

### MUSIC COST A BOY'S LIFE

Student of Violoncello Practices With Such Devotion That Fatal Results Ensure.

### IT CAUSED OSTEO-SARCOMA

Change of Climate Did No Good and Amputation Was Unavoidable as Shock Produced Death.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Paul Palmer Knapp, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Knapp of Oak park, has paid with his life for his devotion to his musical career. Young Knapp, who was a violoncellist of marked ability, was an untiring student and the constant pressure of the instrument on his leg led to osteo-sarcoma. Change of climate proved unavailing and it was found necessary to resort to amputation. Death followed from the shock. Knapp was 27 years old and at four was recognized as possessing musical aptitude; at 10 years of age he selected the violoncello on which to devote his study. Two years later he was a member of a string quartette which toured the northwestern cities.

### STOCK MARKET FIRM.

In Spite of Disturbing Influences Steady Undertone Has Been Maintained.

New York, Aug. 27.—While somewhat irregular, the stock market reflected a firm undertone throughout the week, although the volume of business was comparatively small. Its firmness was the more surprising in view of the many developments which ordinarily exert an unfavorable influence, namely, adverse crop reports, local labor troubles and the absence of any public inquiry for stocks. Reports begin to tell, however, of a renewed demand for high grade securities, the market being at this time almost bare of bonds. The latest turn of affairs in the far east and the national political situation have thus far excited little more than passing attention among speculators who also generally express the belief that reports of crop damages, particularly those which have been greatly exaggerated, while evidence accumulates that the cotton crop will be a record breaker. The outflow of money to facilitate crop movements has set in from this center, but thus far has made no impression upon money conditions, which continue easy.

### LETTER FROM F. C. REED.

Says the Next Legislature Should Repeal the Law Protecting Salmon.

Astoria, Aug. 27.—(Editor The Astorian.)—I see by an article published in your issue of the 21st that you have undertaken to give me a little free advertisement. I am very thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to say a few more words on the violation of the laws of the state. It is not often that I take the trouble to enter into a discussion of any subject through the newspapers; but when I do I like to have it appear in some paper that is circulated through the state, and consequently was obliged to patronize the Portland Oregonian. Yes, I guess I do lack some home pride, and should have shut up like a clam and said nothing when I saw one of the most important as well as beneficial laws of the state so boldly and completely ignored by state officials, high in authority, who have taken a solemn oath to support and maintain the laws of the state, and all for the benefit of a few salmon hogs, at Astoria. A good portion of my home pride was legislated out of me in 1901, and the balance has all gone during the past 10 days. Would any man feel proud to hail from Astoria, where the greedy salmon packers bid defiance to the laws of the state? If this is something to be proud of, I can truly say that I have no home pride left. Hear the excuse offered by the writer of "Lack of Home Pride," and then ask how long he has been in Oregon. "Because of the backward season, and a desire to allow the fishermen and packers to reap the harvest that is rightfully theirs, it was mutually agreed that the closed season should be disregarded for a few days." Now this has been one of the most pleasant seasons, with the best weather for fish and fishing that we have had for 25 years. "Rightfully theirs." How did they obtain this right? Simply by taking the law in their own hands, knowing, as they have already admitted by this mutual agreement, that there was none of the state officials who are supposed

to see that the laws are enforced, that had backbone enough to stay out of this mutual agreement society and enforce the law.

Then note that he puts the poor fishermen before the packers! Why did he not also say that when the first run of salmon came, after the middle of July—and not one of the poor fishermen had made enough to pay his board—that the first move the packers made was to reduce the price of fish from 6 and 7 cents per pound, to 5 and 6 cents. This was also done by mutual agreement, but the poor fishermen were not a party thereto. Then he might also have added that after the season was legally closed, these same packers made an attempt to reduce the price on the poor fishermen to 3 cents, but the fishermen were a little too much for them this time, and they had to pay the price or shut up shop.

Now if some of these same poor fishermen, who have been unfortunate and have not made enough during the season to supply their families with the necessities of life during the coming winter, should see fit or be compelled to visit the packers' warehouse and take some of these canned salmon, which are rightfully theirs, will the sheriff and all other officials of the law form a mutual agreement society, and say that the law was only mildly violated?

You say the law was standing in the way of the prosperity of the people, and was mildly violated; just the case of the poor fishermen I have stated above.

Who are these people? Was this state law enacted especially for those who are engaged in the fishing industry this season? Or was it enacted for the protection of the salmon, that some of them might pass on up the river to their spawning grounds, either to spawn naturally, or from which a supply of eggs could be taken to be propagated artificially? So that the people who are fortunate enough to be in these parts in years to come, may also enjoy a small share of that prosperity.

And how about the people along the middle Columbia? Are they not entitled to a little prosperity, as well as these salmon sharks at Astoria? How many fish have they seen this season? Have not the most of their pack gone to them on an express train, instead of swimming up the river as they are in the habit of doing? But then it may be easier for the salmon to go that way, and these same salmon sharks at Astoria get the "prosperity" out of them.

For these and various other reasons you say the law was mildly violated. If you call this a mild dose of violation, the salmon and the prosperity of the people in future years, are to be pitied, when these same lawbreakers see fit to give a severe dose of their lawless acts.

As to the "grace" of my letter to the Oregonian, be it poor or good, it seems to have been good enough to nettle the writer of "Lack of Home Pride," who I have reason to believe was one of the guilty ones, to know that there was one person in Astoria, or the state even, that had sand enough to stand up for the law of the state, against this mutual agreement society. Perhaps my conduct when I held the office of fish commissioner was not "unusually successful," but I succeeded in supporting my oath of office, and made a desperate effort to enforce the law, as some of these same lawbreakers can testify, regardless of all their bickerings to do otherwise.

If I had seen fit to do as the present master fish warden has done, take a vacation—and by the way it is reported that he was liberally supplied with the wherewithal to enjoy the same, but I doubt this part of it—I could have had this same Mr. Fulton keep his word, been fish commissioner today, and saved the trouble of all these communications, for the law would have been enforced, as it was in 1899 and 1900. I am unable to catch the meaning of your next sentence, for you seem to be wandering in your mind, as though you had lost the thread of your story. But in the last clause you have gathered yourself again, and say,

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