

The Daily Astorian.

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FACTS ABOUT SALMON.

ALLEN, of the New York Times, is responsible for many things. There was only one man in the United States beside Alden that knew as much about matters and things as Alden does. That man fell down a shaft in Calaveras Co., Cal., in the winter of '82 and is no more. In a recent effort to tell what he knows about salmon Alden perpetrates the following:

The recent frightful accident which happened to a stage in southern Oregon cannot fail to call the attention of the state authorities to the necessity of protecting settlers against the attacks of salmon. The stage in question was crossing Applegate creek when it was suddenly attacked by a drove of salmon. The stage was instantly overturned, and the hungry fish swarmed over it, while the stage driver, with great presence of mind, cut the traces of his horses, and throwing himself across the off wheel horse—a powerful animal, formerly the property of Dr. Goodrich of Olympia—managed to escape. The dispatch which conveys to us this painful story says nothing of the fate of the stage passengers, but, unfortunately, there is every reason to believe that they fell victims to the salmon.

The Oregon salmon has long been regarded by experienced western hunters as the most dangerous animal infesting the continent. It is much larger than the salmon of the Atlantic coast, and unlike the latter, which is a timid and inoffensive fish, it is fearless, aggressive and cruel. There is scarcely a river in Oregon which is free from salmon, and many of the streams are rendered practically impassable by the numbers and ferocity of the salmon inhabiting them.

To hunt the Oregon salmon requires iron nerves and great skill in the use of the rifle. The usual practice of the hunter is to hide himself on the bank of a stream and to send in his dog to arouse the salmon from their lair. When the fish come within gunshot the hunter fires, and unless he kills or disables the game at the first shot his chances for life are small. The infuriated fish will, in most cases, turn upon the hunter whose shot has been ineffective. One blow of the salmon's tail almost invariably proves fatal, and if he can once set his teeth in the flesh of the hunter he cannot be shaken off. The only chance of escape is for the hunter to drive his knife into the fish's heart, but such a blow to be effective must be delivered immediately behind the pectoral fin, and it requires the utmost coolness for a man to face the rush of a maddened salmon and wait until he can stab him in the most vulnerable part. Scores of hunters who have successfully fought the grizzly bear have fallen victims to the Oregon salmon, and scores of others, crippled and maimed, survive to tell the story of their blood-curdling experience while in the very jaws of a monster fish.

Were the salmon to confine themselves wholly to the water they would be comparatively harmless, for no man would be in danger unless he ventured into a salmon pool. But unlike most of our American fishes, the Oregon salmon is in the habit of leaving the water and wandering through the forest in search of prey. Men, women and children have often been chased long distances by salmon on the lonely Oregon roads, and an enormous number of sheep and cattle have been killed and devoured. Two years ago the forest in the neighborhood of East Melville, in southern Oregon, was infested by a pair of salmon of unusual size and ferocity. Hardly a night passed that some settler did not lose a valuable domestic animal, and no less than five human lives were sacrificed almost within sight of the Methodist meeting house. The people of the town never went out of their houses unarmed, and they lost so much sleep in consequence of the nightly and incessant roaring of the fish that life was really a burden to them. The town authorities offered a reward of \$1,000 for the head of either of the two salmon, but no local hunter was bold enough to make an attempt to gain it. These formidable fish were finally killed by a party of hunters—nine in number, who, assisted by a pack of well-trained fish hounds, tracked the fish to their lair in a small pool of stagnant water and shot them with a Gatling gun. Twenty-two bullets were found in the body of the male and seventy-four in that of the female. The former fell dead at the first fire, but the latter, although severely wounded, rushed on the hunters and succeeded in killing one and disabling eight dogs

before she was finally conquered.

In winter, the Oregon salmon, rendered more fearless than ever by want of food, roam over the country in packs and droves of from twenty-five to a thousand fish. No exact statistics as to the annual loss of life by salmon in Oregon are at present accessible, but it is believed that in proportion to its population Oregon loses as many inhabitants yearly by salmon as India loses by tigers.

The only way in which to meet this great evil is for the state government to offer a reward of say \$100 for every salmon killed within its borders. Such an offer would cause an instant emigration of thousands of fearless hunters from every state in the union to Oregon. Some lives would of course be lost, but the salmon would soon be practically exterminated, and it would become possible for a stage to pass even Applegate creek without being attacked and destroyed by salmon.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Sheriff's Sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop: W. S. Sisson, C. P. Church, E. Quackenbush, and S. Farrell, doing business under the firm name of Sisson, Church & Co., Plaintiffs, vs. S. D. Adair and W. B. Adair, partners under the firm name of S. D. Adair & Co., and John Adair, Jr., and John Adair, and Mary Ann Adair, Defendants. State of Oregon, Clatsop County, ss: By virtue of a decree of foreclosure rendered in the above entitled court and cause on the 8th day of January, 1885, and an order of sale and execution issued therein out and under the seal of the above entitled court, in favor of said plaintiffs, and against said defendants, dated the 9th day of March, 1885, for the sum of \$25,100.00 with interest thereon from the 15th day of February, 1884, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and the further sum of \$1,200.00, as attorney's fees for the foreclosure of said mortgages, said order of sale being to me directed, and commanding me to levy upon, and sell upon execution, the following described real property to satisfy said decree, viz: Block No. Four (4) in Adair's Astoria, Clatsop County Oregon, together with the wharves, buildings, tenements and appurtenances and hereditaments thereto belonging, and all lands and frontage lying north of said Block No. Four for a width of 500 feet east and west extending north to the ship channel of the Columbia river, and all water and wharf rights, privileges and franchises pertaining thereto, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree. I did on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1885, levy upon all the right, title and interest of said defendants and of each and every of them, in and to all and singular the above described lands, tenements and property, and notice is hereby given that by virtue of said decree, order of sale and levy, I will on the 15th day of April, 1885, proceed to sell said right, title and interest of said defendants and each of them, in and to all and singular, the above described real property as upon execution, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand. In front of and at the court house door in said county and state at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day to satisfy said decree and foreclose together with the costs of sale and accruing costs.

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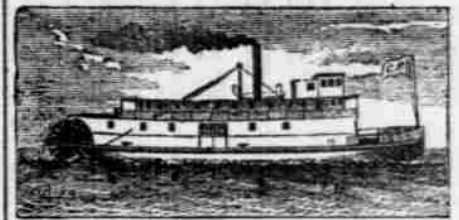
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