



## What About Salmon Protection?

That the food fish of our State need better protection than is now afforded is agreed. You have already, or doubtless will, receive considerable literature on the subject, but no matter how attractive the argument, stop and consider how much it may be colored by self-interest.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries are the greatest expert authorities on the subject and have NO AX TO GRIND. Read what they say:

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hon. Charles W. Fulton, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Sir: The Department realizes the importance of the various questions affecting the salmon fishery in the Columbia River brought up in your letter of the 18th ultimo, and has taken this opportunity to make a thorough investigation of the matter. There can be no question that the status of the fishery is unsatisfactory, and that under existing conditions the trend may be expected to be steadily downward, with the result that in a comparatively few years the run of salmon in that stream will be reduced to such a degree that thousands of fishermen may be thrown out of employment and much capital rendered idle. The Federal Government is without any jurisdiction whatever in the premises, and the duty of conserving the salmon supply in the Columbia devolves on the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho; but this Department has been charged by Congress with important fish-cultural operations in the Columbia basin, and has felt impelled from time to time to direct attention to the necessity for giving adequate protection to the various species of salmon frequenting that stream. The Department is convinced that the run of salmon in the Columbia can be amply maintained for an indefinite period if artificial propagation is supplemented by rational protection; but artificial propagation alone cannot cope with the situation; and, as a matter of fact, the recent experience of the Department has shown that its beneficent labors are rendered almost futile by the failure of the states to appreciate this fact.

The Department sees no reason for advocating the elimination of fish wheels from the river, as there is no evidence to show that this form of apparatus is particularly destructive to salmon. A condition that is specially favorable for the passage of salmon—namely, very high water—renders the wheels unserviceable and, on the other hand, periods of very low water, when the fish are much restricted in their movements, are also unfavorable for the wheels. During the past two or three seasons the catch of salmon by wheels has been comparatively small; but even if it were very large it would be a fact of no special significance in the present connection.

The Columbia River is, however, made to yield a quantity of salmon far greater than regard for the future supply permits, and the drain is yearly becoming more serious. No one familiar with the situation can fail to appreciate the menace to the perpetuity of the industry that is furnished by the concentration of a tremendous amount of fixed and floating apparatus of capture in and near the mouth of the river. This apparatus comprises about 400 pound nets or traps, over 80 long-sweep seines, and more than 2,000 gill nets, the last having an aggregate approximate length of over 570 miles; and these appliances capture more than 95 per cent of the fish taken in the Oregon and Washington waters of the river, the figures for 1904 being nearly 34,000,000 lbs. or 98.7 percent of the total yield. Under such conditions, it is self-evident that but comparatively few fish are permitted to reach the upper waters where the spawning grounds are located.

The details of the measures necessary to place the salmon industry of the Columbia River on a permanent basis cannot be elaborated by the Department at this time, but in general it may be said that there should be (1) a restriction on the amount of apparatus employed in a given section; (2) an adequate weekly close season covering possibly two days at first, but reduced later if the circumstances warrant it; (3) an annual close season, preferably at the beginning of the salmon run, and (4) joint arrangements between the States, so that protective measures may be harmonious.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) OSCAR S. STRAUSS, Secretary.

**Bill No. 318 embodies Government recommendations and should pass. It is a Square Deal for all.**

**VOTE 318 X YES**

Bill No. 333 was framed to foster the selfish interest of a single locality. It is against the Government recommendations, and will mean a heavy tax on the State to carry out its provisions. **It favors monopoly and is unfair. It should not pass.**

**VOTE 333 X NO**

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**Administrator's Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton as administrator of the estate of H. B. Nichols, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said decedent are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, to me at my residence in Corvallis, in Benton County, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 9th day of April, 1908.  
R. J. NICHOLS,  
Administrator of the estate of H. B. Nichols, deceased.

**Public School Notes.**

The following item from the Corvallis Public School is handed in by the school correspondent:

The pupils of the Corvallis public school who passed the eighth grade state examination and their average are as follows: Minnie Aurand, 89; Hallie Baldwin, 89; Clara DeLay, 81; Martha Friechter, 81; Cliff Francisco, 84; Albert Griggs, 85; Emma Harding, 92; Manette Hanson, 94; Maude Hanson, 88; Ralph Hollenberg, 94; Emil Horning, 92; Merle Moore, 86; Bertha McHenry, 83; Pearl Newton, 88; Ruth Oviatt, 87; Hazel Smith, 89; Winfield Starr, 90; Mabel Swick, 89; Percy Tallman, 92; Edwin Woodcock, 89.

For the benefit of those who were conditioned, classes will be held in arithmetic, history and grammar.

There will be several who will finish their work in the June examination.

**GOATS**—Any person wanting to buy or take care of some fine goats while they eat up their brush may phone or call upon Wm. H. Savag, Corvallis, Oregon. 26f

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### KEADY AND HIS WHALE.

**Cremation in Progress—Only Forty Feet Yet to Burn.**

Newport, Or., May 27.—W. F. Keady of Waldport, nominee on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner of Lincoln county, is probably the only man in Oregon who keeps a whale in his front yard. Keady is the sole owner, though not the proud owner, of a whale 78 feet in length, which came some days ago and camped on the beach just in front of his house on Alsea bay. The only consolation Keady has is that as a result of the monster's visit he will probably have one of the finest lawns in Lincoln county.

The whale, which apparently had died some time before of old age, dropsy or excessive weight, drifted into the mouth of Alsea bay some time ago, being driven in by high winds and tides. It first went ashore on the north beach, just in front of the residence of Captain Nice. It remained there only a day or so, however, when it moved farther up the bay and stranded in front of the cannery. A fine opportunity to put up some choice Packingtown whale was missed on account of the fact that the cannery had not yet opened up for the season.

The whale again shifted its quarters, drifting back toward the mouth of the bay, and finally going ashore on the sandy beach in front of Keady's place. By this time the animal was getting decidedly odoriferous, and to make matters worse a strong south wind sprang up and blew steadily for three days, carrying the smell directly toward Keady's house and making the place smell like a fertilizer works. Keady was just preparing to pack up and move out when the wind changed and life became once more endurable.

Since the middle of last week Keady has put in most of his time trying to get rid of his whale. The animal is too big to be moved, even if there were any place to move it to, and it would take weeks to dig a hole deep enough and long enough to bury the carcass in. But the beach is piled high with thousands of cords of driftwood.

Keady collected several cords of this and piled the huge logs on top of and about the whale, setting fire to the mass. For several days it has been burning

fiercely, the oil in the whale's blubber adding to the flames. Today Keady announced that he had succeeded in burning up at least 30 feet of his whale, leaving him only 48 feet more of the whale to dispose of.

The burning of the whale has left the ground piled high with the finest quality of bone ash, white and brittle, which will make excellent fertilizer. Keady is collecting this in sacks, and says he will scatter it over his yard and sow grass seed. He believes his whale will yield him the finest blue grass lawn to be found in the west.

But all the neighbors still take to the high ground when the wind blows off the whale.

### Due Largely to Mr. Kline.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kline have arrived home from their trip East. Wednesday's Portland Journal says:

S. L. Kline of Corvallis, president of the Retail Grocers' Association of Oregon, has returned from Boston, where he went as a delegate from this state to the annual convention of the National Retail Grocers' Association. Mr. Kline is jubilant over the successful fight waged by the Oregon and Pacific coast delegates to bring the next convention of the National Grocers' association to Portland.

Denver was the only other candidate for the honor, and the Colorado contingent put up a hard fight to capture the prize. However, when the final vote was taken Portland won out by a majority of nearly two to one.

The success of the Oregon delegation was due in no small measure to Mr. Kline's work with the Ohio delegation. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, and soon after reaching Boston he went to work on the delegation from that state, with the result that the solid delegation of 35 votes was cast for Portland.

"The convention was a splendid success," said Mr. Kline today. "There were something like 300 delegates present, representing all parts of the country. I was forced to return home in advance of the rest of the Oregon delegation on account of engagements at home."

"The date of next year's convention will be fixed by the executive committee and announced later. It will probably be in June."

### CONTRACT IS LET

For Y. M. C. A. Building—Heckart Has It.

The bids for the new Y. M. C. A. building at the Oregon Agricultural College were opened Monday evening at which time the contract for the work was awarded to Charles Heckart of Corvallis. Sub-contracts were let to the following:

Theodore Barr, Salem, steam heat; Seiger & Freeman, Corvallis, plumbing; Western Electric Company, Portland, wiring; and the Northwest Bridge Works, Portland, iron and steel. The total of all the contracts is \$13,000.

As soon as material can be placed on the ground work will be started and the building will be done by September 25th or October 1st. The structure will be thoroughly inspected before it is accepted and the finished article will be all that could be desired in a building of this kind.

The assured success of this great student enterprise is hailed with delight by all OAC students and supporters. The building has long been needed and will be one of the most used in the college group when completed. The work has long been delayed but systematic and persistent effort has won and OAC will soon boast one of the finest structures of the sort in this section of the Northwest.

Secretary Hurd, who has been a tireless worker to accomplish this great result, and all others who have labored so faithfully and long towards this end, are certainly deserving of great praise and the thanks of the entire college, town and state.

### DECORATION DAY CALL.

Ellsworth Post No. 10, G. A. R. Department of Oregon.  
May 26, 1908.

All old soldiers, and also all citizens of this Department, are cordially invited to be with us on Decoration Day, May 30th. Besides decoration, there will be a dedication of the new G. A. R. Monument.

All fraternal organizations are respectfully invited to be with us. The Post will meet at G. A. R. Hall at 9:30 sharp.

S. S. BULLIS, P. C.  
M. L. ADAMS, Adjutant.