been doing a wonderfully large business, and there has certainly been no sign of a slump in postoffice receipts."

It is the same story wherever one turns. Business is better than it was before the Exposition, more people are being spent. Everything is on the up grade. Activity in building and real estate tells the same tale. More and larger sales of realty have been made since the Fair for each month than during or previous to it. December marked the high-water mark in this line in the history of the city.

It is just the case with building permits as shown by the city records, and the big structures going up all over Portland speak even more plainly than the official records, for the valuations given in by builders are almost invariably below the amount of money to be spent.

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Wholesale men join in with the retailers in asserting that business shows no depression. In fact, men in all lines of business and in the professions are of the same opinion. Whatever gave rise to the idea that a slump hung like a dark cloud over Portland ready to envelop it as soon as the Fair should close, it is certain that the cloud, instead of settling down, has vanished as completely as the illuminated sign, "1906," that blazed forth its message on Portland Heights.

What Bank Clearings Show.

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Before the Fair.

Date	Clearings
October 12, 1904	\$3,720,000
October 19, 1904	4,778,000
October 26, 1904	4,723,000
November 2, 1904	4,443,000
November 9, 1904	4,477,000
November 16, 1904	4,965,000
November 23, 1904	5,793,000
December 1, 1904	4,502,000
December 8, 1904	4,160,000
December 15, 1904	4,819,000
December 22, 1904	4,196,000
January 5, 1905	5,631,000
January 12, 1905	4,208,000
January 19, 1905	4,924,000
January 26, 1905	5,093,000

After the Fair.

Date	Clearings
October 14, 1905	\$6,068,565
October 21, 1905	5,235,000
October 28, 1905	5,252,742
November 4, 1905	4,791,520
November 11, 1905	5,602,147
November 18, 1905	5,283,045
November 25, 1905	4,926,758
December 2, 1905	5,444,118
December 9, 1905	5,111,900
December 16, 1905	5,253,742
December 23, 1905	5,173,508
December 30, 1905	5,251,707
January 6, 1906	5,169,000
January 13, 1906	4,814,400
January 20, 1906	5,639,000
January 27, 1906	5,925,471

OPPOSITION ON THE GRILL

MISS LAUGHLIN ARRAYS SISTERS WHO SCORN BALLOT.

Compares Oregon Women Who Are Fighting Equal Suffrage to Dog in the Manger.

Women of Oregon who are carrying on a campaign against the passage of a constitutional amendment in June granting to their sex the right to vote, were arraigned by Miss Laughlin, of New York, the speaker at the People's Forum last night. In her address she strongly urged giving the ballot to women.

"I am told there are 18 women in this state who are opposed to woman suffrage," she said, "but I am not surprised at that. There always will be laggards in every race, in every movement for advancement. If it is just for me to have the franchise, I do not care if every woman on earth does not want it; I want it. We have heard of the dog in the manger who would not let the cat eat hay, but he has never been spoken of as a model dog."

"Why, there are places in New York where the people do not want bathbaths, but that is no reason why those who do want them should be prevented from having them. It is only the clearly who appreciate cleanliness; only the free who appreciate freedom. If these 18 women do not want to vote, they do not want to, but they can let those who do want to do so. 'Abraham Lincoln, when he was running for the Legislature in 1835, was asked for his platform. He said he was for principles, he said he believed all should share in the privileges of the Government who had a part in bearing its burdens. He said that by no means would he exclude the women. Lincoln was as much a free man for white women as for black men."

"The question has passed the theoretical stage in Oregon, and in June the people will determine whether the pioneer women of the state, who came here at the peril of their lives, shall have as much to say in the Government as the Indian who sought to slay every white person who set foot in what was then wilderness, whether the intelligent women of this state shall have as much to say in the Government as the illiterate men; whether the women of Oregon shall have a little more to say than the convicts in the penitentiary, or the idiots in the asylums. We are asking only that women shall have equal opportunity with men, not that they shall be granted special privileges."

The discussion of the question waxed warm, and was taken up by others after Miss Laughlin finished. A few more men took the opposition, and some applause was heard from the back seats.

It is the prevailing opinion that the amendment, Miss Laughlin is a lawyer, and is conducting the fight in this state for equal suffrage.

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GRINKS CHASE RATS

Aragonia's Sailors Do Work Intended for Cats.

LINER MAY SAIL TOMORROW

Three Hatches Were Worked Yesterday, Cotton and Flour Forming the Principal Items of the Cargo.

When rats desert a vessel sailors become suspicious, for their leaving is considered an omen of ill-luck befalling the craft before the end of her next voyage. Of this Captain Ernst master of the German steamer Aragonia, is well aware, but he is also aware of the fact that sometimes there is such a too much of a good thing, and he has come to the conclusion that his fine vessel has

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