

LOWER FISHERMEN'S WAR ON FISH WHEELS

Why the United Fishermen Propose to Abolish Them by Law.

INVOKING THE INITIATIVE

Official Statement of the Argument for Closing the Columbia River Above the Sandy—What the Gill-Netters Want.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—For many years the press and public-spirited citizens of the state have fought greed and grab, which were destroying the great natural resources of our state. Sometimes this fight was successful, more often the powers of monopoly and corruption triumphed. Some men who earnestly and well struggled for the preservation of our forests, our lands, or our fisheries, dropped out of the fight, wearied with non-success. Some men, seeing short-sighted selfishness win so often over public spirit and individual sacrifice, became cynics and now say "What is the use of doing anything? Greed, grab and corruption have always gained their nefarious ends and will continue to do so."

This pessimistic view seems especially justified if the failures to protect our salmon fisheries of the Columbia River are cited. Long before our wheat, our fruit and our lumber spread the fame of our state, the Columbia River salmon was eaten and talked about throughout Europe and the United States. The many millions of dollars gained by capital and labor from our salmon has more than any thing else, and in the pioneer spirit of our citizens, helped to develop our state. Hence it was but natural that men took note of the wasteful methods pursued in the salmon industry. Citizens, at times develop their little farms, at times work as laborers or mechanics, the fish wheel and fish trap methods of taking fish have been absolutely condemned by the Canadian Government, which possesses many valuable salmon streams; has been condemned by United States commissioners as wasteful and unnecessary for carrying on of the salmon fisheries. This article setting forth the lengths, I refer to, from citing authorities, but will do so when called upon.

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Victory Gained on Puget Sound.

Where public spirit and individual sacrifice had failed, united action succeeded. The United Fishermen of the Pacific, as this fishermen's federation was named, gained its first victory three years ago on Puget Sound, when the Washington Legislature passed an act, stopping fishing at head of tide in all streams emptying into the Sound and establishing weekly closed seasons. Result has been that where the hatcheries before had run way below their capacities, now they are securing a good quota of eggs, and the next Legislature will be asked to establish more hatcheries and enlarge those now in operation.

The second, and far more important victory, was gained three weeks ago at Washington, D. C., when the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Oscar Straus, and President Roosevelt, after a lengthy hearing, ordered the closing of narrow rivers, Bering Sea, Alaska, closed to all commercial fishing. This establishes for the Federal Government the principle that where there are narrow rivers or where wide rivers become narrow, all fishing shall stop, because the salmon have no chance to escape in narrow waters to reach in sufficient numbers the hatcheries or natural spawning grounds.

This decision bears directly on Columbia River conditions. The value of our Alaskan salmon fishery has been estimated at \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000. But excessive fishing, especially in the narrow rivers of the river, was depleting the supply. For 10 years the United States Government has sent commissions to Alaska to investigate and report. They all condemned fishing where our rivers are narrow, especially the fishing in the narrow rivers. While remedying these evils introduced in Congress or measures before the Federal department were killed by attorneys of the companies benefiting by this industry, the exploitation of our natural resources. There was no united opposition to greed and grab until last December the United Fishermen through telegrams sent to Secretary Straus from San Francisco, Astoria and Seattle, these telegrams being endorsed by Senators from two states, secured a hearing on December 18 at Washington, D. C. This hearing resulted in the closing of the rivers mentioned.

Principle Applies to Columbia.

The principle fought for and won for our Alaskan fisheries, applies fully to the Columbia River. In the Columbia, fishing has been permitted where it becomes swift and narrow, and permitted with the fish wheels, an appliance not allowed by any state or nation in any of its fish streams. The result has been that especially during the last few years, with the fish wheels increasing in numbers and improving as to effectiveness in catching fish which reach the Upper Columbia, they present an almost absolute barrier, resulting in our upper river hatcheries having to close down or run way below their capacity.

Now the Columbia River Salmon Protective Association, composed of leading citizens from all parts of the state, has gone to work to secure by direct vote of the citizens of Oregon the closing of the Columbia River to commercial fishing from the mouth of the Sandy River and up. That is, where the river becomes narrow, where the ebb and flow of the tide ceases, the salmon is given a chance to reach the spawning ground. No matter what protection is given the salmon where the river is wide, if there is no absolute prohibition of fishing where the river becomes narrow, the object sought for in true legislation, the escape of enough salmon for propagation purposes, is defeated. True to the tactics which the men seeking fat by greed and grab always employ, the hue and cry is being raised by the fish wheel owners that this is a fight between the upper and lower river cannery men and fishermen.

This is an absolute falsehood. Cannermen operating wheels in the Upper Columbia operate fish traps, seines and gill nets in the lower river. Fishermen at times work in the lower river, at times in the upper river. But the men controlling the narrow of the Upper Columbia to the destructiveness of the salmon industry, believe that if given a few more years of such absolute control, they will be so rich that they can retire to their splendid ranches and other business concerns in which they are interested.

True also to the tactics which have been employed for many years in this state to defeat at Salem bona fide fish-

ery legislation, the fish wheel owners are now circulating an initiative petition which, if carried, will drive 4000 gill net fishermen from the river and permit for a few years more the fish wheels entirely to clean up the salmon of the Columbia, their owners then retiring as multi-millionaires after having destroyed one of our leading industries.

This petition of the fish wheel owners has nine sections. Each section either intends to injure or to injure the people of the state or urge to numb the voters. To demonstrate the rottenness of this petition I believe it is only necessary to quote the first section:

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That from and after September 10, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cast, drift or haul any net, seine or other device to catch or ensnare salmon or sturgeon in any of the channels used for commercial navigation by licensed vessels in the Columbia River within the boundaries of the State of Oregon, or to any of such waters over which the State of Oregon has jurisdiction, between one hour after sunset of any day, and one hour before sunrise on the following day.

No drift net, if this bogus measure carried, could fish during the night. Such nets drift with the tide, sometimes as far as 100 miles, then drift into some flat, then again drift into the channel. On the other hand, fish traps and wheels are stationary affairs built on the Columbia River. The United States Engineer's office to occupy channels. The fish traps and fish wheels could thus fish day and night.

To further show "the negro in the woodpile," I wish to say this: The fish traps and fish wheels fish best in the day time and in clear water. They are built on the banks of the river, and the fish first striking the fences or leads and then following them, getting into the enclosure, when they are captured. At night, when the water is muddy, the salmon striking these fences or leads have a tendency to shy off. The fish traps and fish wheels catch some fish but their main catches are made during the day.

How Gillnet Operates.

The gill nets catch fish by having a salmon put its head into a mesh, which it cannot retreat and is captured. In clear water gill nets are useless; the fish don't "gill." They see the wobbling of the net and get around the end of the net. Thus gill nets fish mainly nights and during that part of the night when the water is dark and the river muddy. Will the people of Oregon permit a dozen or two of already very rich fishwheel owners to drive more than 4000 gill net fishermen from the Columbia and most of them from the state? I believe not, for aside from the bogus measure inflicting thousands of our citizens who at times fish for salmon, at times develop their little farms, at times work as laborers or mechanics, the fish wheel and fish trap methods of taking fish have been absolutely condemned by the Canadian Government, which possesses many valuable salmon streams; has been condemned by United States commissioners as wasteful and unnecessary for carrying on of the salmon fisheries. This article setting forth the lengths, I refer to, from citing authorities, but will do so when called upon.

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POT BOILING AT ST. JOHN

Citizens Who Oppose Administration Organize for Campaign.

The first convention of citizens of St. John, preparatory to the nomination of a ticket for the Municipal election the first Monday in April, was held last night in the City Hall. J. H. Fletcher was elected permanent chairman, E. B. Holcomb, secretary, and J. C. Wrenkle, treasurer. At preliminary meeting last week H. E. Colter, George C. Cathcart and W. L. Plummer were appointed to prepare a declaration of purposes and principle. This committee submitted its report. It is set forth in this declaration as follows:

For the purpose of elevating and improving the morals and industrial conditions of our city, to compel the due observance and strict enforcement of our laws and ordinances (without favor); to restore and maintain confidence in our municipal government both at home and elsewhere; to foster the growth and industrial development; to foster harmony and dispel discord and secure co-operation and economy in the administration of our municipal affairs.

The declaration was adopted without opposition. Chairman Fletcher appointed Rev. P. L. Young, E. C. Conroy and George C. Cathcart a committee on platform to report at the next meeting. The name Citizens' Club was adopted. The movement is in opposition to the present city administration. Prominent among the leaders are J. H. Fletcher, Rev. P. L. Young, S. C. Norton, T. J. Monahan, H. B. Collier, C. B. O'Brien and J. E. Kirk. It was declared that the movement is purely non-partisan. The next meeting will be held in the City Hall Wednesday night, January 22, at which time platform will be submitted for adoption.

Recorder Esson announced that the County Court would appoint a Justice of the Peace for St. John if some man were endorsed by the meeting and would consent to run for the office at the June

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election. On motion O. R. Downs was unanimously endorsed.

The primaries for the city election in St. John will be held March 7. Recorder Esson announces that he will have the books for registration of voters both for the municipal election within a few days, so voters in that place need to come to Portland to register. That there will be a spirited contest both at the primaries and at the April election is evident. Mayor K. C. Couch will likely be Republican candidate for Mayor. Councilman B. T. Leggett may head the Citizens' ticket, but there are S. C. Norton, T. J. Monahan, George C. Cathcart to be heard from. Recorder Esson will be a candidate for re-election.

WISCONSIN MEN WIN OUT

Higher Court Sustains Quashing of Land-Fraud Case.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 15.—(Special)—The United States Court of Appeals has sustained the decision of Judge Quarles, entered July 2, 1906, in the case of John C. Black, Joseph Black and August Anderson, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government. The case grew out of an alleged effort on the part of the defendants to procure large tracts of land in Oregon by alleged fraudulent means. Judge Quarles ruled that the defendants must be discharged because no overt act had been committed within the period fixed by the statute of limitations, regardless of the prima facie sufficiency of the indictment returned against them by the grand jury of Oregon.

Watch Soft-Drink Sellers.

"ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—(Special)—In his message to the new City Council last evening Mayor J. P. Wallace recommended that the Council require local soft drink dispensaries to have open fronts. This measure would be enforced, aid in preventing illegal sales of liquor in this city. It had been rumored the past few days that the Council was

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—(Special)—

contemplating closing cigar stores in Albany on Sundays but no action was taken at the meeting last evening.

Izzy Takes Bill but Fails to Return

After One Hour's Work, Elevator Boy Who is Given \$20 to Change, Changes Location Instead.

WHERE is Izzy? This is a question that is bothering the police and A. C. DeFriece, proprietor of the Davies' photograph studio, at Third and Morrison streets, who are searching for the missing Izzy and a crisp, new \$20 bank note which disappeared with him. He came and departed within an hour, and no one knows whence or whether.

Mr. DeFriece doesn't know whether to laugh or to be angry, and the police have been unable to throw any light on the whereabouts of Izzy or the bill. In the meantime one of the patrons of the photograph studio is minus \$20 and Mr. DeFriece faces the annoying duty of having to make good the loss.

It occurred this way. Late on Monday afternoon the elevator boy in the building announced that rich Uncle Sam, fixed in the gold fields of Alaska leaving him the sole heir, and that untold heaps of gold nuggets awaited his arrival north of "fifty-three." His resignation was tendered and accepted, and the young man departed. His departure at such short notice presented some difficulty in securing a boy to take his place.

So, when early yesterday morning a young man presented himself for work, his advent was regarded as a piece of good fortune. The young man was about 19 years old and was distinguished by that untelling sign of budding manhood, a sprouting mustache. His clothing was poor, but he looked wise, and no doubt he was, for as it turned out, he obeyed instructions implicitly.

When asked if he could operate an elevator, he replied that he had no experience, but that he wasn't afraid to try. So forthwith he was given a trial. He was a success. In 15 minutes he could stop squarely on any of the landings.

"What's your name?" queried Mr. DeFriece.

"Izzy, sir," he replied.

"All right, Izzy, you'll do," said Mr. DeFriece. "The job is yours. Drop in later and leave your name and address."

Izzy beamed his pleasure and took charge of the elevator.

At 8 o'clock a customer came up to the studio with a brand new \$20 bill to pay a small account. It was early and there was little or no small change in the office, and according to a custom of long standing, the elevator boy was called.

"Izzy," said Mr. DeFriece, "it's too

early for the banks to be open, but you may be able to get change nearby. At any rate, I want you to take this gentleman's \$20 bill and don't come back until you get it changed."

And Izzy didn't.

Now a wary sleuth with a warrant in his pocket made out in the name of John Izzy Doe is scouting the streets looking for a young man with a mustache on his upper lip and a \$20 bill in his pocket.

Counsel Fails to Appear.

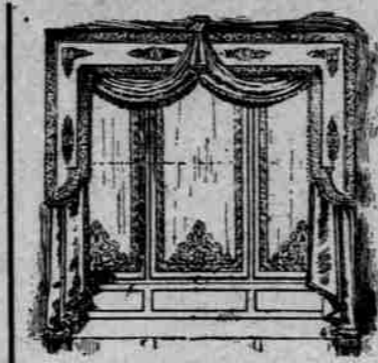
Because their lawyers did not appear for them, the cases of the State against C. E. Farrell and Cortez Brewer were not set for trial by Judge Cleland when the men were brought in yesterday to plead. Both entered pleas of not guilty. The two are charged with threatening to shoot A. Schuback on the night of November 15.

New Trial Not Necessary.

The suit of F. L. Sutherland against the S. Morton Cohn Real Estate Investment Company, which was tried before Judge Cleland and passed upon, will not be tried again, according to the

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\$2.25 values in Corded Arabian Tint Laces, per pair.....	\$1.25	\$22.00 values in Duchesse, real Cluny and French Arabian Laces, 1, 2 and 4-pair lots, in white and ivory; special, per pair.....	\$12.50	\$30 values in real Venetian, Fillet, Cluny and Arabian Laces, in lots of from 2 to 4 pairs; special, per pair.....	\$17.50
\$3.25 vals. in Arabian Tint Laces, pr.....	\$1.75	\$25.00 values in Etamine Arabian, French Arabian, Egyptian, Swiss, Gothic, Duchesse and Fillet Laces, 2 to 6-pair lots, in all tints; special, per pair.....	\$13.50	\$35.00 values in French Arabian, Etamine Arabian and French Renaissance Laces; special, per pair.....	\$19.00
\$12 vals. in Ivory Cluny Laces, pair.....	\$6.75			\$40 values in real Venetian and Thread Arabian Laces; special, per pair.....	\$22.50
\$15.00 values in Arabian Flemish Point Laces, per pair.....	\$8.50			\$50.00 values in French Novelty Laces; special, per pair.....	\$25.00
\$17.50 values in thread lace Arabian, Irish Point, Shiffle and real Brussels Laces, in 2, 4 and 6-pair lots; special, per pair.....	\$9.00				
\$18 vals. in Point de Luxe and Arabian Laces, in 4-pair lots; special, pair.....	\$10.00				

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\$6.00 Chairs in fumed oak, special.....	\$3.90
\$11.00 Arm Chairs to match, special.....	\$6.95
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