SALMON PROPAGATION.

Interesting Facts that Should Set Oregonians to Thinking.

THE [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Columbia [illegible] the supply of fish in the Columbia River [illegible] the State of Oregon who is interested in the development of the salmon industry.

It is indeed surprising when we consider its extent, the good values it [illegible] the amount of money invested in canneries, good boats, [illegible] large number of people [illegible] the annual contribution [illegible] which the more intelligent [illegible] of all [illegible] it. Every one who has an interest in the state of our salmon fishing the last decade knows that hundreds [illegible] ing our fisheries have been and are [illegible] hill to be kicked about and treated for a vote for any political [illegible] ing the fry for or practicing the fish and enforcement of her fish and game laws a staff of deputies being employed for this work.

As State Fish and Game Protector H. G. McGuire suggested in his last report Oregon should either make an appropriation of sufficient amount to enable the persons charged with the duty of enforcing the laws for protecting the fish and game to do so, or abolish the office. It is certainly unbecoming alike to deride an office and make it the duty of the person filling it to perform certain work which cannot be done without the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, and then impair or refuse to provide him funds with which to perform the work.

A comparative statement of the value of the product of our fisheries, number of people employed and state appropriations schedule that [illegible] to have pass?

It seems strange that our law-making body should for years have been so remiss in providing for the preservation and protection of an industry that furnishes employment to so many of our people, and has contributed so largely to the wealth of the State.

There can be no doubt but this apathy or indifference upon the part of our legislators in the past is largely attributable to the lack of knowledge of the importance of the fishing industry to this State.

There seems to be a determined and concerted effort now inaugurated to arouse a [illegible] and we are pleased to note that a large number of the press of the state have given space to articles on this question which will no doubt lead to decided assistance in arousing the dormant [illegible] of securing the passage of a [illegible] measure during the [illegible] session.

It must certainly seem to a system of education [illegible] shrewd people, and [illegible] if [illegible] interest in [illegible] of the vote [illegible]

[illegible] and more than one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]