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WORLD'S FISHERIES CONGRESS IN SESSION

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—The men who commune with nature in the trout pools and on the gleaming rapids, and who know what the depths of the lakes and seas of the world contain—who can propagate fish in the sand hills and raise carp on green corn—these are gathered within the gates of Washington today to compare notes, to acquire more of the lore of Isaak Walton and his disciples, and, in general, to discuss important questions relating to fishermen, pisciculture and the most necessary piscatorial legislation.

The occasion of the gathering is the fourth annual session of the International Fishery Congress. Since the first meeting of the Congress held in Paris in 1900, the organization has grown from a comparatively small body of enthusiastic scientists to be a truly national movement, with hundreds of interested members, with energetic support from practically every government of the world and with laymen as active as the work as the most abstruse students.

The foreign delegates were received by the Secretary of State in the Diplomatic Reception Hall of the State Department. The first meeting of the congress was held in the hall of the National Geographic Society. Among those who welcomed the delegates was Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S. Straus. The business sessions of the congress began this afternoon in the assembly room of the New Willard Hotel and will continue until the end of this week.

During the convention the members of the congress will be received by President Roosevelt at the White House, and Secretary Straus will give an evening reception. Luncheons will be given to the delegates by the American Fisheries Society, the Blue Ridge Rod and Gun Club and the Alaska Packers' Association, and there will be a large banquet at which the official representatives of foreign governments will be the guests of the congress.

Among the subjects which will be discussed by the congress are those relating to commercial fisheries, matters affecting fishermen and the fishing population, regulation of fishing, international matters affecting fisheries, angling and sport fishing and the disease of fish. The artificial cultivation of the oyster and lobster will be given special attention.

Next week, following the close of the congress, the members will hold special meetings in New York, Boston, Gloucester and other places, for the purpose of enabling them to visit localities in which they have a special interest.

MAPLETON ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.)

Mapleton, Sept. 21.—"Old Dad" Hollenbeck has now started what we call a novel fish market. He made his first sale of fish last Saturday. He sells fish in the river uncaught at 30 cents per head, cash in advance invariably, and those he catches he sells higher, according to size and quality. Last Saturday he sold Joaquin Miller's brother Jim, the long-haired man, fish running at large in the river at 30 cents, cash in advance. "Old Dad" is doing a rushing business now. If you people want fish you should send in your orders at once to avoid the rush. Be sure to state whether you want them caught or uncaught.

Last Friday Miss Fannie Colvin, of Eugene, arrived here on her way to Florence to teach the intermediate department of the Florence school. Will say the people of Florence made a lucky strike in securing Miss Colvin as one of their teachers. She is a normal graduate with five or six years' successful teaching. The past three or four years she was first assistant in the Junction City public schools. She comes well recommended.

Mr. Editor, people here are talking or organizing a W. J. Bryan club, not for the purpose of securing votes, as we all have voted for W. J. B. or Andy Jackson since 1896, but we want to assist in the campaign. Now Mr. Bryan has limited us on receipts—we can only take $5 and under. They are going to make me president and treasurer—in fact, I am to be the whole thing. Will let you know more next time. Yours truly,

OLD BILL OBEDIAH.

ELMIRA ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.)

Elmira, Sept. 21.—The weather is fine after the rain, but the farmers are hoping for more so that they can go to plowing.

Bert and Charlie Inman are spending a few weeks at Belknap Springs.

John Jeans and Mr. Tripp went out hunting and brought in a big cougar, besides other game.

Mr. Kidwell has moved his family to Washington state.

There is quite a lot of building going on in Elmira at present.

The farmers in this vicinity are glad to hear of the new milk condensery that is going to be built in Eugene. That is the thing the dairy men have been wanting for a long time. The farmers have been building up their herds and there are some fine dairy cattle in these parts and for the last few years all the cream has been shipped to Corvallis and Monroe, taking thousands of dollars from Lane county.

Mrs. Lillie Inman and daughter, Virle, attended the fair at Salem one day last week.

There have been several Mormon elders around in this vicinity lately. They preached in the Baptist church on Wednesday night and had an audience of five.

Reese Zumwalt made a flying trip off somewhere last week and no one could find out where he went, but all suppose there was an old maid in the case.

Ernest Duckworth has been hauling oats to Meadow the past week.

Miss Daisy Pollock, of Eugene, who has been visiting Miss Lulu Yates, has returned to her home in Eugene.

SCHOOL GIRLS

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