

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

DO THE SALMON EAT!

Do salmon make the ascent of the Columbia to their spawning grounds without taking food? We do not believe they do; and principally for the reason that with the amount of vital force ex-

pendent in ascending four or five hundred, or perhaps a thousand miles of swift current, the force would be exhausted, the fuel would give out. It does not seem reasonable that these fish can accomplish the journey, with no greater amount of fuel than is contained in the fat of their bodies. Besides, is it not remarkable to say the least, that these fish would deny themselves food while in the Columbia, yet take it greedily the moment they have passed out of it into its tributaries? They take bait readily at the Willamette falls, and in the Sandy, Hood River and Deschutes are sufficiently ravenous to furnish good sport for the angler. On the face of the affair the theory of total abstinence from food while in the Columbia, is untenable; for why should they refuse food in the Columbia, yet seek it eagerly the moment they are out of it, as they certainly do? We believe they take food while on their way up the river, and that this food is of such a nature that its presence in the stomach of the fish is not easily detected; and therefore, an erroneous idea has gained credence that they do not eat. If any one will take a bucket of Columbia river water and strain it through a cloth, we think he will make a discovery which will probably cause a doubt of the non-eating theory. Years ago while employed in teaching school on Sauvie's island, we noticed one of Hill. Bonser's little girls straining a bucket of water (brought from the Columbia for the school children to drink) through a cloth. Our curiosity was aroused, as the water was to all appearances, clear and pure, and we could not understand why it should be strained. We understood better when she got through, for the cloth contained at least two tablespoons full of small perfectly transparent, jelly-like fish, each from a half to three quarters of an inch in length and shaped like a pike minnow. In the water they were perfectly invisible, yet they were there numerously. These we believe furnish food for the salmon on their run up the Columbia, and their absence in some of the tributaries cause the fish to seek other food. We imagine that these miniature "water color" fishes would be easily digested, and that while furnishing the motive power to the salmon, their presence in its stomach would easily escape detection. The total abstinence theory is untenable, and we believe that an examination of the subject will disclose the fact that the salmon find an abundance of food in the invisible little "small fry," which the school children of Sauvie's island objected to in their drink.

George W. Childs on Vocations. My rule has been to follow faithfully that line of business for which I felt the consciousness of being adapted. In this view I selected the newspaper, and to it I devote my time and talents. I follow out the one line of business pursuit rather than engage in many. A few days ago certain gentlemen came to me to ask me to engage with them in the line of banking. "I am not a banker," said I. "I am a newspaper man." "But," they persisted, "we do not ask for your time, but only your name, and the use of your name to us will be worth \$100,000 a year to you." I did not, however, accede to their request. I had no inclination to engage with them in the pursuit of banking, because it was outside of my line, and having more than enough money to meet my modest necessities, and without a child in the world, I did not feel like taking \$100,000 each year for doing nothing to earn it. The great trouble with mankind is to stick to that pursuit of which they have knowledge. Some men get strangely mixed up. I happen to know a banker in this town, with good general information, but with no aptitude for banking. Yet he plods along in his line, acquiring nothing, you may say, and at times the necessities of his business have compelled him to raise money on the family plate. Now, he is out of his line, and will fail, probably, until he finds that which is his real bent and gravitates to it.—Interview in Cincinnati Enquirer.

Books Made of Clay. Far away beyond the plains of Mesopotamia, on the banks of the river Tigris, lies the ruins of the ancient city of Nineveh. Not long since huge mounds of earth and stone marked the place where the palaces and walls of the proud capital of the great Assyrian empire stood. The spade and scraper, first of the French and then of the English, have cleared all the earth away and laid bare all that remains of the old streets and palaces where the proud princes of Assyria walked and lived. The gods they worshiped and the books they read have all been revealed to the sight of a wondering world. The most curious of all the curious things preserved in this wonderful manner are the clay books of Nineveh. The chief library of the city was contained in the palace of Kanynjick. The clay books which composed its contents were sets of tablets covered with very small letters. The tablets are all oblong in shape, and when several of them are used for one book the first line of the tablet following was written at the end of the one preceding it. The writing was done when the clay of the tablet was soft; it was then baked to harden it. Each tablet was numbered just as librarians of today number the books of which they have charge.—St. Louis Republic.

The Abuse of a Letter. The way the letter "a" is being distorted and abused nowadays is shameful. Judging from the pronunciation affected by actors and anglomaniacs the poor little letter has only one sound, and that the mushy la de da Italian variety, designated in Webster's Dictionary by two little dots over the vowel. I went to a theatre the other night, and heard a girl sing a song in which she had something to say about a mash—she called it "mash"—and a hat, which she pronounced as we do the adjective applied to the business end of a poker in active use. In the course of her ditty she had occasion to use the words man, grand, fashion, habit, and answer, dash and mantel, all of which she pronounced in the same manner. I would like to know where this thing is going to end.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Terrible Task. Dolly—Have you spoken to papa about our—our—engagement? Cholly—Yeh, and he treated me with pawisive bwatality. Dolly—Poor, dear boy! What did he say? Cholly—Said he'd have nothing to do with a fellow that couldn't thwink for himself. The ideal Thwinking is such beastly, common, hard work.—Pittsburg Bulletin. Water which contains impurities will turn milky white when nitrate of silver is dissolved in it. If "chemically pure" there will be but a trifling discoloration.

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