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SOME FISH FIGURES OF INTEREST

A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR TO SENATOR FULTON REGARDING FISHERIES.

The following totals gleaned at the state fish warden's office yesterday may be of interest. Statements of salmon furnished the States of Oregon and Washington by the United States Bureau of Fisheries during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907:

Oregon.	
Salmon fry	10,892,104
Salmon eggs	5,211,390
Washington.	
Salmon fry	12,523,946
STEELHEAD TROUT FRY.	
Oregon.	
Fry	1906 1907
	1,270,545 131,940
Eggs	58,000
Washington.	
Fry	1906 1907
	493,420 914,865
Egg Collections.	
Columbia River Stations.	
Chinook	27,848,570
Silversides	199,225

The following letter was sent to Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, being a reply from the Department of Commerce and Labor to Senator Chas. W. Fulton, upon a matter which it is believed to be of public interest:

"Department of Commerce and Labor Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, December 30, 1907.
 "Hon. C. W. Fulton, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

"Sir:—Your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. H. G. Van Dusen, the Master Fish Warden of the State of Oregon, requesting an investigation of the natural history of the Columbia River salmon is acknowledged. "Both these letters have received the careful consideration of this office. The issue raised is one which has the keenest interest to the Bureau of Fisheries, which has long felt that just such a study as the Board of Fish Commissioners of Oregon has in mind should be made. Two seasons, in fact, have been devoted by a small force from the Bureau to such work in the headwaters of Salmon River and at the Payette lakes in Idaho. This work was very fruitful in results, and led to recommendations based upon the observations made. Even these recommendations, though not belonging to an exhaustive inquiry, would, it is believed, have been of use to Washington, Oregon and Idaho, but these states have not been able, it appears, to take cognizance of them in their management of the salmon fisheries.

"The letter of Mr. Van Dusen cites the investigations of Mr. Rutter, through some six years, for Sacramento River salmon and urges a study of corresponding extent and thoroughness of the Columbia River salmon. Certainly the Columbia River basin deserves this investigation. It must be remembered that it will be as much more difficult and require nearly as much more time and resources, as the Columbia basin is greater than the Sacramento in complexity of conditions and size. One may say that it is an undertaking perhaps 10 or 20 times as great. It would have been begun long ago had the personnel and funds of the Bureau been at all sufficient to undertake the task with any prospect of carrying it through continuously to a satisfactory conclusion. As a minimum estimate, the entire time of four to six people who are familiar

with biological methods should be given to the work for a period of 3 to 5 years. The Bureau would be glad to inaugurate immediately a salmon inquiry concentrated on the Columbia River basin, and hopes that its personnel and appropriations may be adequate to this and to others of similar character and importance. At present, however, the constantly-increasing demands from many and widely separated sections of the country, coincident with its rapidly development, tend to make the Bureau rather less, instead of more, able to cope with projects of the size of the one proposed. The fact that this Bureau is concerned with the conservation of a great commercial food staple of enormous and increasing importance, would seem to argue a development of its biological work somewhat analogous to that of government bureaus administering other great resources, such as forestry and certain phases of agriculture.

"Respectfully,
 "GEORGE M. BOWERS,
 "Commissioner."

REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT.

Believes he Can Cure Deaf, Dumb and Blind and Put End to Imbecility.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Speechless for 16 years, Gustave Laut has in 10 months learned to talk fluently. During the same period he had developed from an abnormal, undeveloped, almost imbecile boy, into an alert, active, ambitious person; he has grown four inches in height permanent teeth have come to him against all the beliefs of the mental profession, and he now gives promise of becoming a healthy, normal man. His development is the result of experiments by Professor Charles Morris Campbell, of Albany, N. Y., an instructor of music, who treated the boy according to theories of his own—theories which he believes will cure the deaf and even the blind as well as the dumb and put an end to imbecility.

"I simply say don't try to force upon abnormal person, a normal education, any more than you force an abnormal education upon a normal human being," says Professor Campbell. "Instead of seeking to choke down the throats of the former stereotyped instruction that may really be doing serious harm to his stunted faculties, give your attention to educating those abnormalities and effecting a cure.

"In this way an abnormal person may be brought to the condition where he can become an active, useful, agent in life and not be forced to bear a millstone about his neck. And the way to that cure lies in proper exercise, most carefully directed, which will equalize the distribution of nerve force throughout the body, thus bringing about coordination of the muscular and nervous systems of the body."

"When the boy first came to his notice Prof. Campbell said all of his habits were infantile and he was abnormal in every way. His body was undeveloped as was his brain. Professor Campbell began by causing the boy to wiggle one of his toes, an operation which required several weeks. Gradually the principle was extended, muscles were stimulated and with their stimulation came a response from lungs and heart and other vital organs. Circulation was quickened and finally came the power to speak. The boy has developed ambitions and says he is determined to go through college as soon as he can make up for lost time.

Professor Campbell brought Laut to New York for the purpose of demonstrating to Columbia College professors his theory of scientific development of the abnormal.

PRIMARY CONTROVERSY.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 14.—After the hearing which consumed the greater part of the day Secretary of State Thompson announced he would defer his ruling in the presidential primary controversy at Cleveland until January 20. All efforts at a compromise today were fruitless. While Thompson declines to say positively whether he will pass the matter up to the state committee, the opinion is general that this will be done.



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ROTTEN HOSE.

Seven-Year-Old Fire Hose Breaks Under Normal Pressure.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—As a result of Friday's fire in which the Parker building was practically destroyed and four men lost their lives, the Merchants' Association has asked Mayor McClellan to order an investigation of the hose used by the fire department and the methods used to test it. An unusually large amount of hose burst under the high pressure put on it during the fire when attempts were being made to force water well up into the tall building. What amounts to almost a scandal has developed in the matter. It is said that more than 7 per cent of the lengths of hose put into use at the fire burst. The association, quoting a report, recently made by a committee of the Underwriters' Association says that the ordinary tests for hose, which is purchased under specifications which call for hose to withstand a pressure of 300 pounds, under a four-year guarantee, have not been made of late years. It is also stated that a very large percentage of the hose now in use by the department is more than seven years old.

BERT KEYES BESTED.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—"Packer" McFarland of Chicago had the better of Bert Keyes in a 12-round boxing match here tonight.

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One Million Dollars in Bequests Hinge on Success of Invention.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Confident that his inventions and investments would net millions to his estate, Walter T. Griffin, ex-United States consul to Limoges, France, who died in Brooklyn yesterday left a will date three days before his death in which he made bequests of over \$1,000,000 to relatives and friends and large gifts to charitable and philanthropic enterprises. Mr. Griffin's chief interests were in a concern known as the Peat Chemical Company, which friends of his explain had been organized with a view to exploiting an invention for utilizing peat instead of coal as steam producing fuel, a large plant having, they state, been built at Ogdensburg, N. Y., for this purpose, with another plant in Mexico under construction.

MORE RIGOROUS REGIME.

Russia to Further Suppress Its University Students in Politics.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The Ukase of the emperor dismisses from office M. Von Kauffmann, the minister of education and appoints as his successor M. Schwartz, a classical scholar and inspector of the Warsaw school district. The retirement of M. Von Kauffmann has long been agitated by the reactionary parties who were bitter against his policy toward the schools and universities. It further weakens the liberal element in Premier Stolypin's cabinet as M. Von Kauffmann took the October manifesto seriously, always declaring that he was the minister of a constitutional monarchy.

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