

DAILY RECORD-UNION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1891

Weather Forecast. Forecast till 9 p. m. Tuesday, February 24, 1891 and Northern California: Bains, turning to snow in the mountains, except fair weather at Keeler.

SAVE THE FISH COMMISSION.

The Assembly Committee on Commissions is making mistakes in its recommendations for the abolition of certain commissions. For instance, it recommends the partial maintenance of the Mining Bureau, which can be dispensed with without injury to the State, while it advises the destruction of the Board of Forestry and the Fish Commission. The Board of Forestry may not have accomplished all that it should, but sooner or later this State must make the preservation of its forests one of the chief of its vital concerns. But of that subject more hereafter—just now the voice of warning must be lifted against the menace to the Fish Commission.

We look upon that body as one of the most useful and economic institutions of the State. When the United States Government sent Livingston Stone to establish the hatchery upon the McCloud River, the people of this State were awakened to the immense importance of cheap food production by the artificial propagation of food fishes. The streams of the State were even then falling in their fish supply, and it was realized that in a very few years the run of salmon would entirely cease under the conditions prevailing, and that have prevailed ever since.

The State, thereupon erected a commission, and began the importation and propagation of fish for planting in our streams and lakes. That the scheme has been a success the Assembly committee appears to be ignorant of wholly.

The stocking of our streams with fish unknown to them a few years ago, and the preservation of the native species, has given the people a cheap and excellent food, a condition of which Malthus took no account when he calculated the period when men would be unable to exist for want of sufficient nourishment. Except for what has been done by our Fish Commission, no salmon would today run in the chief streams of the State. Not only were they being driven off by pollution of the waters, but the piracy of alien fishermen was sufficient to kill off the industry of fish taking. The reckless erection of obstructions in the rivers and their tributaries prevented the ascent of the fish to spawning grounds, and without the Fish Commission these obstructions would have multiplied and no fish ladders have been constructed about those already built.

In the Bay of San Francisco small fry was taken so freely, recklessly and imprudently, that the fear was justified that fishing of all sorts in those waters would cease. The piracy of fishermen was such that the laws of closed seasons were wholly disregarded, and even when the commission put out patrol boats the guards were fired upon, resisted and some times defeated. No one had dared to prosecute the pirates. They ruled the rivers as absolutely as ever Captain Kidd did the high seas.

It was, until recently, impossible to enforce the laws for the protection of fishing interests; county officers would not make arrests; township officers feared to do so; magistrates, courts and jurors and even Legislatures were terrorized, and the fishermen went on killing the goose that laid the golden egg. Even with all that has been done, the Legislature is told by the United States Fish Commission, operating in this State, that unless the Legislature takes further action in the matter of propagating and protecting our food fishes, they will in a few years become extinct, such are the remorseless assaults made upon them. The United States, says Superintendent Williams of the McCloud Hatchery, is laboring on fish interests there, almost wholly for the State, and he asks if the State is going to refuse its aid to the Federal Government in so beneficent a work in the interest of California.

The use of illegal nets, the parboiling of fish in unguarded irrigation ditches into which they run, the illegal netting, the defiance of the closed season laws, the influences exerted to defeat legislation heretofore regarding proper closed season periods, the use of destructive explosives to kill fish, the illegal seining, and a score of other evils, have operated and will operate to destroy our food fishes, if the State withdraws its commission and withholds liberal aid from it. The State has two hatcheries now and needs more, but the proposition of the Assembly committee is to abandon what we have, though there is a vague recommendation about maintaining one of them, but by whom we are not informed. The Government of the United States gives us annually several millions of eyed salmon eggs, but we are so coolly informed that we want no more, as we will dispense with the necessary agency to receive them. The trout hatchery at Lake Tahoe is stocking our lakes and streams with trout, but we are told that it is wise to cease the work and abandon the property we have there.

Black bass, one of the gamest of fishes, and of great service in destroying fish enemies, we have just begun to benefit by, but the Assembly committee proposes to abandon the commission that is promoting the culture of this valuable food fish. More than a hundred streams and twenty lakes have been stocked in part with food fishes, and arrangements made to protect the plant and complete the work, but the Assembly committee proposes to abandon it all and trust to the District Attorneys and the terrors of bills enacted by the Legislature, to protect these streams from pirates and other law breakers.

It is agreed on all sides that a hatchery is needed very near to the Bay of San Francisco to save transportation from long distances and at heavy cost and loss of young fish; but we are threatened with abandonment of the idea, and the trans-

fer of the bay fishing to the free lance Chinese and other conscienceless fishers who will soon deplete those waters. This hatchery near San Francisco would cost but \$1,200, but the State of California is pronounced too poor to erect it, and thus forward the work of multiplying the food of the poor.

Dr. Eigenmann tells us we have but a limited variety of food fishes in California, and that that supply will become extinct unless guarded by State appointed agents, is the testimony of all familiar with the facts. We are convinced that the most misdirected economy to which this Legislature could possibly commit itself would be the abandonment of the Fish Commission, which has also done much to promote and protect game interests. The idea of dismissing the guardians of our fisheries and substituting rewards to stimulate Constables to enforce the fish laws, is little short of idiotic. Such an idea too much exalts the opinion of the country Constable and greatly underestimates the wholesome fear he has of the predatory rascals who rake the bays and streams and snap their fingers at the laws.

The idea that merely passing bills is going to protect the fishery interests of California and that rewards will stimulate suburban officials to constitute themselves guardians of the streams is assinine. The intelligence of which the idea was born probably is as ignorant of the immense value of the fish interests of California, and the indifference to them of county officials, as of the canals of Mars. To maintain the museum of mining specimens, dried South American Indians, stuffed birds and snakes, the bones of Brazilian apes and the plaster and wood designs of tunnel and shaft delving in the bowels of the earth, at the expense of the fisheries of California, is an idea too stupidly stupid to be grasped by intelligences which believe a State is poor indeed, that abandons the cheapest, freest, and one of the most inviting of her food supplies.

Let people who have knowledge of the value of our fishery and game interests and who realize the economy of expending a decent sum of money to protect and promote them, protest loudly and emphatically against the proposition of the Assembly committee. The commission, instead of being abandoned, ought to be strengthened, given greater authority concerning game preservation, more money and more helpers, together with a commendatory slap upon the shoulder, with the request to "continue in well-doing."

THE CLOSED SEASON FOR SALMON.

Elsewhere in this issue of the RECORD-UNION we print a paper on the salmon of the Sacramento River, which in a trenchant manner presents the whole question of the closed seasons for that fish. We invite especial attention to the paper. An effort is now being made to have the closed season for salmon enlarged. It is now from the 30th of August to the 1st of October. The Fish Commission say that it should prevail from the 1st of August to the first day of October.

A bill to effect the necessary change was introduced in the Legislature and should have prevailed as drawn. It has been shorn of half its virtue on a compromise that may well be supposed to have been of the half-loaf order. But even the poor remainder is begrudged the people by the insatiable fisherman. What the Fish Commissioners recommend in their report should outweigh any and all objections and compromises offered by the cannery men. These canners are really not to be considered in the matter, because their interests are not common with those of the State. The prime purpose of propagating food fishes and stocking our rivers and lakes with them is to provide cheap food supplies. So far as any surplus is concerned it may be permitted to be taken for commercial purposes. Really the canners are at enmity with the State, for the reason that they want the closed season confined to the month of September, while the preservation of the fish demand that the season should prevail during the months of August and September.

If the canners are to have their way the most industrious labor of the State in propagating salmon will come to naught. We have the authority of the United States Fish Commission for the statement, that unless more salmon reach the clear waters of the McCloud River during September, due allowance of time for the fish to ascend the Sacramento being made, than have arrived there during the past two years, the salmon industry will be destroyed. Superintendent Williams, of the United States Commission, which is furnishing this State gratuitously with salmon for stocking, declares that the closed season must be placed back in August and in September also, or the salmon will cease to inhabit the waters of this State.

A few years ago the canning interests secured the passage of the present law, and the result has been disastrous. The canning men object to the repeal of this law upon the ground that it will throw a great many men out of employment for two months in the year. But suppose it does: if the old season is not restored the men will be thrown out of the vocation of salmon-fishing altogether. Which is better—that they shall withhold their hands for two months or go out of the business? The Senate bill which treats of the subject is a compromise and makes August alone the closed season. It is not creditable to the State that any compromise should have been made. What the State and the United States officers recommend in their official reports should be the guide for the Legislature, since it would be the height of absurdity to take as against them the stories of the fishermen, who care for the present only, while the State's work in propagating the salmon and stocking the rivers is for all time.

But even the month of August the fishermen and canners object to; they desire the law to stand as it is—a law they frightened a former Legislature into pass-

ing. Two years ago the United States hatchery could furnish the State with but 800,000 salmon eggs, where formerly it could supply California with 10,000,000 and 12,000,000, and the Legislature is authoritatively informed that the falling off is due to the remorseless assaults of the fishermen with their nets in the lower Sacramento.

The question now is, Who owns the fish in the streams—the canners and fishermen or the State? The pirates or the people? The Legislature is to decide the matter. One of its houses has conceded a month out of the period that should be a closed season, and it remains to be seen if even the poor remainder can be secured for the people. It is simply amazing that the State and Federal commissions should be so little respected by the Legislature, and that their recommendations, which are wholly unselfish and can have behind them no motive not knit into public interest, should be treated so cavalierly.

THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President of the United States is to visit California soon. A proposition to invite him to spend a day in the Capital City has met with the suggestion that it is too soon to extend the invitation; that it is better policy to wait until nearer the date of his departure for the coast, when the programme of the movements of the party will be determined.

This objection is not well taken; the very reason offered for delay is the very best of all reasons for forwarding the invitation at once. If Sacramento waits, the programme will be filled and the President will respond only with regrets.

When President Hayes came to the coast the people of a city of a neighboring Territory desired to invite him to visit them. The same objection was raised when the contemplated visit was announced, that is now advanced here. It prevailed, but the Chief Justice of the Territory who was more far-seeing than his fellow citizens, acted of his own motion, and forwarded a courteous and earnest invitation. The result was, that when the President arrived upon the coast he visited the city referred to, and among the first to meet him was the Chief Justice. Said President Hayes to him, taking out his pocket-diary, "Judge, yours was the first invitation our party received. I resolved that it should be accepted if no others were, and here we are to see your city and learn of your Territory. Down here at the foot of the list are notes, you will see, of fifty other invitations for which there can be no dates, much to our regret, but our time is filled up."

This little story tells its own moral. The first to forward invitations will be the first in all probability to receive replies of acceptance. We trust that Mayor Comstock will not take the advice given him, but as the chief official of the Capital City invite the President of the United States and his party, in the name of the city, and that he will send on the invitation within the hour. It is eminently fitting that the President, the second who has ever visited the coast, should receive his first invitation to visit the sections of California, from the Capital City of the State. Here he will be met in the State's Capital by the State's Governor after he shall have been welcomed and received by the city's official head. The reasons, therefore, why Mayor Comstock should act promptly are dual, and it is to be hoped that he will have the resoluteness to act now and not wait until the other cities of California shall have filled up the President's programme.

If it shall turn out that the expected guest cannot respond with positiveness, since he is to come as the guest of Senator Stanford, nevertheless the duty that is incumbent upon the Capital City will have been discharged promptly. To be laggard in the matter will be discredit to us.

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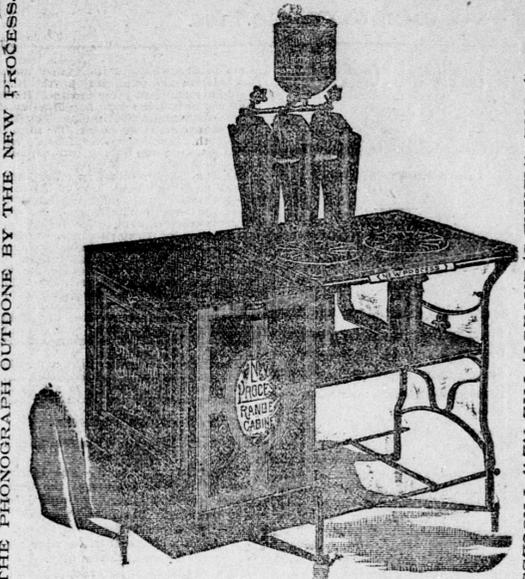
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