

WHEELS SPEED BY FISHWHEELS

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen Reports on Oregon Pack of Salmon.

DECREASE IS ALARMING

Statistics Show Falling Off of 5,000,000 Pounds, or 17 Per Cent, in Columbia River Catch for the Year of 1907.

SALEM, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—In his annual report, Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen says that there was a decrease of nearly 5,000,000 pounds in the Columbia River salmon catch of 1907 as compared with 1906 and he attributes the decrease to the work of the fishwheels operated above tide water.

Report of Master Fish Warden. The salmon product of the Columbia River, canned and packed under the cold storage process and handled by dealers and others on the Oregon side of the river this year (1907) was as follows: Chinooks, 13,788,116 pounds; steelheads, 1,122,000 pounds; silversides, 1,045,516 pounds; bluebacks, 186,102 pounds; and 37,158 pounds. As compared with the product of 1906 this is a falling off of nearly 17 per cent with the silversides, or 23 per cent with the bluebacks. I have no figures from the state of Washington showing the product that was handled on that side of the river this year, but I infer from close observation made, that the same conditions existed on that side of the river as on this side. The entire river showed a general shortage with all varieties of salmon or of the same species.

This year, the combined pack of chinooks, silversides, steelheads and bluebacks on the Oregon side of the Columbia River was 15,121,743 pounds, whereas, during 1906 it was 22,908,769 pounds, as shown by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Pounds. Rows for Chinook, Steelhead, Silverside, Blueback for years 1901-1907.

Alarming Decrease in Chinooks.

Comparing the chinook product of the Columbia River this year with the chinook product of 1902 or 1903, assuming the theory to be correct, that the chinook catch of the spawn of 1902 or 1903 would reach maturity and return to the stream of their own accord, it is seen that the chinook catch of 1907 is only a trifle short of the 1902 product but has fallen 20 per cent or more below the 1903 pack. When the chinook catch of 1907 is compared with the chinook catch of 1906, it is very plain to be seen that such a condition of affairs is alarming in the face of the fact that the weather and water conditions have been better than in 1906 and 1907. In 1906 there was a shortage of 8 per cent over the year previous, and in 1907 there was a shortage of 20 per cent over the year 1906 and every year since 1901 the chinook catch has been comparative, years, under the four year average, until this year, which, notwithstanding that the weather and water conditions for the Columbia were more favorable than for years, the product fell short.

Legislation Is Beneficial.

On our coast streams, our people were confronted with the fact that the supply of fish for 1901; the product was decreasing gradually year by year and all these years the supply of fish was being drawn which was carried on from the lower harbors to the extreme upper waters where the streams were very narrow, and comparatively few salmon ever reached their spawning grounds, and those that did were soon eaten or marketed at unprofitable prices, thereby destroying millions of eggs that should have been deposited for a future supply.

Fishwheels Cause Decrease.

Mr. Van Dusen then proceeds to show that as the take of fish by the wheels at the narrow narrows near Celilo Falls has increased, the supply of chinook eggs at Ontario for hatchery purposes has decreased from 3,000,000 in 1904 to 600,000 in 1907. He also shows that the take of chinook eggs has been decreasing on the whole, it has been increasing at the narrow near Celilo, where new and more effective devices have been established for the purpose of taking all the fish that go up the stream. He predicts that unless drastic measures are enacted which will insure a certain percentage of the salmon getting up to the spawning grounds the Chinook will soon go the road of the blueback and in a canning establishment will be operated on the Columbia. He shows that the fishwheels were entirely responsible for the extermination of the bluebacks, that the fishmen have too large a mesh to catch that kind of fish.

Egg-Take Also Decreases.

Under the head of hatchery operations, Mr. Van Dusen shows that the supply of eggs has been entirely inadequate at plants located above Celilo Falls while on the Columbia below the falls the plenty of eggs were taken because of a want of eggs it becomes necessary to close down the Ontario hatchery, the largest plant the state has. He says, also, that Washington hatcheries above the falls have not been operated.

This supports his theory that the fishwheels are responsible for the depletion of the supply of fish.

Table with 4 columns: Hatchery Name, Chinooks, Steelheads, Silversides. Rows for Columbia River, Salmon River, etc.

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TRAYOUT OF THE ORATORS

Oregon to Select Representatives to Interstate Oratorical Contest.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The final tryout for the selection of the orator to represent the university in the annual interstate oratorical contest will be held on February 21. The contest, which is between the universities of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, will take place at Seattle in the early part of June, the definite date not yet having been agreed upon by the victor of the contest. In addition to securing the Northwest championship for his university, will receive a prize of \$75, given by the King County Association, which offers a prize of \$25 to the winner of second place.

MAYOR RESIGNS AFTER MONTH

Cathlamet Executive Springs Surprise on the Council. CATHLAMET, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mayor Henry E. Armstrong, who was inaugurated just one month ago, sprang a surprise on the town Council at its meeting last night by tendering his resignation. He gave no reason for his action. The Council accepted the resignation of Mayor Armstrong, and the appointment of Mr. Cooper gives general satisfaction.

DATE OF LIVESTOCK SHOW SET

Corvallis to Have Exhibit May 15 and 16—Prospects Good.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The date has been set for the annual Corvallis livestock show. It will be held May 15 and 16, two weeks earlier than last year. This will be the third event of the kind in this city, and prospects are flattering for a far better show than those of the past. Fifty per cent more money is available, and the preparations by stockmen have been begun early enough to put their show start in the finest condition. Information at hand indicates that this year's exhibit will be largely increased. For many years Benton County has been devoting special attention to all lines of fancy stock, and will have large reserves to draw from in producing an excellent show.

CHANGE OF VENUE IS DENIED

Bartlett Must Stand Trial Again in Marion County. LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Ex-Councilman E. W. Bartlett, now of Portland, and formerly of this place, and a year ago sentenced to imprisonment for a term of one year, has today denied a request for a change of venue to Umatilla County here today.

Attacks Their Freedom

Canadian Judge Makes Sensational Charges Against Bench. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—Judge Martin, who this morning endeavored to force his way to the bench in the Appeal Court against the instructions of Chief Justice Turner, has today attacked other judges to the sitting, gave way this afternoon. He stated that he reaffirmed his statements of this morning with regard to the charges of the tribunal and intimated that he would insist upon his right to sit in other cases before the Appeal Court, which granted the appeal today.

Municipal Ownership Loses.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The second election to vote bonds for the purpose of establishing municipal ownership of Hood River's water system which was held yesterday, resulted in the proposition being lost by a vote of 36 against to 29 in favor. The second election was called by the City Council owing to the fact that it was said that the taxpayers were in favor of buying the present system for \$40,000 although they turned down a proposition at the previous election to bond for \$70,000 to put in a rival system.

Canby Wants County Fair.

CANBY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An enthusiastic meeting of the Canby Development League was held last night, to arrange for the Spring campaign. R. C. Coe was elected president, Howard Eccles secretary and E. E. Bradt treasurer. A special committee, consisting of C. N. Walt, W. H. Bair and L. D. Walker, was appointed to meet the directors of the Clackamas County Fair Association and arrange to locate the fair on the ground offered for that purpose by Hon. C. N. Walt, adj. joining this town. The Development League has several enterprises in view and hopes to add materially to the resources of the town during the coming year.

COMMISSION IS SUPPLIED IN COURT

Washington Railroad Board Is Victorious in Two Cases.

SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE

Case Will Be Carried Up to Once for Tribunal to Pass Upon, Constitutionality of Commission's Laws—Affirm Rate-Making.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An important victory was won by the State Railroad Commission today, when Judge O. V. Linn, of the Superior Court of Thurston County, handed down favorable judgments in the two chief cases recently heard on appeal from the orders of the Commission.

While the reversal of the Commission in the other two cases is a victory for the railroads, it pleases the members of the Commission scarcely less, as it will permit the state to carry the case immediately to the Supreme Court to secure a ruling upon the constitutionality of the Commission's laws. The state is confident that the whole case will be settled by the Supreme Court during the May term.

The right of the Commission to regulate and fix rates was sustained by Judge Linn in affirming the order of the Commission for the joint wheat rate. This order was resisted by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. The O. R. & N., which was the original party in the suit, having withdrawn by consent of the court during the arguments before Judge Linn, consequently the latter road is not bound by the decision.

The court also sustained the order requiring the railroads to make physical track connections at various points in Eastern Washington. The Commission has referred only on the joint rate on potatoes and extending the terminal rates on hay, oats, feed and barley to Grays Harbor, which the court held was an arbitrary and unjust measure. The cases involve the Commission's right to make rates, and will be immediately appealed to the Supreme Court of the State.

BURNS FINDS PLENTY DOING

Easy to Raise Money in Metropolis of Harney County. BURNS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Anybody who imagines the hard times are felt in Burns or Harney County will be disabused of the idea by a recital of the social enterprises of the past week, their objects and results. One evening a dramatic entertainment was given for the benefit of the public library, from which about \$150 was realized. Two evenings later a masquerade ball was given under the auspices of the Woodmen Circle, at which \$95 was realized, and on the next evening a basket social was held, with a literary and musical program, for the purpose of starting a fund for the purchase of a piano for the public school, and the sale of the children's baskets about \$35 was realized. And this is but a sample of regular occurrences as worthy objects need assistance. Burns has some of the best musical, literary and dramatic talent in Oregon.

Acquitted of Selling Liquor.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—In a trial which attracted considerable interest, Peter C. Andersen, proprietor of the Wigwag Feed Stores, was acquitted today of a charge of violation of the local option liquor law. This was the second trial of the case, the first jury having disagreed in the former hearing.

REACHED PORTLAND BY OX TEAM IN 1832.

The Late Mrs. S. S. Van Buskirk. AMITY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. S. Van Buskirk, for 55 years a resident of Amity, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Henderson, at Coberg, February 8. Mrs. Van Buskirk crossed the plains with her family and parents the party reaching Portland the last day of October that year. They settled near Amity. Since the death of her husband, October 31, 1874, Mrs. Van Buskirk has made her home with her daughters, Mrs. J. J. Henderson, of Coberg, and Mrs. E. G. Jones, of Amity. Besides her daughters, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren survive her.

CHESTER THOMPSON'S RELEASE

Father Said to Be About to Take Steps to Secure It. TACOMA, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the News from Walla Walla Penitentiary, where Chester Thompson, acquitted of the murder of Judge Emory, of Seattle, on grounds of insanity, is confined in the insane ward, said that Will H. Thompson is there preparing to begin proceedings for his son's release. Warden Reed and Prison Physician Lane, assured Mr. Thompson they will support his petition to Judge Snell, of Pierce County, where the trial was held, asking for a hearing before a jury, as provided by the Graves law, to determine if the young prisoner has recovered his sanity.

MAJOR IS BLESSED

Tacoma's Executive Does Not Mince Words. CALLS OPPONENTS NAMES In Letter of Acceptance of Democratic Renomination, "Political Hypocrite," "Slanderer."

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mayor Wright today, in a long letter, accepts the Democratic nomination for Mayor, and in doing so, he has requested him to be a candidate. The Mayor bitterly assails his enemies and handles the other candidates as political hypocrites. He particularly attacks E. I. Salmanson, who will probably be the Republican named at the primaries, speaking of him as a "political hypocrite" and "slanderer."

Another part of his letter he brands Salmanson as a "slanderer" and defamer as low in moral character as any politician in Tacoma. He is believed by many lawyers that he has considered himself liable to criminal prosecution for libel.

The Mayor defends his administration and says the people know who he stands on all important issues. From the Mayor's letter it is evident that he is prepared to make a red-hot fight after the primaries and he estimated that he will not pick his words when he goes on the stump as he promises to do.

DEBT IS OF ANOTHER COLOR

Olson, Charged With Embezzlement, Still Cannot Get Bail. OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The expected aid from a Portland man, just returned from Oregon City, in jail on a charge of embezzlement, did not materialize. It was reported here that Levi was in a position to assist Olson; that which the court would not materialize. It was reported here that Levi owed a debt of gratitude to Olson for friendly turns that he was eager to repay. When Levi arrived here he would not see Olson, nor would he see Olson's attorney, and his development that the debt of gratitude was a debt of another sort, and that he owes Olson \$300.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Senate today passed by a vote of 30 to 7 the bill providing for a commission of 15 to investigate the government of New York City.

OFFICIALS ARE CHARGED

GOVERNMENT ALLEGES IT IS CHEATED OUT OF PROPERTY. Major Chittenden, United States Engineer in Charge and His Brother, Defendants.

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Major Hiram M. Chittenden, of the United States Army Engineer Corps in charge of the Seattle district, and his brother Clyde C. Chittenden, of Cadillac, Mich., ex-Judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit, were made defendants in an equity suit in the United States Circuit Court late yesterday afternoon for the recovery of property the Government complains it has been cheated out of.

REPUBLICAN CLUB ORGANIZED

Harney County Making Ready for the Approaching Campaign. BURNS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The first Republican Club in Harney County for the campaign of 1908 was organized in Burns this week with 12 members. Captain A. W. Gowan was elected president and County Superintendent Lester M. Hamilton secretary. A committee was appointed consisting of Frank Dwyer, J. C. Welcome, Sr., C. H. Leonard, J. J. DeLoach and W. E. Huston, to prepare by-laws and provide for other officers of the club, and another committee—G. W. Young, Platt Randall and Clarence Drinkwater—to prepare a program for the next campaign, which will be held on Tuesday evening, February 23.

OBJECT TO BILL FOR PAVING

Packers at Astoria Say Work Was Done Illegally. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court by the Sanborn-Cutting Packing Company and the Columbia River Packers' Association to restrain the city from paying \$100,000 for the improvement of Bond street in front of the plaintiffs' property. The complaint alleges that while L. Lebeck was a member of the City Council he induced Hunt to bid on the work and that as soon as the contract was awarded, Lebeck assumed it. This, the complaint asserts, renders the contract void, as under the city charter no Councilman is permitted to perform any contract work for the city. A temporary injunction has been issued pending the hearing of the case.

United Democratic Fight for Sheriff

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Drew Griffin, of the Griffin Hardware Company, has announced that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination of Lane County Sheriff. I. T. Nicklin, Republican, of Eugene, has already filed his petition, as has Frank A. Snodgrass, of Cottage Grove, for the same position. The office Sheriff, 666, under the supervision of Democrats for several terms, the Republicans being unable to get a man who could be elected, inasmuch as the Democrats were always consolidated, their forces for this particular office. The

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE

Verdict Rendered Against Firm Suing for Loss of Timber. ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—In the case of Sargent & Hulet against the Lytle Logging Company, a verdict was given the defendants. The plaintiffs asked for damages on account of a fire which they charge was due to the negligence of the loggers. The fire broke out in the Lytle logging camp on the divide between the Wishkah and Hoquiam after the camp had been deserted by the Lytle Company, but was admitted to have been the result of fire drawn from their engines. The fire burned over the timber of the plaintiffs causing about \$10,000 damages.

SMALLPOX AT WHITEWORTH

Tacoma Greatly Stirred Over Case in College—No Quarantine. TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Residents of a section in the North End in which are located some of Tacoma's finest homes, are highly excited as the result of a case of smallpox having developed at Whitworth College. Miss Effie Wilson, a senior 20 years old, is the victim.

After having ordered the removal of Miss Wilson to the quarantine hospital, Health Officer Dr. A. Dey Green, superintended the vaccination of the 200 students of the college and thorough fumigation of every room in the college building and dormitories, even compelling all students to unpack their trunks and overhaul their clothes, so that everything could be disinfected. Nearly 300 persons residing in the vicinity of the college telephoned the vaccination of Green demanding that he quarantine the school. Dr. Green has so far refused to do, declaring it is unnecessary. Miss Wilson's condition is not thought to be serious.

From School to Work.

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Oregon State Normal opened last Monday with an encouraging outlook for the coming semester. The registration has been increased by a large number of new students and more are expected by the end of the week.

Tacoma Flour Drops. TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Domestic flour today followed wheat in its decline by dropping 15 cents a barrel. This reduction was decided upon at a meeting of the Washington State Millers' Association.

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