

FIRE MATTERS.

The protest of the Astoria fire department against the passage by the city council of an ordinance taking away from the foremen of the two companies the appointment of the engineers, is a just one.

The efficiency of a volunteer fire department depends upon the enthusiasm and heartiness that its members infuse into their arduous work. Without this enthusiasm it is dead.

This is a matter that can easily be settled; a little exercise of good sense; a little mixture of harmony, is all that is necessary.

All that need be said is that there is a slight misunderstanding, and an unnecessary conflict of authority. The council means all right. The members realize that all our interests are identical, and have no desire to be arbitrary or dictatorial.

The mistake that the council made is this: They forgot that there is a legally created and competent tribunal before which all fire department matters pertaining to the city of Astoria can receive adjudication, and which has sole jurisdiction in these matters.

The board of fire delegates, wisely created as a court of equity, hears and determines questions arising in the various companies, and if that board properly fills its functions there is no occasion for any friction between the splendid organization of the Astoria fire department and the gentlemen in the council chamber who vote the supplies and audit the bills.

We are all dependent upon each other in this matter. We cannot afford to quarrel; there is no need nor reason for quarreling; there is a way out which involves no loss of dignity on the part of the council, and no loss of zeal on the part of the fire department, and in pointing out that way THE ASTORIAN fills its duty to the public who are vitally interested in the matter.

SOME SALMON STATEMENTS.

FROM the most reliable sources obtainable THE ASTORIAN believes that the Columbia river spring salmon pack, to date, aggregates 320,000 cases. It is thought that the pack for the season, on this river, will be 400,000 cases. All this is of best quality. There will be no fall fish packed.

Whether there will be any fish packed in August depends a good deal on the action of the Washington canners. If they pack, some of the Oregon canners will, too.

The British Columbia pack will aggregate 350,000 cases. The Alaska pack may be set down at 500,000 cases.

It is not likely that much "outside" packing, that is fall fish, in the Oregon and Washington coast bays and rivers will be done.

The noticeable feature of the season as to sales is that Frazer river is sold exclusively in England; Columbia river salmon almost exclusively in the United States.

The Columbia river pack of 1890 has never been exceeded in quality. It is absolutely beyond comparison. Never in the history of the river has there been so much care exercised in the selection of fine fish, and the perfection of the superior process by which they are prepared for the palates of those who appreciate a fine article finely put up.

The Columbia river canners have the strength of position. Chinook salmon will be caught in the Columbia river when Alaska's fish pockets are fished out. The Columbia river salmon in flavor and superior excellence will always have the preference, and the way to preserve that preference is to make a Columbia river label an absolute guarantee of the purity and excellence of the prepared salmon in the can that it encloses.

GEORGE I. LAMMON, supervisor of the census for Nevada, estimates the population of the state at 45,000. As complete returns had not been received from the enumerators, the official returns may vary a few hundred from his estimate. In 1880 the population of the state was 62,266, which, assuming the supervisor's estimate to be correct, would indicate a loss of 17,000 in population in the last decade.

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There Halifax Herald says that we ought to adopt another name, as it thinks the United States of America is about equal to no state at all. "If our cousins," it remarks, "without even the suggestion of a smile, really intend to perpetuate the mistake they made a century ago in separating themselves from their kinsmen of the Anglo-Saxon race, they should try and give themselves a name befitting their ancestry and the land which British powers won for them."

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