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FISH WARDEN'S MONTHLY REPORT

Has Spent a Busy Month Among the Various Fish Hatcheries.

OBSTACLES BEING OVERCOME

Another Year Will Find Greatly Increased Output From the Hatcheries of Oregon.

Astoria, Oregon, June 2, 1902.
Hon. Board of Fish Commissioners, Salem, Oregon.

Gentlemen: For the month of May I beg to report as follows:

May the 1st I visited the Clackamas River at the Green Place where the Portland City & Oregon Railway Co. contemplate putting a dam across the river for the purpose of developing a power for electrical purposes. This dam is to be put in about midway between the mouth of the river and the present state hatchery site. It is to be in the neighborhood of twenty-five feet high. It is their intention to take the water from the river above this dam and convey it along a cliff on a natural bench of land for a distance of a mile and a half, there develop their power and return the water to the river bed. This will work considerable of a hardship on hatchery work that we may desire to continue with on this stream, but these people have assured me that they will provide their dam with a suitable fish ladder and furnish it with an abundant supply of water to assure of its being passable by all varieties of fish life at all times of the year. They also seem to appreciate fully the extent of our work, and have signified a willingness to assist us in the premises, as it may be in their power to do.

May the 5th I visited the Tillamook district and examined the Wilson River and the Traak River, both of which are tributaries to and flow into Tillamook Bay, looking for a desirable situation where salmon cultural work could be successfully carried on. I found them both very desirable streams, each of which offer several very good situations where the work might be carried on, but taking into consideration that the Wilson River is the larger of the two, and from information derived, is frequented more plentifully by the Chinook and Steelhead varieties of salmon, I have determined on that stream for an experimental work that we will carry on in that district this coming season, if the necessary rights and privileges can be secured.

May the 11th I visited the Rogue River district for the purpose of determining, if possible, upon the feeling generally there relative to the matter of that stream being closed to salmon fishing, excepting with hook and line, as petitioned for by the people of Medford, and filed with the Board February the 4th. The feeling found was generally a determined one; that was, that the stream should be set aside as a trout stream and that nothing but a hook and line should be permitted on its upper waters. At Medford this feeling was very pronounced, but at Grants Pass it was not so unanimous although the feeling there was very general, almost as much so as it was up at Medford.

While in that section I visited the hatchery owned by Mr. R. D. Hume on the upper waters of the stream and found Mr. J. W. Berran, Superintendent in charge, at work taking Steelhead eggs. He had succeeded in getting 600,000 of this variety of eggs and expected to get another 100,000 before the season was over. Since my visit to this board last July, I found that Mr. Hume had supplied it with 58 large rearing tanks, in which they were feeding and caring for 600,000 young Chinook salmon. He had also furnished the plant with a current water wheel which was furnishing them with an abundant supply of water and had done away with their steam pumping plant which was quite an expensive affair.

May the 16th I visited the situation

on the river where the Golden Drift Mining Company contemplate putting in a dam for the purpose of developing electric power. This dam is to be 20 feet high and is to be situated on the river about three and one-half miles above Grants Pass. I have notified them relative to the matter of providing a suitable fish way and have supplied them with the necessary plans for the construction of the same.

The dam at Grants Pass and owned by the Light and Water Company, I also visited and found nothing had been done, as yet, toward repairing the breaks that had occurred to it last winter. Situated as it is at present, it is no obstruction to fish life.

May the 17th I visited the dam across the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, which is maintained there by Mr. J. H. Parrshall, Proprietor of the Cottage Grove Roller Mills, and is situated about one-half mile above the town of Cottage Grove. This dam has been in the river for the past two or three years, and no fish way has ever been provided. I have taken the matter up with Mr. Parrshall and he has assured me that as soon as the water will permit of one being put in he will comply with the law fully in that respect.

May the 22nd I was called to the Sandy River again, to investigate relative to the matter of mill-men blowing out boulders with dynamite so that railroad ties that they run down the river would not collect and jam. This situation we were confronted with last year and it did us a considerable damage, for it was a time when salmon were ascending the stream for spawning purposes. This year Mr. C. Minsinger, the mill man who has full charge of the work, has assured me that he would get right at the work and get the boulders all out inside of a couple of weeks time, which if done as promised, should not interfere with our work there this year very materially.

May the 26th I visited the Yaquina Bay district looking for a situation where salmon cultural work could be successfully carried on. The bay is fed principally by Yaquina River and Big Elk River, which fork immediately above the little town of Elk City. From examinations made I will endeavor to work on the Big Elk River this coming season just in at the head of tide water, if the necessary rights and privileges can be secured. A situation, as this offers, is not generally a very desirable one, but is small, and from information derived, I am inclined to feel that we might get in there and get a good supply of eggs and get out with our racks before the fall freshets set in. I examined this Elk River fork thoroughly for a distance of ten miles above the mouth of the river and found nothing more desirable for our work than the tide water situation. It is entirely a bed rock stream, very narrow, being confined between very steep banks. Before settling on anything definitely, I will examine three two streams higher up, but in order to handle the Chinook variety of salmon, I am inclined to believe that it would not do for us to get too high up on small streams such as these are.

STEELHEAD WORK.
The steelhead work that we have been attempting this spring, has amounted to practically nothing. From reports received from Mr. Thomas Brown, who is in charge of the Salmon River hatchery, he has succeeded in getting only 180,000 eggs, and Mr. A. D. Allen, who has been at work on the Tualatin River only reports 94,500 eggs.

HATCHERY ASSIGNMENTS.
For this season's work I have made the following assignments, which I trust will meet with your approval.
Mr. King Spurgeon to be Superintendent of the Clackamas River State Hatchery.

Mr. Thos. Brown to remain in charge of the Salmon River Hatchery.
Mr. A. D. Allen to remain in charge of the Grande Ronde River Station.
Mr. T. H. Hill to take charge of the Umpqua River Hatchery.

CLACKAMAS RIVER HATCHERY.
Mr. Spurgeon left for the hatchery with a crew of men May the 8th and from reports received, he got his rack in across the river and all salmon stopped May the 15th, and the rack across the mouth of Oak Grove May the 20th.

UMPQUA RIVER.
On the Umpqua River we will do our work this season up at the mouth of Steamboat Creek and not attempt to do anything at the Glide Station except to care for the eggs after they have reached the eyed period.

The receipts of my office from account of licenses issued amounted to \$1127.50, which was in accordance with the following:
21 Individual Fishing Licenses \$ 211.00
182 Gill Net Fishing Licenses..... 455.00
38 Set Net Fishing Licenses..... 25.00
1 Seine Fishing License (750 ft.) 15.00
5 Fish Dealers' Licenses (1st Class) 260.00
1 Stationary Wheel Licenses..... 100.00
1 Scow Wheel Licenses 60.00
Total \$1127.50
Very respectfully submitted,
H. G. VAN DUSEN,
Master Fish Warden.

HE SCORED THE PRESIDENT

Southerner Did Not Like Roosevelt's Memorial Day Speech.

THE ANTI-ANARCHY BILL

The Isthmian Canal Bill and Philippine Matters Take Up Considerable Time in Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The general debate on the anti-anarchy bill closed today. The incident of the day was the speech of Richardson (Dem.), of Alabama, condemning the president in severe terms for references in his Memorial Day oration at Arlington to the epithets applied to Lincoln and Grant during the civil war and for his allusions to lynching. He declared that the president's remarks violated proprieties of the occasion.

Littlefield led in an argument in the closing debate on the anarchy bill. The section of the senate bill providing a body guard for the protection of the president was stricken from the senate bill as a precaution in case the house substitute failed. Effort was made to strike from the first section of the substitute words limiting the crime of killing a president to a president in his official capacity, but the motion was lost.

Only one section had been disposed of when the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—After transacting some routine business the senate resumed the consideration of the Isthmian canal bill. Hanna continuing his argument in support of the Panama canal bill. The senator declared that no political considerations were involved in the canal problem. He presented an opinion of 83 shipmasters and pilots in favor of the Panama route as against the Nicaragua route, for many reasons which they cited. He urged that the construction of the Nicaragua canal was beset with unknown difficulties, while the construction of the Panama canal was "open book." He laid particular stress on the danger of the Nicaragua route from volcanoes and urged that it was not good business policy to ignore those dangers in a project involving the expenditure of \$200,000,000.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Secretary Root today sent to the Philippine committees of the senate and house textual copies of the instructions given him to Governor Taft for his guidance in dealing with the vatican respecting the acquisition by the United States of Friars lands in the Philippines. The instructions were exhibited yesterday by Governor Taft to the vatican officials and served the purpose of credentials.

OUR YOUNG GRADUATES

INTERESTING CITY SCHOOL EXERCISES.

High School Issues Eight Diplomas and Adair, McClure and Shively Thirty.

The commencement exercises held at Fishers' opera house last evening brought to a fitting close another year of successful work in the city public schools. The program was carried out before a crowded house, exactly as announced, and as here published.

Seated upon the platform were the members of the board of education for the city, Hon. C. W. Fulton, J. A. Eakin, P. J. Goodman, Wm. Barker and J. E. Higgins; Chaplain Johnston McCormack; Prof. A. L. Clark, senior principal of the Astoria schools; Miss Emma Warren, Miss Dora Baddie and Prof. G. A. Warfield, of the High School; the members of the graduat-

ing class—Oney G. Jackson, Allee F. O'Connor, Ida Norberg, Arthur Young, Carl Ross, Alfred Anderson, Alma Lawson and Carl J. Holmes.

A departure from the usual custom was made in that the members of the class did not deliver orations and essays, which to many was a disappointment. In her salutatory on "Herolam" Miss Allee O'Connor dwelt in pleasing strain on the noble of the earth, and paid the highest tribute to the heroism displayed "within four walls, in the privacy of the home."

The valedictorian, Oney G. Jackson, in an oration which evidenced a mind trained to think, proved the necessity of education in the development of good and useful citizenship. In his address to the class, President-elect P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, offered his congratulations on the evident youth of the graduates, their present commendable attainments and future possibilities, and also on the fact that the boys and girls of the class are in the proportion of five to three in favor of the former, a rather unusual showing and one speaking well for Astoria boys. Among the many good things said by President Campbell are these:

"Education is truly successful only as it fits the student to participate in the activities of the age. . . . The stupendous events of recent history are developing a class of men and women of higher type and greater capabilities than ever lived before. . . . Such places of learning as the successful high school of this city are an absolute necessity for the young people who are not yet old enough to be sent away from their homes to the colleges. . . . To insure the best leaders for the Nation, the best schools must be available to boys and girls of all classes, the poor as well as the rich."

The audience heartily enjoyed the delightful music, every number of which scored a brilliant success. In brief and well chosen remarks Prof. Clark presented the class to the school board as the finished product of the Astoria High School. On behalf of the board, Chairman J. E. Higgins then presented the diplomas to the graduates.

Flowers were tabooed for this time, but many handsome bouquets were presented with hearty congratulations after the dismissal. Astoria may well feel proud of the efficiency of her schools, which are what the teachers make them, and the teachers have reason to be proud of the results of their labors, as each year a large class of graduates go forth from their care. Many changes will probably take place before another term of school opens. One that will be keenly felt is the resignation of Miss Emma Warren, who will be lovingly remembered by hundreds of pupils. Prof. G. A. Warfield, also is not a candidate for reelection.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The graduating exercises of the 8th grades of the McClure, Shively and Adair schools were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Adair school assembly hall, which was filled to overflowing with the parents and friends of the class.

The graduating class of the term is an unusually large one, numbering 30 in all, and the program rendered was one of the best ever given at a grammar grade commencement in the city, and speaks much for the careful preparation of the teachers, Mrs. Krager.

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NEW VOLCANO IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Destroys a Town and Kills More Than One Thousand People.

FIRST A BLACK PALL OF SMOKE

Then a Glare of Fire Followed by an Eruption That Sent Forth Lava, Ashes and Stone.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—Another city in Central America has suffered almost complete destruction and hundreds of the inhabitants killed by volcanic eruptions. The steamer Palena, which arrived today from Southern ports, brings news that the town of Retaluen, situated at the foot of Mount Tacona, in Guatemala, has been buried under a mass of lava, stones and ashes thrown from a volcanic crater and probably 1000 of its people have perished. Volcano is about 25 miles from Champanico and near the town of Tapachula, which it is believed also suffered severely. Eruption occurred several days before the Palena arrived at Champanico.

The vessel's officers were informed by the agent of Pacific Steam Navigation Company that for weeks a black pall of smoke hung over its summit and a glare from the crater frequently illuminated the sky.

When the eruption at last broke forth in full fury, showers of lava, ashes and stones, were ejected and covered the country for miles around. No details were obtainable by the officers, but the loss of life was estimated at not less than 1000.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

Petition to Governor Geer Praying for One of the Legislature.

SALEM, June 6.—Petitions were prepared this evening and sent to every county for signatures, asking Governor Geer to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of regulating officials salaries. The purpose is to place all state officers on "flat salaries in accordance with the pledges made by the state candidates during the campaign just closed.

GEN. MILES MISQUOTED.

CHICAGO, June 6.—General Miles left for Washington this afternoon. He said: "I have been misquoted. I did not say that I had been ordered to Washington. I did not say that I would not attend the exercises at West Point." He refused to be interviewed.

KILLED A SWAMPMAN.

SALT LAKE, June 6.—A special to the Tribune from Sunnyside, Utah, says: am Dilly, a cattlemen, shot and killed Steven Chipman, a prominent sheepman and shot Chipman's Mexican herder through the left hip, eight miles north of Sunnyside today. The herder, bleeding profusely, managed to ride into town and notified the authorities.

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