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Epic Voyage Made 150 Years Ago

It was exactly 150 years ago this month that Captain George Vancouver in command of a hardy crew aboard a 408-ton sailing ship appropriately named "The Discovery" set sail from England for the little known and mysterious North Pacific coast. The many exploratory achievements of Vancouver in this area during the years 1791-1793 are universally recognized today. He discovered and named, either for members of his crew or friends back in England, such familiar northwest landmarks as Puget Sound, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker, Whidby Island, Hood Canal, Vashon Island, Port Townsend, the Gulf of Georgia and many others.

One important yet relatively unknown discovery which can be attributed to the Vancouver expedition however, was made by Vancouver's ship surgeon and botanist, Archibald Menzies. Born and educated in England Menzies studied botany at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh, later entering the English navy as an assistant surgeon. Hearing of the proposed expedition to the opposite side of the earth he expressed to Captain Vancouver his desire to accompany it as ship surgeon so he could continue his botanical studies. He was accepted, being later destined to make botanical discoveries equally important to the geographical ones of his associates.

Vancouver's tiny ship sailed around the Cape of Good Hope, thence across the Indian ocean, thru the East Indies, and across the broad Pacific first sighting the North American continent which was then known as "New Albion" nearly four months after leaving England. In sailing north along the Pacific coast, Vancouver, thru some quirk of fate, failed to discover the mouth of the Columbia river the presence of which was then unknown. However his many later discoveries in the Puget Sound and British Columbia areas more than recompensed for this oversight.

The expedition proceeded slowly up the Strait of Juan de Fuca, reputedly named after a legendary Greek Navigator who is said to have been the first white man in the region about 1592. Vancouver ordered a halt off the heavily wooded coast near the present location of Port Townsend, from where he sent out several small boats on exploratory trips about the region. One of the boats manned by crew members named Puget and Whidby worked as far south down the island waterway as the present site of the city of Tacoma.

During this period of reconnaissance botanist Menzies was busily engaged in exploring the luxurious vegetation which he found ashore. Among the many evergreen trees examined he was particularly impressed with a giant species which he recognized as somewhat similar to the Cedars of Lebanon found growing in Asia Minor and to which reference is made in the Bible. Today it is known as Thudja plicata or Western Red Cedar.

Menzies not only noted their distinctive odor, immense size and graceful beauty but he also observed the wide use to which the native Indians of the region, some friendly, some hostile, put this species of wood. They used it for their excellent sea-going canoes, for their everyday camp needs, for their tribal burial coffins, he even saw they took "cedar wool" from the bark and wove it into primitive blankets. Upon inquiry he was told by the Indians thru the use of signs that the reason for their use of this particular tree was its extreme durability and resistance to the weather.

At the time Menzies certainly did not foresee the widespread usage which Western Red Cedar would receive as a roof and sidewall covering by millions of his fellowmen who would come to settle in "New Albion" years later. Wood shingles were used in England however as far back as the middle of the 14th century. The use of this material was transplanted to America with the Pilgrims.

Naturally when the first pioneers followed the Lewis and Clark expedition into the Pacific northwest they constructed their homes from the everlasting cedar. With the coming of the transcontinental railroads to the northwest in 1885 the manufacture of shingles from Western Red Cedar trees sprang into a great industry almost overnight. Today over 94 percent of all wood shingles are made from this hardy species which grows in commercial quantities in the states of Washington, Oregon and the province of British Columbia.

So it is the red cedar shingle industry has played an important role in the development of the Pacific Northwest. And an obscure botanist

and surgeon in Vancouver's sailing company, Archibald Menies, might well be named the "father" of the industry.

TROUT FISHERMEN MUST WATCH THEIR STEP

One who goes out fishing these days will need to carry a copy of the fishing regulations and a detailed map with him in order to know where he may cast his line without becoming entangled with the law, or rather, whether or not to indulge in his favorite sport. Many of the streams are closed to all angling while they are supposed to be properly posted with warning signs by the game wardens these signs are often torn down by thoughtless boys or others or otherwise destroyed.

In Clackamas county the following streams or parts of streams are closed to all fishing.

All tributaries of the Salmon river; all tributaries of the north fork of the Molalla river; all tributaries to Milk, Clear and Deep creeks; tributaries to the Clackamas river; that part of Henry Creek, tributary of Zig Zag river from Henry Creek avenue in Rhododendron to the source of said stream; that part of Sandy river at Marmot dam to its confluence with Frances Dale creek a distance of approximately 4000 feet.

Cedar creek a tributary of Sandy river and its tributaries; Trout creek and its tributaries; that part of Bull Run river above a point located 300 feet below the power house; Butte creek, a tributary of Pudding river, open season for all angling April 12 to August 31, both dates inclusive. All tributaries of Butte creek closed to all angling.

That part of the Willamette river for a distance of 200 feet above the fishway in said river to a line below said fishway reaching across the said river from the southwest corner of the electric plant of the Hawley Pulp and Paper company which is located on Black point in the east side of the river to the northeast corner of Mill A of the Crown-Willamette company described as follows; beginning at a point near the mouth of said tail race on the south bank thereof; thence extending across said tail race following the line established by the bridge across said tail race to the north bank thereof; thence in a westerly, southerly and easterly direction around the bank of said tail race to the place of beginning closed to angling.

The general open season for trout over 6 inches long is April 12 to October 15, both inclusive except in Baker, Union, Umatilla, Grant, Malheur, Harney, Lake, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties where the open season is from May 3 to November 1 inclusive.

Those contemplating fishing trips into counties other than Clackamas would do well to secure a copy of the latest regulations from the fish and game commission as the regulations are many and various.

The general bag limit for trout over 6 inches long is as follows; 15 lbs. and 1 fish but not to exceed 15 fish in any one day or 30 pounds and one fish but not to exceed 30 fish in any seven consecutive days. But there are special bag limits for many of the lakes and rivers including the following in this section of the state:

McKenzie river and its tributaries

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE 33646

On the 5th day of April, 1941 at the hour of 10 A. M., at the front door of the Court House in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Clackamas County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of a proposed County Road 957.4 feet east and 379.56 feet South of the Southwest corner of the North 20 acres of the N. E. ¼ of the S. W. ¼ of Section 9, Twp. 3 South of Range 7 East of W. M.; thence south 33 degrees 40 minutes east, tracing the westerly line of the above mentioned County Road 100 feet to a point; thence South 56 degrees 20 minutes West 90 feet, more or less to a low water line on the right or easterly shore of the Salmon River; thence Northerly along the said low water line 200 feet more or less to a point; thence North 33 degrees 40 minutes East 118 feet more or less to the westerly line of said County Road; thence south 30 degrees 40 minutes East, and tracing the Westerly line of said County Road 100 ft., to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made under executor issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas to me directed in the case of Ella M. Crouch vs. Robert Guy Haines and Vivian Elaine Haines Dated the 27th day of February, 1941.

FRED REAKSECKER, Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
By George O. Jewell, Deputy
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Metolius river., Diamond Lake, East Lake (Deschutes county), Todd lake, (Deschutes county) Silver creek, So. Silver creek.

The season is open the entire year for salmon over 15 inches in length with the usual bag limit but for those over 15 inches in length and less than 20 the bag limit is 15 pounds and one fish but not to exceed 20 fish in any one day or 30 pounds and 1 fish but not to exceed 40 fish in any 7 consecutive days. This bag is to be counted with and as part of the trout bag limit.

Salmon under 15 inches in length are classified as trout and may be taken as such.

Bring your lawn mower to Kidder's Hardware Company for sharpening and adjusting.—Adv.

DOG BOARD IS RE-APPOINTED

The county court has reappointed A. L. Heacock, Damascus, Ed Koch, Mackburg, and J. A. Coulter, Clarkes as members of the Clackamas county dog board. They each were named to serve two years.

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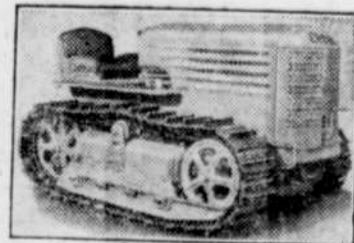
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