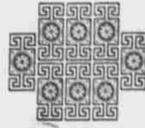


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WHAT UNCLE SAM

Is Doing for the Columbia River Salmon Industry.

Commission Has No Money to Waste in Trout Streams, but Will Plant It for Commercial Good.

The newly elected fish commissioner of the United States cannot be too highly commended for the action he is taking in regard to the propagation of salmon in the Columbia river. Two or three months ago he sent Special Agent Wilcox here, who made a careful examination of the situation here and forwarded to Washington an elaborate report. Upon receipt of this report, the commissioner telegraphed M. J. Kinney and others asking what in their opinion was the best place to locate a branch hatchery on the Columbia or its connecting streams. Later he sent other agents to look into that particular part of the subject, and finally sent out Dr. U. O. Fox and Mr. B. W. Evermann with authority to establish the first hatchery. These gentlemen after carefully examining the entire subject and making further personal investigation, decided to locate the first hatchery at the Cascades, and the work is now rapidly nearing completion. Snows were arranged for with wheels to dig the fish, and soon Uncle Sam's first hatchery will be in good working order.

The commissioner at Washington says he has no money to waste in fancy trout streams, but intends to spend it where it will do the most good commercially. The appropriation at his command is \$450,000. It is a well known fact that the Columbia river has been doing one-fifteenth of the fish business of the United States, and is therefore entitled to one-fifteenth of the appropriation. Other hatcheries, the commissioner says, will be established as rapidly as possible at different points on or contiguous to the Columbia river.

If the fish commissioner energetically pursues the course which he has outlined, the benefits to Astoria and the Columbia river cannot be measured. The future wealth and growth of the city will more than be doubled, and the value to the community at large will be almost equal to that of the railroad.

Dr. Cox stated when here that the commissioner was determined to restock the Columbia river with one hundred million fish every year. In view of all these facts it certainly behooves the people of Astoria and Oregon to supplement the work of the commissioner in every possible manner and assist him in a practical way to secure the most eligible sites for hatcheries. Let this work be carried on carefully and on scientific principles, and in ten years' time Astoria's population will number 25,000 people as a result of the fishing business alone. Astorians should

encourage the work at every turn and insist upon their congressmen lending every possible aid at the national capital. If the subject is dropped or passed over casually, it will certainly be one of the greatest mistakes ever made in this city. Not only those who are engaged in the fishing business, but every merchant and business man should put his shoulder to the wheel and render every service now that the best opportunity presented in twenty years is at hand. Strike while the iron is hot, and success will surely come.

CANNON BEACH.

Cannon Beach, Or., Aug. 17, 1896.
Editor Astorian:—
Perhaps a few lines from this delightful cottage by the sea may be pleasing to some poor mortals who are not so fortunate as to be able to get away from the cares of business and the heat, noise and other uncomfortable surroundings of towns in August. Here, at the well known Austin House, a jolly party are having a jolly outing. I left Astoria Saturday about 11 o'clock and taking my wife and little boy in a buggy, with Victor on horseback, we drove down to Mrs. Byrd's, where we met a large party from Lewis and Clarke river, three wagon loads of old and young folks out for a good time. After enjoying one of Mrs. Byrd's excellent dinners, we all strolled up to Gearhart Park to get our share of those loads of clams so kindly provided by Dr. Kinney. The bounties were fine, the candy was all, and the singing put everybody in the best of humor. As to the clams—well, I don't care much for clams, so will refer you to our mutual friend, Dr. Kinney, who is a great lover of the bivalve. The young folks had great sport getting home by just one lantern, and the older people, such as Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dow, Mrs. C. E. Jeffers, Mrs. Withers and Dr. Adair, were made to feel young again by the fun of the Misses Jeffers, Winters, Dow and their happy escorts.

Sunday morning we had to leave our Lewis and Clarke friends, they returning home and we coming on for a look at Cannon Beach. The drive from the Seaside House to Elk Creek was made in an hour and three quarters. The road is very good except in spots, where the late rains have made a few bad mud holes. Just here I would suggest that our county should take over the toll road and make it a free road. The settlers at and below Elk Creek are entitled to a free road. Coming straight along by Elk Creek we hoped to reach Hugg Point in time to drive around, but the tide was too fast for us and we left our buggy near another just north of the point and came over a good trail half a mile to the Austin House. Here we found Mr. Ward Sr., his son Ben and wife, with Mr. and Mrs. Wingate. They had only arrived an hour ahead of us and were equally impressed as ourselves, with the beauty of the drive from Seaside and the many grand pictures along the beach drive below Elk Creek. Indeed few of our own Clatsop county resi-

dents have any idea of the beautiful and delightful places that one can see in a day's ride from Astoria in this direction. But here is Mrs. Austin announcing breakfast, so more later.

JOHN ADAIR.

TO RECEIVE CHINA'S VICEROY.

Arrangements progressing for the reception of Li Hung Chang.

Washington, August 18.—Arrangements are progressing for the reception of Li Hung Chang when he arrives in this country on August 28. The Chinese minister and his suite will go to New York to receive the Earl, by which title Li Hung Chang is known among his countrymen of rank. Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who is now in the Adirondacks, will be in New York on August 26, to make preliminary arrangements, and will return there on the 27th to take part in the reception. Besides the visits to Washington and Philadelphia, which Li will make, strong efforts are being made to have his trip extended to Boston, where a reception will be given him. The first arrangements were such as to make the Boston visit impossible, but it is felt among the officials here that after his arrival some changes will be made so as to permit the Boston trip.

General Miles and others representing various branches of the government, will confer with the Chinese minister here as to the arrangements for his reception. It is probable an officer of the army and one from the navy will be assigned to meet the Chinese statesman and accompany him on his trip. It is probable, also, that a detail of troops from Governor's Island will take part in the reception at New York and that a troop of cavalry from Fort Myer will assist in the exercises here.

At first it was intended to rent an entire house in Washington and equip it for the accommodation of the Earl and his numerous retinue, which embraces twelve secretaries, and many servants. Owing, however, to the shortness of the stay here it has been decided to quarter the guests at a hotel.

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