

In the course of editorial comment on the bill to regulate salmon fishing, recently passed by the Washington territory legislature, the Oregonian says:

It is possible that the salmon supply may be maintained by making the close season cover the early part of April or the latter part of July, but this is doubtful and can only be determined after experiment. The situation is so serious there is no time for experiment. The salmon supply is failing, and the law-makers of Oregon and Washington are face to face not only with a problem, but an emergency. In our judgment no suggestion has yet been made so wise as that which proposes for the next three or five years to make every second week a close time. Beyond all question this would be effective, and it would give time for experiment in artificial propagation. That it would be a hardship upon the fishing interest is quite true, but it would be temporary, while the failure of the salmon supply which seems imminent under the present system would be a permanent and incalculable loss, not only to those engaged in fishing, but to the country.

The suggestion, theoretically, is a good one; it is, however, hardly possible that it could be made work practically. It would be so costly an experiment, while manifestly nothing but an experiment, as to be, really, out of practical discussion.

To the canner, with his costly plant in operation, to the fisherman, with his sole means of livelihood literally halved in extent, the enforcement of such a law would be equally onerous. It would entail less expense on the interests represented to allow the river to go unfinished for one entire season than to occasion a season's expense without probability of profitable result.

This is not written from a narrow point of view. The fact is not forgotten nor overlooked that the public, the state and territory have rights, and that not only producers and consumers, but everyone in Oregon and Washington, and those who come after us, are interested, and should have presence in the minds of those who discuss and legislate upon this important matter.

As our contemporary justly observes: "The situation is so serious there is no time for experiment." But, owing to the imperfect knowledge of the habits of the salmon, all legislation regarding its propagation and preservation must necessarily be somewhat experimental in its effort and problematical in its result.

For instance: The present law, making a close season from Saturday night to Sunday night in the months of April, May, June and July, is pronounced to be a good one, and yet is good only in intent. It is no news to many here, but may be to many of our more distant readers, that the only effect of the law, when observed, is to send the boats a little further up stream for the Sunday night catch. Columbia salmon only go on one tide; that is, they go up with the flood and stop with the ebb. A school or run that enters the river with the next tide, be opposite the city, and the next twelve hours will be above Tongue Point, and so on. With the present Sunday law as regards salmon fishing strictly and literally enforced its only practical effect has been to make the catch of Sunday night and Monday morning unusually large; the fish that were not caught Saturday night and Sunday have moved just so much further up stream, and are caught there in place of further to ward the mouth of the river. Every fisherman on the river knows that.

And while the statement of this fact may at first glance appear to furnish excellent argument for the adoption of the Oregonian's suggestion regarding the making every other week a close time, yet, mature reflection will concede the inutility of the scheme. The only good effect that it might have would be to prevent concentration of gear and scatter it along a wider stretch of the stream.

In view of this habit of salmon to swim up but one tide and then pause for the next flood, it has been suggested that a law be passed making the close season vary as to tides and locations; that is, to instance, from the cape to Scarborough head be interdicted; from there to Tongue Point be closed on one day; from the Point to Brookfield or Cathlamet the succeeding day, and so on.

Let it be remembered that this is purely suggestive; it is but the briefest exposition of an idea with one sole object in view—the preservation of our noble Columbia salmon. It is but one of many projects apparently fanciful, but none the less sincere. That something must be done is evident. That a practical, effectual and satisfactory plan of preservation may be devised is the earnest wish of everyone directly and indirectly interested in the retention to the state and territory of this valuable factor in our common wealth.

DENIES THE CHARGE.

THE Tacoma Ledger quotes from THE ASTORIAN regarding the relation of Tacoma and the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and says:

For eight years the Ledger has from time to time endeavored to define what it believed to be the relation of the Northern Pacific railroad to Tacoma, but it has never been able to find words as apt as those just quoted. They are few, but significant. The characterization is brief, but comprehensive.

Then the Ledger loudly beats its breast and says that it is not backed by the N. P. company; that it is not run regardless of any profit or loss in legitimate business, and goes on to deny in toto all the assertions made by this paper regarding the business methods of the Ledger.

The Ledger has not fallen so low in the opinion of THE ASTORIAN as to be denied belief when it solemnly announces in a column editorial that appearances are deceptive and that it is not the bonded slave and born thrall of the N. P. company.

Indeed, it pleases us to make an effort in that direction for the sake of journalism in general, and we congratulate the Ledger on the awakened conscience that prompts the utterance of the commendable sentiments enunciated in its issue of last Sunday. But if the Ledger does not belong to the Tacoma Land company and is not the supple tool and easy mouth-piece of the N. P. Co., then it affords the strange spectacle of a journal gratuitously serving imperious taskmasters with a singleness of purpose, a fidelity of interest, and a continuity of effort that is as unusual as it is suspicious.

The next thing we will be told by some Oregon newspaper that breaks the law by publishing Louisiana lottery advertisements, is that it is doing it for fun.

We would not knowingly misjudge or unjustly write concerning any individual or newspaper, but will simply say that during several years careful reading of the Tacoma Ledger, we never knew it on any occasion to advocate any measure opposed to the interests or desires of the Northern Pacific managers, or to fail in justifying any of that corporation's efforts or attempts to control legislation or anything else in the territory that could be bought or beaten.

Brace Up. You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at W. E. Dement & Co's Drug Store.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Notice. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the Progressive Land and Building Association will be held in Liberty Hall on the second Saturday evening (11th) in February, 1922, at 7:30 o'clock. D. R. BLOUNT, Pres. W. B. ROSS, Secretary.

THE FIRST OF THE COURSE OF LECTURES To be given under the auspices of the Methodist Church of this City, will be given by **Ross C. Houghton, D. D.,** of Portland, at the **Methodist Church, Tuesday, Feb. 7** SUBJECT: **Tent and Saddle, Through Palestine** Doors open at 7:30 P. M. Lecture commences at 8 P. M. There are three lectures in the course; tickets are 50 cents for single lecture, or \$1 for the course.

Lost. ON BOARD OF THE "BONITA," BETWEEN Astoria and Kalama, or on train between Kalama and Portland, a monocoque bag containing about \$200 in notes and currency. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to THE ASTORIAN office.

There were three notes, one for \$50, payable to the order of M. C. W. Feldberg; payment of the notes has been stopped. M. C. W. FELDBERG.

Wanted. AT THE ASTORIAN OFFICE. THE ADDRESS of Wm. Rehme.

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Proposals Asked For. SEALED BIDS ARE ASKED UNTIL 1 P. M., Saturday, February 11th, next, for repairing the dam in Adair's slough. Specifications for, and all information as to the work to be done may be obtained from John Adair, Jr., Astoria, or from S. D. Adair, at his home. Bids to be addressed to John Adair, Jr., Astoria, Or.

BILL NYE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Advice to Lecturers, Amateur Prize Fighters and Banjo Players.

The following queries are thus answered because they did not contain stamps. People who lie awake nights trying to think of difficult questions to ask those whose time is taken up forgetting at the same time to inclose stamps for reply, should be rebuked. I now take this method of revenge in the following cases.

B. N. Callen—Your calling cards should be modest as to size and neatly engraved, with an extra flourish. In calling, there are two important things to be considered: First, when to call, and second, what to rise and hang on the door handle. Some make one-third of the call before rising, and then complete the call while rising, and holding the door open, while others consider the low and vulgar, making at least one-fourth of the call in the hall, and one-half between the front door and the gate. Different authorities differ as to the proper time for calling. Some think you should not call before 3 or after 5 p. m., but if you have had any experience and had ordinary sense to start with, you will know when to call as soon as you look at your hand.

Amateur Prize Fighters—The boxing glove is a large upholstered leather mitten, with an abnormal thumb and a string by which it is attached to the wrist, so that when you feel it necessary you cannot swallow it and choke yourself. There are two kinds of gloves, viz., hard gloves and soft gloves. I once fought with soft gloves to a finish with a young man, who exceeded in brute force and knowledge of the use of the gloves. He was not so tall but he was wider than myself. Longitudinally he was my superior, and finally, by an outburst of me. We did not fight a regular prize fight. It was just done for pleasure. But I do not think we should abandon ourselves entirely to pleasure. It is enervating and makes one eye swell up and turn blue.

I still think that a young man ought to have a knowledge of the many art of self-defense, and if I could acquire such a knowledge without getting into any trouble, I would surely learn how to defend myself. The boxing glove is worn on the hand of one party and on the gory nose of the other as the game progresses, they work very rapidly and unless they work down into the bronchial tubes and shut off the respiration.

Lecturers, New York City.—You need not weary so much of your lecturing, until you have written your lecture, and it would be a good idea to test the public a little, if possible, before you do much expensive printing. Your idea seems to be that a man should get a fine lithograph of himself and a 100 sets of slides, and then write his lecture to fit the lithograph and the slides. That is erroneous.

You say that you have written a part of your lecture, but do not feel satisfied with it. In this you will do well to find many people who will agree with you. You could wear a full dress suit of black with propriety, or a Prince Albert coat, with your hands in your pockets, in the southern part of Utah, being at that time temporarily basted, but still hoping to tide over the dull times by delivering a lecture on the subject of "Brains and how to detect their presence." I was not supplied with a neurological bust at that time, and as such a thing is almost indispensable, I borrowed a young man from Provo and induced him to let me have his bust for the occasion. I did so with thrilling effect, taking the entire gross receipts of the lecture course from my coat pocket while I was illustrating the effect of alcoholic stimulants on the raw brain of an adult in a state of health.

You can remove spots of egg from your full dress suit with ammonia and water applied by means of a common nail brush, and a 100 sets of slides, and then write his lecture to fit the lithograph and the slides. That is erroneous. You say that you have written a part of your lecture, but do not feel satisfied with it. In this you will do well to find many people who will agree with you. You could wear a full dress suit of black with propriety, or a Prince Albert coat, with your hands in your pockets, in the southern part of Utah, being at that time temporarily basted, but still hoping to tide over the dull times by delivering a lecture on the subject of "Brains and how to detect their presence." I was not supplied with a neurological bust at that time, and as such a thing is almost indispensable, I borrowed a young man from Provo and induced him to let me have his bust for the occasion. I did so with thrilling effect, taking the entire gross receipts of the lecture course from my coat pocket while I was illustrating the effect of alcoholic stimulants on the raw brain of an adult in a state of health.

F. D. Q.—The oyster of the Pacific coast is the only thing that the Pacific coast people do not try to eat. This bivalve is a small crab insect, with a strong desire to run largely to gizzard. He is unostentatious in his home life, and in stature about the height of a pressed peanut. The center of the Pacific coast lives to a great age, and never mummifies or repines. It is the party who eats him who repines.

They are not good with oil. I speak of this because I tried it, and I acquire an important fact I love to give others the benefit of that fact. Oil is a good thing to pour on troubled waters. I am told, but if you pour oil on a troubled oyster you will regret it after you have eaten it.

JAMES.—Yes, you may learn to pick the banjo without a master, if you adhere to it. Take your banjo for two or three hours every day, go into a second-hand tomb, which you can get no doubt at reduced rates, and there you may come with yourself and pick your banjo with much pleasure. Care should be taken, however, not to buy a picking banjo before it is ripe. Good-by, James. Write to me whenever there is anything comes up in your life which you do not understand. If you want to borrow money at any time, and you can't get it anywhere else, and I happen to have upon my creditors, come right to me with your troubles and I will give it my attention.

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