

GREAT CATCH OF FISH

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CARP IS THE PRINCIPAL FISH

Demand for It Comes from Eastern Cities with Result of Populations—Big Profits Taken from the Water.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—Eighteen million pounds of fish were taken from the Illinois river last year, netting fishermen over six hundred thousand dollars and employing several thousand men. This report is from twenty-one points on the Illinois river. The amount would probably reach one-third more if the Illinois fish commission could obtain reports from fishermen on the Wabash, Mississippi and Ohio rivers. As yet there is no means of ascertaining accurate estimates from these rivers.

The carp far exceeds all other fish in quantity, taken from Illinois waters. The ovaries of a 3 1/2 pound carp have been computed to contain 22,000 eggs, and the ovaries of equal weight contain between four and five hundred thousand.

The demand for carp in the eastern cities is growing annually. Buyers from New York are seen in the towns along the Illinois river contracting with the fishermen for the season's catch. The demand for this fish is easily accounted for. The foreign population of the large cities have been accustomed to carp in their native land. It has been the principal food fish in Europe for over 1,000 years, inhabiting the Rhine, Danube, Elbe and all other large rivers and lakes on the continent, and is considered by epicureans, when properly prepared, "a dish fit for a king." Another reason for its popularity is that it costs less than most food fishes. The housewife who receives a dollar a day wants fish and ought to have it. He looks for quantity instead of quality. His wants are satisfied at six cents per pound. Most other fish cost double that. Besides the people know how to prepare it.

Carp Is Great Market Fish.

"Most people are prejudiced against the Cyprinid on account of its reputation among anglers," said President Nat H. Cohen of the fish commission. "This fish inhabits Illinois waters. There is a demand for it. It has become a factor in the commercial interest of the state. The magnitude of the industry is not to be exaggerated. Large orders come to the state, and thousands of men are employed in taking this fish from the water. This great industry is to be developed and encouraged."

The intention is to take care of the angles; but to must consider that the 85 per cent of fish taken from our large rivers are coarse fish, such as buffalo, carp and catfish and only 15 per cent are called blue, black bass, pike, crappie and sunfish. The 15 per cent lives on the spawn and fry of the 85 per cent. The 85 per cent lives on the natural condition of the water. The carp feeds on vegetables as well as animal food, aquatic plants, scum, worms and larvae of insects.

"Millions of such fish are raised every year, sunfish and other formerly perished from August to October. When the water receded the depressions in the land adjacent to the river were filled with fish and the constant heat of the summer caused the water to evaporate, leaving the fish to rot. This condition has been eliminated since the drainage canal has been in operation and few fish perish now by high temperature or from evaporation.

"Our distribution this year has been very satisfactory, supplying most all applicants. Through courtesy of the United States fish commission we received twenty million perch eggs that were fertilized and ready to hatch. These were distributed by Mr. J. J. Merriam under the supervision of Mr. John Blaser. Ninety per cent of these eggs matured and the fry has been distributed in the larger lakes and rivers of northern Illinois, where this species is easily naturalized. This work will be continued along these lines and will be the means of providing the people with an excellent food supply, besides affording the angler the sport.

Water Holds Big Profits.

"It has been said that an acre of water would produce as much in value as five acres of land, if it were worked with equal intelligence. It must be borne in mind that the crop of the one needs care during the period of growth, while the crop of the other may be simply taken out of the water in which it dwells. It is almost all profit except the labor expended in taking it out, while the other must be planted and fertilized at great expense, worked and cultivated by man and beast.

Every farmer has an opportunity to increase his annual earnings by stocking an acre or two with food fish. There are several varieties that can be domesticated and little care and expense are necessary. The German carp (*Cyprinus Carpio*) is an excellent food if treated properly. The quality of the fish depends on the temperature of the water and the food supply. If the water is stagnant, warm and shallow, without any outlet, the fish is soft and fatty. On the other hand, if the water is cold and

running, with sufficient food, they grow rapidly, and the fish is solid and palatable. The demand for them is growing daily.

"It is not a fish of year, and does not attack other fish. It has no teeth in its mouth, but only in the throat, and on that account is harmless. Articles have been published and the carp destroy the spawn of game fishes. There is little foundation for the statement.

The commission has been much encouraged in this work by the intelligence manifested in it by the chief executive, who is thoroughly acquainted with the subject comprehends the necessity for the protection, preservation and cultivation of this great source of cheap food supply for the people."

Law Protects Fish.

The commission insists that the protection and means of the preservation of food fish in Illinois extends to all the people. Fish food is as necessary as any other animal food, and as the population increases the demand for it becomes greater year by year. The enormous drain on lakes and rivers for food fish makes it necessary to have laws to prevent their total depletion.

In no state of the Union has nature bestowed a more bountiful supply of waterways adapted for fish than Illinois. The question is: Shall they go to waste and become barren or shall they be protected and reach the maximum of their primitive condition? Each general assembly from time to time has added little by little until the law in its present condition is satisfactory, both to the angler and commercial fisherman. The amendment covering the closed season has been the means of protecting the gamier varieties, so that bass, crappie and sunfish are more abundant in the Illinois river and its tributaries than ever before. The following amendment to the law has added greatly to the income and resources:

"Any person desiring to fish within the jurisdiction of this state with hoop net, seine or trammel net, shall first obtain license so far from the city clerk or county clerk. For each hoop net to pay 50 cents, for each one hundred yards of seine, or less, \$5 and for one hundred yards of trammel net \$5, where this device is permitted to be used. The income from this source is called the fish protection fund and is used to pay deputy wardens."

The number of tags taken out up to the close of the season is a fair indication of the commission. It is expected that in a few years this source of revenue will be sufficient to maintain the commission without being compelled to ask any appropriation from the state.

The commission's crew is kept busy making collections from June to November. Although fish are more abundant than formerly they are more difficult to collect owing to the high stage of water caused by the continual flow from Lake Michigan into the drainage canal. Nevertheless, this obstacle has its advantage, lowering the temperature of the water in the Illinois river, thereby giving the fish a healthier color and improving their condition generally.

Closely related in many ways to the value of Illinois fishes, and of the entire work of the natural history survey of the state, now in progress under Dr. S. A. Forbes, director of this laboratory, is the natural history. This report is an elaborate illustrated report on the fishes of the Illinois river, including their distribution, habits, movements, seasons and favorite localities and situations, and contains likewise general articles on the waters of the Illinois river and on the factors affecting its fisheries. It is illustrated by colored plates and by many black and white figures.

University Makes Survey.

Of even greater practical as well as scientific interest is the work of the natural history survey on the smaller life of the waters of the state, on which all fishes of every description are finally dependent for food. Careful studies of the minute plant and animal life of the Illinois river and waters connected with it have been made for several years in succession, and a second volume of the proceedings of the survey is now being prepared. These studies have been made in a way to show not only the species occurring in Illinois at different seasons, but the number and quantity of each, and the total quantity of the minute plant and animal life of Illinois streams and lakes at different seasons of the year and under different conditions. When it is taken into account that without these minute and obscure forms of aquatic life it would be impossible for even a single fish to live in these waters, the practical importance of this subject is readily apparent. These studies furnish the foundations for scientific fish culture, and when they are completed, and applied to the problem of the maintenance and increase of the fish population, they must help greatly in increasing the economic products of the Illinois waters.

The state laboratory of natural history has likewise lately published a complete catalogue of all the shellfishes of the state, showing their distribution in detail, a matter of interest in view of the important uses now made of the shells of river clams, and the productive pearl oyster which has been discovered in the principal streams in Illinois.

W. R. C. Installation.

The weekly meeting of the Women's Relief Corps was marked this Wednesday afternoon by an installation of officers recently elected. Forty members were at the meeting and after the ceremonies a luncheon was served by the new officers.

The Corps had a very satisfactory year, reporting that the average attendance for 1907 has surpassed that of previous years and that the organization is in an interesting and prosperous state with sixty-three members.

The officers now are: President - Mrs. Emily Hawley Sr. Vice President Mrs. Anna Grunau Jr. Vice President - Mrs. Ida Bennett Secretary - Mrs. Myrtle Bonnett Treasurer - Miss Robie Brockway Chaplain - Mrs. Colekins Conductress - Mrs. Minnie Cannon Guard - Mrs. Hannah Powers Assistant Conductress - Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson Assistant Guard - Mrs. Sarah Ness Press Correspondent - Mrs. Miles T. Lamey Musician - Mrs. Laura Hawley

Held For Contempt.

A Chicago paper of Tuesday published the following:

"Judge Charles S. Cutting in the Probate court today held Melvin C. McIntosh in contempt of court and ordered his committal to jail not exceeding six months for failure to comply with an order directing him to turn over \$4,024 belonging to the estate of his father, William B. McIntosh. McIntosh was not in court when the order was entered and orders were given for his arrest."

Further developments in the case have not been reported. Mr. McIntosh was in Barrington Monday evening.

Left For Texas.

A party of Barrington young men left Tuesday with Land Agent Kimbrelly of Waco, Texas to be gone about a week. They were Sam Homuth, Irving Landwehr, Will Webster, Henry Miller and Henry Kuhlman. They drove from here to Elgin to join a party of men there. Ben Landwehr has also gone to Texas, traveling alone. His stay there is indefinite.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining uncollected for at the postoffice in Barrington, Ill.

H. W. Kohn, Oral A. Kitchon, Solly Miller, George Louis Book, (3) Will Shatts, Walter Trelat, Jake Thirman, Otto Vreine, and Charlie Winicka.

H. K. BROCKWAY, P. M.

Teachers Association Meeting.

The fourth regular meeting of the Cook County Teachers' association will be held in the Association auditorium, corner of La Salle street and Arcade Court, Saturday, January 11th, at ten thirty p. m. An address will be given by Hon. Willis Brown, judge of the Salt Lake City juvenile court.

Why Jimmy Didn't Sit Down.

The woman who had slipped into the closing group had sounded stout at the transfer station and awaited the suburban trolley.

"What," she wearily asked herself, "does it profit a woman if she gains the classic 'bargain' and loses every trace of physical freshness?"

Presently the car came along. It had the usual crop of humanity, and the woman indignantly prepared to stand, when a gray youth arose and tendered her his place. Protesting faintly, she sank into it gratefully and registered a vote never to slip over there again.

In due time several seats were vacated, and the woman looked hopefully toward her knight.

"Jimmy," a friend of his was saying, "here's your inside now. Why don't you sit down?"

And the last drop of discomfort was added to the woman's cup of humiliation, when Jimmy responded:

"A'w, what's the use! No sooner 'll I get me legs stretched when another third old fellow will get on and I'll have to hop up."—New York Times.

Judge's Magnificent.

"Judge," said Mrs. Starren to the magistrate who had recently come to board with her, "I'm particularly anxious to have you try this chicken soup."

"I have tried it," replied the magistrate, "and my decision is that the chicken has proved an alibi."—Traveling Man's Magazine.

There are eight "primary" or "major" planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and several hundred minor planets, discovered since 1801. It is certain that one planet, Jupiter, was known to the ancients. Whether they knew of others is not determined.

"Before marriage I used to dream of life in a fine house with sixteen servants."

"Dreams never come true."

"They do partially. We live in a fat instance of a house, it is true, but we've secured the sixteen servants."—Washington Herald.

The Grimest Epitaph.

What is the most terrible epitaph in existence? One of the grimest is surely that on a stone which was set up a few years ago in the cemetery of Debreczin, eastern Hungary.

It reads as follows: "Here rests in the Lord Joseph Moritz, Sr., who died in his sixty-second year. He was shot by his son, Franz Joseph Moritz, who died in her forty-seventh year. She was shot by her daughter, Elizabeth Moritz, who died by her own hand in her seventeenth year after shooting her mother, Joseph Moritz, who died in prison, age twenty-seven. He had shot his father. May eternal mercy have pity on their poor, sinful souls!"

This memorial was erected by a local literary association, to which, it is said, the last of the ill starred family left a sum of \$7,500 for the purpose.

Wager of Battle.

In 1817 one Richard Thornton, called to the bar of the king's bench charged with the murder of Mary Ashford, in open court threw down his glove and defied his accuser, whereupon there was a pretty do. Wager of battle. It was supposed, had died a natural death in the dark ages, but Lord Ellenborough after much consultation of persons skilled in the law of England and ordered a deed to be prepared. Thornton's accuser thereupon declining combat, the prisoner was discharged a year, parliament passed an act abolishing this privilege of appeal to the strong right arm.

"Do you keep good, honest goods here?" asked the fussy old man in the cafe.

"Well, sir," responded the waiter, "the whisky's straight, all right, but to be candid with you, I think the pretzels are crooked."—Cleveland Leader.

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\$7.98 Ladies' Broadcloth Coats, \$5.90
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29 Fur Trimmed Capes, \$5.00 to \$5.00
Now on sale at \$1.00
Heavy Walking Skirts, \$5.00
Ladies' Skirt reduction sale \$1.00, \$1.49
\$1.00 Black Sateen Waists, \$1.50
Every Cloak in the house at cut prices 14 to 1-2 saving.

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Sweiled and Showdown Bed Spreads 14 to 13-10 ft.
Boys' Heavy Wool Hose, now 12c and 15c per pair.
Dark Colored Ribbons and Beltings 2c per yard.
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Wide Silks: Black or colors, \$1.25 value, 75 and 65c per yard.
Men's 54c Canvas Leggings, \$2.50
54 inch all wool Black Dress Goods, heavy, 40c per yard.
Men's Overcoat values, big snap this week.
Drovers' Sheep-lined, full length canvas Coats, damaged, price now \$1.98
Boys' Overcoats, sizes 4 to 8, \$1.29, \$1.08 and \$1.00, \$2.98
Caps, Homlets, extra price sale, 10c
Under Suits for Men and Women, all wool, 75c, 95c and \$1.29
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We bought a lot of dress goods at a special price. They are bargains at..... 12c, 18c, 35c, 50c per yard

Underwear.

We made a big purchase of Underwear at a special job price to us. We can give you some good bargains in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Underwear. All sizes.

Clothing

A large lot of Men's Wool Pants to close out at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 a pair.

Shoes

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Men's \$2.50 work shoes only..... \$2.00
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