

The Propagation of Salmon.

A PETITION is being circulated and generally signed in Astoria, that the United States government be authorized by Congress to take the matter of salmon propagation under national supervision. We are authentically informed also, that the owners of the salmon hatchery on the Clackamas intend to keep up the fish supply of the Columbia. The advisability of turning the matter over to the National government, will not be at present, discussed. We simply speak in this article of the matter in a general way.

All the old fished streams in the world have become nearly depopulated of fish, and it cannot be rationally supposed that a different result could attend the catch of one and one-half millions of salmon yearly in the Columbia, unless there is something done to protect the fish. Not only is this vast amount taken from the river, but those not caught are frightened and scattered so that their powers are, doubtless, greatly impaired. If the general government will stock fishless streams why not prevent other streams from losing their fish?

If the Columbia river fisheries were all in one State or Territory it might with more propriety be urged that the State should bear the burden, but they are not. They are in two different jurisdictions, each governed by laws enacted at different times in different years. One is powerless unless the other acts similarly, and the difficulties for prompt and harmonious action are great. The great catch of salmon last year in both the Sacramento and the Columbia is attributed to artificial propagation. Not five per cent, probably, of the spawn matures in the natural way, while artificially, ninety per cent is said to be hatched. It has been remarked that the Sacramento could be so filled with salmon as to obstruct navigation. If so, why not the Columbia? The feeding grounds and growing places are in the broad ocean; why then, could there not be sent into the ocean such myriads of young fish that when they should return in three to five years to the streams of their birth they would literally fill the waters?

In early times when the fish were only taken in the rude manner of the Indians, the salmon did fill the streams and crowd many upon the banks, where they lay till the shores were lined with them. About Milwaukee, where now there is probably not a salmon to be found, they were years ago in the fields, in the fences whenever a freshet caused an overflow. About Oregon City and the Clackamas rapids fish went to waste to the disgust of the neighborhood. It is not so now.

As the seven years from 1875 to 1881, were prolific of centenarians, those hundredth anniversaries are out of fashion. The latest thing is bi-centennials. Philadelphia is going to have a grand one next summer, and New Orleans announces that on the 9th of next April the Crescent city folks will celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi river.

AND still from every side come notes of preparation for the coming political fight in this state. We will grow confidential, and tell our readers something they already know, viz: an office is a good deal bigger thing in the eyes of a professional politician than it is in the eyes of the people who do the voting. Don't let this elude your memory.

A NEVADA journalist says that not one in one hundred of the old timers in that State has \$500 that he can call his own. The wealthy men of the Silver State are those that went in after '65.

Astoria Land Grant.

THE DISPATCHES would have it that Representative Page had introduced a memorial from the Astoria Chamber of Commerce asking that the Astoria land grant be declared forfeited unless the road is built in two years.

There was no such memorial sent from here. We asked that the grant be declared forfeited immediately unless the company would bind themselves to build within two years. We have no idea of extending the time to a company that has not the least disposition to build the road. Our memorial puts it clear enough to anyone but a Washington City correspondent of the Associated Press.

SOME enterprising hotel keeper in the Italian Alps, finding business rather dull last summer, declared that he saw tears streaming down the cheeks of a holy statue near by. Every one employed in the house saw them too, the wondrous miracle was told abroad, and pilgrims flocked from far and away. The e. h. k. has cleared a handsome fortune, and gave the whole business away in a New Year's fit of repentance.

OUR friends in Oregon who are fond of protection and have a loving regard for Eastern capitalists, can find comfort in the knowledge that during the past three months the profits of a protected manufacturer in Meriden, Connecticut, have been \$1,200 per working hour. The women he has working for him are protected by wages of three dollars per week.

THE editor of the Walla Walla Statesman graciously informs an awaiting world that he has "no dislike to the Columbia river bar, in particular." This is reassuring. We expect to hear of no more rough weather off Fort Stevens for several days at least.

THE fact that an English prisoner while under the influence of ether, told of several criminal transactions in which he had been engaged, suggests to the scientists his enlistment as a detective adjunct.

IN 1881 there were 73,000,000 bushels of wheat shipped from the port of New York; of that vast amount not a single bushel went in an American ship. This ought to make protectionists happy.

SEVERAL of our exchanges have items regarding the robust health and soundness of frame of Samuel J. Tilden, of New York.

BORN.

On February 6, 1882, to the wife of Wm. Hartell, a son.

NEW TO-DAY.

LAND OFFICE NOTICE.—Land office at Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 4, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Oysterville, W. T., on Tuesday, March 14, 1882, viz: Clarence E. Foster, homestead application No. 2549, for the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 10 N, R 9 W, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac N. Lane, Nathaniel Westworth, of Naselle, Everett Sarban, of Knappa, Manly T. Berry, of South Bend, W. T.

Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.
U. S. LAND OFFICE, VANCOUVER, W. T., February 4th, 1882.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 2, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," Henry Scott, of Pacific county, Washington Territory, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; the west 1/2 of southeast 1/4; and the northeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 10, north of Range 9 west of the Willamette meridian. Testimony in the above case will be taken before the Clerk of the District court at Oysterville, W. T., on Tuesday, April 18th, 1882. Any and all persons claiming adversely to the above described lands, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

NOTICE.—U. S. LAND OFFICE, VANCOUVER, W. T., February 1, 1882.
Complaint having been entered at this office by Robert Miller against James R. Yates, for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 2131, dated June 7th, 1877, upon the lots 2 and 3 of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 10 West, and lot 4, Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 10 West in Pacific county, W. T.; with a view in the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of March, 1882, at 10 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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G. G. SMITH, Administrator.
Astoria, Jan. 26, 1882.

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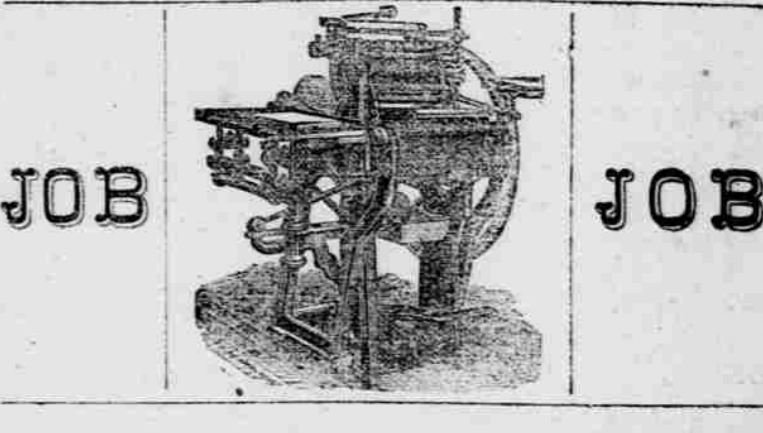
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