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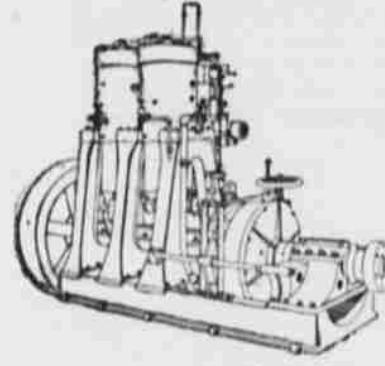
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### WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

Question of Interest to Columbia River Fishermen and Sound People.

#### OUR LOSS IS THEIR GAIN

Views of Seattle and Portland Business Men Concerning the Columbia River Salmon Business.

The condition of the eastern salmon market is causing the packers much anxiety, and unless there is an improvement in the condition of affairs there or here, the canning industry of the Columbia river will be totally demoralized. An informal meeting was called to discuss the situation by some of the leading packers Tuesday, which adjourned over until yesterday and finally dissolved without reaching any definite conclusion. No effort is being made by any cannery to get the few fish which are brought in by the limited number of boats out fishing, and instead of the fierce competition usually witnessed for the first fish of the season, there is a disposition on the part of each packer to find some excuse to send his fishermen to some other packer to deliver their catch. It is understood that a number of the packers who attended the meeting have determined to close their canneries until the market improves, and are offering their supplies for sale at a price below their cost. The fishermen's union will hold a meeting this Thursday night to consider the question of conceding the four-cent price fixed by the Packers' Association some two months ago, but it is very certain that the packers cannot, and a majority of them will not, pay that price for fish now. It is unlikely that there will be any repetition of the disturbances of last year, as the efforts of the packers this season will be to avoid taking fish, rather than to make the large packs of former years. After a careful review of the whole situation, it may be stated with absolute certainty that there will not be a cannery in operation on the entire river by the first of May if the price of raw fish continues at four cents per pound.

In a recent article on the opening of the salmon season on the Columbia, the Seattle P.L. says:

"Last year's strike is primarily the cause of all the present trouble, and its effects appear likely to operate against the fishing industry of the Columbia, in all its branches, for some time. For many years the heavy Eastern buyers have contracted with the Columbia packers for their entire output. Last year, owing to the strike, the packers were afraid to enter into any sort of contract. Later in the season an agreement was reached, but, in the meantime, the buyers had contracted for supplies elsewhere, and when the fish began to come in packers would take only a small percentage of the catch to put up on speculation.

"The Eastern buyers have now found new sources of supply in the canneries of Puget Sound and Alaska, and the Columbia packers will not easily recover the trade."

In the same article is given the following interview with a prominent salmon dealer, which contains much of interest to packers and fishermen:

"The price paid by the packers to the fishermen for chinook salmon on the Columbia for the past four or five years was entirely too high to afford them a profit on their investment, selling price taken into consideration. As there has always been a good demand for choice brands of chinook salmon, the high prices were continued as a sort of freeze-out game, and it has had the desired effect of crowding several of the weaker concerns out of the field.

"The Columbia river salmon is not so popular in the market as it was at one time, for the reason that large quantities of inferior salmon are packed on the various coast streams, in both Oregon and Washington, and much of this salmon is branded 'Columbia River Chinook,' and sold to consumers as such. This has had a tendency to turn a great many people against all salmon that is branded 'Columbia River Salmon,' and they prefer to buy salmon that they know is not as good as Columbia river chinook salmon, but better than the imitation. It is acknowledged by all that Columbia river chinook salmon is the finest salmon there. Any one who can afford to buy canned salmon is willing to pay 2 or 3 cents more for a can of sweet-meated, rich, fat, steak chinook salmon, if he is always sure of getting what he bargained for."

"The strike on the Columbia river

last fall was the direct cause of some of the heaviest buyers of Columbia river salmon getting their supplies from other sources. It will be hard to get these customers back unless the prices are considerably reduced on the Columbia. If all the Columbia river packers were to unite and decide upon one brand and pack all their chinook salmon under that brand and then advertise the brand, I do not think they would have any trouble in selling all their salmon at a good price. As it is, there are so many different brands that it is hard for any one to keep track of them, as to which is good and which is not.

"The prospects for the approaching season on the Columbia are not what might be called flattering. While no strike is talked of at this time, still things are not in a settled condition, and should the run of salmon be light, it is hard to tell what the fishermen might do before the season is over."

#### CIRCUIT COURT

Judge McBride yesterday handed down a number of decisions, some of which are of more than ordinary interest:

Griswold, Palmer & Co. vs. Isaac Cohn; case settled and dismissed.

Daniel Campbell, a native of Great Britain, was admitted to United States citizenship.

State of Oregon vs. J. H. D. Gray. "This cause having heretofore been submitted upon the law, the court now finds that the indictment herein does not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime, and the said cause is therefore dismissed."

State of Oregon vs. Gus Snugg, jointly indicted with Jack Novak, Geo. Peal et al. "The motion to set aside the verdict and discharge the defendant having been heretofore argued, and it now appearing from the record that at the date of the trial herein only three defendants, to-wit: Gus Snugg, Jack Novak and George Peal, remained on the indictment charged with riot, and the said Jack Novak having been at the same trial duly acquitted, and the jury having there-

by found that the defendant did not act with Novak and Peal, and therefore that the persons charged were not acting together in the commission of an unlawful act, but that one of the three persons charged was innocent of any participation in the unlawful act charged, and it therefore appears from the verdict that no riot was, or could have been, committed by the defendant, the verdict is set aside as to said Snugg, and the defendant discharged and his bond exonerated."

Julius Jacobs vs. R. L. Jeffrey et al. Decree for plaintiff for \$111 and \$35 attorney's fees, neither party to recover costs.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph L. Moore deceased. Appeal from county court; judgment of county court reversed and ordered that county court issue letters of administration to J. W. Bottoms upon approval of bonds.

J. W. Spencer vs. J. P. Carlson. Argued and submitted to the court on report of referee.

Astoria Building and Loan Association vs. Annie Feakes et al. Default allowed and interest.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday:

H. A. Smith and wife to E. D. Boyd, lot 18, block 60, New Astoria ..... \$ 10.00

Albert Kolstad to C. G. Palmberg, undivided half interest in lot 13, block 3, East Warrenton ..... 100.00

P. C. Warren and wife to P. A. Anderson, lot 9, block 2, East Warrenton ..... 125.00

James Maher to C. R. Higgins, a certain portion of land in lot 6, section 6, township 4 north of range 10 west ..... 75.00

James Fox to Mabel McCormick, west half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter and northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 17, township 6 north of range 8 west ..... 1,000.00

County of Clatsop to E. D. Boyd, lot 18, block 60, New Astoria, and lots 22, 24, block 34, Pacific addition to Astoria ..... 1,000.00

James E. Bruce Jr. to Nelson Pratt, south half of southeast quarter section 6, north half of northeast quarter section 7, and northeast quarter section 18, township 7 north of range 6 west ..... 1,000.00

A. R. Narroway and wife to Jas. E. Bruce Jr., same property ..... 1.00

United States patent to Lewis P. Shelby, north half of northeast quarter section 7, and south half of southeast quarter section 7, township 7 north of range 6 west ..... cmfwy

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