

LOCAL HATCHERY HEAD CHANGED RECENTLY

John Aschim has recently received a letter dated August 12 from the Fish Commission of Oregon in which Thomas W. Ross, fish commissioner and former resident of Tillamook asks that the matter of fish hatcheries and their location in regard to Tillamook county be presented to the people through the Tillamook papers. A copy of the letter follows:

"Received your letter concerning the change in hatchery superintendents at the Gold Creek hatchery.

"The hatchery department is solely under the direction of Hugh Mitchell. It is highly specialized work with different problems at each different station. Mr. Mitchell is extremely desirous that all his hatchery superintendents learn the conditions at all the different stations, instead of being familiar with but one hatchery.

"Mr. Pollock's transfer is but one of six such transfers. These changes for the most will enable the commission to send experienced men to stations where difficult problems as to location and water conditions have conspired to impair the efficiency of such hatcheries. To these 'run-down' stations, some of our best men will be sent in an effort to build them up to the highest point of production. In case of the sudden illness of a superintendent during a critical stage in hatchery operations, we will never be in the position of sending a superintendent to take his place at a station with which he is unfamiliar. Some superintendents are fine fish feeders but poor on feeding pond repair and construction and vice versa. There are so many angles to the business of hatching and feeding fish that the general public is not competent to judge of qualifications, and about the time a fish commissioner gets familiar with hatchery work his term expires and another is appointed. Thus the fish commission is forced to find a director of hatcheries in whom they have every confidence and let him handle the vexing problem of placing individual superintendents at stations where they are best fitted. He has the power to discharge all employees and replace them with men of his own choosing. If his men do not make good, he also fails.

"Mr. Mitchell, our present director of hatcheries, comes to the state after years of experience in the United States Bureau of Fisheries, being in charge of the bureau's entire hatchery activities in the Northwest. Personally I consider him the best qualified man in the world for the position. Therefore, even were I asked by the governor himself to interfere with or modify any order of Mr. Mitchell's, I would refuse.

"I have received a number of letters similar to yours, John you old scoundrel, but darn all your hides, none of you have written us in praise concerning our new salmon hatchery at Beaver nor the new Nehalem hatchery and ponds at Salmonberry where the old impossible hilltop hatchery site had to be abandoned and rebuilt. You will see the most effective hatchery work ever done on the coast this fall at the Nestucca hatchery which is but 100 yards from Gilbert's store at Beaver. Mr. Buckbee, the superintendent there, is most capable and resourceful. He promises results and as his operations are practically a step from the pavement, the commission earnestly desires that the people of Tillamook county stop there and see this station develop into the important place we think it will occupy in the future.

"At the Salmonberry hatchery, Superintendent McCann will be in charge. He comes from the Alsea station which is very important unit in our coast hatchery operations.

"Mr. King who comes to the Gold Creek station will soon demonstrate his fitness for this important station.

"Because of my previous residence in Tillamook, I have been afraid of these changes because Tillamook county has been so much benefited. However, the changes were made by Mr. Mitchell without any idea of discriminating in favor of Tillamook as against any other locality.

"Now, John, I have received a few personal letters regarding this matter, and as I haven't time to write full personal answers to these communications, I do wish that you will take this letter to the Tillamook papers in order that everyone will understand the position of the Fish Commission in this matter."

SCHOOL FOR SMOKERS

A smoking master has just opened a school in London. He teaches the art of smoking cigarettes and cigars. It appears it is not so simple as is generally supposed. For instance, really to enjoy a cigarette, he says, you must not pull at it like a school boy, nor yield to the vulgar taste of swallowing the smoke. Once the cigarette is in your mouth it must not move again, you must only slowly

draw in your breath. The best time in his opinion to smoke a cigarette is before breakfast and you must make it last like a dream. The London master makes his last from twenty-five to thirty minutes. To smoke and also drink alcohol is a heresy. Alcohol spoils the taste of tobacco, but coffee taken with the cigarette is perfection. People who smoke one cigarette after another without stopping are nothing but savages. So says the London professor.

TILLAMOOK THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED BY HOOD RIVER "GLACIER"

In a recent issue of the Hood River "Glacier" appears a very comprehensive survey of Tillamook county, its leading industry and its shore line of beach resorts. The newspaper from the land of the world famous apples was represented by its editors, Messrs. Moe and Thomson and their families. A portion of their article is herewith quoted and possibly tells even the old time Tillamooker some things about his county that he never took the trouble to find out about:

"Hood River apple growers can in a measure comprehend the Tillamook country when it is cited that cows are as thick as apple trees here. It is a land of green pastures, luscious grass, fat, sleek contented cows and bulls. Mile on mile, in every direction, the visiting motorist passes between fields where cows, their udders in the late afternoon huge with stored up richness of milk, graze. It is a land of modest farm homes and huge barns. Cheese factories dot the landscape like the community packing houses here. The Tillamook country has 25 cheese factories, manufacturing for the wide world a quality of cheese that heads the list in America.

This vanguard of dairying countries didn't just happen. It has resulted from the concerted effort of the 734 dairies of the region, which market their product through factories of the Tillamook County Creamery association, to turn out a milk of uniform quality. There are 18 other dairies in the district supplying the region with fresh milk and cream. Tillamook county has 13,980 cows. Of these 784 are purebred and registered. The district has 630 sires, of which 440 are registered.

But with all this effort to bring about a standardization of healthy cows, and cheese factories that lead the world for efficiency and the uniformity of the high quality product they turn out, Tillamook would never have reached its importance in the world but for the decision of the creamery association to tell their story to the consuming public through advertising. This campaign has resulted in Tillamook cheese bringing a premium of six cents per pound. Credit belongs to F. W. Christensen, inspector for the Tillamook County Creamery association, who has been identified with the cheese industry of the county for 25 years, for the wide reputation Tillamook cheese has obtained, for superior quality. To show what precautions are taken to insure pure, wholesome cheese, all dairy farms are inspected quite frequently by a deputy dairy and food commissioner. Should conditions about the barn be found unsatisfactory, the dairyman is not permitted to take his milk to the cheese factory.

This, to a large extent, eliminates impure milk being used in the making of cheese. Another precaution, all dairy cows in the county have to be tested very year for tuberculosis. Out of 12,742 cows tested in 1921 by the government, less than one percent reacted, which shows that the dairy herds of the county are exceedingly healthy and the milk pure and Cheese manufactured in other parts free from unhealthy contamination. are not subject to the same sanitary conditions as prevail in Tillamook county, consequently there is more or less unwholesome impure cheese on the market. Tillamook on the rind stands for something more than high grade cheese—it stands for purity as a dairy product.

D. R. Tinnerstet, deputy dairy and food commissioner, in his report for 1921, says:

In the county we have 29 cheese factories, 27 making American cheese and two Swiss and Limburger.

Of these 25 are operated under the supervision of the Tillamook County Creamery association, the other four being small private factories where one or two dairymen make up their own product.

These factories are for the most part, in modern buildings and are clean and neat. One of these plants, completed in the past year, is considered one of the most modern factories on the coast.

The average score (as per score card) which includes all equipment in and around the dairy, and methods is 63.2, the highest being 92 and the lowest 24.9.

The following figures show in a striking way some of the interesting results for the year 1921, compiled by Carl Haberlach, secretary salesman of the Tillamook County Creamery association: Twenty-five factories affiliated with the association received 1921 a total of 59,952,123 pounds of milk, as against 55,599,190 pounds during 1920. This shows a gain of 4,452,933 pounds or about 7 1/2 percent. There were manufactured 6,722,893 pounds of cheese; \$1,550,331.18 was realized from the sale of cheese; 23.06 cents was the average price realized per pound of cheese; 2,481,252 pounds of butterfat in milk; average test, 4.13 per cent.

The man who has never been to Tillamook thinks merely of cheese when the name is mentioned. But Tillamook would soon be famous even though it had no cows, because of the excellence of the summer climate. It is but little warmer in the summer months than in the winter. Tillamook would soon be famous for roads, through primeval forests of fir, hemlock and spruce, its deep pools and cascading streams, where trout abound, its pasture forests where deer grow bigger and fatter than any place in the state.

The motoring world has just found the Tillamook country. Good motor highway connections were completed there at a comparatively recent date. Already that road, from McMinnville down by way of Sheridan and Willamina, to Tillamook is overcrowded. The Tillamook beaches are among the most popular in the state this year. A stream of campers is constantly going and coming along the big wide highway. Already the need has made itself apparent that more adequate highway facilities must be made available. The Tillamook citizens are appealing for a shorter

route to the lower Willamette valley and Portland by way of Wilson or Trask river. The need of such connections with the outside world was obvious to every editor who toured by automobile to the convention city, and most of them made the journey that way. The convention adopted a resolution in support of activities that are seeking to secure a shorter route for industrial and tourist traffic from Tillamook to the upper Willamette.

The ride out from Portland over Terwilliger boulevard and thence down through the wonderful grain area of the west side of the Willamette, with here and there a hop ranch, a field of loganberries or raspberries and an occasional prune orchard is appealing to the resident of eastern Oregon. For a Hood River family, bound on a seashore vacation we can think of no place that can be more highly recommended than the beaches of Tillamook county.

It is a big county, having an area of 1,125 square miles. Only 50 of these are under cultivation. The county has a sea front of more than 60 miles on the Pacific ocean, consequently beaches, bays, rocks, cliffs, and majestic mountains, overlooking the ocean. One of the crowning features of this extensive length of beach is Neah-Kah-Nie mountain, the highest peak in Tillamook county, directly on the sea shore. This inspiring mountain rises to a height of nearly 1,800 feet and concentrates nearly every feature of mountain grandeur and beauty—grassy and wooded slopes springs and creeks, ragged gorges, high pinnacles, and awesome cliffs overhanging the ocean.

South of Neah-Kah-Nie Inn is a very pretty, clean beach, with accommodations to be had at Manzanita and Classic Ridge.

Garibaldi beach includes that portion of the coast between the mouth of Nehalem and Tillamook bays, and is one of the most popular and accessible of the Tillamook county beaches, being directly on the railroad.

Bayocean, situated on Tillamook Bay, is destined to become a most popular resort on account of the large amount of money that was expended there for improvements. It is built on a peninsula, overlooking Tillamook bay on the east. A large and commodious hotel and a large natorium are built there, also a bungalow city, consisting of a number of one-story bungalows located in a most charming nook. Bayocean has more modern bungalows than any other beach resort.

South of Bayocean is Cape Meares light station, built on a high rugged prominence, several hundred yards above the sea level. It is reached from Bayocean and Netarts.

Oceanside, on the north end of Netarts beach, somewhat resembles Neah-Kah-Nie, and it is hard to decide which has the most charming and interesting attractions for those who delight to investigate the mys-

teries of the mighty ocean and the rocks and caves that are to be found at Oceanside. Jutting out into the ocean is Maxwell point and it is from that commanding position that some wonderful scenery is seen that cannot be duplicated anywhere. Directly in front of Maxwell point are the Three Arch Rocks, commonly known as the Seal Rocks, just off shore, which form a government bird reserve, inhabited at all times by thousands of water fowl. Another sea lions that crawl upon the lower parts of the rocks in great numbers. great attraction at this point are the Maxwell point is now tunnelled, enabling persons to reach short beach and the caves. It is one of the very few places on the Oregon coast where these sea mammals can be seen and heard by the ordinary person.

Netarts, on Netarts bay, is another popular place for tourists and campers, which is located south of Cape Meares light station, this being an attraction there, although fishing, the clam and oyster beds and the crabs have something to do with the large number of persons who visit Netarts every summer.

Sandlake is another charming location for visitors which affords plenty of enjoyment. It was here during the war that Sphagnum moss was gathered by the Tillamook chapter of the Red Cross, and which was used in absorbent bandages for the American Red Cross. Over 6,000 large sacks of the moss were gathered there, and those who have never seen Sphagnum moss grow can see it at Sandlake.

Pacific City proper is located on the main land, on the banks of the Big Nestucca river, about 800 feet from the ocean. The higher portions overlook Cape Kiawanda and its surf-washed shores. This is a veritable place for the sportsman and the vacationist with picturesque rocks and pretty seashore. It is a most excellent place for deep-sea fishing, and also a great variety of shell fish can be obtained. One attraction at Pacific City is the camp grounds, which are in a pretty grove. Here visitors are always welcome, and go away delighted with their visit. Fishing, too, in the Nestucca river is always good. Hotel accommodations can be had there.

The story of the interesting experiences one has who visits the Tillamook county cannot all be told in a single article, and next week further space will be given in The Glacier to Ocean Breeze," paying attention more "The Land of Cheese, Trees and particularly to the trees.

Russian archaeologists have discovered the buried city of Aksai, ancient capital of the extinguished tribes of Skiffe and Kamaritse, who flourished about 170 B. C. The excavators have reported the ruins of the ancient city

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