

Practical Amusements.

The scores achieved at Creedmoor are beyond all recorded precedent. Our American riflemen walked away with the best British teams. Regarded simply as friendly competitions in athletic games, the annual contests at Creedmoor are worthy of high praise, for they have founded a pleasant pastime, well conducted in the main, and promising to permanently add one more to our popular open air festivities.

But popular amusement is the least of the advantages furnished by Creedmoor. Far more important are its practical uses. Creedmoor and the similar rifle ranges which it has caused to spring up are fast educating the country in a most important element of national defence. Until the past half-dozen years America has been behind other civilized nations in the art of scientific shooting.

On the frontiers, practice with the rifle has always been a necessity; but in the cities and the well settled states the art of marksmanship had until lately been neglected. Not to speak of comparison to the Swiss, renowned as marksmen for fully five hundred years, our countrymen were, as a whole, falling behind the yeomanry of England, whose new-born zeal for rifle practice was fast making them as famous for skill with that weapon as their ancestry had been for skill with the bow.

The effect of this movement was striking. Not only did the standard of merit steadily rise in the British rifle clubs, but the meeting at Wimbledon soon attracted more attention than the contests at Frankfort, at Swetz, at Bremen, at Vienna, and at Lucerne. The musketry schools of Hythe and Fleetwood aided the popular progress in skill with arms.

During the past four years progress in marksmanship has been spreading far and wide through the country. The skill exhibited at Creedmoor is only the selected token of general aptitude for marksmanship which has been developed and improved by the fortunate mania for rifle practice. The number of ranges that have been started in various parts of the country shows that this modern zeal for the art of marksmanship has taken a firm hold of our arms bearing population.

The love of life, the desire for health and passion for wealth, are three of the strongest laws that operate in the breast of the human family. Whoever life can be most prolonged, health best secured, and wealth most easily acquired, there the tide of emigration and population is sure to flow as the needle points to the north pole. It is the growing knowledge that all this is true of Oregon that is causing it to attract so much public attention and draw so many farmers, emigrants, tourists and capitalists to come and enjoy and profit by them.

The Salmon Crop.

The salmon season closed some time since, and though small lots will undoubtedly continue to come forward, yet the bulk of the catch has been disposed of by the canners, and what is yet to come on the market will not materially alter the figures given below. During the past fall and winter large contracts were made for future delivery at prices ranging from \$1 30 to \$1 50 per dozen 1-lb tins, and before the season opened nearly one-half of the prospective catch had been thus disposed of. The Columbia river has been the chief source of supply of late years, though the Sacramento, Rogue and Frazer rivers have this year swelled the amount considerably and will become more important in the future.

Owing to reckless fishing in the past or other causes, the catch on the Columbia was a partial failure causing the total supply to fall considerably short of the estimates made early in the year. This partial failure and a successful strike among the fishermen which advanced the price per fish from 25@30c to 50c, 75c and even \$1 at the close, made the season to the canners generally an unprofitable one, and the number of canneries and boats which this year was larger than ever before, will be somewhat reduced another season, while several who had embarked in the business have been obliged to wind up their affairs. The causes which were so unfavorable to a successful season on the Columbia produced higher prices for the goods, and speculators bought heavily, running 1-lb tins up to \$1 80, but the leading markets being well supplied, these rates could not be maintained, and gradually fell off till at this writing 1-lb tins cannot be quoted over \$1 72 1/2 for export, though many holders are firm in the belief that higher rates must prevail owing to short stocks and refuse to sell at current rates, some even holding out for \$2. Annexed are the receipts at San Francisco from the opening of the season to September 20th:

Table with columns: FROM COLUMBIA RIVER, Consignees, Cases, Cases. Includes entries for M J Kinney, Cutting Packing Co, G W Hume, etc.

Table with columns: FROM VICTORIA, Consignees, Bbls, Hf Bbls, Cases. Includes entries for Gilbert Clements, Rodger, Meyer & Co, etc.

Table with columns: FROM ROGUE RIVER, Consignees, Bbls, Hf Bbls, Cases. Includes entries for R D Hume, Lynde & Hough, etc.

Table with columns: FROM SACRAMENTO RIVER, Consignees, Bbls, Hf Bbls, Cases. Includes entries for Emerson, Coville & Co, etc.

Table with columns: FROM EEL RIVER, Consignees, Bbls, Hf Bbls, Cases. Includes entries for H L Jones, Searies & Stone, etc.

Table with columns: FROM COLUMBIA RIVER, Consignees, Cases. Includes entries for Isle of Bute, Loch Doon, etc.

Table with columns: Per, Months, Cases. Includes entries for April, May, June, July, August, Total.

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