

FISH PROFITEERING APPEARS DOOMED

Agitation for Cheaper Sea Food in Portland Is About to Bring Good Results.

GOVERNMENT TAKES HAND

Columbia Trappfishermen Agree to Furnish City Market With All Fish Caught Except Salmon, Amounting to Several Tons Daily.

BARS DROPPED ON SMELT FISHING.

When smelt start running in the Sandy River all fishermen except those fishing for markets will be allowed to catch all they wish without paying a license. Announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Carl D. Shoemaker, state fish warden.

The rule applies only to persons catching the fish for their own use and does not apply to those catching fish for sale. Governor Withycombe has ordered the dropping of the license restriction in the case of the Sandy River.

Profiteering and manipulation in the fish business seems to be doomed. Agitation for cheaper fish in Portland and elsewhere as a food conservation measure has brought forward plans from various angles for combating the middleman and getting fish from Oregon waters to Oregon tables entirely free from unnecessary expense or profits.

The city, the Federal Government and various independent concerns are making plans which look bad for the fish trust, but look good from the standpoint of the consumer and from the standpoint of food conservation.

The tendency is to eliminate the middleman and get the fish on the market at the lowest price possible, regardless of whether the fish is salmon, halibut, black cod or just plain, ordinary "scrap fish."

Plans are under way. The attacks, or rather, the tentatively arranged attacks, are being planned for the Columbia River and for Newport and the Coos Bay country. Down at Newport several plans are under way for undermining the hold the Newport Ice & Fish Company and the fishing interests of Seattle have on the business, while down along the Columbia plans are in the making for getting salmon to the retail trade at reasonable prices.

At Newport three propositions are confronting the concern which has controlled the business through the medium of bait and ice. One is the tentative plan of the Burke Fish Company to establish a cold storage plant at Yaquina near Newport, to compete with the Newport monopoly. Another is the tentative plan of Clark Bros., of Newport, to put a boat in the Newport harbor, banks and a cold storage plant at Newport.

City May Have Storage Plant. The city's plan as tentatively made is to establish either a cooling room or a cold storage plant capable of handling both ice and bait and to buy fish from the fishermen and ship it direct to Portland in carload lots. Bait can be obtained either from Marshfield or Seattle.

These arrangements, if consummated, will eliminate the possibility of concern controlling the business at Newport, as has been possible in the past. Also it will make it impossible for Seattle fishing boats to make catches at Newport, take the fish to Seattle and then ship it by express to Portland.

Fishermen are extremely enthused over the prospect of competition at Newport, for they have been dissatisfied with prices they have received in the past, particularly when they have seen the fish they had caught displayed in Portland markets at fancy prices.

On the Columbia River plans also are being made to get cheap fish. Among other things the city is contemplating the taking over of a fishing wheel at Warrendale. An offer from a wheel owner is being considered now.

Middlemen to Get Hard Blow. On this same river the middleman will get a hard blow at the hands of the Federal Government which has consummated an agreement with the trap fishermen whereby they will give to the city's market all scrap fish they catch. This will land many tons of fine cod and other fish on the public market daily at very small prices. Plans are being made by the city now to handle all this fish.

It is probable also that the city will put a buyer into the Columbia River field to buy salmon direct from the fishermen and ship it to Portland without putting it through the hands of the wholesalers.

Plans are being made by some of the fishing people to do the same thing as the city either in the Columbia or other streams. Among those contemplating a move of this sort is the M. C. Mace Fish Company. While in the definite has been decided yet, according to Mr. Mace, he says he is figuring on a boat. He may also enter the Newport harbor banks and the reports are that Seattle is planning to continue operations on the Newport banks, but as far as Portland is concerned, the prospects are that the days of catching halibut to ship from Seattle to Portland are past, as the retail price of halibut will not stand all these transportation charges. Competition also will come from the city's fishing schooner and from the different arrangement of affairs at Newport.

PERSONAL MENTION. G. D. Burdick, of Salem, is at the Ritz. M. V. Weldon, of Yoncalla, is at the Oregon. H. T. Holden, of Eugene, is at the Portland. B. W. Riggs, of Roseburg, is at the Imperial. C. W. Weighen, of Astoria, is at the Seward. G. Gordon and Mrs. Gordon, of Ta-

HUBBARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE PORTLAND SCHOOL TEACHER. HUBBARD, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The funeral services of Miss Pearl Yoder, one of the most popular teachers in the Hubbard schools, who died here suddenly Monday afternoon, were held this afternoon. The students in the higher grades and the high school attended in a body. Miss Yoder was born in East Linn, Mo., November 29, 1885, and came to Oregon with her parents in 1902. Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Yoder, she is survived by three brothers and five sisters. Miss Yoder went to school on Thursday morning, February 21, but was unable to finish out the day and was taken home. She died three days later.

Ex-Japanese Missionary Dies. MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 28.—Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Harrington, for 28 years a missionary to Japan and widely known for his translation of the Bible and a number of English classics into Japanese, is dead in a hospital here. He was born 41 years ago at Sydney, N. S.



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Witness Shown How to Take Jingle Out of Silver.

PLAYLET PROVES POINT

Conviction of Henry Johnson for Bootlegging Follows Clever Little Sideplay by Officers of Court. Judge Called to Testify.

Municipal Judge Roseman, Deputy District Attorney Ryan and Paul Long, counsel for the defense, staged a one-act comedy in Municipal Court yesterday afternoon in the trial by jury of Henry Johnson, charged with violation of the prohibition law. The list of witnesses included not only Patrolmen Teeters and Phillips, who arrested Johnson, but also the attorneys on both sides, as well as Neal Crounse, clerk of the court, and Judge Roseman himself.

During Judge Roseman's testimony on the stand Attorney Long entered an objection, and the judge was obliged to change his personality from witness to judge and back again to witness. He allowed the objection and went on testifying.

The principal witness for the defense was William King, who was in Johnson's alleged soft-drink establishment

when the star witness for the state went in and bought a flask of whisky, paying, he testified, five silver dollars.

"He couldn't possibly have paid \$5 in silver," testified King, "because I was standing no more than 20 feet from him, and I didn't hear any money change hands."

During this testimony the Prosecuting Attorney stepped over to the clerk's desk and asked in an undertone, "Got any money, Neal?"

Neal Crounse, the clerk, obligingly slipped Mr. Ryan two silver dollars. A moment later Mr. Ryan handed \$5.00 in silver to Mr. Crounse. The exchange of money was completed just as King finished testifying.

Mr. Ryan turned on the witness. "Have you heard any money change hands in this courtroom?" he demanded. "Why, no," said the witness, looking blank, "I haven't."

"That's all," said Ryan. "Call Neal Crounse."

Mr. Crounse obediently called himself to the stand and testified that he had soundlessly passed Mr. Ryan \$2 and that Mr. Ryan had soundlessly passed \$5.00 back to him.

After the jury had found Johnson guilty, Judge Roseman had fined him \$100 and Paul Long had given notice of appeal. Mr. Crounse and Mr. Ryan

were still trying to straighten out their financial accounts. The straightening out, however, was not so noiseless as the original transaction.

MINUTE WOMEN TO SELL

"Colonel" Miller Organizing Forces for War Stamp Campaign.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. L. Miller, "colonel" of the minute women of Clarke County, is organizing her forces to sell war savings stamps.

Those authorized to sell these stamps will be given an engraved certificate by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, distributed through Justin L. Sutherland, chairman of the stamp committee for this county. Any one desiring to sell thrift stamps is urged to see Mr. Sutherland.

Would-Be Citizens Examined.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—F. W. Thomas, special agent of the Federal Government, was here today examining applications for citizenship.

zanship. Henry Meister, Switzerland; Gustaf Hoffman, Russia; Fugel Soud, Italy, and Bert Cashout, Australia, were admitted to citizenship. Eight were refused on the ground that the declarations were invalid and a hearing was continued until after the war.

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