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FISH CONTROVERSY

Very Interesting Letters Passing Among the Leaders

FISH WHEEL MEN ON THE RUN

Comments of Secretary Lornsen on the Situation—Suit Threatened and Laughed at—Mr. Seufert Makes an Open Offer—Engaging Frankness.

The following correspondence, and comment thereon, will be read with intense interest by every Astorian and every well wisher of the salmon industry in this section. The letters are directly to the point and speak for themselves; they put the contest, and controversy, over the fishing bills now before the people of the State of Oregon, on a new footing and indicate plainly that the owners of the fish-wheels are up against the "snubbing-post," with an unbreakable knot in the lariat of public opinion that will hold them there for a good week to come; after which they may carry out the threats so glibly made just now as campaign thunder. They read in sequence, as follows:

"Portland, Ore., May 23, 1908.

"M. M. Lornsen,

"Sec. Columbia River Salmon Assn.

"Astoria, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:—Enclosed I hand you letter just received from Mr. Seufert which explains itself. Mr. Warren has also just called me up over the phone to say that they are preparing a complaint to bring suit against the officers and directors of the Columbia River Salmon Association, claiming that if the bill became a law it would put them out of business and destroy property worth two or three hundred thousand dollars, which amount would be their claim for their damages. On my answering that they could not well complain they had been damaged until the bill passed and their business closed, he answered that they were being forced at this time to spend large sums of money all over the State to overcome these false impressions, that the maps being published entirely misrepresented the facts, and were damaging them to the extent of the time, labor and cash that they were required to spend to correct the false misrepresentation. From what Mr. Warren states, I anticipate they will file a suit probably as a campaign move, and whether there is anything in it or not it will have to be defended.

"Respectfully yours,

"(Signed), F. E. BEACH."

"P. S.—Since dictating the above Mr. Seufert called to explain their side. He seems to think your bill will be adopted unless the statement is corrected."

"The Dalles, Ore., May 23, 1908.

"Mr. F. E. Beach,

"Dear Sir:—I have just been over the State and find the Asst. of which you are treasurer, is sending quite a lot of printing matter and also cuts misrepresenting facts; and any injury that is caused us and losses we meet we shall certainly ask you Asst. Directors to make good. Rosenberg and H. M. Lornsen and (are) using this Asst. to destroy our property by misrepresentation and I shall turn the matters over to our attorneys and see if we can or can not protect our business from such unfair assault as

put forth by the C. R. S. Pro Asst. from its Board of Directors and see if they are not responsible men.

"Yours,

"(Signed), F. A. SEUFERT."

H. M. Lornsen, secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, and an active leader in the fight for the elimination of the fish-wheel from the gear of the industry in this State and Washington, in the course of an interview with a reporter for the Morning Astorian, upon the subject matter of the letters, said, yesterday afternoon:

"This simply shows that Mr. Seufert and the other fish-wheel owners realize that fish-wheels 'will go.'

"Judge Thomas A. McBride in writing a letter to Austin Buxton, Master of the State Grange urging the Grange to support Bill 332, which would stop fishing at head of tide says:

"It is proposed to remedy this (referring here to decline of salmon) by confining fishing on the Columbia River to tide-water to the part of the river below the Cascades. At the Cascades and Celilo are the fish-wheels which our bill would abolish. They are so placed, with respect to the bank and the current, that in the aggregate they catch all the fish, small and great, that are not caught in the river below—practically none escape. It is a murderous way of taking fish, and is not permitted anywhere in the world except on the Columbia river. The verdict of the civilized world is against. Remove the wheels and a percentage of salmon, sufficient to restock our streams, will reach the hatcheries and spawning beds. Let them remain a year or two the millions that come into this State through the salmon industry are a lost quantity."

"The wheel-men, to protect themselves, and obtain an unfair monopoly, have put before the public a bill which every practical man on the Columbia river with any knowledge of the business, knows will entirely destroy gill-net fishing."

"Professor David Starr Jordan, the greatest authority on the fisheries of our country, on May 13th referring to the fishery bills now before the voters of the State, says:

"The fish-wheel and the stationary trap in the Columbia river should be abolished. It would be well for the fishing interest of the country if the stationary traps in all of its various forms were everywhere eliminated, for this is the most destructive and indiscriminating kind of fishing. On the Columbia where the river is narrow and swift, the fish-wheel is not only very destructive, but has the additional evil effect of (a) taking work from the fishermen, and (b) of taking the fish when they are not in the best condition, for fish for canning ought to be taken in tide water."

"It would be well if all fishing on a large scale above tide water in the Columbia should be prohibited."

"To prohibit gill-net fishing after dark would virtually destroy the effectiveness of that industry at all times when the water is clear."

"It is rather late in the day for Mr. Seufert to try to fool the people of this State by threatening law suits, because he sees that the Columbia river fish-wheels will be abolished by the voters Monday next."

"No one has threatened a suit against Seufert and the other fish-wheel owners who by their trick bill are trying to drive 5000 gill-net fishermen from the river."

We fully believe that the people of this State are capable of judging what is right and fair. We rest our case with the voters of the State."

Apropos, of the foregoing, the Astorian is just in receipt of the following letter from F. A. Seufert, and it is given publicity from a sheer sense of common justice to all concerned; it reads:

"I am having Celilo Falls photographed each week, from April 15 to August 25. I do not think we will have much trouble showing this cut-up; there are quite a few responsible men in the Salmon Protective Association."

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COMMANDER REMEMBERED

Grave Will be Marked With Marble Shaft.

NEW YORK, May, 25.—The grave of Commander George Washington de Long, who lost his life in the ill-fated Polar expedition in 1881, will be marked with a marble shaft some time in the coming year. This was promised yesterday by Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic Club, an organization composed of Polar explorers which held commemorative service for commander De Long and William E. Zeigler, in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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