

SALMON PRICE MAY REACH RECORD MARK

Union Sets Quotation at 14 and 16 Cents.

EXPENSES UP, IS PLEA

Fish to Be Divided in Two Classes at 23-Pound Line as in Pre-War Days.

ASTORIA, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—By far the highest prices in the history of the industry on the Columbia river will be paid for Chinook salmon during the season, which opens on May 1, if the demands of the fishermen prevail. The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union has set the price at 14 cents a pound for small or cannery fish, those weighing less than 12 pounds each, and 16 cents a pound for large, or cold storage, fish, those weighing 23 pounds each or over. This is an advance of 25 cents per pound for small fish and 14 cents a pound for large fish over the figure which prevailed last year.

In the season of 1919 the price paid the fishermen by the packers was 11 1/2 cents a pound for all sizes of fish. The distinction between the large and small salmon which had been in vogue for many years having been dropped during the war period on account of the limited demand for pickled salmon and the consequent turning of the size into the canneries.

Dividing Line Raised.
In former years the dividing line between the two classes of fish was 25 pounds, but in re-establishing this distinction the union has set the line at 23 pounds.

Members of the union, which is composed of gillnet fishermen, assert that the conditions prevailing at the present time warrant the increased prices asked. They say the cost of all supplies, which the fishermen require has advanced materially and so has the selling price of the canned fish. In support of this contention, the fishermen aver that a few years ago when they were receiving from 7 to 8 cents a pound for salmon, the cost of their nets are knit cost \$1.15 a pound, while now that twine sells for \$1.05 and gasoline, as well as other supplies, have advanced proportionately. On the other hand, say the fishermen, Columbia river spring packed fish are now quoted in the New York market at \$17 a case.

Packers Have Safe Margin.
At 14 cents a pound, the new price asked for cannery fish, the fishermen claim, the raw fish for a full case of salmon will cost the packers only \$2.10, leaving them a wide margin for profit after deducting the expense of packing. These prices will be submitted to the packers who will hold a meeting to consider them during the latter part of the month.

MR. BUTLER WITHDRAWS

DALLESE MAN WILL NOT SEEK STATE SECRETARYSHIP.

Business Reasons Are Assigned for Action, Which Proves Surprise to Many Friends.

THE DALLESE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Since the fortune of politics is uncertain the expense of a direct primary campaign considerable, Chauncey D. Butler, candidate for nomination for the office of secretary of state on the republican ticket today withdrew his name from the contest. The withdrawal of Mr. Butler was a surprise to many friends here, who were confident that he would be the next secretary of state.

Mr. Butler assigns business reasons for his withdrawal from state politics. He will engage in business in this city, he said today. For many years he has taken a prominent part in county and state politics. He has served Wasco county as deputy assessor and deputy sheriff and for the past two years and a half the state in the motor vehicle department under Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott. For six months he served in the United States marines during the recent world war.

Mr. Butler's statement of withdrawal from the contest for nomination for secretary of state reads:
For reasons which seem to me to be entirely sufficient, I am constrained to refrain from entering the contest for secretary of state.

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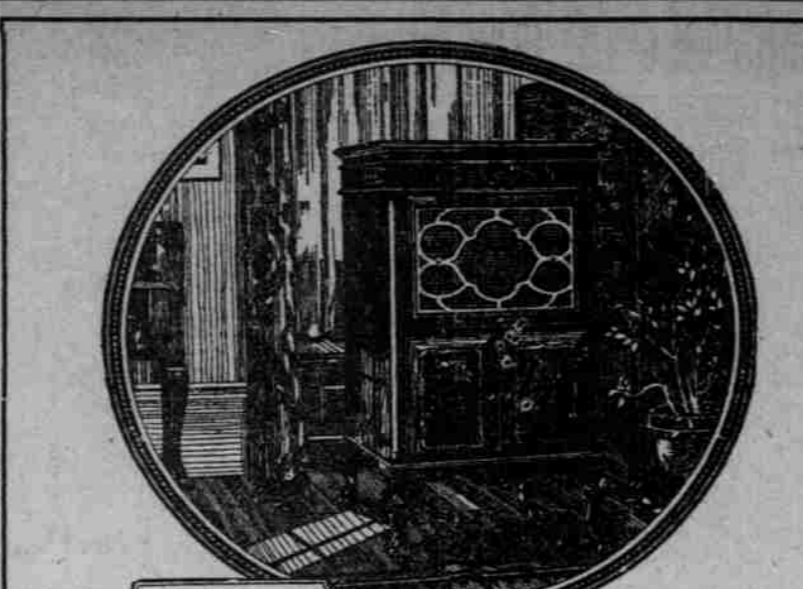
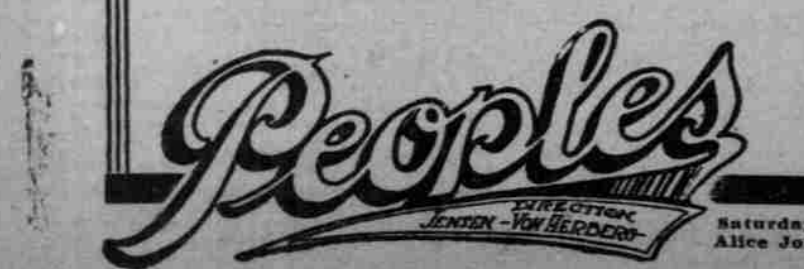
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Chamber of Commerce Reports From Over Oregon Show Surplus Lack.

Reports on labor conditions throughout Oregon as revealed by information at the office of the state chamber of commerce indicate that there is going to be a serious shortage when the seasonal work-calls for more workers. There has been no surplus of labor during the spring season available for ordinary jobs in progress and the experience at this season is contrary to the usual conditions. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has under construction a flume at one of its power plants that has been delayed over several weeks because of inability to get workmen who will remain continuously on the job.

It is realized that with the opening of the heavy timber operations in logging camps that there will be further depletion of the numbers who might otherwise take places on the farms. The reports received from throughout the country show unpromising prospects for farm help. The middle western states are now advertising throughout the east for men to work on farms. Returned soldiers have sought work in manufacturing centers instead of returning to the farms.

In a news letter sent out by the chamber Secretary Quayle says:
"The question of farm labor is one in which every commercial organization as well as municipalities, county courts and bankers should be interested and a complete survey of the farms should be made as to the amount of help required. This cannot be done in a day but it is none too soon to act."

Forty Consumptives Homeless.

DENVER, April 7.—Forty men patients at the Jewish Consumptive Relief society's institution were made homeless by a fire which destroyed their building. The loss was estimated at \$45,000.

Worms and Snow Hurt Grain.

THE DALLESE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Cut worms and snow fall have injured the grain in the Wapinitia district near this city that some of the acreage will have to be reseeded.

Great Northern Plans Growth.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 7.—Improvements costing \$300,000 will be made by the Great Northern Railroad company at its Hilliard yards, it was stated by F. S. Elliott, general superintendent of the northwest divisions. Among the improvements will be a large yard for repairing cars and 15 additional tracks. The new repairing yards will accommodate more than 100 cars.

Boundary Settlement Pleases.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, April 6.—A great demonstration was held here last night in celebration of the settlement of the boundary question between this country and Colombia, 12,000 persons participating in a procession.

Patrons of Municipal Plant at Centralia Must Pay More.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—First reading of an ordinance raising the rates to patrons of the city's municipal light plant was made by the city council this morning. The increase is necessitated by a recent increase in rates charged the city, granted to the North Coast power company by the public service commission. The increase to patrons, while not sufficient to entirely meet the power company's raise, will, according to one city commissioner, keep the local plant out of bankruptcy.

Road Bids Are Asked.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Call for bids for the construction of the relocation of the Wynoochee valley road has been authorized by the county commissioners. The proposed change will begin at the bridge on the Wynoochee-Wishkah road and will run north from that point for about two miles on the west side of the river and then recross to the east side near the Moak farm. The change also will call for the building of a new bridge across the Wishkah, but no bids for that have been asked.

Drainage Plans Approved.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—The petition for the creation of a drainage district three miles east of Montesano, between the Olympic highway and the Chehalis river, to be known as drainage district No. 2, has been approved by the county commissioners. The date for the election of officers and formation of the district was not set. An area of nearly 1000 acres is included in the district. The land is adapted for general farming or for berry raising.

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