

FRASER RIVER SALMON PACK

Tremendous Increase in the Past Ten Years is Recorded.

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

Propagation Cannot Account for It All—Columbia River Propagation Must Be Increased.

In reply to an inquiry as to the pack of salmon on the Fraser River for the present year, Mr. S. S. Gordon has received a letter from a gentleman in Vancouver, B. C., who is indirectly interested in the result and in a position to know, which is as follows:

"The official returns for the Fraser River pack have not been published as yet, but as close as I have been able to obtain the figures it is 300,000 cases. Of this amount only about 200,000 cases are fall fish; the balance is all sockeye crabs. I think if anything, the actual figures will exceed the amount stated. I have been unable to get the Sound pack as complete, but think it is about 40,000 cases, of which 30,000 is sockeye and balance fall fish of various grades."

Ten years ago the Fraser River canners were satisfied with a pack of 25,000 cases in a "big year," which is one in every four years. Now they can move that double these figures in a stream not one-tenth the size of the Columbia. It would be interesting to know how much of this increase is due to propagation and how much to closer fishing, but they have been propagating for years, and the report from Mr. McNab, inspector of fisheries, published yesterday, shows they are turning out some 6,000,000 fry a year, though as they need 11 fish to the case this supply would not seem enough for this enormous increase in the pack.

It is plain that to properly compete in the world's market the Columbia River must be stocked with young fish in quantities that have not before been considered necessary. The Columbia can just as well hatch 6,000,000 as the 2,000,000 that are expected to be turned out this year, and if it comes to a battle for supremacy in the ocean feeding grounds, the Royal Chinook ought to have the best of it.

The steel heads are only good for shipping fresh in ice, and those who are specially interested in handling frozen fish should, in the opinion of dealers, look after the propagation of this species, particularly as the initial hatchery will cost only \$300.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.
Action Taken Yesterday Upon Matters of Public Interest.

In the county commissioners court yesterday the matter of the purchase of property adjacent to the Upper East Estate Exchange and J. K. Kelly, a citation was ordered for the parties to appear Thursday, January 5, 1898, at 10 o'clock, and show cause why the order made compelling and settling the purchases for 1892 and 1893 should not be set aside or modified.

A petition from M. S. Warren and others to establish a county road commencing at a point on the Necanicum road was read, and a communication from D. F. Stafford stating that owing to the bad weather the voters were unable to vote the premises of John Volmer to determine the amount of damages and asking further time, ordered that the time for filing the report of the voters be set for the next regular term.

In answer to a communication from J. Q. A. Bowyer, asking if the county surveyor is a citizen of the United States. The surveyor appeared and informed the court that he was naturalized at Omaha, Neb., September 15th or 18th, 1897, and has sent for a copy of the order.

In the matter of the defalcation of B. J. Ward, former treasurer. Ordered that the matter of the county intervening in the suit of A. Schilling et al. vs. W. G. Howell et al. be referred to the county judge with authority to order necessary action to be taken if in his judgment advisable.

RANCHERS BURNED OUT.
F. A. Henry and Brother Experience a Severe Loss by Fire.

Early this week the cabins of F. A. Henry on the Upper Nasel, back of Knappa, was burned to the ground. It seems that Mr. Henry, accompanied by his brother Frank, had donned their working apparel and started down the river a few hundred yards from the cabin intending to remove a log jam. They remained away about two hours. On returning they found their home in ruins, not a stick, article of furniture, clothing, or grub being left. Everything had been wiped out clean by the fire. In the house was stored away about 500 pounds of eatables besides their clothing. In the pockets of their coats was about \$150 in greenbacks, besides a small amount of coin.

Both gentlemen's watches were consumed. The loss entailed amounts to about \$400. Last evening the gentlemen arrived in the city and this morning will purchase a new outfit. They will go back this afternoon and with the help of friendly neighbors soon have a new and more substantial structure where the old house stood.

It is supposed that the fire caught from the sill under the old fire place.

A COLORED SUPPLEMENT.
Dear Mrs. Sandy Class:
Dunno if you's gwine to member dis yer chile on Xmas morn, cause I know I's pow'fully wicked, I is; but if you's gwine to put a, thing 'tall in my large Xmas socks, I hope you'll not forget to bring something youseful.

Missus, she alius say: How Herman Wise he keep a pow'fully large sortment of comfable presents: nital handkerchiefs, lamb wool and sheep wool and all wool undersuits, sock dat am darned and darned if you don't wear em; he's done bought a heap site of neckties, speaders, nighty warm overcoats for big uns and young uns; umberehoots and parashoots; and a heap of other buteful things to wear and other wares.

Anybody dat knows anything 'tall knows dat Herman Wise he sells thiner, a heap site cheaper than anybody else.

So dear Mrs Sandy, please siddler dis yer little chick, and I swahr never to be wickid no moar; I see good, 'markably good now. Smullyday yours,
GEORGE WASHINGTON THOMAS
JEFFERSON LAUGH A YET.

WILL REMAIN.
By request of patients and increase of business, Dr. Darrin will remain until further notice at 46 Bond street, Astoria, where he can be consulted free of charge from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The doctor has reduced his fees to only \$5.00 per week, or in that proportion of time as the case may require. Most cases can be treated at home after one visit to the doctor's office. All business relations with Dr. Darrin are strictly confidential. Inquiries answered, circulars and question blanks free. Office hours from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.

TO THE AFFLICTED PUBLIC.
For many years I have been a sufferer with my hips and rheumatism, so my back and joints became stiff and hardly able to get around. I will say I have been making treatment from Dr. Darrin for ten days and believe I am on the right road to be entirely cured by electricity.
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Medical Director,
586 Commercial Street.

BANK NOTICE.
The twelfth annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Astoria, for the election of directors and transaction of other business, will be held at the banking office, Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at 4 p. m.
S. S. GORDON, Cashier,
December 11, 1897.

AROUND TOWN.
SATURDAY.
Live up to the best that is in you—Longfellow.

Fry Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.
TO WEAR DIAMONDS CHEW SODA MINT.
The Parlor has received a full line of Xmas goods. Call and see.

A picnic in the winter. Basement of Congregational church, December 17.
Umbrellas covered and repaired by a practical workman, at 118 Ninth street.
The Assembly Club dance at the Ford & Stokes hall last night was a very successful affair.
Mr. F. P. Kendall and wife left last night for Portland. Mr. Kendall will go on to San Francisco.



Dress Shoes for Ladies

COLUMBIA SHOE COMPANY
533 COMMERCIAL STREET.

TODAY'S WEATHER.
Rain; gales on coast.
E. A. DE YO IS AGENT FOR SODA MINT GUM.

Hot Scotch and hot Tom and Jerry at the Office.
WANT A NEW BIKE? CHEW SODA MINT.

Groceries at the lowest prices at the Pacific Grocery Co.
The choicest candies and nuts can be found at the Parlor.

FOR YOUR STOMACH'S SAKE CHEW SODA MINT.
Bicycle and repair shop at 118 Ninth street. Charges reasonable.
Why buy Christmas presents when De Yo is giving them away.

Our prices are the lowest in the city. Call and see us. Pacific Grocery Co.
Alex Brimmer leaves this morning for a visit to his parents in Toronto, Canada.

Ask for sample of Chase & Sanborn's famous teas, at Ross, Higgins & Co's.
Mrs. Nelson Troyer and Mrs. G. W. Lounsbury left for Portland last evening.

You can always find the best cream ry butter and sweet, fresh cream at the Parlor.
At the A. P. C. bowling alleys yesterday Mrs. Ingalls scored 51 and M. M. Picken 55.

The M. E. church fair on the 14th will be one of the successful events of the Christmas season.
A pretty souvenir given with every order for coffee and cake. Congregational church sale, December 17.

Do not miss the Methodist Bazaar. Come to the fancy drill at 9 p. m., Tuesday evening, December 14.
For Sale—A small piano; price \$50. Inquire at S. Kitchoff, corner Tenth street and Franklin avenue.

Dr. Bishop has removed his office and rooms to 522 Commercial street, over the Co-operative Grocery Co.
New crop dried fruits, new crop raisins, figs and assorted nuts—all extra fine quality, at Ross, Higgins & Co.

Dolls' hats from 2 cents up to 25 cents, and wraps from 2 cents up to 15 cents, at "opening," Tuesday, December 14.
The lighterage for the Hyson is expected next every day, and she will finish loading and get to sea as soon as possible.

Charles E. Austin, Denver; Henry Fleckenstein, Portland; Wm. Malby, Chinook, are registered at the Parker house.
Charles R. Thompson, C. W. Lawrence, Portland; F. M. Cox, U. S. army; J. G. Meyster and wife, Brookfield, are registered at the Occident.

Congregational church—"Spiritual Dyspepsia" and the "Gnawing Worm of Human Nature" will be the themes. All are welcome. E. S. Bollinger.
Children, save all your cent pieces, to buy the newest styles in hats and wraps for your dolls, at the "opening," Tuesday, December 14, at Methodist Bazaar.

The funeral of the infant child of C. A. Trowbridge took place yesterday morning from the family residence and the remains were interred in Clatsop cemetery.

Bring Back Monday
what you don't like Sunday. That relieves all anxiety if you buy something that should not suit. Our goods are just as good—if you return them—as when you buy them, and your money back if we cannot please you.
Our 120 Solid Gold Ladies' Watch will make an elegant Christmas present.

J. H. SEYMOUR
JEWELER
406 COMMERCIAL STREET

Plum pudding, cranberries, sweet cider and a large line of other reasonable staple and fancy groceries at Ross, Higgins & Co.

The lighthouse tender Columbine will be laid up for about two weeks and will have her machinery overhauled by the Astoria Iron Works.

FALL AND WINTER OPENING OF DOLLS' HATS AND WRAPS—METHODIST BAZAAR, CHURCH, DECEMBER 14, AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Robert Heckard, the 17-year-old son of F. R. Heckard, after an illness of two weeks, died Thursday night of typhoid fever. He was first afflicted with appendicitis.

NOTICE: The public should remember that there is but one original, although Queen heater in the market, and that Fisher Bros. are the exclusive Astoria agents.

The storm still continued yesterday, with a heavy wind at the cape. Nine hauled vessels are harbor bound. It was Friday and a fit day to record on the blue book.

Sunday, December 12, the thirtieth Sunday in Advent. Divine services at Holy Innocents', Upperrow, at 9 a. m. At Grace church, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m.

You have a number of presents to make, and necessarily must limit the amount to be spent on each gift; therefore you must go to Shanahan Bros., the only store that sells cheap.

Two young girls intending to attend school after the holidays can find a good home at Mrs. E. C. Holden's in return for services rendered in light housework. Call at 405 Duane street.

The owners of the Potrimpas have decided to remove everything movable from the vessel, and Mr. Lawrence Ford, who has returned to San Francisco, will finish his work next summer.

One of the "features" of the Ladies' Bazaar, at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, will be a "fancy drill" by sixteen young ladies in costume, drill at 9 p. m. No charge for admission.

A large variety of fine hem-stitched lace (rimmed) handkerchiefs and delicate pin cushions will be for sale at the Bazaar at the Methodist church, Tuesday, December 14, afternoon and evening.

Largest and most complete assortment of all-light heaters in the city. All the kinds advertised in this paper may be seen and compared at our store, then your selection will be satisfactory to you. Ford & Stokes Co.

To those who drink whiskey for pleasure, HARPER Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake, HARPER Whiskey makes life worth living. Sold by Ford & Stokes Co., Astoria, Oregon.

MESSES ELSIE ELMORE AND MINNIE LIGHTER BEG TO ANNOUNCE THEIR OPENING OF DOLLS' HATS AND WRAPS AT METHODIST BAZAAR, AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF DECEMBER 14.

Nothing has since been heard of Wm. Teller, who left on a hunting trip near Tompa point a few days ago, but the skin was picked up near Knappa and was brought over by the launch Triton yesterday. It is considered certain that he is drowned.

Mayor Taylor has signed the ordinance for the improvement of Commercial street between Seventeenth and Twenty-third, and Twenty-third street between Commercial and Exchange. The bids for the improvement will be opened at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, December 15.

The funeral of Mrs. Wright, who died of consumption at St. Mary's hospital, will be held this morning and the remains interred in Clatsop cemetery. She leaves a large family who are in destitute circumstances and Astorians will see that proper care is taken of them.

The petition for the Young's bay bridge is at Schiele's clear store and additional signers are wanted, as some who signed the original petition were not qualified to sign. Monday will be the last day for signing and it is desired that as many as possible attach their names.

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