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PENNSYLVANIA RIVER FISH.

GOOD SUCCESS IN SPOCKING THE WATERS OF THE STATE. Obstacles With Which the Commissioners Have to Contend-Dams and Greedy Fishermen on the Susque-

hanna. The commissioners of fisheries of Pennylvania have just sent to the Legislature is further given an elaborate treatise on the report of their operations for the years 1879 and 1880. This board has now been in existence since 1973, and has done much excellent service in increasing the stock of good fish in the various streams of the state, though its work has encountered many obstacles and is carried on, in several important particulars, at great disadvantage. It has six members—Col. James Duffy, of Laneaster county; Howard J. Reeder, of Northampton; Benjamin L. Hewit, of Blair ; John Hummell, of Snyder ; G. M. Miller, of Luzerne, and Robert Dalzell, of Pittsburgh. These gentlemen serve without compensation, but the state has made appropriations for their work, averaging about \$10,000 a year, and the food of the people. The experience has not been that the bass do injury by rall, receives a small salary.

The report Just sent in refers at length to one of the greatest embarrassment of have taken in dealing with it. This is simply the blockaking of the Susquehanna below Harrisburg, so that shad cannot ascend into the upper waters or descend in safety-the young of the summer's hatch ing-to the sea. The Susquelanna and its tributaries compose so great a part of the interior waters of the state, and the shad is so prominent among the anadro-mous fishes that this constitutes a diffiin the spring, and it is wonderful that any escape to the upper waters at all. So far. there has been no agreement made between this state and Maryland on the subject, though the two boards of fish commissioners have been in negotiation. The Pennsylvania board insists, of course, on the absolute necessity of a system of "close times "-that is, of so many days in the week in the ascending season of the fish when seine catching shall be prohibited-and to this, generally, the Maryland with an abundance of this indispensable board assents. The former proposes, how- element are now almost if not entirely dry. ever, a longer time than its southern Wells that in our childhood at thirty feet mit fishing only on three days of the week to fifty and sixty feet, and are dry at that. Monday, Wednesday and Friday-but the Fountains that once gave an abundant importance to many of its people along the river between the state line and Havre de Grace, thinks it impracticable to obtain the popular assent to a greater concession than to close from Friday night until Monday morning-say 48 hours in each week. This subject cannot now be acted

on, however, until the Maryland Legislature meets a year hence The Susquehanna is further blockwiell by the dam at Columbia, in this state, and much trouble and expense has been incurred in placing fishways in this. After trying, without success, one or two other plans, the commissioners devised a fishway of their own, and placed it in the dam in 1879. It is, as nearly as possible, a simple break in the dam, it having been found that fish will make their way through such openings while they will not pass a more complicated contrivance. But the commissioners say that they have not been fully successful, as yet, with this. In 1830, during the fishing season, the water was extremely low. The bold fishmen at Columbia not only placed their nets at the mouth of the fishway, but actually swept its very door. The fish war-dens, officers of the board, and their asever, were caught, tried and convicted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the Lancaster county courts, and ter respected in future. Still the commissioners say that a large number of fish got up through the dam in the season of 1880, in spite of the Columbia pirates. At the different fishing stations between that place and the mouth of the Juniata (where the dam is placed) the catch was the upward passage of the grown fish in the spring, by reaso 1 of the Maryland fish- the diminution at fifty per cent. ermen's activity, and the obstacles at Columbia is the slaughter of the young fish in the land more than crops of grain, grass going down to the sea in the autumn. the public nuisances which the English barons forbade at Runymede. Richard Cœur de Lion, in his impecuniosity, had gone into partnership with the sheriff of kiddles that caught and destroyed the deseending fish, whereupon the barons, bringing John to the limitations of Magna

Charta, wrote, as part of it, that no such devices should thereafter be lawful in any river of the realm. The control of the river below the Maryland line, it is hoped, will be ar- that a dry surface of land repels the water ranged for, and the "close times" liberally fixed. The great development of interest in fishing and the increased attention given it have surprisingly enlarged

numbers were estimated as follows: Fisheries. 1. From Columbia Dam to Turkey Hill 5 miles (100 scoop nets operating also)......10) 3. From Maryland line to Havre de Grace, 19 4. Add to above that between Port Deposit and Chesapeake Bay there are 250 giff-net boats, using about 500 nets, each 150 to 400 yards long) estimated......

Lamaster Entelligencer. tion of all these was over the whole area of the state, according as each was suited space in the report is also given to a care-

D. Cope, the distinguished scientist of Philadelphia. It may be stated, in connection with the general subject, that the commissioners consider their success in the production of black bass in the rivers and larger creeks of the state very complete. They have been nearly everywhere well established, notwithstanding the prodigious activity of amateur anglers as well as regular fisher-men. Having filled the Susquehanna and Delaware and their tributaries with bass, the actuary estimates that they may now the state, adding an enormous amount to devouring other valuable fishes. They prey, however, upon what are regarded as a pest, the "shiners" of the streams, and thus do a good work, for the latter habitually destroy the spawn of an excellent caught these pike-perch have greatly multiplied, their increase being apparently as great as that of the bass themselves, Salmon have been brought from the Pacific coast and placed in the Delaware and Susquehanna. As a rule, they have not culty not to be under-estimated. The trouble is two-fold. Chief, perhaps, is the prodigious number and activity of the fishermen in the river below the Pennsylva-nia line. These catch the ascending shad serve the most careful and persistent at-tention.

The Water Supply. T. Baker, of Lancaster Co., in Germantow The experience of the different years from 1875 to 1880 inclusive fully demonstrates that in the near future many of our sources of water supply will be cut off entirely-many springs that formerly flowed neighbors concede; it has wanted to per- in depth had plenty of water are now sunk Maryland board, considering the great stream at our doors or into the stock watering trough have ceased their flow, so that all classes of people are seriously and uncomfortably affected by this water drought. Farms that were once considered well watered, by having one or two springs dryup, are no longer to be considered as entitled to that enviable appellation. The water power, too, of the country, within the last thirty years has suffered in proportion to the loss at the different heads of the streams that drive the wheels upon them. The power to run our mills at all seasons has diminished, and particularly in that part of the year when we look for dry weather. We have abundant evidence of this in the abandoned mill sites found in almost every part of this and adjacent counties, and of the diminished mill power of those that remain; and now as more grain is raised we have more grinding to do than formerly. The whole question is a serious one. The diminution of mill power in southeastern Pennsylvania can hardly be estimated at less than thirty per cent within the last forty years.

Though it may not help the matter. neither will it solve the difficulty to speculate upon the cause of this diminished flow of springs, wells and creeks. I do sistants were beaten off, their boat broken not think that the aspects of the planets, and the authority of the state defied. the position of the moon, or spots upon Eight or ten of the lawless fishers, how- the sun's disc, nor the far-off blazing comet has had anything to do with the water supply of the country. If any of these things would affect the waters, then the board hopes that the law will be bet- we are now only in the dry cycle, and in future years when the conjunctions and oppositions of the planets are different, we will again reach the wet cycle. But I have no such hope-no such belief. The diminution has most largely been caused by the clearing off of the timber. Within the last forty years, from my knowledge as high as 5,000 in some places. Quite as of the quantity of wood standing at that serious a difficulty as that which attends time and now in seven or eight contiguous counties of this state, I would estimate Now this loss of timber which shaded

or vegetables, which in the fall clothed These are caught by myriads in the fish baskets, or "kiddles," set for cels, and which, it is curious to recall, were one of snows melted, the water would easily find its way into the earth and thus feed our summer, when the sun's rays were strong, London, and had placed in the Thames evaporation would go on much faster upon cleared land than in woodland, and hence more moisture would be drawn from the earth's surface from the former than from the latter. It is a principle too, of philoswater surface than upon a land surface, that a dry surface of land repels the water many a bout by themselves in a quiet clouds, as the same kinds of electricity re- nook. pel each other-it seems to me that this principle holds good from whatever quar- with the corpse, and to while away the ter the rain threatens to come, whether

few thoughts are penned. But still some some fish get up. In the ply of water at our buildings. The easiest "There, now, it's my turn!" With a first reach memtioned above, the five miles | and best is a spring near by ; but this de- hasty motion, he reached for the bottle, from Columbia down to Turkey Hill, a pends on location, and the exceptions in but at that instant construction filled careful estimate was made in 1879 and location are unfortunately numerous. The 1880 In the former year the catch of second is by having the water conducted posed corpse rose up and said, "Not a shad was 32,000; in the latter it increased to the buildings from a spring not far disdrop till I've had mine." With a scream f tant. This is called a fountain and also of horror the two friends jumped up and The board has two hatching-houses es- depends upon location. Another is by rushed, one to the door and the other to tablished. One of these is about ten miles hydraulic ram or revolving wheel, which from Marietta, in Lancaster county, at forces the water to a higher level, and is in ground in his terror and broke a leg; the one of the group of the famous "Donegal some measure independent of place; and other gained the street without misadven-Springs;" the other is at some springs in when the situation is suitable, and the venture and disappeared. Years have the suburbs of Corry, in Eric county. spring strong and never-failing, one of the clapsed. Both the watchers have died, theapest and best we have for that purbut the friend who was supposed to be the report states, with the best elsewhere pose. Another supply is from that un- dead still lives, an eccentric, aged man, in the Union, and they enable the board to turn out an immense amount of fry at comparatively small expense. Large distributions of fish and fry lave been made "water everywhere under the ground,"

This may be said to be almost applied a who is now a compositor in the government printing office.

"water everywhere under the ground,"

"Be candid, doctor," said the patient, when tributions of fish and fry have been made to all the waters of the state within the last two years, and the report presents depth and the means to bring it has been depth and the means to bring it has been depth and the provision has been depth and the means to bring it has been depth and the provision has been depth and the patient, when found with a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. W. H. BABCOCK,
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(S. schume;) 14,000 shad. (Alors presents) depth and the means to bring it to the surface. Lastly, the provision of cisterns to hold the water falling upon the roofs of buildings; and as we have from thirty-six to forty inches of law from the provision of cisterns to hold the water falling upon the roofs of buildings; and as we have from thirty-six to forty inches of law from the provision of cisterns to hold the water falling upon the roofs of buildings; and as we have from the provision of cisterns to hold the water falling upon the roofs of buildings; and as we (S. sebago ;) 14,000 shad, (Alosa prastabi- collected into properly constructed reserved

lis;) 2,228 black bass, and 178,000 brook trout. In 1880 23,000 Penobscot salmon and sweet, seem about the cheapest and (S. salar) and large numbers of the other best for high situations and large stretches fish were also sent out, and in both years of land devoid of springs and running the Western house was similarly active, water. The size of these must depend sending Lake trout (S. namaycush) besides upon the demand, and if it is great the colthose already mentioned. The distribu- lecting roof and receiving cistern must be in proportion. Slated roofs are unques-tionably the best for buildings from which to the different streams; the report evum. | we expect to fill cisterns. And then comes erates see es and hundreds of the tributa- in the question of their best construction ries of the Delaware, Sasquehanna, Poto- and the most practicable methods of keepmae and Ohio system into which the fish ing their contents always palatable. A or fry were carefully placed. A large filter through charcoal boxes is perhaps indespensable, though an improved one has ful catalogue, illustrated, of the food latterly been proposed that performs its fishes of Pennsylvania, and in the appendix office in a different way from the old boxthe ichthyo'ogy of the state by Prof E.

Daniel Webster's Ways.

His Curt Keply to a Delegation that Had Not Supported Him. Stockholder. An incident unquestionably authentic which has never before been related in print, may be told of Mr. Webster. On their way home from the convention, which was held, we believe, at Philadelphia, the Mississippi delegation called upon Mr. Webster at his modest house on Louisiana avenue, in Washington. It was be eaught on 1,200 miles of shore within near the close of a summer's day, when, ushered into the little front parlor, and introduced to Mr. Webster, the chairman, Judge Sharkey-the same it may be who years afterward was conspicuous in the reconstruction politics of his state-addressed the great orator in terms of flattering eulogy, saying, among other things, how pleased he and his fellow delfish, the pike-perch—sometimes called "Susquehanna salmon," Since the bass were introduced and the "shiners" nomination of their party for the presister's great abilities recognized in the nomination of their party for the presidency. As a matter of fact, the delegation had steadily voted against him in the convention. It was upon this fact that Mr. Webster's curt reply turned. "You have expressed, Mr. Chairman," said he, the sentiment that your desire-and I must suppose that your action was in conformity to that desire-in the recent convention of the Whig party for the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the United States-your desire and effort was that that honor should fall upon me. In response to which I have only to say that the record, gentlemen, is the other way. Good night, gentlemen!'
And bowing himself through the folding au-c2s-lyd] doors into the rear parlor where Mrs. Welster sat in the deepening twilight, he vanished to Mississippi eyes, leaving his visi-tors sternly rebuked for lip service, to find their homeward way as best they might. It was in the preceding presidential canvass, in 1848, when Gen Taylor was the Winig candidate, and elected, that the writer heard Mr. Webster make, on his farm at Marshfield, the speech in which he decla ed that the selection of Gen. Taylor -who in private conversation at Wash-

ington had been characterized, but unas "only a swearing frontier colo was "a nomination not fit to be The speech, the only one, we he made in the canvass, was justly, as "only a swearing frontier colo nel "-was "a nomination not fit to be think, he made in the canvass, was listened to by a large assemblage who had ome to Marshfield for the purpose, many "straight" Whigs from Boston and elsewhere being among the number, with a considerable sprinkling of so-called "Conscience Whigs," of whose secession from the party grew the historic coalition which soon after put Charles Sumner and Henry Wilson in the Senate of the United States. Many of these Boston gentlemen, we remember, were white or light-colored kid gloves on the occasion, and their applause was diverse, as one and another of the orator's utterances affected the divergent prejudices of his auditory. The expression above quoted remained in the printed speech as Mr. Webster made it, but another, still more offensive to the Whigs proper, was eliminated from the verbatim report as it stood in type in the office of the Boston Atlas. The Whig committee sent a delegation to Mr. Webter asking that the obnoxious phrase might be cancelled before the speech went to the press. "No," said Mr. Webster; "let it stand as I spoke it!" Not to be affled in their solicitude for its expurgation, one of the committees renewed the request in a note to Mr. Webster, enclosing a check for \$500. Mr. Webster's reply to this was that the expression could as well be left out; that the speech with hat omitted would sufficiently express his views on the points to which it related. So the speech went to press without it. There may be those among our contemporaries, solicitous for Mr. Webster's ame, who may be moved to dispute the substantial accuracy of what is here related. The fact, in its main details and chief significance, we believe to be susceptible of proof, the lapse of thiriy-two years

nevertheless. The Three Friendly Printers. A great many years ago, before the present government printing office was estabished, there were three printers engaged upon government work who were fast friends and constant associates. They springs and raise the water level. In the neither had nor cared to have other ac quaintances. One day one of the three fell sick and died. Then the question was, who would perform the usual rites of friendship for the dead. Nobody outside took any interest in the matter, so that the two friends were obliged to care for the ophy and climatology, that water attracts | body themselves. Now all these printers water, that it rains more easily upon a were very fond of liquor, and though they

The two remaining friends then sat up

time, brought their pack of eards and the numbers of fishermen. The report from thunder clouds or the provailing bottle for company. Euchie was the states that between Columbia and the northeast or southeast wind storms to game, and they played for a stake, the head of Chesapeake bay, in 1880, these which we in this latitude are subject. winner to drink on scoring a game and But whether this is all the philosophy of the loser to stay dry. The luck ran onethe case or not, whether these few at- sided. Seated on either side of the tempts at explanation be sufficient or corpse, with the coffin between them as otherwise, the naked fact remains-dry a table, the players played and recounted seasons are upon us now more than form- the virtues of their dead friend. But erly. They are the rule and not the ex- the one who never won was getting more ception of the passing seasons. It is to and more thirsty. The eards had run provide as good a remedy as is possible steadily against him, and not a drop of for these serious contingencies that these liquer had passed his lips. Finally the luck changed, and, slapping down the There are several ways of having a sup- right bower on the coffin, he exclaimed

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