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WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON?

The Shipping and Commercial List says: "Under the direction of Fish Commissioner Brice a large number of Pacific coast salmon are to be planted in Eastern waters. A fish car containing 5,000,000 eggs is on the way east, and the eggs will be planted in the Kennebec, Penobscot, Merrimac, Hudson, Delaware and Susquehanna rivers. Already 8,000 yearlings have been turned loose in the Penobscot and its tributaries. The commission is gratified with the result of its work on the Pacific coast this year. More than 27,000,000 eggs have been hatched, three times as many as were hatched in any previous year. Of these 26,000,000 were hatched at the new station at Battle Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento river in California. The commissioner secured a site which belonged to the California commission, and since has built an additional hatchery at the same place. It is now regarded as one of the best stations in the United States."

It used to be the custom of the average Columbia river canneryman to scorn all suggestions as to the importance of advertising his salmon. "The locality from which it comes," he would say, "is a sufficient recommendation for my goods." "The superior excellence of Chinook salmon is admitted throughout the world, and doesn't need any other advertisement." If it were timidly intimated that the mighty producers of such an incomparable commodity ought to organize for the protection and preservation of their lawful monopoly, and that a little judicious advertising might result in an increase in their sales and perhaps enable them to get a better price for their salmon, the packer's reply was apt to be that he already had an established trade for all he could pack, and that the price received for his goods was greater than that received for any outside variety of salmon.

Thus it went on for years. The prices obtained for chinook salmon were larger than those paid for any other salmon, and the demand continued good. It was a free-for-all race on the Columbia, and the cannerymen vied one with another as to who should put up the largest pack. To do this they often indulged in unfair and even questionable practices against each other, and with the false labeling of outside salmon, and the scramble which always ensued to quickly unload extraordinary packs—sometimes put up on borrowed capital—during seasons when there was an abnormal run of salmon, the quality and reputation of the famous chinook became greatly depreciated, and the price steadily went down in the market.

During all this time the packers of outside fish were thoroughly advertising their goods. They were forming compact organizations to everywhere extend and control their operations. The services of the government were enlisted in the investigation and publication of reports concerning their salmon, and the establishment of propagation stations. Every feature and phase of the salmon business was made the subject of study by their hired experts, and the market was constantly subjected to the closest scrutiny and the most scientific manipulation. It is unpleasant to dwell upon the consequences.

The Alaska, Fraser River, and California packers soon crowded their product into every market. Statistics show that in spite of the hard times there has been a remarkable increase in the general consumption of canned salmon, but it is a lamentable fact that the demand for Columbia river has been growing less each year. Nine-tenths of the consumers of salmon know of no difference in the grade of salmon, and where any distinction is observed in buying, it is more often than otherwise in favor of the Alaska salmon. With a protracted and bitter strike on their hands last season, caused by a demoralized market and their consequent inability to compete with outside packers in the price paid for raw material, Columbia river cannerymen put up 100,000 cases less than the previous season, and yet today it is said fully 25,000 cases of this limited pack is still on their hands and a veritable drug on the market—except at Alaska prices.

It is to be assumed that the United States government wants none but the best quality of salmon for transplanting in Eastern waters, and the item

from Shipping and Commercial List shows that even the scientific experts in charge of its fishery interests do not know where to get them. Of 27,000,000 eggs hatched in government hatcheries on the Pacific coast this year, 26,000,000 were hatched on the short and shallow Sacramento river in California. Five hundred million eggs shipped to stock Eastern rivers, and not one of them from Oregon salmon! And yet Oregon is the home of the salmon. The great Columbia river, famous even among the aborigines of the Pacific coast as producing the finest and most highly prized salmon, is totally ignored by the government experts in charge of its hatchery operations! New hatchery stations in California! The newspapers of the country decanting on the importance of the salmon fisheries of California, while royal chinook spring salmon remains a drug on the market! Something is evidently wrong with Columbia river salmon, and what it is we leave the Columbia river cannerymen to answer.

For a good many years, a controversy has waged over the question whether a singular or a plural verb should be used with the words "United States." Shall we say "The United States are," or "The United States is," etc.? This controversy took a political tinge. The old-time advocates of state rights, with the derivative doctrines of nullification and secession, insisted upon "are." In their view, this country is but a congeries of independent states—federated. It is true, but by no means losing their sovereignty because of that. Hence the terms "United States" to them requires the plural verb "are" to refer to the sovereign states of which the Union is composed. The advocates of the nationality theory took the opposite view. They held—and correctly, too—that the individual states are not nations, but surrendered their sovereignty to the national government when they entered the Union. Hence the term "United States" requires the singular verb, to signify that it is but one nation, not an aggregation of nations. The doctrine of state sovereignty received a severe blow by the outcome of the war, which negated the assumed right of secession, and established the fact that the United States is a nation—with a very big "N." Cleveland's recent message takes the ground that the United States "is." Twice he uses that form of expression.

"The United States has nevertheless a character to maintain as a nation." "Further, though the United States is not a nation to which peace is a necessity, it is in truth the most pacific of powers, and desires nothing so much as to live in amity with all the world."

The Democrats of the old school never agreed with this usage; and to see Mr. Cleveland voluntarily accept a form which relinquishes the old-time Democratic doctrine of state sovereignty, goes far to convince us that the world moves after all.

That Clatsop county needs a new courthouse, commensurate with the business to be transacted and the dignity and importance of this section of the state will not be gained by any one; that the miserable excuse for a public office building now used by our county officials is a disgrace to the city and county will be admitted by every citizen, and that it is entirely inadequate for the business of the county has long been patent to those having occasion to frequent the various departments. All have long felt the need of new and more commodious quarters, but no one has yet suggested a hard times way to secure a new building, until the suggestion offered by the Hon. C. W. Fulton, which seems to open a simple and feasible plan for securing the necessary funds with which to erect a commodious and handsome building. Doubtless all delinquent tax payers will be only too glad to step forward and pay up for such a purpose, and those who do not can have their property sold for this object with better grace than it would be done under ordinary circumstances.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never your mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gigmals," Chas. Rogers.

The new comet is only 55,000,000 miles away from the earth, but it is a great deal nearer than some of the offenders are to the offices—Baltimore American.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them, Chas. Rogers.

Many a shop started especially for the holiday trade will, after New Year's, slightly close its doors, and the place thereof will know it no more.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. Chas. Rogers.

The new lamps with their round globes have quite crowded out the silk-shaded affairs.

WEAK MEN CURED AS IF BY MAGIC. Victims of Lost Manhood should send for a book that explains how full manly vigor is easily, quickly and permanently restored. No man suffering from weakness can afford to ignore this timely advice. Book tells how full strength, development and tone are imparted to every portion of the body. Sent with positive proof (sealed) free to any man on application. ERIC MEDICAL CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

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Which Cured Him after Everything Else Failed.

Painful diseases are bad enough, but when a man is slowly wasting away with nervous weakness, the mental forebodings are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no let up to the mental suffering day or night. Sleep is almost impossible, and under such a strain men are scarcely responsible for what they do. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of sexual weakness until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to his aid in the shape of a combination of medicines that not only completely restored the general health, but enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have the method of this wonderful treatment free. Now when I say free I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

I am not a philanthropist, nor do I pose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary to mail the information, but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that although they cost nothing to get they are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 388, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

John W. Maynard, of Ann Arbor, Mich. and his wife celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding a few days ago. They have lived in the same house for fifty-two years. Mr. Maynard gave a good part of the land for the site of the University of Michigan; and, in fact, it was his gift that decided the commissioners to establish the university at Ann Arbor. Frederick Maynard, the present attorney-general of the state, is his son.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. We give away, absolutely free of cost, for a limited time only, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, a book of 1008 pages, profusely illustrated, bound in strong paper covers, to any one sending 21 cents in one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only. Over 800,000 copies of this complete Family Doctor Book already sold in cloth binding at regular price of \$1.50. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

A copy of the Deutsche Gedenkblaetter, 1876-77, printed by the royal secret court printing press and presented by the late Empress Augusta to Queen Victoria, is offered for sale at Frankfort on the Main by a second-hand book-seller. The book has in it the autograph dedication: "To my dear Victoria, from her faithful slave, cousin and friend, Augusta."

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positive cure for piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Charles Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

At the New York sub-treasury, where the numerous war pensioners of the state cash their pension checks, they have quite a queer collection of names. The places of honor is held by John the Baptist Theophilus Pfister. There are on the list Abel Cain, Christian Canary, Brazil Pepper, Amelia A. Turpin, Adam Apple, August Bilzard, Biddison Crow, Love Lar and Temperance Rumsy.

There are some people who are never positive in anything. It is always, "I don't know," or "I guess so." There is a world of such people, and it is refreshing sometimes to hear a person speak as one having convictions, like Mr. Chas. F. Snyder, of Bangor, Pa., who wrote: "I can heartily recommend Simmons' Liver Regulator to all who are troubled with Dyspepsia or Liver Complaint."

One of the deer licenses issued in Kalamazoo county, Mich., this year was taken out by a woman, Mrs. George Hildes. Although well along in years, she came out every fall with her husband during the deer-hunting season, and is as handy with a gun, as well as the fishrod, as most men are.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

Elmer Graydon, living near English, Ind., has named an infant son Abraham Lincoln Ulysses Grant William McKinley, and a neighbor, not to be outdone, has named his infant son Thomas Jefferson Andrew Jackson James Monroe William Jennings Bryan. At last accounts both infants were doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Miss Helen Dorich, now assistant librarian of the state library of Georgia, and who, the Atlanta Constitution says, is a young woman of great ability, would like to become chief librarian, and a bill is to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature making women eligible for the position. If the bill passes, she is to get it.

A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE. D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dyeman, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

A special winter number of the London Studio is to contain an article of Stevenson's never before published. It is an account of the novelist's stay at Monasterie in the autumn of 1878, and was originally intended to serve as the opening chapter of travels with a donkey in the Cevennens.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Bishop William David Walker, of the missionary jurisdiction of North Dakota, who has been chosen bishop of Western New York, is the tallest man in the house of bishops. When Phillips Brooks was bishop of Massachusetts he was next in Episcopal stature to the giant of North Dakota.

CASTORIA. The safe and reliable remedy for all ailments. It is a household necessity. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your "colic." If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy, or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store.

Lord Downshire, a young nobleman with a strong taste for mechanics, has had a complete railway, a mile and a half in length, laid down in his grounds at Hillsborough, County Down, Ireland.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength—U. S. Government Report. Mrs. Beck Meyer, the lady who represented the Scandinavian countries at the World's Fair, is at present a special lecturer at Stanford University, California.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for a long time before. Chas. Rogers.

The far-reaching fame of Alma-Tadema has possibly been responsible for the fact that few people know that his wife, Laura, is also an artist of no mean merit.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. Chas. Rogers.

The sultan of Turkey is constantly attended by a eunuch, who will be beheaded if the sultan should die of poison.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

In one of Boston's busiest thoroughfares there is a sign which reads: "Cole & Wood, dealers in wood and coal."

It is a fixed and immutable law that to have good sound health, one must have pure, rich and abundant blood. There is no shorter nor surer route than by a course of De Witt's Sarsaparilla. Chas. Rogers.

David Coulter, a Kansas prisoner charged with murder, has invented a corn-burning machine.

Nothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Chas. Rogers.

The after-midnight cry in a city are good places in which to study human nature.

OUTWARD BOUND OREGON GRAIN FLEET—1896-7.

Table with columns: SAILED, FLAG, NAME, TONNAGE, PORT, ARRIVED, CRUISE, VALUE, SHIPPERS, RATE. Lists various grain ships and their destinations.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO OREGON.

Table with columns: PORT SAILED FROM AND NAME, CAPTAIN, TONNAGE, COGNOMINE, DATE. Lists ships en route to Oregon.

FOR TILLAMOOK NEHALEM AND OTHER COAST POINTS. STEAMERS R. P. Elmore, W. H. Harrison, Augusta...

Hustler's Astoria. Situated on the south side of Astoria's hills. Twenty degrees warmer and vegetation 30 days in advance of the North side. Magnificent sites for residences, overlooking river and bay, sunny and sheltered. Easy and natural grades; little or no grading needed.

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The man who thinks there isn't much to see" along the Burlington Route's New Short Line to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, is mistaken. Half an hour after our train leaves Billings, it enters the great Crow Reservation. At Garry-owen, an excellent view of Custer Monument and Battlefield is had. At Sheridan begins the famous irrigated district of northern Wyoming. Near Moorcroft, the "Devil's Tower" lifts its huge bulk 800 feet above the plain. Then come the Black Hills, and after them, Nebraska's fertile farms.

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