

GAME LAWS KEEP UP PRICE OF FISH

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Law Prohibiting Taking of Salmon in Small Streams Keeps Large Supply Off Market Without Benefiting Propagation.

Two provisions of the present laws of the State which make a Summer closed season for salmon and the other prohibiting the catching of salmon in small streams—operate to the detriment of the state's fish supply and play quite an important part in keeping fish prices up.

By reason of the provision of the law prohibiting the taking of salmon running into small streams to spawn fishermen say tons upon tons of good salmon go to waste without any benefit whatever either to the public or to fish propagation.

These fish start into small streams to spawn, and in their flight to get into the shallow water become battered and cut on the rocks. Male fish follow the female and meet the same fate. They perish on the rocks in hundreds and the public is precluded by law from touching them during the closed seasons and can only catch them in season with a hook and line.

No Excuse for Law.

Should the law allow the taking of these fish, many tons would be added to the state's salmon supply which otherwise is pure waste. Those in position to know the circumstances connected with this waste—including some of those actually in charge of the enforcement of this law—say there is no excuse for prohibiting the taking of these fish in these small streams in any manner the fishermen may choose. They would not, however, favor allowing the taking of these fish from large streams where there is commercial fishing and where the fish are able to reach good spawning grounds or hatcheries.

Fish experts say there is no reason why, under present conditions at least, there should be a closed season on salmon in the summer time. Among those taking this position is W. P. Studdert, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, who was in Portland recently. He says the salmon passing up the Columbia River in August, during the closed season, is inferior and is not good for propagation purposes and there is no reason why the catching of this fish should be prohibited during this season.

Spring Season Closed.

There are those who favor the abolition of the closed season from March 1 to May 1 each year, but this plan, experts say, would be bad, inasmuch as it is necessary that the salmon reach the Upper Columbia River, where they may be taken by the state and Federal hatcheries.

Fishermen in the Lower Columbia are bitter in their opinion against this Spring closed season. They claim that during the closed months the best fish pass up the river, where they are caught later by the canning concerns. Experts say that, inasmuch as this may be true, the fishing industry soon would be ruined if there was no closed season in the Spring. The purpose, they say, is not to protect the canning interests in the Upper Columbia, but to enable fish to get through the river to the spawning grounds.

DRIVE BUILDING PLANNED

Liberty Loan Headquarters to Be Near Postoffice.

The administration offices for the next Liberty loan drive are to be built on Sixth street between the Postoffice and the Portland Hotel. The City Council yesterday granted permission to the Liberty loan committee to erect a fancy building in the street.

The plan is to have all business of the drive conducted from the temporary building, Sixth street, between Yamhill and Morrison streets, which will be closed to all traffic except mail wagons and the houses of the Portland Hotel. An attractive design has been selected for the building in the street.

Missionary at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—The American Sunday School Union has announced the transfer from North Yakima to Centralia of O. E. Scott, from where he will direct the work of the union in Lewis, Thurston, Gray Harbor and Pacific counties. Mr. Scott was at one time a pastor in Iowa, later in the mining section of the Lakota Black Hills, and for the past two years has been connected with the union as missionary for the Yakima

War Garden Concert

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. At 7:30 P. M. Tomorrow. PROGRAM

JUDGE E. G. MORROW, Presiding. Selections by the band, conductor Dudley Huntington McCook, 7:30 to 8 P. M.

Major George I. Baker, "The Help of War Gardens to the City," 10 minutes.

Song by chorus and audience, "America," accompanied by band, organ, piano.

W. K. Newell, Assistant Food Administrator for Oregon, "Conservation of Food," 10 minutes.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, accompanied by piano.

John H. Coover, superintendent of Portland school war gardens, "War Gardens and How to Plant Them," 20 minutes.

Selection by the band.

C. L. Smith, superintendent for the Union Pacific, "Soldiers of the Soil," 20 minutes.

Vocal solo, John Clara Muntz, accompanied by organ and piano.

Rev. Oswald W. Taylor, Patriotic Conservation League, "War Gardens Work by the Patriotic Conservation League," 10 minutes.

Song by chorus and audience, "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied by band, organ, piano.

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Smileage Coupons

on sale Main and Fifth Floors. Books of 20 coupons, \$1; books of 100 coupons, \$5.

British Red Cross Benefit

Oregon Soldiers' Dependents' Fund, Ice Palace, Wed., March 6, at 8 P. M. Tickets 50c (skating free). Army and Navy Shop, Main Floor.

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