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GOVERNMENT WANTS PLANT

United States Fish Commission Is Anxious to Operate the Ontario Hatchery.

PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE

If the State Will Agree, the Government Will Conduct the Plant on Larger Scale, Commencing With Next Season.

A letter received by Samuel Elmore from F. A. Seufert, The Dalles cannery man, conveys the information that the United States fish commission is desirous of taking over and operating the big hatchery at Ontario. At the present time the fish commission is operating three hatcheries in this state—Clackamas, Little White Salmon and Big White Salmon. The combined output of these plants for the season recently closed was 34,500,000.

The government plants are doing very good work, and it is believed there will be no objection to turning the Ontario plant over to the government, especially in view of the offer of the commission to pay all the operating expenses and conduct work there to the fullest possible extent. The commission agrees to allow the state to enlarge the hatchery.

The letter received by Mr. Elmore from Mr. Seufert is as follows:
 "The Dalles, Dec. 17.—Mr. S. Elmore, Astoria—Dear Sir: I have a letter from United States Fish Commissioner Bowers, dated Washington, D. C., December 10, in which he states that the United States fish commission will be glad to take over the Ontario plant and operate it to its full capacity, the state to enlarge it as may be required.
 "The commission would pay all wages of employees and operate the plant under an arrangement similar to that under which the Hume hatchery is conducted on Rogue river. We should come together and see that this is done at once, so the commission may have a clear field for next season.
 F. A. SEUFERT."

The government commission will secure equally as good results from the Ontario plant as have been secured by the state fish warden, and, as there are other excellent sites for hatcheries, it is probable the proposal will be favorably received. While there may be some feeling that it is hardly fair to the state fisheries department to turn over its best hatchery to the government, the people are looking for results, and, if the government will assist to the extent indicated in Mr. Seufert's letter, the salmon interests of the Columbia could be materially advanced by the state working up other hatchery propositions. The Ontario plant is capable of handling fully 30,000,000 eggs, the output last season having been 20,000,000. With this plant added to its Oregon hatcheries, the fish commission would provide annually about 60,000,000 young fish.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the state fish commission immediately.

Mr Lyman's Is Very Best

Mrs. Dye Has Many Nice Things to Say of Astoria Author's Work.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, herself the author of "The Conquest," the world famous history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, asserts that H. S. Lyman's "History of Oregon, the Growth of an American State," is beyond doubt the finest history of Oregon yet written, and incidentally gives Mr Lyman a sendoff that is seldom accorded by one that has attained the high literary standard and wide reputation as has Mrs. Dye. The masterly criticism appears in the Oregonian.

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 Fourth street, Bond to Astor, No. 16,212.
 Fifth, Commercial to Astor, No. 16,384 and 16,385.
 Fifteenth, Jerome to Niagara, Nos. 16,262, 16,203, 16,204.
 Eighth street, Commercial to Astor, Nos. 16,695, 16,696, 16,697, 16,698.
 Eleventh street, Bond to Franklin, Nos. 16,709 to 16,714 inclusive.
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THOMAS DEALEY,
 City Treasurer.
 Astoria, Ore., Dec. 19, 1903. tf

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Mark M. Minaker to George A. Casbel—Lot 7, block 84; lot 4, block 123, McClure's addition. Also 160 acres in section 25—\$200.

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