

PROPOSED PACIFIC FISHING IS ASSAILED

Oregon - Washington Agreement Declared Inimical to Columbia River Industry.

LAWS SAID TO BE TOO LAX

Secretary of Packers' Union Asserts That Operations Above Tide-water Are Responsible for Decrease in Pack.

ASTORIA, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—H. M. Loring, secretary of the Columbia River Fish Packers' Union, has issued a circular bitterly attacking the proposed treaty on the salmon laws between Washington and Oregon.

He declares that at the present rate of fishing in the upper reaches of the Columbia the industry will not long survive. His argument is as follows: To Whom It May Concern: Salmon laws and regulations are for the purpose of protecting and increasing the salmon supply, that is the intent at any rate, and wherever reasonable laws were applied the salmon have fared well.

The salmon laws covering the Columbia river, and which the treaty promoters want to be held up, are not for the protection of the salmon, as a small endeavor to point out by comparing them with other regulations for other salmon rivers, where the result of same cannot be disputed, but they do protect those who are responsible for a 50 per cent pack on the Columbia River.

Our Oregon coast salmon industry went through the same experience as that of the Sacramento River. Cannery after cannery had to be closed down for lack of salmon. The total catch in 1901 of Chinook salmon in all our coast streams was 489,335 pounds and 2,095,492 cases of salmon were packed up to that time was caught in our coast streams with traps, gill-nets, seines and gillnets, and with pin-hooks in the river was shallow enough to operate.

Maximum Reached in 1883. R. D. Hume, a man who probably knew more about the salmon than any one now would be authority on same, said in a pamphlet: All good things which nature has furnished have a capacity beyond which they cannot be strained, and the year 1883 brings Columbia its maximum when the vast quantity of salmon was packed and the decline of the salmon began. The decline of the salmon was not due to the overfishing, but to the overfishing of the upper river.

BEND HAS SUNDAY FIRE. ALARM AND BLAZE BREAKS UP CHURCH SERVICES. Arnot Building, Owned by Tacoma Man, Guttered Just as Easter Ceremonies Are On.

Merrill Has Rabies Scare. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The town of Merrill is much excited over a rabies scare. A coyote that bit a dog was killed and its head sent to the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station for analysis.

RHEUMATISM IS EASILY RELIEVED BY GERVAVIS FARMER, 63, DIES. Albert Schwab Survived by Widow and Six Children. GERVAVIS, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Albert Schwab, a well-known and respected farmer, died yesterday at his home here, having been in poor health for many years.



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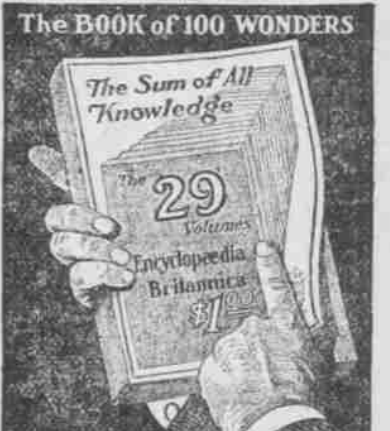
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Law which designated the term of Judges to be six years, and Mr. Hinman's petition has been rejected. C. L. Crenock, the incumbent, was elected in 1912.

Road Bond Election Set. Coquille to Pass on \$362,000 Issue at Vote on May 19.

Marshallfield, Or., April 21.—(Special.)—The County Court, in session at Coquille, today authorized a road bond election for May 19, voting favorably upon petitions which had been filed last week.

Pacific Highway in Good Shape. ALBANY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—That the Pacific Highway is now in splendid shape is the report which travelers are making.

Filing Petition is Rejected. MARSHFIELD, Or., April 21.—(Special.)—A new controversy arose here recently when W. C. Hinman, of Marshallfield, filed a petition as a candidate for the Republican ticket for Justice of the Peace for the local district.

Vader School Bonds Carry. CENTRALIA, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—At a special election held in Vader on Saturday, bonds were voted to erect a new schoolhouse.

Pendleton Man's Estate \$50,000. PENDLETON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The late Andrew Rauland, whose will has been admitted to the Probate Court, left an estate of almost \$50,000.

Cathlamet Road Plans Made. CATHLAMET, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the County Commissioners last week the maps and estimates of Engineer J. R. Newell for rocking the Cathlamet-Skamokawa road were accepted and forwarded to the State Highway Commissioner.

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