

Fishing Life on Oregon Coast Attracts Good Class of Men

Most of Them Are Americans and Those Who Stick to the Business and Save Ultimately Become Well-to-Do; Sidelights on the Industry.

(Special to The Journal.)
Waldport, Or., Oct. 12.—Long before Christ walked on the shores of Galilee, men let down their nets and gathered their harvest from out the sea.

Along the coast of every country from the South Sea Islands to Alaska, from Great Britain to Japan various methods of fishing are employed and men depend upon their nets for maintenance.

Along the shores of our Pacific coast states are numerous small bays which support a large number of gill net fishermen, the product of whose nets amounts to thousands of dollars.

In the days of the fish trap and seine great fortunes were made by trap men and companies. Legislation has changed those conditions, however. The trap men can no longer monopolize the salmon run. The gill net fisherman is master of his own territory and woe unto the seine crew which attempts to operate in it.

Oregon is especially favored with fishing waters. Between the Columbia and the southern boundary of the state are eight bays, constituting the outlet of as many rivers. These waters are fished from the bar to the "dead line" near tidewater, by gill net fishermen whose homes are along the river banks or near the waters fished.

A Farmer in the Off-Season.

Many of these fishermen own or rent small farms; living on and cultivating them during the winter and spring months. As the fishing season does not open until the crops are planted and small fruits and berries harvested, the farmer may then turn fisherman. If he owns his own nets, many a stormy winter day is spent repairing and generally overhauling his fishing gear.

As soon as the licenses are issued at the beginning of the new year there is a general stampede for favorite fishing places where shore monuments are erected, buoys set and license numbers posted. Then the farmer-fisherman, or the otherwise employed fisherman, goes back to his cows or his job until the season opens.

A fisherman may operate as many gill nets as he cares to pay license on. The license being five dollars for each drift net and two and one-half dollars for each set net. He usually takes out one drift net license and license for as many set nets as he can operate.

Sometimes They Block Channel.
Where two or more fish together, they often take out licenses for two drift nets and from eight to 10 set nets. There is sometimes trouble to induce set net operators to give the amount of channel necessary and required by law for navigation. There is much discussion concerning this and many advocate legislation regulating the amount of gear to the individual.

The gill net men operate their nets usually by night; some, however, fish also by day, much to the annoyance of the crab fishermen. The catch by day is so small, however, that it doesn't warrant operating the nets.

The cost of fishing gear depends upon the kind and number of nets used and the number of fathoms to each net. Through the earlier part of the season the large mesh or chinook net is used. Chinook net costs about \$1.50 per pound. It will average three fathoms to the pound and from 60 to 150 fathoms to the net is used for drift net and from 30 to 60 fathoms for set net. Later in the season a small mesh net is required for silverside salmon. Chinook salmon weigh from 20 to 70 pounds each and usually bring 1/4 cents per pound. Silverside salmon weigh from seven to 30 pounds and bring two cents per pound. Fifteen or 20 chinook is considered an average catch, while the silverside salmon run in larger numbers and are often caught by the hundreds.

The steelhead salmon comes still later and brings a better price.

Snags and Seals Worry Fishermen.

The things which cause the fisherman



Lutch's cannery on Alsea bay, a typical small Oregon coast plant of its kind.

most trouble are the "snags" that lie along the bottom of the stream, catching and tearing his drift net; and the seals which eat the salmon from his set nets.

The seal he kills. The snag he avoids as much as possible and many of them are removed by means of snagboats operated by the fishermen.

On nearly all these bays or fishing waters are located fish canneries, which give employment to many men and women during the fishing season.

There are many fishermen who have spent from 15 to 20 years fishing and never missed a season. These are un-

usually well to do and comfortable.

Oregon Fisher of Good Class.

The old English novelist pictured the fisherman as uncouth, illiterate and of low moral standards. The novelist may have drawn his picture correctly, but the Oregon fisherman belongs to an entirely different class. There are a few foreigners among Oregon coast fishermen but the majority are Americans, sober and industrious and usually with family—men who read much and think deeply; who take an interest in school matters and local improvements; who have opinions on all the questions of the day, whose opinions are worth hearing.

SADDLE HORSE DRAGS CHILD RIDER 8 MILES

(Special to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 12.—With his foot caught in the stirrup of his saddle, Lawrence Bell, an eight year old farm lad living near Coulee City, Wash., was dragged for eight miles over a gravel flat, after the frightened horse he had tried to mount had kicked him to death last night. Nearly every bone in the lad's body was broken. He was the son of Frank Bell, a well known Coulee City resident, who was killed last March by falling from a wagon seat, his neck striking the front of the wagon, strangling him to death. Lawrence Bell and an elder brother had since lived with the widowed mother. The boy's horse sprang from under him and dashed madly across country with the older boy on another horse in pursuit.

OREGON CITY, OR., FLORIST IS VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

(Special to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Or., Oct. 12.—R. G. Pierce, a florist, died at his home at Fallsview this morning at 9 o'clock from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Pierce has been ill for some time. He was born in New Jersey, July 5, 1849, being 63 years of age. Funeral services will be held at the family home, Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

A patent has been granted for a parachute specially designed to help a person escape from a burning building.

ALBANY MATRON IS CONSUMPTION VICTIM



Mrs. Cora Mae Gould.

(Special to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Cora Mae Gould, who died in this city last Thursday of tuberculosis, was born at Potomac, Ill., in 1887, and moved with her parents in 1906 to Girard, Kan., where she was married in 1907 to Fred Gould, at present a business man of this city. In 1908 they moved to Oregon, settling in Eugene, where they lived two years and then came to Albany, where they have since resided. Mrs. Gould was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church here. She had been ill for nearly a year before her death. Her father and mother, whose home is in Girard, Kan., and her brother, R. T. Stisher of Yakima, Wash., were present at the time of her death.

TRADE CHANCE IS BEING OVERLOOKED

Portland Loses \$750,000 to San Francisco During the Present Year.

That Portland lost to San Francisco this year \$750,000 worth of business from Lakeview because of failure to go after it, was asserted yesterday by M. B. Rice, business man and publisher of Lakeview, who is a guest at the Multnomah hotel.

"Also I want to say that Portland business men by apathy are making the day more and more indefinite when they will secure for Portland the business of real central Oregon."

"If Portland business interests would bring the best pressure to bear that they know how for the extension of the railroad south from Bend, they would get into business connection with a district whose development would ultimately double the size of Portland."

"There has been a general idea that when Bend was reached by the railroads everything in central Oregon was brought within reach. There couldn't be a greater mistake."

Would Tap Rich District.

"The railroads have barely reached the edge of central Oregon. In the district of which Bend, Harney county, Lakeview and Klamath Falls are boundary points, are 10,000,000 acres. A railroad built south from Bend to Lakeview 158 miles, would be on a grade of eight-tenths of one per cent. It would pass through 140,000 acres of feasible irrigation projects, and 14,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. In Goose Lake valley alone, 1,000,000 has been spent on irrigation projects, which will put 72,000 acres under water.

"In Lakeview we have 1800 people, and in the neighborhood a good many stockmen. We have more automobiles per capita than in any other town of the United States. We are not in debt. The banks have \$3,000,000 of unloaned money.

San Francisco Getting Business.
"We buy everything from needles to automobiles. We send out wheat and some fruit. We pay for what we buy. San Francisco sends traveling men into the territory. They get the business."

Portland business interests do not send their representatives to Lakeview. They do not get the business.

"Yet, is Oregon territory, and should be Portland business. We have a county 120 by 150 miles, containing at least 750,000 agricultural acres. We have about 8000 people in the county. Those who are there prosper. Those who are coming will prosper. Lake is the county of things to be. When Portland business men forget their apathy and reach out more aggressively for business, a new day will dawn in Portland."

DEMOCRATS TAKE TURN WITH ORATORY

Prominent Men Will Address Oregon Audiences in Cause of Wilson.

From this time forward Democratic oratory will be abundant in Oregon. Governor Marshall, candidate for vice-president, will "hit it" for two days, and George Fred Williams of Massachusetts will be in the state three days. C. E. S. Wood will give two last week of the campaign to dates in this state. The following detailed itineraries have been arranged for other prominent speakers in the Democratic cause:

Senator George E. Chamberlain—Medford, October 12; Albany, October 13; Corvallis, October 17; The Dalles, October 21; Pendleton, October 22; La Grande, October 24; Baker, October 26.

O. C. Wilson of California—Portland, October 21; Hillsboro, October 22; McMinnville, October 23; Salem, October 24; Eugene, October 25; Roseburg, October 26.

State Senator M. A. Miller and J. K. Weatherford—Tillamook, October 16; St. Helens, October 17; Rainier, October 18; Astoria, October 19; Hood River, October 21; Condon, October 22; Heppner, October 23; Hermiston, October 24; Athena, October 25; Milton, October 26. All of the meetings announced above will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening.

In a double acting churn patented by an Illinois man the barrel turns in one direction and paddles inside it in the other at the same time as a handle is turned.

Moving pictures of animals form targets in an English rifle gallery, the shots being automatically recorded.

Kaiser's Daughter



Princess Victoria Louise.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—It is reported that Princess Victoria Louise, the Kaiser's only daughter, has fallen in love with and will marry Prince Ernest August, youngest son of the Duke of Cumberland.

It has been the belief that nothing less than a throne would be acceptable to the Kaiser as his daughter's marriage portion, and it even has been strongly hinted that a match might be arranged with Edward, Prince of Wales. However, if the present rumor be correct it will end the ancient feud between the houses of Cumberland and

absorption of the Kingdom of Hanover by Prussia. It is declared the Duke will renounce his claims to the throne of Hanover, vacated by his father, George V., and that the Kaiser will appoint Prince Ernest as Regent of Brunswick.

The prince, who is 35 years old, is a lieutenant in the Bavarian army. He met the princess at a court dinner in Berlin, where he was sent by his father to convey his thanks to the emperor for an imperial message of condolence following the tragic death of Prince George William last May.

Uncle Sam a Good Shot.
From the Boston Globe.
Naval target practice, which has been continued on a large scale by Secretary Meyer, costs much money, but the

results justify the outlay.

The percentage of hits at the battle of Santiago was 24.

Today our gunners can send one shell out of three straight to the mark, notwithstanding the fact that the range has increased from 3000 to more than 10,000 yards.

The rate of fire against the ships of Cervera was one shot in five minutes, but now the rate is two shots in one minute.

In case of war, which unhappily has not become an utter impossibility, despite the peace movements of the twentieth century, even the cheese-parers would admit that the expenditures for such increased efficiency in marksmanship were a real economy.

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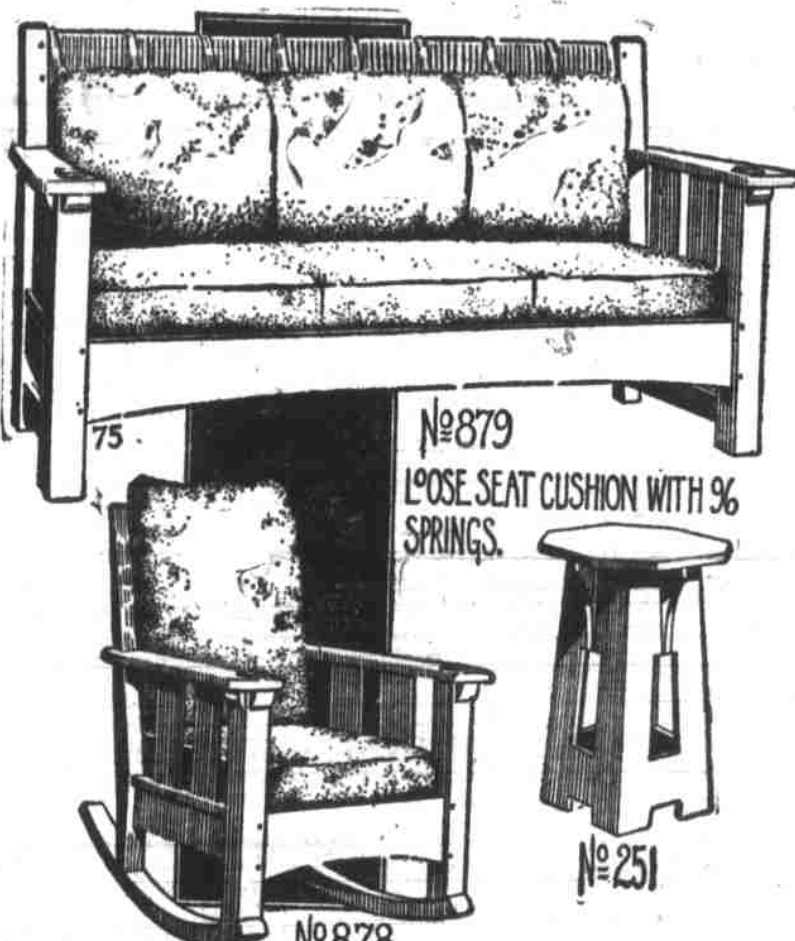
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