Makes His Annual Report on the Washington Fisheries.

The Report of Fish Commissioner Kershaw of Washington Is the Most Complete Ever Made-Some Recommendations.

the exact location of the boundary line can for their respective states, and as nonenforcement of an unwise law. the channel of the river is constantly shifting uncertainty arises as to which state should reveive the license money and this often leads to unfriendly feelings between officials, broken friendships between fishermen, law sults between neighbors, and in some cases bloodshed between participants. If it is within the power of the legislatures of the states of Oregon and ment that has seldom been equalled for Washington, some step should be taken excellence in the annals of teh school, at once to permanently settle this and students and visitors were alike

much-vexed question. The law provides that it shall be un- efforts of their favorite pupils. lawful to take or fish for salmon in the 10th day of September. So far as the Rives Emmerson. closed season is concerned, from March 1 to April 15 there is very little, if any, complaint, but the closed season from August 15 to September 10 is the law that at the present time is causing the Essay, "The Founders of Mohamcannerymen and fishermen alike a great deal of concern, and if this law is not Revitation, "Our Country"repealed, or modified in some form, will throttle the industwy on the Columbia river. This law was first enacted in 1895 and amended in a mild objects in the passing of the act; one was to allow the can to ascend to their spawning grounds and the other was to Composition, "Some Girls I Know" prevent cannerymen from canning fish and color, and thus depreciate the market value of this choice variety of salmon, but the conditions on the Colum bla river have changed, and the necessities intended to be reached by the actment of that law no longer exist Essay, "The First Attempts at Comto any great extent. Ever since hatchery fish began to appear in the Colum- Recitation, "The Meeting of the bia river the run has come later and later every year, until it is impossible Essay, "Some Benefits Derived From for the cannerymen to put up their pack within the time prescribed by law. Recitation, "Log Cabin Philosophy-There have ben many theories advanced as to the remedy: some suggest Original conversationtaking the closed season off altogether: others moving it on later in the season; others of enortening it up; but there Vocal solo, "When the Sunset Turns are objections to all of these plans, and it can only be settled with any degree of satisfaction to all by a joint conference of a committee from the legislatures of the two states, who will thoroughly inquire into all the conditions now existing on the river. My own conclusions are that the best interest of the industry would be served by extending the open season to the the spawning grounds.

coming into the rivers. I was kept [110 daily informed of the conditions in this district, and as the season advanced they became so critical that on the 10th day of August I commenced a tour of the Columbia river in the state launch Nola, and visited every fishing interest in the district, and the situation that confronted me was deplorable Within four days of the closed season and in many cases not 10 per cent of the pack was put up. Dire disaster threatened many of the cannerymen. SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS particularly the smaller concerns, but LOOKS LIKE A BIG GRAFT it was not the cannerymen and cold storages alone that were to suffer-it was still more far-reaching. The giltsetters, seiners and trapmen were in debt for their gear and supplies, and Sender Represents Himself to Be every branch of mercantile life was largely dependent upon the success of the industry. Large schools of fish were at this time reported at the mouth of the Columbia river, and a few that I examined were in prime condition, and I could see no reason why the fisher-One of the most confusing questions men should not be allowed to reap the that is presented to this department is harvest they had sown, rather than become bankrupts by the enforcement of an unjust law that conditions had made between the states of Oregon and obsolete; and the result was that the dinner part has not struck Jerusalem. Washington, and one that causes more cannerymen put up their pack, and the ill feeling between state officials than fishermen paid the merchants and the any other matter that arises in the merchants paid their bills, and what Columbia river district. Officials are might have caused a panic has been anxious to collect all the licenses they turned into a prosperous district by the

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Extended Program Affords Entertainment to Students and Friends.

At the High school this afternoon was rendered a program of entertainpleased by the appreciation shown the

Since award is made upon the merits Columbia river or its tributaries, or of the various numbers on the program, within three miles outside of the mouth and all were of a high order, it was of the Columbia river, by any means with difficulty that a selection of the whatever, in any year, between 12 m. best could be made, but it resulted in the first day of March and 12m. the an equal marking for "Some Girls I 15th day of April, or between 12 p. m. Know," by Mary Clark, and an original the 15th day of August and 12 m. the conversation between Mary Settem and

The music was of a high order of

Piano Solo .......... Pauline Kirchhoff

Alice Schroder.

Original story, "A Duck Hunt on the Columbia" ..... Sidney Sovey Recitation, "True Heroism," Percy Tagg form in 1901. There were two primary Review, "The Talisman," Fannie Simi Recitation, "The Battle of Life"-Donald Stuart

Mary Clark

after they had deteriorated in flesh Instrumental duet, Louis Parker and Pauline Kirchhoff. Essay, "Some Oregon Poets"-

Lois Parker Recitation, "The Stability of Our Government" Ivan Guilliume merce," ..... Joseph Lehy

Modern Invention" .... Frank Parker Esther Gearhart

Mary Settem and Rives Emerson Address ... ........... . :Rev. Grim prominent people all over the country. the Ocean Blue to Gold"-

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasich has leased the Califor

nia Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. 25th day of August, allowing 15 days The best oysters and meals in the of closed season for the fish to reach city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite walters and prompt ser-This year the fish were very late in vice

lain From Jerusalem.

Poor, Hard Working Man With a Large Family to Support.

Salem. Or. Dec. 3.-The following letter received at the executive chambers shows conclusively that the full

Accompanying it , was a package containing a souvenir album filled with flowers and ferns sand to be from the Holy Land, which taken in connection with the circular, points to the fact that somebody over that way is trying to work a pretty good graft.

The album which is bound in ornamental olive wood, contains a dozen sheets of cardboard upon which are pasted, evidently with much care, specimens of flowers and ferns said to have been gathered in various parts of

Stamps and postmark showed there was no doubt that the package had been mailed in Jerusalem, and Major W. E. Irvin, the governor's secretary had much difficulty in getting it out of the postoffice because of the extreme caution taken by the customs service in preventing the entrance in this way of dutiable matter.

Here is the circular, in all of its unique verbiage and grammar, that accompanied the album:

"Jerusalem Honorable Sir I hope you will excuse me for allowing myself to approach you with the following lines. "I am a very poor workingman, and have a large family which I am unable, with all my efforts to supply them east for the past six weeks, left San with daily bread.

"My work consists of making flower albums. The covers are made from the ornamental olive wood, and the flowers within are naturally recocolected from the Holy mountains of

"dear sir-As times are hard in this holy City, and, as I find myself in a wretched situation I will repeat. I will allow myself to approach you with this beautiful souvenir with the hope that you will reward the maker according to your own estimation.

"Please remember a poor honeet, and industrious handieraftsman and do not witheld your support to a por family that has a hard struggle for ex-

"The Almighty, who rewards all who do good deeds will reward you for

"Your Most Respectfully

"H. Linenberg." Doubtless the maker of the album, or whoever is trying to work this interesting game, has sent them to the governors of all the states and to If he succeeds in catching a few of them, as he doubtless will, the graft will probably prove a paying one. The package was sent by registered mail so that the sender will know that it has been received.

FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

Arson Charge Placed Against Man What It Is Believed Set Fire.

St. Louis, Dec. 2.-Fire tonight broke out in an attraction on the world's fair pike known as "Quo Vadis," quickly spreading to the Japanese pavilion, adjoining. A high north wind was blowing the sparks, carrying the fire over the exhibition grounds and into the vicinity of the major exhibit palaces.

In addition to the loss to buildings, a ollection of oil paintings, depicting Letter Received by Gov. Chamber- spenes in "Quo Vadis," valued at \$75,-0 were burned. They were painted by Jan Sitka, a Polish artist, brought to this country under a bond of \$50,-

> While the Jefferson guards were in the rear of "Here after," on the pike, opposite the buildings on fire, they saw light and pounded on the door for admission. After considerable delay they were admitted and found a pile of lighted newspapers in the middle of the floor. They arrested the man who opened the door. He gave the name of Arthur V. Dunn, a charge of "Suspected arson" was placed against him. When searched a hunting case watch and a lady's handbag were found.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

C. H. Turner of South Bend is in the

M. Johansen of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

David Tweddle of Vine Maple was in the city yesterday.

A. E. King of Ilwaco was in Astoria yesterday on business.

Mrs. H. Crohn returned yesterday from a trip to Portland.

Otto Mikkleson went to Portland yesterday on a business trip.

Editor Williams of the Skamokawa Eagle was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Banake of Jewell has been in Astoria the past week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gertold of San Jose are visiting friends in the city. County Commissioner Clarke of Sea-

yesterday. J. Bruch Polworth, a prominent republican politician of Cathlamet, was in Astoria yesterday on legal business.

side returned from St. Mark's springs

Miss Virginia White of Portland, who has been visiting Mrs. E. A. Taylor the past week, returned home yester-

W. R. Hume, manager of the Tongue Point Lumber Company, who has been Francisco for Astoria today.

Sidney Campbell, manager of the Warrenton Lumber Company, was h the city today. He is very enthusiastic over the outlook of the lumber business, and reports plenty of orders and the price of lumber soaring up-

L. E. Selig, received a letter from F. A. Fisher this morning in which he states that they arrived at San Diego on the 26th and that they are very pleasantly located at 1618 First | street.

Winnie McCaustland and daughter of Portland are visiting Mrs. McCausland's father, W. E. McAfee, and will spend the holidays in Astoria. Lee Herring of the National has returned from a visit to Vancouver and

Services at the First Lutheran: Sunday school, 9 a. m.; morning service, in Swedish; subject, "Watchfulness and Prayer;" evening in English, "The Advent of Christ to His Church."

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