ASTORIA, OREGON, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1884.

OREGON FRESH SALMON.

Oregon salmon, taken from the lownorth of Point Orford, have for more than one generation been justly re-garded as the best fish of the variety in the world, with the single excepestuary of the Columbia will average above twenty pounds each, and it is they were either salted down in brine Preparatory to the final curing they had to be packed down for a day or two in salt water till the excess of oily substance should rise and be skimmed off, after which they were packed in casks and resulted for export. The expense of this method was found to eat away about all the profits, and for a good many years past the canning process has been followed to a better advantage. The canning of Oregon salmon has

gaged as fishers, cutters and canners. Its annual products are next to the wheat crop of that state in value. But it has been long known that, with cheap and rapid facilities for transportation, the most profitable disposition that can be made of the Columjust been commenced. One full refrigerator carload was landed by way of the Northern Pacific railroad, at New York, on the 19th of this month. The fish, we are told, were packed in boxes, which were surrounded by crushed ice, to keep the temperature of the car at the freezing point and from 10 to 12 degrees below, though freezing point would suffice as well as any degree below it. The car con-tained 100 boxes, each box having from 6 to 7, according to the size of the fish. If we assume 61/2 as the average, the car contained 650 salmon; and if we average them at 20 pounds each, there was an aggregate of 13,-000 pounds of salmon, or 61/2 net tons. As the average carload is 10 tons, it follows that the ice must have weighed 3½ tons, or 35 per cent of the cargo, 65 per cent. of fish. every 100 pounds of freight charged by the railroad against the shipper, he had 65 pounds of salmon and 35 cannot pounds of dead weight. The fish cost him, delivered at the cars at Portland, 5 cents per pound, the freight charge was 7 cents, boxes and ice in-cluded; and the shipper had to pay in addition the fare and wages of one person in attendance to regulate the emperature of the car by replenishing the melting ice. The fish retailed in New York at 29 cents per pound, leaving a profit of 8 cents per pound cost of the person who attended to the car. The profit on the whole carload of 12,000 pounds was \$1,040. Deduct the wages and fare of the attendant, say \$240 fare for the round trip and \$50 for wages, or \$290 in all, and we have a net profit for the shipper of \$750. His investment was: Cost of 13,000 pounds of fish, at 5 cents per pound, \$650; cost of 100 boxes, at 30 cents each, \$30; cost of ice, say 5000 pounds, at 1 cent per pound, \$50; cost of attendant's fare, prepaid to New York, \$120, or a total of \$850. The profit on this

or above 88 per cent. And so the experiment demonstrates that the new business will pay better than the old methods of disposing of the Oregon salmon. There is an un-limited market, and we may be sure that the first price will be well maintained as long as beef and mutton averages as high as they do now in New York. For, apart from the ques tion of luxury, these fish, pound for pound, contains as much substance as beef or mutton, and to use a home phrase, "will go as far in the fam-"Eight cars have been fitted out for the business, and after it beco thoroughly organized and perfected in its details a good deal may be saved in the cost of transportation. More over, it will be as easy to land the fish in prime condition at London or Liverpool as at New York, for the only requisite is to keep them frozen from first to last, and such salmon at London will be worth a good deal more than 20 or 25 cents per pound, when salmon from the friths of Scotland readily sell for 50 cents to \$1 a pound in that market.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Tom Marshall on the Yankee. The late Tom Marshall of Ken tucky was once making one of his brilliant speeches to a mass meeting of the southern people that had been entertained for hours by the repetition of the claim that northern men were poor-spirited traders, and so cowardly that one southern gentle-man was able to thrash five Yankees-He said: "These eloquent friends of mine are laboring under a grave de-lusion in asserting that Yankees are more cowardly and less willing to fight than their southern brethren. This is not the fact, and you will see it when I tell you that they have ore to fight for than we have. They have property, which we through our ignorance, indifference and laziness have failed to accumulate. It is law of our nature that our courage to defend is in proportion to the value of what we have to defend. Who among you here does not rank honor above life? Now the same American nature is to be found in Yankee land that exists in south land. We are all one family; but the Yankee adds to his sum of honor beautiful homes, wide possessions, great enterprises, and above all, cul-

ture to appreciate his ownings. Won't he fight for these? My gal-lant friend, sitting on his blood-steed er Columbia or from any of the out there, who spoke before me, streams that fall into the Pacific shakes his head in the negative. Well, let my gallant friend go with me to Cape Cod, for example. I will show him a long, lanky, bronzed and grizzled man idling by a hogshead of tion of the King salmon of the Yukon and other rivers of Alaska. In size sailor, with hands as hard as the harthose caught in the fisheries of the poon he handles. He is home from a cruise of three years in the northern seas-a cruise fraught with peril that not at all uncommon to take them of tries not for once but for every minthirty-five or forty pounds. We have ute of its existence the highest courpersonally seen many of that weight age, the coolest self-possession; for taken in sight of Astoria. The Oregon salmon caught in the height of the season, which runs from the 20th himself, who sits enthroned at the of April to the 1st of July, is over laid by a stratum of black fat from a quarter to a half inch thick, and the quarter to a half inch thick, and the red meat under this surface of fat is as solid as beef. In the first efforts to utilize these fish for commerce they were either salted down in brine This Yankee sailor must fight his and barreled, or salted dry and smok- way through continents of ice-fields, grinding and crushing along as mighty oceans tosses them onward. He must sail by icebergs that are floating mountains. And all these perils fade before the one that opens when, escaping them, he attacks the mighty monster of the deep-attacks him in a frail open boat, armed only with a harpoon, and conquers through the keenest skill-and this is the man too cowardly to fight a southern gen-tleman! We southern gentlemen can become a staple industry on the Columbia. It employs some millions in capital and thousands of laborers, entry this one. He may call the Yankee sailor a liar, a thief, a poltroon, and the fellow will laugh at him. He may even slap him in the face, and Yankee will appeal to the law and have my gallant friend laid by the heels in a jail. But let him touch that hogshead of whale oil to injure bia river salmon would be to ship it or destroy it, and it will take all my in the unsalted state to the eastern gallant friend's surviving heirs and markets. The first experiment on a assigns to put enough together to considerable scale in this bus ness has just been commenced. One full receive ourselves. Should the time ever come-which God forbid-when through madness we may try con-clusions with these brothers of ours, we shall have to purchase of them arms and ammunition to begin with -and coffins to end with."

Condition of the Navy.

"Commodore," said Secretary Chandler to Commodore Walker last Monday morning, "how many boats have we now in the navy?"

"Four," replied the Commodore.
"What kind are they?" inquired "We have a canoe that is being re

paired; a bateau, which is also being repaired; a skiff in good condition, and a dug-out that has four holes in its bottom."

"How many guns do they carry?" continued the strong man of the my what?" now modore Walker.

"Guns," said the Secretary. "Gans, guns-why, what are guns?" queried the officer.

Things that are loaded and go I," replied Mr. Chandler. "Well, Mr. Secretary," said Com-

modore Walker with a puzzled expression, "the only things I know of in the navy that get loaded and go off are the officers," Secretary Chandler discontinued the conversation.— Washington Hatchet,

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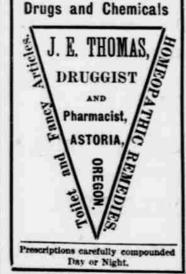
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