

FEBRUARY REPORT

Monthly Statement of Master Fish Warden Van Dusen.

WORK WHICH IS BEING DONE

Arrests and Prosecutions for Violation of the Fishing Laws—Hatchery Operations—Coquille River

The report of Master Fish Warden Van Dusen for February, 1906, is as follows:

Arrests and prosecutions during the month for violation of the fishing laws have been as follows.

District No. 1.

Feb. 1st.—Water Bailiff Settem filed a complaint in the justice court "Astoria," against E. B. Campbell, Foreman of the Astoria Box Company's Saw Mill at Astoria, for allowing saw dust to be dumped into the waters of the Columbia River.

Feb. 13th.—Water Bailiff Settem filed complaints in the St. Helen's Justice Court against Otto Grinde and C. Smith for having small sturgeon in their possession. Upon being arraigned before Justice H. P. Watkins of said court, pleas of guilty were entered whereupon each were fined \$20 and costs which were paid.

Feb. 13th.—Deputy Fish Warden, W. A. Mack, of Portland, filed complaint in the St. Helen's Justice Court against H. Morgus for having received and shipped two small sturgeon to the Portland Fish Company, February 8th.

Hatchery Operations.

The last of the salmon fry raised at the McKenzie River Hatchery station was turned out February 25th and the station closed down for the season. The result of the season's work shows that 1,773,719 fry of the early Chinook variety were raised and liberated at the McKenzie River in the immediate vicinity of the station.

At the Yaquina Hatchery we were successful in collecting 6,189,000 Silverside eggs which together with 1,661,000 Chinook eggs taken last fall makes the total collection for the season 7,850,000. We are arranging for a supply of steelhead eggs at this hatchery and will, without doubt, collect one million and probably two million eggs from this variety of salmon. Of the Chinook and silverside eggs secured 820,740 of the former variety and 1,800,000 of the latter variety have been transferred to the sub-station on the Alsea river and will be hatched and raised and turned out into Drift creek which is a tributary to the Alsea. Half of the steelhead eggs that we are successful in collecting at this station will also be divided with the Alsea river.

At the Siuslaw River Hatchery Station I have also arranged to take steelhead eggs and from present indications we will be successful in collecting at least one million and possibly two million of eggs from this variety of salmon.

Bids for the construction of the new

hatchery building for the South Coos river have been asked for. The building is to be a one-story frame structure, 55x104 with an eight-foot ceiling in the clear, and to be equipped with 156 hatching troughs.

The Coquille River.

Complying with the request of George P. Topping and others interested in having a permanent salmon hatchery established on one of the tributary streams of the Coquille river I made a partial investigation of the north fork of said river from our present sub-station down about half way to Fair View and of the east fork of the north fork up as far as the Abernathy place. From what I saw of the north fork I am confident that fairly good work could be done at several different locations with the silverside and steelhead varieties of salmon if not for the extensive logging that is carried on on that tributary. It is not a large stream and the loggers depend upon storage dams with flood gates to move their logs, which are very bad for successful hatchery work, stopping as they do to a certain extent salmon ascending the stream to spawn, and washing the young fry beyond the main channels of the river when on their way to the sea.

When I was there the river was quite low and at a couple of places the log had jammed and piled up so thick for a distance of a mile or more that fish ascending the river were completely stopped. I was in hope of getting a good supply of steelhead eggs this season at the substation that we have on this tributary stream and have arranged for the work, but these log jams have shut the fish off and our prospects are not very bright. I am in hopes though, that the rains will soon swell the stream so that the logs will separate and permit of a few steelheads getting by later in the season.

The east fork of the north fork affords no very desirable location below Minard's mill dam, but above the dam the river could be successfully worked at several different points. A Hatchery though, above this dam would always be at the disadvantage and dependent entirely upon the operator or owner of the dam maintaining a good and easy passage way for fish. There is very little logging on this stream and if it was not for this one obstruction a desirable location could, without doubt, be secured.

Three years ago I looked over quite thoroughly the south fork and the middle fork of the south fork of the Coquille and found nothing that looked very encouraging as we were at that time depending upon the old style rack which proved to be of very little service especially in the coast streams. It seems to me, from my remembrance of those tributaries, locations can be secured where work could be successfully carried on, if not for the logging, and this spring after the roads get in better shape I will look them both over again in the hopes of being able to find something desirable.

The receipts of the Office during the month have been as per the following:

In district No. 2 from account of licenses issued \$85.00.

In district No. 1. The total receipts amounted to \$278.20 from all sources, making the total receipts for both districts amounting to \$363.20.

The disbursements during the month were \$855.72.

NINTH JUDICIAL DAY.

Circuit Court of Clatsop County Resumes Business at the Old Stand.

Hon. T. A. McBride, judge presiding, called the circuit court to order at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, opening the ninth judicial day of the present term. All the officers of the court were in attendance, and the following orders were made and entered.

In the matter of Dement versus Bado left and Bonnie, an order for the publication of summons was filed.

In the matter of Kamp versus Welch et al., a default judgment was granted and the decree filed.

In the matter of the State of Oregon versus Miki, Tamaka and Hori, an order was made and entered discharging the bail and bondsman.

In the matter of Erickson versus Wright, an order confirming sale was entered of record.

In the matter of Lebeck versus Hanula and Hamula, the jury was empaneled and sworn and the case was duly opened, and will be continued today.

The jurors in the case are: D. R. Blount, M. Knutsen, Leo Dopplmayer, A. Johnson, W. E. Cole, Tom. Quinn, H. Spillner, John Chitwood, K. Peterson, George Voss, Alexander Grant and O. W. Prertson.

In the matter of Young versus the Columbia Land & Improvement Company, March 15th was set as the time for hearing, and defendant was directed to take, and the referee to report upon the testimony and the evidence.

In the case of Caroline Gram versus Jasper Gram, decree of divorce was granted.

In the matter of Melle Hayes versus Albert Hayes, decree of divorce granted.

All jurors were excused until notified by the sheriff for further duty, except those upon the panel in the Lebeck case before noted.

CENTRALIZE PLANT.

People's Gas Light & Coke Co., to Centralize Big Plant.

CHICAGO, March 6.—The People's Gas Light & Coke Co. is to centralize the manufacture of its gas in a gigantic plant in the southwestern part of Chicago, which, when completed will be it is claimed, the largest gas manufacturing plant in the world. The site for the plant comprises 300 acres, located between Thirty-first and Thirty-ninth streets and Fortieth and Forty-sixth avenues.

It is bisected by the Chicago river and has a frontage of three quarters of a mile on the drainage canal, thus giving ample water facilities. It also has excellent railroad connections.

The plant is to be erected in units of 10,000,000 cubic feet daily capacity. It is estimated that the cost of one unit will approximate \$5,000,000, and inasmuch as it is thought probable that the company will commence operation with the building of two units, the initial expense will approximate \$10,000,000.

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BUY IRON CONCERNS

United States Steel Corporation to Purchase Independents.

INDEPENDENTS DENY CHANGE

President Rumor That the Steel Trust Has Absorbed Independent Iron Companies—This Is Denied By the Representatives.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Commenting today on last night's report from Pittsburg, Pa., that negotiations had been opened by the United States Steel Corporation for the purchase of several independent concerns, the Times says:

"A new adjustment of the steel and iron industry has been talked of intermittently ever since John W. Gates Grand B. Scheley the late Charles S. Guthrie, and their associates in the Republic Iron & Steel Company purchased control of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company. It was then said that the ultimate purpose of the Gates syndicate was to build up a great rival to the United States Steel Corporation, by merging the principal independent concerns, notably the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company of Birmingham, Ala., and others of the concerns in the southern field. A combination of the Sloss-Sheffield Company and the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company had been attempted without success before the latter concern passed into the hands of the Gates-Guthrie-Scheley interests.

"An intention on the part of this syndicate of extending the combination they had made was specifically denied.

"An option held by Pittsburg interests on the Sloss-Sheffield Iron Works, which was allowed to lapse a fortnight ago and no authoritative information has been had of its renewal.

"J. J. Hill has frequently denied in positive terms that the great Northern's ore lands were for sale at any price but negotiations for their lease to the United States Steel Company have been hanging fire for a month because of the inability of the parties to come to terms.

"There has been rumors current for several weeks that the United States Steel Corporation had secured control of the Laclede, Wheeling, Republic Iron and Steel, and Colorado Fuel & Iron Companies. The reports have had no confirmation anywhere. Representatives of each of these independent companies have vehemently denied the rumor of change of control.

"W. E. Schimpff of the Pacific Brewery returned last evening from a business trip to Illinois and Chicago.

"Mrs. A. N. Smith and Miss Gertrude Upshur are visiting friends in Portland.

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