

OYSTER BUSINESS NEEDS FOSTERING

MASTER FISH WARDEN STATES THAT BUSINESS IN OREGON NEEDS PROPAGATION AND BIOLOGICAL STATION.

If H. B. Van Dusen, master fish warden, can do what he wants to he will get the government to put in a biological station on the Oregon coast, preferably at Yaquina Bay, where there is already a small industry of oysters in existence.

Recent controversies over the oyster business at Yaquina Bay have brought up the question of propagation.

There are two interests in Yaquina Bay which are at war. They brought up their grievances at the last session of the State Board of Fish Commissioners and Fish Warden Van Dusen was appointed by the board to visit that district and inquire into the cause of the controversy and draw up a set of rules and regulations as submitted by both interests and see that they are enforced.

"What we need in this state is a station to look into the propagation of oysters," said Mr. Van Dusen yesterday. "The oyster business is a good one and the Yaquina Bay district is a good one in which to concentrate the production of oysters."

"But with such a place as a government biological station here the oyster business would not alone be benefited; shrimps, lobsters, crabs and all other similar fish could be raised and the northwest could depend upon these staples of consumption rather than on the East or South."

Mr. Van Dusen's plan in reference to Yaquina Bay is for the oyster men to get together there and have some regular method of setting out oyster shells which are the medium which the "spat" or spawn of the matured oyster reproduces the oyster.

While away Mr. Van Dusen visited the Clackamas hatchery and reports that a few eggs have been taken and the prospects there, from now on, are for taking a hundred thousand eggs a night.

Mr. Van Dusen states that there have been complaints from Rogue River to the effect that water companies and mining concerns which have dams across the river have not kept the fishways clear and fishermen have been catching no fish.

Mr. Van Dusen reports that during his visit the Flower and Fruit Carnival was in progress at Medford but that rain fell and spoiled the most part of it.

OUTSIDE HELP NOT REQUIRED

THIS IS BELIEF OF LOCAL MERCHANT IN REGARD TO CANVASSER RAISING MONEY ON NEW BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Canvassers in Astoria do not find the securing of business here a path of roses. A leading merchant of the city yesterday refused to subscribe to a fund being raised for the purchase of books for the public library because he believed that the citizens of this city would willingly subscribe any reasonable amount, without the assistance of an outside canvasser.

The canvasser in question has secured a paper with the names of the ladies of the public library attached, authorizing him to raise \$1500 for new books. When he has secured subscriptions for this amount he will furnish the books for the library, selling \$1500 worth of books in this manner.

The merchant speaking of the case yesterday stated that while he was aware that the ladies at the library had the best interests of that institution at heart, they were more easily influenced than men, in furnishing their signatures.

He believes that if the \$70 a month allowed for the purchase of new books is not sufficient, that local business men in this city are perfectly willing to subscribe money for more books, without the assistance of an outside canvasser, who is certainly not doing the work without considerable profit to himself.

"It is strange how many schemes for getting money are continually being invented," said the merchant yesterday. "While a notice signed by ladies that the beaver is authorized to canvass money, and that in return he will furnish new books for the library, sounds all right, what would it be like if the city authorities authorized an outsider to collect money from the citizens for such a purpose?"

"It strikes me that the business men of Astoria are doing remarkably well in subscribing to the Regatta, the Chamber of Commerce, the extra taxes, etc. But, if new books are needed at the library I am certain that the citizens will come forward with subscriptions without having to pay the profits accruing to an outsider who has kindly interested himself in the matter."

PREPARING FOR BIG SAENGERFEST

PROFESSOR SPERATI LEAVES FOR MANY CITIES TO SELECT OTHER SINGERS FOR BIG CELEBRATION—LOCAL CHORUS PRACTICING.

Professor Carlo Sperati who will have charge of the big chorus in the Norwegian Saengerfest, left for Tacoma and over a dozen other coast and inland cities last night to pick the singers for the celebration. He will return to Astoria about August 20 to take active charge of the work.

Thirty excellent singers have been selected from the members of the organization in Astoria and have been practicing for several days. They met last night and had an excellent practice, the indications being that the local contingent will have a splendid opportunity to gain big honors. They will continue to meet for practice three times a week until the Saengerfest.

Besides having other prominent singers the program will be a big drawing card with Madame Norelli present. The Chicago Post speaks of her as follows:

The most interesting feature of the performance was the appearance of Madame Norelli in the title role. She is, perhaps, the most noteworthy of the new members of Mr. Savage's company. Although a native of Sweden, she has lived many years in America and is quite familiar with the English language. Her stage presence is very attractive and she seems to have considerable dramatic talent. Her voice is a high soprano, remarkably flexible, very strong throughout its range and brilliant. Mme. Norelli's singing really merited the tremendous demonstration which rewarded the singer and compelled her to repeat the aria. There was also faultless technique shown in her execution of the floral music and delightful purity in the highest tone, although an admirable display of vocal virtuosity.

BIG CROWDS VISIT SEASIDE

SPACE FOR VISITORS IS AT A PREMIUM IN SPITE OF EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS IN BUILDING—EXTENDING BOARD WALK.

The largest crowd of the season was at Seaside on Sunday last and every particle of space available for sleeping quarters was taken advantage of at prices in keeping with the present prosperous era throughout the country. The fact that there is a prosperous era was presented to many of the visitors in a convincing manner.

All the cottages are in use and in some cases visitors were so plentiful that they—the cottages—were in danger of over-reaching their capacity. The popularity of the resort has never before been in such evidence as has been the case since the first of the month.

Building operations continue to be as active as ever and the famous board walk is being extended north of the Moore Hotel pier. Construction on this has been in progress for a week and nearly a quarter of a mile of the structure will be finished within the next two weeks. The shortage of labor is holding back the construction to some extent, but in spite of this drawback work is going ahead rapidly.

At the arrival and departure of some of the Portland trains, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, as many as from two to four thousand people gather at the station to welcome friends just arriving, or to bid good-bye to those departing.

With the exception of the summer cottages, the crowd changes its identity about every two weeks. There is a continual stream arriving and another one going. It is truly a summer resort in this respect and the seekers after a variety of acquaintances find Seaside decidedly interesting.

WATERFRONT ITEMS

Steamer Costa Rica Arrives in Last Night.

SIAM GOES UP THE RIVER

Busy Day at Custom House Troubles of Agents on the Docks With Fair Questioners—Costa Rica Meets Head Winds All the Way Up.

The Costa Rica, Captain Mason, arrived in last night from San Francisco and tied up at the O. R. & N. dock at 8 o'clock. She brings up over 60 tons of general cargo for Portland and 50 tons of salt for Astoria. She brought up 60 passengers.

The river steamer Lurline arrived down last night with a good cargo of freight. Captain Larkins said that on the trip when down he was just leaving Portland he noticed something which he had never seen before. When he passed through the draw of the Steel bridge 11 other boats passed through at the same time the draw remaining open while the dozen steamers fled through. Four were bound up-stream while all the others were bound for the Columbia River. Captain Larkins said that he had seen as high as six go through at once but that it was the first that he had seen 12 and thought that it was the first time such an event had ever happened.

The agents at the docks along the waterfront are the most patient set of individuals and the difficulties that some of them have to undergo are sometimes more than flesh and blood can bear. The most exasperating questions are asked and usually from women.

Yesterday morning Agent Mitchell was accosted by two young ladies who wanted to know when the Roanoke would get in. Mr. Mitchell replied that she was due that day but could not say for certain when she would be in. She might get in any time.

The look that came over the young ladies' face was one in which contempt was trying to master scorn. The bravest of the two, the one who did the talking, voiced her sentiments in no uncertain language.

To hear her talk it would convey the impression that Mr. Mitchell had committed some heinous crime; that he had lied about something, and furthermore he had just hid the Roanoke out around the dock somewhere and was going to keep her all for himself and tell no one about it.

"But we want to know when the boat is going to come in," persisted the young woman, her amazement increasing.

"Well, I can't tell you," replied the agent in his most pleasant manner. "It may be sometime today and then it may not be until this evening. I can't tell you exactly. Anything might delay her."

"But the young lady had the last word. "We have friends on that ship," she asserted, "and we want to see them. We told them that we would be here to meet them and they are expecting us. What would they do if we weren't here? Oh, what would they do? What would Nell think of it?"

Dumfounded by the thought of what "Nell" would think of it they moved off down toward Bond street in a dazed manner.

The German full rigged ship Siam went up the river yesterday in tow of the Harvest Queen. She is loaded with cement for Portland which suffered a slight damage from water during the storms which she encountered on her trip around the Horn.

Sunday and Monday were pretty big days as far as entrances and clearances are concerned at the custom house. Sunday by reputation is a lucky day for sailormen and the facts bear out this ocean proverb.

The steamer Argyll, from Portland to Port Harford, cleared Sunday at the customs.

The Roderic Dhu entered at the custom house Sunday from San Francisco to Portland with oil cargo.

The steamer City of Panama from Portland to San Francisco with freight and passengers, cleared at the custom house Sunday.

The Nome City from Portland to San Pedro was one of the clearances at the custom house on Sunday.

The steamer Yosemite with a good cargo of freight and passengers, cleared out Sunday from Astoria to San Francisco.

The Norwegian steamship Niomedea cleared at the custom house Sunday for Hong Kong and way points with a general cargo.

The steamer R. D. Inman entered at the custom house yesterday for Astoria

from San Francisco. Her destination is Portland with general cargo.

The steamer Auwella entered at the custom house yesterday for Astoria from San Francisco. She brought up 98 tons of boom chains for Stella, Wash.

The tug Geo. R. Vosburg arrived in yesterday with the schooner Antelope in tow. She entered at the custom house for Astoria.

The gasoline schooner Gerald C. arrived in from Siletz yesterday with general cargo.

The Roanoke, Captain Benham, arrived in from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Eureka last night about 9:50. She had freight for Astoria and Portland and 190 passengers. Captain Benham, like all the other captains of boats arriving in yesterday complained of head winds on the trip north, but notwithstanding these he made a good run. He left San Francisco Saturday at 1:30 p. m., the Costa Rica leaving in the morning at 11. Captain Benham touched at Eureka Saturday and arrived in the harbor here last night a bare two hours behind the Costa Rica. This shows good running on the part of the Roanoke.

NEW TO-DAY.

Steamer T. J. Potter for Ilwaco, daily except Fridays, connecting with train for all points on North (Long) Beach. Call at O. R. & N. dock for information regarding rates, etc.

Dell B. Scully, notary public. Any old hour at Scully's cigar store. tf.

Drug Store Moves.

The Central Drug Store has removed one-half block west of their old location on Commercial street and have a finely remodeled store where everything is fitted up in first-class shape. They will be pleased to meet their old customers and new friends at this location.

A New Business.

Messrs. Badollet & Co. will open their new store at Ninth and Commercial street tomorrow. They will carry a full line of vegetables, fruits and groceries and will be prepared to fill all orders in this line. In their new store they will have an elegant stock which will be fresh and up to date and a telephone call to Main 1281 will find them and they will then find you.

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Tickets on sale August 8-9-10, September 11-12-13. For further particulars apply to G. W. Roberts, agent O. R. & N. Wm. McMurray, G. P. A., Portland, Or.

The Tyler.

The Tyler, the new refreshment resort, which opened on Saturday night at the corner of Sixth and Bond streets, is still enjoying the popularity that the owner's name gives it with his worthy helpmate, Dad Towler. Clarence Tyler insists on everything that he is connected with being first class and the Tyler is an actual evidence of this determination. The Tyler will grow in popularity.

The Gem Restaurant.

The Gem Restaurant, formerly the Spear, is now running in full blast and the encouragement Mr. Anderson, the proprietor, is receiving is very gratifying to him. He is already showing his ability in his particular line and his success is not a question—it is a certainty. The Gem is located on Commercial street near Twelfth street.

400 ROOMS WANTED.

During the Sangerfest Convention and Regatta week, parties having rooms will please leave their names and address at either of the following places: Regatta Headquarters, Johnson Phonograph Co., S. L. Nanthrup, or E. Hauke & Co., by request

FRED J. JOHNSON, PASTOR ELLEFSON, 8-8-14. Committee.

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirteenth Annual Regatta Committee will not entertain any bills or assume any indebtedness whatsoever unless such bills or accounts, when rendered, are accompanied by a requisition duly signed by the President and Secretary.

W. E. SCHIMPF, President. J. H. WHYTE, Secretary.

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For The Little People.

Every parent in this city should investigate, at once, the new and appreciable shoe for the youngster, at Charles V. Brown's Commercial street house. They are called the "E. C. Scuffer" and are the very epitome of good wear and real comfort. They are going like wild-fire and the kids themselves are after them because they look so "comfy."

If a man knows anything of his own anatomy he must be aware that his stomach is a magnificent organ and entitled to the utmost consideration; knowing that he will eat at the Palace when he can conserve its safety and comfort, by eating only the best cooked, best served and most compensating meal in the city of Astoria, day, or night, it is always the same, and the Palace habit is one that pays to acquire. Arthur Smith is a master of the art of preparation and service, of all things edible.

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