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**SEUFERT'S LETTER.**

At the solicitation and request of F. A. Seufert of The Dalles, a letter written by him is published in this issue. The Astorian has never abused Mr. Seufert. It has simply published facts, and even his most intimate friends have been unable to see where in he has been treated unfairly. In his letter he devotes considerable time and space to H. G. Van Dusen that is referred to in Holy Writ and the admonition of "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." The entire letter is simply a statement of the opposition of Mr. Seufert to Mr. Van Dusen, but gives no reason for this opposition. The fact that Mr. Seufert is opposed to Van Dusen, is the best argument for his retention as master fish warden.

People who are familiar with the fishing industry are unable to see how Mr. Van Dusen can do justice to the fishing industry and be under the dictation of Mr. Seufert. It is the duty of the master fish warden to prepare and submit an annual report to the legislative assembly. It is his duty to make such suggestions as in his judgment will be of benefit to the industry, irrespective of the opinions of any man from Eastern Oregon or any other section of the state. The recommendations made by Mr. Van Dusen in his annual report were embodied in a bill introduced in the legislature and which were formulated in a bill by a joint conference between a committee of the Oregon legislature and the Washington legislature which met in Olympia this month. Mr. Seufert was opposed to that bill, simply because it was not in the interest and for the direct benefit of Mr. Seufert. The legislative assemblies of Oregon and Washington have never been able to pass a bill during the past 15 years that was approved by Mr. Seufert, simply because the laws enacted were for the benefit of the entire industry and not in the interests of one man.

There are several men in the state of Oregon, and not a few of them reside on the lower Columbia and in Washington, who have as much knowledge and as much interest in fish legislation as does the Great I Am of The Dalles. There is \$500,000 invested on the lower Columbia and in western Washington in the fishing industry, to every \$1 invested above the Cascades, and the people in these sections are more interested in enforcing the laws and less liable to violate them. In proof of this, the following is taken from a letter written by Mr. Seufert and published in the Oregonian last December:

"Laws have been passed, but where were the fish wardens to enforce them and the fishermen and cannerymen to observe them? Money has been appropriated for hatcheries, but where are the eggs to keep them busy?"

To show the inconsistency of Mr. Seufert in his demand for a strict enforcement of the fishing laws, the following letter was written to Mr. Van Dusen last September, in which he advocates a violation of the fishing laws:

The Dalles, Ore., Sept. 10, 1904.

Mr. H. G. Van Dusen:

Dear Sir—As your hatchery fund is low, I will make you this proposition.

We will pay 5 cents per case for each case we packed during the closed season. If each of the canners will agree to do the same, and cold storage men likewise. To the fishermen I will make this proposition. We will pay the regular license of our gear run during the present closed season, if they will do likewise, and if they will not do this we will stand for a fine on each cannery not to exceed \$500 and each fisherman \$5 for gillnetters and \$50 for each trap, wheel or sein, to help out the hatchery fund. You can publish this if you desire. Yours, (Signed) F. A. SEUFERT.

The facts show that the principle cause of Mr. Seufert's opposition to Mr. Van Dusen is because he is not susceptible to the machinations and influence and refuses to be controlled in his actions by Mr. Seufert. This is certainly in Mr. Van Dusen's favor and was probably the principle reason why the board refused to remove Mr. Van Dusen at the personal solicitation of Mr. Seufert, who stated that "he was after Van Dusen's scalp, and was going to get it." After several days of persistent work at Salem Mr. Seufert has been unable to land his man and the blonde locks of Mr. Van Dusen are still attached to his cranium without the reach of the gentleman from The Dalles.

**DEARTH OF PULPIT ORATORY.**

The Boston Transcript expresses the alarm said to be common today in religious bodies over the lack of pulpit power among them. No only are the number of ministers falling off, and the number of students in the colleges studying for holy orders steadily on the decline, but men who are going into the ministry are more and more of a business turn; competent to run all sorts of ventures from a church laundry to a complicated parish house system; but they are not noteworthy when it comes to preaching. This is the assertion made by men who can sway congregations by their eloquence and by their spiritual power, fails to develop over half a dozen men in each body who can really be said to be able to do this thing. In some bodies the number is even smaller. It is said that the demand for preachers of almost the old evangelistic and revivalistic type is growing. Some bodies that have professed until now not to care much for first-rate pulpit work, are leading in the cry for eloquent preachers. They are declaring that without a hold upon the people is almost certain to be lost. Some say that it is needful to make pulpit work so important as to exclude every thing else. Pulpit committees, laymen chiefly, that have recently made the rounds of Eastern cities, are in despair, it is said, and are amazed to find the extent of the mediocrity that obtains in the pulpits. It is from some of these lay committees that the present agitation arises.

The Transcript and the Protestant denominations in question, if actually anxious over the situation, have failed to understand that the going out of the pulpit orator is merely the natural sequence of the change of American ideas and temperament, whatever else may be said of it. American character constantly grows more sensible. It is forced, by the keen competition of its daily life, to cast aside theory and fiction and search for truth and facts. Preachers of any sect, in any walk, who honestly advocate religion, are as popular today as ever, and their hold upon the communities is no less strong; but the divines themselves, and their congregations care less, and less for what is known as pulpit oratory. "Thrill Hunting," when Dickens and Thackeray visited America and when Carlyle gained insight into our national character through his intimacy with Emerson, poked fun at us, is happily dying out. The American churchgoer cares less and less for impulsive "revivals" and more and more for sincere Christianity. He does not demand that the minister shall tear his hair, beat upon his forehead and crumple the leaves of the New Testament in passion that must too often be historic. If, as the Transcript believes, pulpit oratory, so-called is going out, the church has lost little, and in point of decreased insincerity, often by the very nature of the occupation, enforced, it has gained something.

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These are of two sorts, representations of such Biblical stories as that of David and Goliath, when you may see the jolly actors clad in such historically accurate garments as "bedtick" trousers and cretonne coats of flaming patterns, and those of a purely local character. Of these last is the monogoose play, which is peculiar to St. Kitts and the object of which is to wage mimic war against the destructive pest which is the curse of the island. These strolling players are the chief feature of Christmas celebrations.

They are quite an imposing lot of men, with a good ear for music, and as you watch their antics you might easily imagine that instead of being in a civilized British colony you were back in the heart of Africa, assisting at some savage death dance or other heathen rite.—Detroit Free Press.

**FISHING LINES.**

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