BIG SALMON CATCH IS TAKEN IN SEINE

Sand Island Fishers Haul in 11 Tons of Chinook in Two Hours' Work.

HEAVY RUN IS EXPECTED

Season Is Due to End August 25 and Crews on Lower Columbia Are Now Ready to Labor Night and Day.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Eleven tons of chinook salmon were hauled on the beach at Sand Island, the seat of the Columbia Rivers Packers' Association's largest seining site, in exactly two hours of actual fishing this morning. Although this catch is but half of the best daily total for the season, it is important because of its significance.

"The fish are in the river and it is a matter of a few days until the canneries will be swamped with the harvest of seine, trap and gillnet. If the water is clear and the weather favorable the next seven days are bound to be the best of the season," said "Ernie" Woodfield, head of the Sand Island camp.

It was just a year ago that Sand Island astonished the oldest fisherman into temporary misbelief by winding up one day of work with a catch of 52 tons. As the tide and the time were the same on that eventful afternoon as today, the week to come is considered one of opportunity.

Rough Seas Retard Work.

Rough seas have kept the trollers from operating on the bar, and it has been but recently that these men have begun to compensate themselves for their efforts. To date casualties have been few, and although deaths by drowning have been rumored they have proved groundless. The Point Adams and North Head life-saving crews have been exceptionally watchful, and it has in large measure been due to the services of Captain Wicklund and his men that more than one swamped boat has been towed to safety.

According to old-timers in the gillnet game, the hauls for this year will not be rated above average. A clear water, they say, has kept the salmon leading around their nets instead of attempting to break through. The latter process is fatal. On the other hand, a seiner and his style of angling demands clear water, for a leading salmon soon is trapped and flopping on the beach.

A new activity, the purse seine, has been enjoying a successful season. This morning three boats drifting up and down in front of the island landed fair hauls, and it has been estimated that one of them stored away three tons in one drive.

Seattle and the waters of Puget Sound are alive with these fishermen, and it has only been the last two years that they have invaded the Columbia.

Big Week Expected.

Up-river crews are also faring well and Cabots Sands especially has eclipsed all previous records for tonnage to date. This point, with a crew of 25 men, is on the verge of 200 tons, and with but 10 days more to work they are sure to total over this mark.

Tomorrow being Sunday, in accordance with the fish law nets are not permitted in the water between the hours of 6 o'clock Saturday and the same hour Sunday evening. Monday, for the seiners, marks the first day of the predicted big week and every fisherman on the river is watching for results.

Wednesday, August 25, closes the Spring and Summer season for 1915, and with time so short and conditions so favorable every follower of the net is preparing to labor day and night in a final attempt to make the passing season a good one.

College men make up a big majority of the population of the seining camps, and for the past month football has been the principal subject of the bunkhouse and tent.

ROUNDUP PLANS GO ON

ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE IS COMPLETED.

"Happy Canyon," Typical of Night Life in "Wild and Woolly" West, Will Be Reproduced.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Organization of the general committee to have charge of the arrangements for this year's Happy Canyon, the big night entertainment of the Roundup on September 23, 24 and 25, has been effected. Preliminary arrangements are being worked out and at a meeting of the general committee in the Commercial Association rooms next Friday night the various subcommittees will report on the details of the programme.

"Happy Canyon," depicting night life in a typical "wild and woolly" town of the old West, proved a popular feature of last year's Roundup. Some new ideas will be introduced this year, and all of the popular hits of last year's programme will be enlarged upon.

The general committee members are: J. V. Tallman, W. L. Thompson, J. Roy Raley, Frederick W. Steiwer, Lee D. Drake, J. F. Robinson, Dr. D. N. Reber, George A. Hartman, C. K. Cranston, George Baer, Osmer E. Smith, Royal M. Sawtelle, Clarence S. King, Merle R. Chessman, Roy Alexander and Dr. Guy Boyden.

Richard K. Fox, publisher of the Police Gazette, again will present a gold belt to the champion all-around cowboy of the Pendleton Roundup. The winner will be selected by the judges on a point system, awarded in all competitive events in accordance to their importance, the greatest number of points being carried by the cowboys' bucking contest.

Fox has presented this belt for three years as a world's championship trophy. It was won in 1912 by Ed "Hoot" Gibson, in 1913 by A. E. McCormack and last year by Sammy Garrett.

DEBTLESS STATE IS PLAN

Mr. Lister Outlines Method of Redeeming Bond Issues.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Governor Lister, before leaving for California, outlined a plan to put the State of Washington in the unique position of being a state without a debt.

The plan is to wipe off the state's books the entire bonded debt of Washington by an appropriation that the Governor will ask of the Legislature.

The state's indebtedness is represented by two bond issues, one of $206,000 and the other of $75,000, both long-time securities, which, however, the state may redeem at any time it desires.

POLITICAL POT SIMMERS

Roseburg Councilman Expected to Become Mayoralty Candidate.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—With the regular city election scheduled for the first Monday in October, the local political pot is beginning to simmer. Although no one has made definite announcement of candidacy for the office of Mayor, it is understood that C. W. Clark, at present a Councilman, soon will do so. Whether Napoleon Rice, incumbent of the Mayor's office, will seek re-election will depend upon the attitude of his political friends.

Unusual importance will attach to selecting a Mayor this year for the reason that the railroad and other propositions are now before the Council.

T. A. Raffety, a local insurance agent, and W. L. Whipple, a law student, have signified their intention of entering the race for City Recorder. Mrs. F. E. Alley will have no opposition for the office of City Treasurer.

MERIT RATING URGED

Development Against Hazard Insurance Basis Planned.

AID OF LUMBERMEN SOUGHT

Washington Industrial Commission Has Backing of State Labor Department on New Schedule of Payments by Industries.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The merit system of industrial insurance rating, whereby industries pay according to the degree to which they have developed measures to cut down accident hazard, is proposed to the Washington Industrial Insurance Commission, with the backing of the state labor department.

The commission has gone so far in the matter as to take up the question with lumbermen, with the view of having them co-operate in initiating the plan.

Commissioner A. B. Ernst has a plan under which the lumber association itself would classify its own mills and plants and adopt merit ratings. Private casualty insurance companies have taken up the system in various parts of the United States.

Accident Hazard Rated as Basis.

"The new merit rating system is based entirely on the accident hazard in the plants insured, as fire insurance rates are based on the fire hazard," says a statement issued by the office of State Labor Commissioner Edward W. Olson.

"The plants in a given industry are divided into four classes, the first including those in which every effort is exerted to prevent accidents and which, therefore, pay the lowest rates; the second class pays a little higher rate, and so on to the fourth class, which pays the highest rate of all. A plant may be advanced from one class to another, according to the improvements it makes towards reducing its accident hazard.

"The adoption of the merit rating system would give a wonderful impetus to the safety movement in this state, an impetus that would be rewarded, not merely in a financial way in the reduction of insurance premiums, but chiefly—and certainly far more important to workmen and society—in a wonderful reduction in the number of accidents."

Need of Engineer Foreseen.

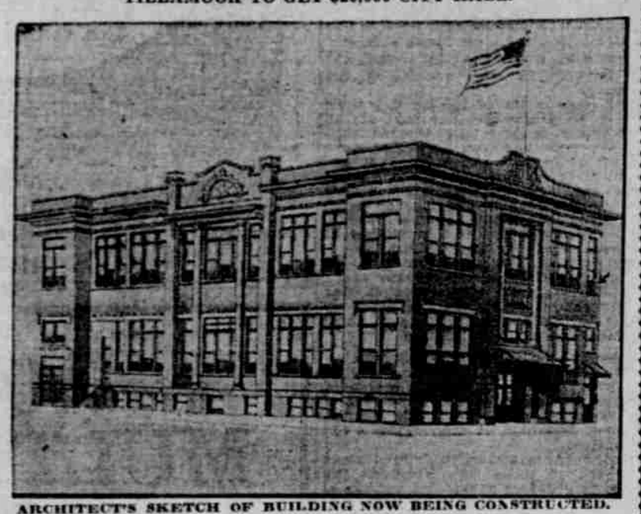
Industrial Commissioner Ernst says: "The merit plan of course would necessitate the employment by the commission of an efficiency engineer, who would investigate the industries of the state and collect data for hearings with the employers. After these hearings the merit classifications could be made. This would be an expensive procedure.

"The plan has been discussed with employers under which their associations, say in the lumbering industry, for example, would employ an efficiency expert, and with the agreement of the members of the association would classify the plants and mills, the state taking no part.

"When the state levies on the lumber industry under the plan it tells the association how much it wants to support the insurance fund for a given period, and the association and its expert decides the rate each class must pay to raise the amount desired in premiums.

"I am inclined to think this would establish a workable merit rating plan, perhaps as good as any the state itself could establish."

TILLAMOOK TO GET $20,000 CITY HALL.



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF BUILDING NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—That Tillamook soon will have a splendid City Hall, well arranged for all municipal purposes, is shown by plans for the structure which have been drawn by Charles H. Burggraf, an Albany architect. The City Council of Tillamook recently let the contract for the structure to Frank Heyd, of Tillamook, and the building when completed will cost $20,000.

In the basement will be located the City Marshal's office, the jail and fuel room. The first floor will be occupied by the city offices, Council room, city library and fire department. On the second floor will be located an auditorium with a seating capacity of 625, a firemen's dormitory and clubrooms.

GRAPE CARNIVAL PLANNED

Kennewick Gives Entertainment to Raise Expense Money.

KENNEWICK, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The second of a series of entertainments given by the executive committee for the purpose of raising funds for the fifth annual grape carnival was held last night.

The carnival committee reported to the Commercial Club that the carnival will be staged in the Leadbetter Park, near the Columbia River. It is planned to fence the carnival grounds, prepare a racetrack and baseball grounds, and inaugurate a lighting system which will light the grounds beautifully at night. The location being a half mile from town, a jitney service will be in operation.

JUDGE COKE MAY RUN

Coos and Curry Jurist Expects to Seek Re-election.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—John S. Coke, Circuit Judge of Coos and Curry counties, probably will be a candidate for re-election at the next general election, he said here Thursday.

Mr. Coke is among the younger judges of the state and is a Republican. He arrived in Roseburg Thursday en route to San Francisco. He was accompanied by Mrs. Coke and two children.

Gaston School Bids Rejected.

GASTON, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The contractors' bids for the new $10,000 schoolhouse at Gaston have been rejected, all having been found too high. Architect Aaron H. Gould, of Portland, is making some alterations in the plans and specifications, which, without changing the building materially, will make the cost come within the amount voted by the district for a new school.

EARLY RESIDENT OF GILLIAM COUNTY DIES AT 85.

William Keys.

CONDON, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—William Keys, 85, died at his home at Mayville, Gilliam County, August 6. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he married Miss Jane McCullough in 1854.

In 1865 he and his family came to the United States. Something went wrong with the ship and the immigrants were six months making the voyage to New York. They went to San Francisco and thence to Portland, where Mr. Keys worked as a stonemason. He moved from there to Roseburg, and finally came to Gilliam County, in 1873. He went into the cattle business and later, with his son, went into the mercantile business at Mayville.

He is survived by one son, William G. Keys, and two daughters, Alice A. and Mary G. Keys.

FAIR HAS WILD WEST SHOW

Cowboys Will Compete at Idaho Event This Month.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—J. E. Riddle, secretary of the Idaho State Fair, has arranged for a two days' Wild West performance to be held the last two days of August at the fairgrounds. The show will be directed by Irwin Bros., of Cheyenne.

The events will include bucking contests for the women's and men's championship of the world. Trophies and cash prizes are offered by Caldwell business men. Cowboys from Jordan Valley and other interior points have announced their intention of competing.

First Tillamook Sunfish Caught.

SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The first sunfish ever known to have been captured on Tillamook beaches was caught at Neskowin one day last week, according to J. L. Morris, a merchant of this place who has just returned from that resort. The fish was 26 inches long and 30 inches wide, measuring from the tips of the high dorsal and anal fins. It was first observed by Mr. Morris as he was going along the beach. A breaker had cast it on the beach and it was flopping. It was killed and taken to camp. Old timers on the coast said they had never seen anything like it. The sunfish is an inhabitant of warm water exposed to the sun.

CRUISE IS ATTACKED

Setting Aside of Clarke Contract Is Sought.

CHARGES ARE OUTLINED

Temporary Restraining Order Is Issued Against Officials—Cancellation of Warrants Are Asked Also by Arthur Gilfeather.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—In a petition filed before Superior Court Commissioner Davison today, Arthur Gilfeather asks that certain warrants issued by the County Commissioners be cancelled, others be rejected, and a certain contract for cruising timber land set aside.

In the petition Mr. Gilfeather, who is understood to represent several interested taxpayers, alleges that the Pacific Timber Cruising Company, of Portland, was organized March 18, 1915, and Elwood Wiles elected president. A short time later this company was active in Clarke County and on May 6, this year, secured a contract from the Clarke County Commissioners to cruise a portion of the land in the northern part of Clarke County.

Warrants Cashed, It Is Said.

The cruising was to start in section 1, township 5, range 4, and be continued until stopped by the County Commissioners. It is further alleged that two warrants aggregating about $4400 have been issued and cashed by a Portland bank and are registered in the treasurer's office here.

There is now a claim of $2384.25 before the commissioners. The petitioner asks to restrain the County Commissioners from allowing this claim, that the warrants already issued be cancelled and that the entire contract be set aside. Mr. Davidson has granted a temporary restraining order against the County Commissioners, County Treasurer, County Auditor, and other county officials, holding the whole proceeding up until September 6, when a hearing will be had.

Authority Is Questioned.

It is alleged that the County Commissioners have no legal right to have the timber cruised this year, as timber land is real property and this can be assessed legally only during the even years. This is an odd year.

It is also held that the work was not done according to contract, is not accurate, and, in fact, some cruisers were guessed at instead of being accurately made.

There is a deficiency in the fund from which this work was to have been paid for.

GEM COUNTY DEBT $28,000

Appraisers' Report on Newly Created Section Completed.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Gem County, created by the last Legislature from parts of Canyon and Boise counties, owes Canyon County approximately $28,000, according to the report filed by Appraisers Snell and Tyler.

Proponents of county division asserted that during the division fight Gem County would receive several thousand dollars from Canyon County. It is believed that the Commissioners of Gem County will accept the findings of the appraisers.

Bay Park Paving Contract Let.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The County Commissioners of Coos have let a contract to S. C. Small for a mile of hard-surface paving on the county road at Bay Park, a suburb of Marshfield, to be constructed of bituminous rock, the material used on most of the paved streets of Marshfield. The work was ordered as an experiment and for the guidance of the County Commissioners in work of the future. The roadway will be nine feet wide, with a shoulder of 3½ feet of macadam on each side for the passing of vehicles. The total cost of the mile is approximately $7143.36. The paving is to be laid at $1.02 a square yard and the macadam at 39 cents a yard. The contractor will start the work immediately and have it completed by the middle of September.

3 SAW WAY OUT OF JAIL

Prisoners at La Grande Leave by Using Smuggled Tool.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Three occupants of the City Jail used a saw that had been smuggled into them and a wire from a wooden chair to saw their way to freedom after they had picked the lock with the wire.

The hole they made in the ceiling with the saw took them into the chambers of Circuit Judge Knowles, and from there they went out via the transom. One was held on a holdup charge, one on larceny, and the third has only a month to serve to complete a year's sentence. They are still at liberty.

Boys' Band Liked in Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Judging from the attendance, applause and excellence of programme, the concert given Wednesday night in the Shively Opera-house by the Beaches Boys' Band, an organization of youngsters still in their teens, was one of the most successful in the history of Oregon City. Band selections and vocal and instrumental numbers filled the programme. More than $60 was cleared by the concert, and the money will be used to further the musical education of the members of the band. R. C. Beaches formed the organization last Winter.