

# LEATHER TO BE HUNTED AGAIN

### Palmy Days of Whaling May Come Once More, Since the Cannery Man Covets His Flesh as Food for Man—Whale Products.

Never has a larger card indexing task been undertaken than that voluntarily essayed by John J. Boobar, librarian of the national house of representatives. Just to kill time, at first, he set about indexing the Congressional Record for the last preceding session. He will work away into the past, taking in reverse order the many huge volumes of valuable but jumbled information. Frederic J. Haskin will tell readers of The Journal about the magnitude and the eventual value of Mr. Boobar's labor of love, in his next letter.

By **FREDERIC J. HASKIN.**

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Washington, Feb. 12.—The popular gospel of economizing where natural resources are concerned, is finding a new exemplification. Whaling companies are planning to utilize the meat of whales to better advantage. In the olden days, after the blubber and the whalebones were removed from the catch, the great carcasses were set afloat as of no further economic value. Now, however, the present century manufacturers sprang up many huge factories and the refuse in a marketable form. Now modern ingenuity offers to take the meat and can it after the best methods that are employed in beef canneries, and put it on the market as a food suited for a trade where coolies and low class laborers are the consumers. Travelers and seamen have eaten of the flesh and from their belief in its wholesomeness they have endorsed the enterprise.

This industry will find its first foothold in this country at Tyee, in southeast Alaska, following the precedent set several years ago by Alaska. A 70 ton whale affords meat enough to equal that of 200 fat calves. In the quarter of a century much of this meat has been converted into fertilizer, or, as in the case of enterprising Canadian factories, made into a food that is fed to cattle in far Norway after it has been mixed with straw or wheat.

**May Revive Industry.**  
This novel idea is expected to bring about a revival in the whaling industry, which has suffered a rapid decline in the past half century. Only a short while ago a man of prominence in Japan wrote the bureau of fisheries of this government asking that an international congress be called to formulate plans for the protection of whales. The industry has not kept the swift pace of others that have dealt with the matter, because science has found other lubricants for the engineer and the tanner and invention has found things that have been used in the work of the dressmaker and the whipmaker.

Whaling has been somewhat altered under the modern regime. The steamer has come to take the place of the cumbersome, uncopied craft of other days, and the harpoon and other devices have ebbed the hand lance into the background. However, one may still hear the cry that leads the thousands of the sea—  
"There she blows," that follows at close intervals the pages of many newspapers. It is still heard on steam driven vessels as on the old sailers, and the enthusiasm of the hunters is unabated, even if the danger has been minimized.

**How a Whale is Hunted.**  
For nearly three hundred years New England has been the center of the nation's whaling industry. New Bedford still holds the supremacy wonched from Nantucket half a century or more ago, and Norwich, Provincetown and Stamford make a goodly showing. But Francisco is the point from which the annual Pacific fleet sails for the Arctic whaling grounds. Usually the ships sail in April and the hunt begins a month later. The steamer is headed toward the haunts of the prey, the lookout keeps a keen eye ready for any disturbance of the water, and a gunner stands ready to discharge his death dealing missile as soon as a curved dorsal fin comes within range. As the exploding bomb kills the whale and the harpoon, firmly fixed in its body, holds it fast to the adoring boat, the whale's flukes may be reeled out in the animal's death struggles. Sometimes it takes another shot from the gun to still it, and occasionally the old hand lance hurled from an open boat must be resorted to.

As soon as a whale is killed the body is inflated from an air pump and set afloat with a flag and buoy as a marker. After the day's hunt is over, the steamer follows the whales back to the nearest factory, where the great bodies lie like rafts of logs waiting for the cutting. It is here that one sees how the whaling industry has traveled in a circle, for the first whales ever rendered for the oil were those that were cut up on the shore four or five centuries ago, and the work of boiling was purely a shore industry. Then came the practice of taking the oil on board ship was successfully put into practice. The great mammal was then dragged along by strip and blubber cut by strip by strip and the blubber was put in kettles on board, and the decks reeking with the odor that was sometimes burned in the boilers, while the masts and sails and rigging were covered with soot.

**Modern Methods of Rendering.**  
The present day method is another of the many proofs of the supremacy of machinery over manual labor. Giant engines draw up each whale, taking it from the part like collection anchored before the factory, big chains holding it in place, as it slides up the plane between the two main buildings that form the sawage factory. One of these buildings is the blubber boiler house, the other the meat house, and the factory, resembling cut lines down the great body from head to tail, and giant hooks, operated by winches, carry away the blubber in strips. Knives and automatic chutes divide the blubber into the boiler, and a forty pound pressure is turned on for eight hours and the highest grade of oil is drawn off. The fins and tail are cut in strips, salted and shipped in 50 cents a pound.

**Food Instead of Fertilizer.**  
Hitherto the flesh has been cut in chunks and boiled to get out any fat that may have been left. Then the cooked meat was carried to the top of the eight or ten story factory and lowered shelf by shelf through a disintegrator. The product so realized made a marketable fertilizer. The proposed canneries will make a good fertilizer, after the fish has been drawn from the water in which the bones were boiled.

**Whalebone \$5 a Pound.**  
Today the nation's whaling fleet, all told, does not muster half the number of vessels in this work, carrying an outfit valued at approximately \$5,000,000. It is believed, however, that the thirty-odd steamers and the one barkentine are able to supply the present demand for whale products, though figures show that 1200 barrels of oil were imported last year from the South Seas. In the first fiscal year the American fleet realized in all from its catch 12,350 barrels of sperm oil, 1850 barrels of whale oil and 18,000 pounds of whalebone. It is sold to the masters of the Pacific fleet in 1907 were to get only the bone, and sell no oil or other products. Only 50 years ago there had brought the price of that commodity up to \$5 a pound. This prized bone, or baleen, is taken from the jaw of the right whale, in giant strips, longer than a man's body, it forms a fringe, a giant beard, when the jaws are opened, and as the water flows through with its burden of fish, the bones become a strainer that holds a big mass of fish. The number of these whalebone mouth mops from 250 to 350. A bowhead whale produces 1,300 pounds of baleen, and a Beluga sea catch of 1853 made the world's record with 5,100 pounds. The record for one whalebone was in 1853, when the widely scattered fleet came limping home after a busy season with 3,623,300 pounds on board. Last year's total was about 150,000 pounds.

**Whaling in the Old Days.**  
The whaling industry went hand in hand with the progress of the nation for a long time. It has been driven toward Greenland whaling grounds in 1607, Massachusetts encountered the industry by an act in 1639, and the following year Long Island was distracted for the express purpose of cutting up and hauling the whale to the drifted ashore. In 1753 a fleet twice as big as the whaling fleet of today sailed in the bay of St. Lawrence, but old records in New Bedford show that when the roll was called at the end of the season there were always more than one reported lost.

French privateers captured or destroyed many of the vessels in the earlier days, and the industry suffered heavily in the revolution, when the British took 134 of the whaling ships to their homes. The hard life at sea made sturdy sailors of these fishermen and hundreds were impressed on British ships. The golden age of the industry was between 1820 and 1857. New Bedford in the latter year sending 329 ships out for whaling. The gold fever of 1849 almost paralyzed the industry in the Pacific for while, the sailors deserting for the newer adventure.

Then came the Civil war, when the Confederate ship Shenandoah caught a fleet in the north Pacific and burned 25

# HOP MEN'S BILL DES IN HOUSE

### Its Father and Its Chief Supporter Vote Aye on Postponement.

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Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—The hop industry bill, by McCue, is dead. Only four members of the house voted to keep it alive. But before it died yesterday afternoon, by indefinite postponement, some stirring addresses were made, and when it was pointed out just what the bill meant, even its father, McCue, and its chief defender, Brady, repudiated it and allowed it to die.

The bill was the one presented by request of the hop growers, and it provided that special election could be called in dry territory to see whether the voters wanted beer or not. It was found that the bill carried of taker McCue that it provided that when the vote was taken, if it was for beer, the local option law would afterwards have no force or effect in that precinct.

When the vote was taken, McCue, who had defended it, said he could not support it in view of its evident effect. Brady said the same thing. The house was called, and Mahone, who had gone into the lobby, was brought back. He voted aye.

**The Vote to Postpone.**  
The final vote on the question of indefinite postponement was as follows: Yea—Abbott, Altman, Applegate, Barrett, Beals, Dean, Bedillion, Helknop, Bonebrake, Brady, Brantley, Brooks, Brooke, Bryant, Buchanan, Calkins, Campbell, Carter, Clemens, Conyers, Corrigan, Couch, Davis, Dinnick, Dooda, Eaton, Farrell, Green, Hawley, Hines, Hughes, Jackson, Jaeger, Jones (Lincoln and Folk), Jones (Douglas), Jones (Clackamas), Leach, Libby, Mahone, Mahoney, Mann, Mariner, McCue, McDonald, McKinley, Miller, Muncy, Pennington, Oregon, Purdin, Richards, Richardson, Ruak, Smith, McArthur—56.

**NIGHT SESSION OF THE HOUSE**  
Much Talking on Reports of Bills Reported From Committees.

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Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—The house held its first night session last night, and during that time did lots of talking and made some little progress, but not much. For the most part the time of the session was taken up with speeches on split reports on bills sent back from committees. Many of the bills reported back carried minority reports and in the struggle to save these measures from indefinite postponement much time was lost in debating the merits of the bills, which debate will all be gone over again when the house meets for final passage. At the close of the session Campbell of Clackamas and Lee speaker called the roll and 100 members were present. The fact that much time would be saved if the reports were allowed to come in, and the bills considered and debated on their merits during the evening Miller of Jackson engaged in a long and bitter fight against a minority report on the Miller bill raising the salary of the superintendent of schools. The bill carried 53 to 35 and giving him a clerk at \$300. Miller objected in no uncertain terms to the minority report, contending that his measure had merit, that the official deserved a raise in salary and that 80 per cent of the people of Jackson county would sign a petition asking for the increase.

**Senate Bills Postponed.**  
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**ELEVEN NEW MEASURES IN SENATE YESTERDAY**  
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