THE TIDES

High Water.	A. M.		P. M.		Low Water.	A. M.		P. M.	
Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
Monday 24	1:20	8.6	2:01	8.5	Monday 24	7:49	0.1	8:10	1.2
Tuesday 25	2:10	8.3	2:40	8.6	Tuesday 25	8:29	0.5	9:00	1.0
Wednesday . . . 26	2:56	7.9	3:18	8.5	Wednesday . . . 26	9:08	0.9	9:49	1.0
Thursday . . . 27	3:47	7.3	4:00	8.3	Thursday . . . 27	9:47	1.6	10:42	1.1
Friday 28	4.40	6.7	4:44	8.0	Friday 28	10:30	2.2	11:40	1.3
Saturday . . . 29	5:43	6.1	5:35	7.7	Saturday . . . 29	11:22	2.8	.....	....
SUNDAY . . . 30	6:55	5.7	6:35	7.4	SUNDAY . . . 30	0:43	1.4	12:29	2.3
Monday 31	8:12	5.6	7:41	7.1	Monday 31	1:50	1.4	1:40	3.6

WILL BUILD GYMNASIUM

President Scherneckau of the Commercial Club reports that there has been a steady increase in membership of late, and he anticipates a successful future for the organization. During the fall the gymnasium will be installed, and this will afford amusement for many of the members. Considerable apparatus has been purchased, and the work of fitting up the hall will soon be undertaken.

Extend Season For Two Weeks

Packers Believe They Should Not Be Deprived of Best Part of Big Run

The late run of salmon this year has started an agitation for extension of the fishing season to a later date than August 15. Some of the packers express the opinion that it is not right to stop operations just at the time when the river is full of fish, but that operations should be continued for a few weeks longer, at least.

Every one agrees that the bountiful supply of salmon from July 20 to August 15 was the direct result of artificial propagation. The fish were turned out of the state and government hatcheries four or five years ago, and it is only reasonable to suppose that next year's run will be even greater than that which characterized the close of the 1903 season. Every year the hatcheries turn out more young fish than during the preceding year, and the hatchery run has thus far come into the river at a late date—about July 20. From that time until the end of the season the supply is so great that the canneries are utterly unable to handle the offerings.

"Why should the packers be deprived of the greatest part of the immense run of fish?" is the question asked. "What benefit is derived from artificial propagation if the canneries are compelled to close down just at the height of the run?"

It is pointed out that extension of the season for two weeks—to September 1—would add fully 150,000 cases of fish (worth almost $1,000,000) to the pack. This year the pack was not great enough to meet orders, and the demand is steadily increasing. The fish were of excellent quality at the close of the season, and the reputation of royal chinook salmon would not have suffered had operations been continued for another two weeks.

It is the aim of the fisheries department of Oregon to restore the early runs of fish, but there will be no results from this effort for three or four years to come, owing to the late start made. Then again, it will be much more difficult to restore the early supply than it was to stock the river with late fish, and it may be a decade before the desired result is attained.

So strong a sentiment has been awakened for an extended season that the matter will probably be brought up at the next session of the legislature. As it is at present the packing season lasts only about 35 days, during which time practically all of the pack is put up. The new proposed plan would redound to the great benefit of the canners, for the price of fish always falls during big runs.

SETTLERS ARE INDIFFERENT

Lack of Interest in Matter of Redistricting County

Of late several requests for information as to the time for redistricting the county have reached the county court, and yesterday County Clerk Clinton was instructed to inform correspondents that the districts would be altered at the January term.

The court recently suggested to the people of the outlying precincts that they get together for the purpose of recommending the extent of districts, but as yet has received no results. It is possible under the new law to alter districts frequently, which will operate to the benefit of the settlers living in the country.

Often there is need of making districts large ones, and the Nehalem road case is cited as an instance. This road will cease to be a county proposition after next year's levy is exhausted. It taps a large region and is of equal benefit to all the people. It is felt by county officials that people living along the route of the road should get together and ask for the establishment of a big district, that its cost would not be so severely felt. After the road is finished through to Jewell the district could be again divided up into smaller districts for the purpose of building branch roads out to the main highway.

This matter is one of the utmost importance to the people of the county, and members of the court feel that they are not displaying proper regard for their own interests.

Fine Structure To Be Erected

Work on Clatsop County Court House to Be Begun Within a Year

County Judge Trenchard is hopeful that work may be begun on a new court house within a year's time. The prospects are bright and unless plans miscarry the fund already started will be sufficiently large to justify commencement of the work. It is purposed by Judge Trenchard and associates in the management of county affairs, Commissioners Young and Clark, to build a court house that will cost between $50,000 and $60,000 and be an ornament to this county of poor public buildings.

There is at present in the court house fund the sum of $5,664.45, representing the 2-mill levy heretofore made. The levy will net more with each succeeding year, and by the time the next collection of taxes is made there will probably be enough money on hand to commence work.

"We make a separate court house levy each year," said Judge Trenchard yesterday. "Our first levy was 2 mills and one additional 2-mill levy is to be collected. Next year the Nehalem road levy runs out and we will be enabled then to increase the court house levy. The object of the county court is to keep down the total tax levy as much as possible. After next year, when the Nehalem road levy of 2 mills runs out, we will have some margin on which to go. We hope also to reduce the other levies and increase the court house tax while effecting a general reduction. The increase in the valuation of next year's roll ought to net much more money for the fund.

"It is my idea that we should commence work when the fund reaches $15,000. The building of the court house will require fully two years and starting with a $15,000 fund, nearly the entire amount necessary could be collected before the work was finished."

"What are your ideas of the architecture of the court house and its cost?" was asked.

"I believe we should expend between $50,000 and $60,000 on the structure. The county is a permanent institution and our improvements should be of a permanent nature. I would oppose the erection of anything but a modern building as practically a waste of public funds. The court house should, I believe, be of two stories and an attic, the first story to be of stone and the upper stories of pressed brick. This would make an attractive and substantial structure, and would, I feel, give public satisfaction."

"Would you favor the building of a jail within the court house?"

"No, sir; I would not," was Judge Trenchard's emphatic reply. "The jail should be separate from the courthouse and I would vigorously oppose the plan you refer to."

There was formerly some talk of a joint court house and city hall, but nothing has been heard of this proposal of late. The members of the county court, while not committing themselves, seem to be opposed to a joint city and county building. At all events, they will permit the city officials to make all the overtures in this direction, and will then reach a decision one way or another.

GRADERS WORKING BEYOND OLNEY

C. Christensen, who is employed on the Nehalem road, was in town this morning. He reports that the grading outfit is now working half a mile beyond Olney, where the big hill is being leveled. The grade to Olney is almost finished, and in a week or 10 days will doubtless be completed. It is the purpose to lay crushed rock on the road to a depth of 18 inches south from that point where the plank road ends—about a mile this side of Olney. There are 30 men at work on the grade and they are well satisfied except with their rations, which have caused frequent complaint.

SAMPLE CANS OF SARDINES

Sample cans of sardines are being put up at the foot of Tenth street by the Hemlow Packing Company. The fish are of good size, 16 averaging to the can. A pack will not be put up this season, the company's only aim at present being to see what can be done with the Columbia river variety. So far the test is in every way successful and next season operations will be carried on in earnest. The fact that the fish were so large at the begining of the present run prevented any real work being done up to date.

REGULAR SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

The county court met yesterday in regular monthly session and its time was occupied principally with consideration of claims. A few road matters were also attended to. In the matter of road district No. 11, the report of the viewers was received, and the supervisor of district No. 4 was allowed $50 extra money to improve the county road from Youngs bay to Clatsop City. The court will meet again this morning, and during the day will visit the Lewis and Clark bridge and perhaps make an inspection along the Nehalem highway.

GEORGE W. HUME HERE

George W. Hume arrived from California yesterday on the steamer Columbia to be present when the big Hume mill commences operations next Saturday. Mr. Hume is in excellent health and is looking better than for some time. He went out to the mill yesterday and expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the work is tbeing carried on.

D. K. Warren Is Dangerously Ill

Well Known Astorian Lying at the Point of Death at His Country Home.

D. K. Warren is lying seriously ill at his country home at Warrenton, and fears are entertained that he may not recover from his present illness. On Sunday Mr. Warren was stricken with angina pectoris, the most painful of all forms of heart failure, and since that time his condition has been considered extremely serious. The latest report from his Warrenton home last night was that the patient was still in a precarious condition, but that he showed improvement since morning.

Drs. J. A. Fulton and Alfred Kinney are in attendance upon Mr. Warren, and Miss McDowell, who is regarded as the most proficient trained nurse in Oregon, came down yesterday from Portland and went immediately to the West Side.

Dr Kinney was at the Warren home Tuesday night, and when he left for the city yesterday morning the sufferer was better than the night previous. Dr. Fulton went down yesterday, returning last evening and he made an equally favorable report. "Mr. Warren is very ill," Dr. Fulton said, "and it is difficult at this time to state whether or not he will pull through. He appeared to be somewhat improved when I left this afternoon, although still suffering greatly It is my opinion that he will come through the present attack, but there is nothing certain about it. His condition is still critical.

Mr. Warren was first attacked with angina pectoris in June and suffered greatly at that time. The present attack is much more severe, however, and his friends are fearful that he may not survive it. All the members of his family are at Warrenton, and news of his condition is anxiously awaited by his friends in Astoria.

HARRY MORSE REACHES PORT

Brings Packers' Association's Pack of 29,200 Cases

The Columbia River Packers' Associaton bark Harry Morse reached port last evening from Bristol bay, Alaska, bringing the pack of the company's Nushagak cannery. The exact pack of the cannery was 29,200 cases and 14 barrels of salted salmon.

Captain Reynolds came ashore last evening and said he had a fine trip down. He left Unimak Pass August 22 in company with the ship Berlin, and at 10 a. m. of the same day passed the steamer Argyll towing the ship A. J. Fuller, bound through the pass and steering west-northwest.

The Morse was the first vessel to depart from Astoria for Nushagak, the first to arrive there, the first to leave on the homeward trip and the first to arrive home. When she reached Bristol bay on the passage up the sea was filled with ice.

Captain Reynold's action in coming ashore last night has involved him with the marine hospital service. His vessel is temporarily in quarintine and has not yet been examined by Dr. Earle. The mater has been reported to Washington and the officials of the department will reach a decision probably in a few days.

It was reported yesterday afternoon that the ship Berlin, belonging to the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, was in the offing, but Captain Reynolds expressed the belief that this was a mistake. The Berlin brings the 130 men employed at the cannery and 43,000 sases of salmon.

WANT STREETS IMPROVED

Interested property owners are circulating a petition asking the Council to improve Commercial street from Forty-third to Forty-fifthand Forty-fifth between Bond and Commercial, in the East End. The request for the improvements is made conditional on the council ordering the improvement of Franklin avenue from Thirty-sixth to Forty-third street.

NEW CITIZENS

In the county court yesterday final papers of citizenship were issued to A. T. Petterson, a native of Sweden, and to William Polo, a native of Finland.