

# NEPTUNE CLAIMS HIS TOLL

## Between Sixty and Seventy Salmon Fishers Lost Their Lives by Venturing Over the Bar During the Season.

Because the Royal Chinook refused this year to come in over the Columbia bar, and fishermen were compelled to go out after them or return to the canneries with empty boats, between 60 and 70 lost their lives during the season which closed Saturday night. The number is greater than ever before reported at the close of the summer season. The names of many who were lost will never be known, for their boats were lost with them, and no record is kept of the men who go down to the sea to fish.

About 120 fishermen have returned to Portland since the close of the season, most of them bent on taking a vacation and enjoying city life for a few weeks before seeking employment for the fall and winter. Some intend going into the hop fields, and have already signed contracts with yard owners in the Willamette valley. They say life in the hop fields furnishes ideal recreation after nearly five months on the river, but bracing waters at the mouth of the Columbia river.

"Fully 60 or 70 men lost their lives this season on the bar," said one of the returned fishermen this morning, "and yet very little is said about it. The fact of the matter is that most of the fishermen are single fellows having no home and few close acquaintances here. Little is known of them and among their fellow fishermen they are as a rule known only by their first name or some nick-name given them by their partner."

"Most of the fishing this year was done on and outside of the bar. We all seek desperate chances because for some reason or other the fish would not enter the river and we had to go after them or return to the canneries with empty boats. At times the bar was as smooth as a millpond but there was no telling when a squall would sweep along and it was then that most of the boats went over. Of course many were

saved by boats in their vicinity or the total number of lives lost would have been three-fold.

"We used to drift as far as five or six miles of the bar occasionally and found large schools of fish there but they were quite as fussy as the fishermen and thousands would get away where one would get entangled in the meshes of the nets. It was great sport though, more exciting than gambling for one not only stood the chance of getting nothing but in addition to that one ran the risk of losing the boat and one's life. It was a big game to play and that's what keeps up the spirit."

"Only the sail boats dared venture beyond the breakers on the bar; the boats equipped with gasoline engines had to remain inside except in extraordinary fine weather because if they ever ship a good sea they are lost, the machinery being heavy enough to sink the boat, leaving the crew no ghost of a show to escape. Even the sail boats furnish very little aid to a man when they go over because as a rule they turn keel up and it is a hard proposition to cling to them with the boisterous breakers tearing with tremendous power."

"Of all the men who lost their lives only three or four got a burial ashore. The others were swept far out and their bodies never recovered. Many of them were old sailors and they were entitled to a sleep in the deep."

"Millions of salmon came to the mouth of the river but refused to go into the fresh water. I have fished on the Columbia many seasons but never before saw the fish steer so clear of the fresh water as this season. Big schools would start for the river and turn back to the ocean again. From a financial standpoint the season was quite satisfactory to most of the men who dared take chances because they received from 5 to 7 cents a pound for the catches."

# MINISTERS COME FORWARD TO PREACH TO PICKERS OF HOPS

"Clear the floor of the evangelists! Bring on the fiddlers!" This may be the cry at Krebs Brothers' hopyards when the picking gets into full swing next week. The hop men have provided a dance hall for their pickers and some time ago they announced that they would welcome preachers, promising them such trade in marriages as should turn up. The offer was not without result. B. D. Ellsworth, Methodist, and W. B. Hoffmann, Baptist, have declared their intention to hold services at the yards. When the weather is fine they probably will preach out of doors, but on rainy nights the dance hall will be

available. Preaching will last from 7 till 8 and then the dance will start. A marriage bureau will be a new feature this year. Those who patronize the institution need not be married by either of the evangelists, but naturally the preachers on the ground will give preference to people who belong to no denomination.

"We've got a river right near by, too," said a representative of Krebs Brothers today, "and that may help for baptisms. You can find all the comforts of home in the yards." Picking at the Krebs yards begins on September 5. A special train carrying hoppickers will leave on September 3.

# SAN JOSE SCALE ON EAST SIDE

## Orchards Being Ruined by Pest From Sellwood to the Peninsula.

### ALMOST ALL FRUIT IS UNFIT FOR USE

### Old Orchards Especially Have Suffered From the Pest and Many of Them Will Have to Be Destroyed—Other East Side News.

(East Side Department.) San Jose scale and other fruit pests are said to have infected the yard and garden fruit trees of a greater portion of the east side. In the older-settled portions of the district—full-grown trees, such as the pear, apple and cherry, are found in nearly all of the yards, and it is safe to say that more

than half of them have been practically ruined by some sort of destructive pest. In most instances it was found to be San Jose scale. An examination of the fruit from some of these trees showed it to be shriveled and half-developed. Especially was this the case with pears, which were found to be covered with a scale, which is said to cause them to drop before they are mature. In a number of the yards the ground was covered with wormy apples and half-grown pears.

The district between Sunnyside and Mount Tabor, which has always been noted for the fine pears and apples that were grown in the yards and gardens, has been so overrun with the scale and other pests that the fine, delicious fruit produced there a few years ago is a thing of the past. Out in the Highland neighborhood there are several fine orchards that have been allowed to go to ruin for the want of a timely spraying. The prunes and pear orchards beyond Woodlawn, on the old Vancouver line, have been better taken care of, although some of the owners complain that it is almost impossible to save their orchards on account of the infected trees in the vicinity. North of St. Johns, on the lower peninsula, there are several fine orchards, planted by early settlers, that have been utterly ruined by the San Jose scale. Many of these small orchards might yet be saved, but it will require the use of the spraying pump to bring them back to the point where they will grow the old-time luscious pear and apple. There is any amount of work for the fruit tree inspector in that district. A number of these infected orchards have been abandoned, which ought to be treated to a vigorous wielding of the tree inspector's ax.

The four big water meters ordered some time ago by the water board have arrived and are ready to be installed, two on the east side and two on the west side. The purpose of these meters is to show in what territory water is being wasted, thus materially narrowing the field in which inspectors, running down wastage, have to work.

The contractors laying the service pipe from Mount Tabor reservoir to the peninsula system has had an unexpected piece of luck in that the water board has failed to furnish on time all of the gates and piece castings for the line. The contract called for a fulfillment of \$125 per day for the time required to complete the work after August 1, but this claim is not being enforced owing to the failure of the board to deliver all the material by that date. The Vernon standpipe is finished and connection is being made with the service pipe. All the pipe for this entire system is on the ground, but it is not probable that the work of laying it will be completed before January 1, as a great deal of the excavating is yet to be done. Not more than half a force of men can be kept on this work. Laborers are continually leaving the ditch on account of higher wages and easier work being offered them.

St. Johns has had more trouble added to its already overflowing cup of woe. A number of citizens have started a crusade against what they term maintaining a public nuisance. J. Mortenson, a bucolic carpenter, was the first to fall a victim to St. Johns' municipal purification committee. Mortenson was accused of having a barnyard that contained 15 chickens and a shorthorn boy. At the trial Saturday morning, before Recorder Thorndyke, G. R. Black, the complaining witness, was on hand with about half the residents of the little city to corroborate his story. The evidence was so conflicting that the recorder was unable to make up his mind. A number testified that the defendant's place was immaculately clean, while others were equally positive that the odor therefrom was like unto the

attar of roses or the daintiest distillation from the wild violet.

The recorder, appointing the chief of police monitor of the court, disappeared for a few moments. When he returned it was noticed that a ghastly hue overspread his countenance, as if he had come in contact with the breath of an open sewer. Hastily donning the judicial ermine and adjusting his wig, he taxed Mortenson \$5 and costs, with the injunction to clean up his premises and save further trouble.

The annual retreat for northwestern priests opened at 9 o'clock this morning in the Columbia university building at University Park. The exercises will continue for three days, ending at 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

Bishop J. F. Carroll of Helena, Montana, will conduct the retreat. He will deliver several lectures on subjects connected with the spiritual work of the priests. The services will begin in the early morning and continue throughout each day, with short intervals for refreshments and rest. A large number of priests have already arrived and been assigned rooms in the upper floors of the building, among whom are: Fathers Huotgen, Black, Bolla, Buchalter, Burri, Curley, Datin, Dauw, Donnelly, Gibsey, Hildebrand, Tabor, Hogan, Hughes, La Croix, Lanch, Lane, Le Miller, Levesque, McDevitt, E. F. Murphy and J. D. Murphy, Honness, O'Carroll, O'Farrell, O'Hara, Rauw, Reidsaar, Springer, Thompson, Waters and Witt. A number of priests were expected to arrive on this morning's train.

The work of driving the piles for the foundation of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.'s warehouse on East Second and East Morrison streets began yesterday. The steel plates that rest on the concrete foundation were delivered last week and are now in place. It is announced that the steel frame work of this building is ready for delivery, hence it is thought that there will be no further delay in completing the building.

Excavating for the new bank building for the East Side bank, at the corner of Grand avenue and East Washington street, has begun. The building is to be finished by January 1. Joseph Paquet's two-story brick at the eastern approach of the Morrison street bridge is nearing completion. Joseph Healey has under consideration the proposition to erect two brick buildings on Union avenue, near East Washington street, as soon as the fill and improvement of Union avenue is completed.

## A NEW DEPARTURE.

The Cost of Interments Has Been Greatly Reduced by The Holman Undertaking Company. Heretofore it has been the custom of funeral directors to make charges for all incidentals connected with a funeral. The Edward Holman Undertaking company, the leading funeral directors of Portland, beginning July 1, 1904, will depart from this old custom. When the casket is furnished by us its cost will include all charges, such as conveying the remains to our chapel, outside box, embalming, hearse to cemetery and all services which may be required of us except clothing, cemetery and carriage, thus effecting a saving of \$25 to \$75 on each funeral. THE EDWARD HOLMAN UNDERTAKING COMPANY, 220 Third street, corner Salmon.

Entertainment by Chan Family. The Rev. Chan Sing Kai and family will give an entertainment tonight at Grace M. E. church, Twelfth and Taylor streets. Admission will be free, but a collection will be taken for the Chinese girls' school in Canton, China. The program will consist of vocal music, recitations and addresses.

OWNERS SCOTICA. Rev. W. L. Riley, LL. D. Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving my first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation. 26, 69, E. 11th, Woodard, Clark & Co."

## Regatta Week at Astoria

Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1

Four Days of Superb Aquatic Sport—The Vancouver Transportation Company's

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### REDUCED PASSENGER TICKETS

Sold on August 29, 30, 31, and September 1, good to return on September 2. Boat leaves Taylor street dock daily at 7 a. m., returning leaves Astoria at 7 p. m., affording passengers an all-night rest on the river that they may be fresh for the duties of the day upon arrival home. The Lurline is a large, finely equipped fast steamer, offering superior accommodations to the traveling public. Excellent table service.

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# Removal Sale

Throughout this supreme sales event our efforts have been in the offering of extreme limit in sale values, and the ninth week embraces many special bargains in all departments—a continuation of the convincing reductions which have characterized the progress of this remarkable sale event. Following are a few sale items from the Carpet, Drapery and Bedding Departments:

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## The Bedding Department Contributes Many Special Values to the Sale Stock

WHITE SPREADS.	WOOL BLANKETS—COTTON WARP.	WOOL BLANKETS.
In Three-Quarter Sizes, Cut Corners, Fringed.	In Blue, Pink and Brown Borders.	In Blue, Pink and Brown Borders.
\$2.20 Spreads, sale price.....\$1.60	\$1.60 Pair Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$1.25	\$7.00 Pair 6-lb Gray Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$4.75
\$2.30 Spreads, sale price.....\$1.70	\$4.00 Pair Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$3.75	\$8.00 Pair 6-lb Mottled Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$5.25
\$2.65 Spreads, sale price.....\$1.90	\$4.50 Pair Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$3.25	\$8.40 Pair 6-lb Merino Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$5.50
\$2.85 Spreads, sale price.....\$1.95	\$5.75 Pair Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$4.25	\$9.00 Pair 6-lb Double and Twist Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$5.75
\$3.30 Spreads, sale price.....\$2.25		\$16.00 Pair 8-lb Pink Blankets; sale price, pair.....\$8.00
COMFORTS.		
\$1.00 Comforts, in various patterns; sale price.....65¢		
\$1.35 Comforts, in an assortment of patterns and colors; sale price.....80¢		
\$11.00 Satine Comforts, in several patterns and colorings; sale price.....\$7.50		
\$30.00 Down Comforts, silk-covered; sale price.....\$18.50		
PILLOWS.		
\$6.75 Pair Monarch 4 1/2-lb Down Pillows; sale price.....\$4.25		

## Special Values in Lace Curtains and Couch Covers

\$1.10 Pair White Nottingham Curtains, four patterns in this lot to select from; sale price, pair.....65¢

\$2.50 Pair White Nottingham Curtains, five patterns in this lot to select from; sale price, pair.....\$1.30

\$2.00 Couch Covers, in Persian stripes, 60 inches wide, 3 yards long.....\$1.00

## An Assortment of New Patterns in Rugs at Reduced Prices

27x54-inch Velvet Rugs, in oriental patterns and colors; sale price.....\$1.65

24x48-inch Fringed Axminster Rugs, in new effects; sale price.....\$3.50

27x54-inch Reversible and Washable Cotton Bath Rugs; sale price.....\$1.65


28x58-inch Cotton Bath Rugs; sale price.....\$1.85

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