

For President—  
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,  
Of Ohio.

For Vice-President—  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,  
Of New York.

**CANNOT HAVE THE EARTH.**

The Astoria News makes an earnest appeal to the citizens of Astoria to rally for an organized fight against fish-wheels and traps. It urges the holding of mass meetings and the framing of resolutions to the legislatures of Oregon and Washington and, in the event of these bodies refusing to heed their demands, an ultimate appeal to the general government for the desired relief. It asks if the people of Oregon are going to permit the ruin of their fisheries that "a few trap and wheel-owners may be enriched," and if the city at the mouth of the Columbia is "to continue to be a city or a mere way station for a few trap and wheel-owners—a fishing helmet without fish."

It does not seem to have occurred to the News that the thousands of gill nets and other murdering devices used on the lower river ever do the least bit of injury to the fishing industry, or tend to lessen the annual catch, yet in the local column of the same issue of July 21st that demands summary abolition of the wheels, the News informs its readers that "one gill net man is reported to have caught over a ton," the night before, "another about half a ton, while others made catches varying all the way from 150 to 500 pounds," and "at Crescott's cold-storage warehouse the deliveries were about twelve tons, including steelheads, up to six o'clock this morning, while at Alter's and Schmidt Brothers' the receipts were still greater." In still another paragraph the News informs us that "at his two seining grounds, yesterday, W. E. Tallant got four tons of salmon. The Fitzpatrick ground yielded the greater part, being credited with three tons."

Let the News compare its own report of one night's catch with gill-nets and seines on the lower river with the fact that scores of wheels on the upper river have not made running expenses during the season, that many of them have done practically nothing and not one in a score has made money for its owner, and then say if it is not possible that the trouble that agitates the minds of the good people of Astoria does not find its cause a little nearer home?

Let such legislation for the preservation of the salmon fishing industry as is necessary and equitable be enacted, but let the News be well assured that the legislators of Clatsop county have a big contract on their hands when they undertake to have laws passed that will discriminate against every salmon-killing device that cannot be used with profit by the fishermen of Astoria.

**VINDICATION WANTED.**

Hon. H. W. Corbett, of Portland, having been made defendant in a damage suit charged with alienating some woman's wifely affections, promptly responds by announcing himself as a candidate for the United States senate, and the Oregonian insists that it is the duty of the people of Oregon, by their representatives in the legislature, to "vindicate" Mr. Corbett, and not "strike him down in his old age with calumny and distrust." It is a pitiful and ridiculous appeal, a disgraceful attempt to play upon the sympathies of the people in order to secure a verdict from an incompetent tribunal. It is the "plain duty" of the legislature to put aside all prejudice and send to the United States the man best qualified to serve the interests of the state of Oregon, and not to resolve itself into a committee of

the whole to investigate the charges of improper conduct brought by one citizen against another citizen. That is the duty of the courts, and as Mr. Corbett is amply able to employ learned counsel and take every advantage of the law, no one can doubt that he will secure at least justice for himself. We believe it is the first time that a charge of immorality has been urged as a good reason for conferring senatorial honors. As well might Mr. Corbett's opponent in this suit ask for vindication from the charge of blackmail brought against him by Mr. Corbett, and in addition he might ask the legislature to compensate him for the loss of his wife's "affections."

The charge that there is any political significance in this suit for damages is worse than foolish. There is none, except such as Mr. Corbett has attempted to make in connection with it.—Salem Statesman.

A democrat exchange learns that Eugene Debbs, the candidate of the socialists for president, will withdraw from the race in favor of Bryan. Why should he not? If there is not enough of socialism and free riot in Bryanism to suit Debbs he must be mighty hard to please.

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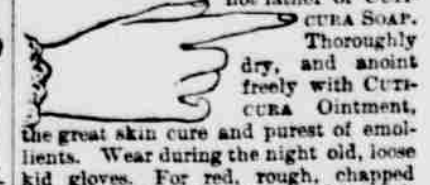
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