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| salmon eanning was begun on this |  |
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| Kennebec river in Maine. They opened their first cannery opposite |  |
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| Sacramento city in March, 1864. In |  |
| , the salmon pros |  |
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| found that abundance of fish were being taken at Oak Point, Oregon, by |  |
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| Jon A lan Reed and his partner, two |  |
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| men from Maine, who had also been engaged in fishing on the Kennebec river, and who had for several years |  |
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| been fishing and salting salmon on the |  |
| Columbia river. William Hume returned, and from his reports, the com pany decided to establish a cannery on |  |
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| the Columbia, and in the fall, George |  |
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| W. Hume went there and constructed the works at Eagle Cliff, Washington |  |
| the works at Eagle Cliff, Washington Territory. In 1867, their first season on the Columbin, the firm packed |  |
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| and A. S. Hapgood From this small beginning the busisiness has advanced until there are |  |
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| ncw on the Columbiac river alone notlees than thiry five cannerios which produced in 1882 about 540.000 cases |  |
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| of canned salmon and including the other rivers from the Sacramento to |  |
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| other rivers from the Sacramento to the south of Alaska. On the north the product of canned salmon for 1882 was not far from $1,000,000$ cases with a |  |
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| value of about $85,000,0<0$. <br> In Mr. Hittel's "Commerce and In |  |
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| dustries of the Pacific Coant" we find the following informatipn concerning $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}$ canning interest of tha |  |
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| luauta: The salmon fixhery of the CoIumbia gives employment in the seasos |  |
| to 5,600 men, 3,100 Chinamen being employed in the canneries, while 2,500 |  |
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| whites take charge of the boats and net. The cannery proprietors own |  |
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| 1,200 boats, and lesse them with nets |  |
| and all the necoasary tools and sup. plies to the fisbermen, a largop propor tion of whom are Scandinarians, tal |  |
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| tion of whom are Scandinarians, Italians and Fins, who, as rent, must give one third of the catch, and must sell |  |
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| th? other two thirds, at a stipulated price. Each boat has two men, a captain and $o$ helper. The former hires |  |
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| the latter boards him, and gives him ten cents for every fish caught. The |  |
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| ten cents for every fish caught. The fisherman who own their boats and nets sell where they please, but usually |  |
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| nets sell where they please, but usually recieve the same price as is paid to the men uxing the cannery boats. It is |  |
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| expected that the captain of the boat make at lenst $\$ 100$ and his helper $\$ 70$ |  |
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| a month for their labor. The average catch of a boat for a season may be |  |
| 2,000 6ish worth $\$ 1,200$, equivalent to |  |
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| for the ous of the boat and net andother matef.. The price on the Co- |  |
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| having increased gradually since 1866 (and is still increasing.) In the canneries about 850 white man are em- ployed as superintendents, clerks, fore- <br>  |  |
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| men, etc., earning from $\$ 50$ to $\$ 175$ a month, averaging $\$ 62$. White men make the neta, cans, boats and cases, |  |
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| and have all the capital in thebusiness. The used in the business. The3,100 Chinamen receive $\$ 372,000$ for |  |
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| White laborers in the canneries reeives210,000; |  |
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| and cost of foh paid by the canneries |  |
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| amoun', to $\$ 1,432,000$; and of this the4,000 Chinamen get less than a third, |  |
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| while the 3,500 whites divide the other two thirds among themselves. The |  |
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| proprietors get $\$ 2,750,000$ fer the product leaving them $\$ 1,316,400$ above |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { the cost of the fish and wages in the } \\ & \text { fishing season to pay other cannery ex- } \\ & \text { penses, interest on the investment and } \\ & \text { profits. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
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