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### IMPORTANT DECISION.

#### Pennsylvania Judge Rules in Preservative Case.

Says Use Is Not Prohibited by the Statutes.

The Fishing Gazette of New York prints the following which is good news and of considerable interest to our local fish curers:

"In the suit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against Jones, tried in the Quarter Sessions Court at West Chester, Chester County, Pa., April 30 and May 1 before Judge Butler, the jury acquitted the defendant, deciding that the use of Preservative is not prohibited by the statutes, and also that it is not injurious to health. Many similar cases depended on the decision, which was in the nature of a test suit. The state cannot appeal.

"This decision is in line with the victory of the Preservative Mfg. Co. recently in Michigan, and clearly interprets the law that Preservative can be properly used in the shipments of oysters, fish, meats and butter into Pennsylvania and Michigan. Coming at a time when there is so much senseless talk about the reckless use of preservatives in foods, purposely agitated in certain directions, these decisions must prove most wholesome in their effect, especially when they reflect on an article which has been in the market now for twenty-five years and used everywhere."

This decision is also pleasing to Mr. Fred A. Barker, the druggist, who is one of the largest manufacturers of a preservative preparation for fish in this country.

#### Good Trips.

Sch. Lorna Doone from Georges today has a fine fare, 32,000 pounds of cod and 5000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Harvester, Capt. Eldredge Nickerson, from the Peak, has 100,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Edith M. Prior, from the Peak, has 75,000 pounds of salt cod and 50,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George Heckman, has 80,000 pounds of salt cod and 115,000 pounds of fresh cod.

#### Woods Fire.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Harvester, Peak, 100,000 lbs. cod.  
 Sch. Edith M. Prior, Peak, 75,000 lbs. cod.  
 Sch. Edward A. Perkins, Peak, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.  
 Sch. Slade Gorton, Peak, 80,000 lbs. cod, 115,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
 Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 32,000 lbs. cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.  
 Sch. Tecumseh, via Boston.  
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.  
 Sch. Two Forty, via Boston.  
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Dauntless, seining, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Electric Flash, seining, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Hiram Lowell, seining, 100 bb's. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Kearsarge, seining, 134 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Rob Roy, seining, 32 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Corsair, seining.  
 Sch. Nourmahal, seining.  
 Sch. Mertie and Delmar, seining.  
 Sch. Smuggler, seining.  
 Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining, 14 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Sarah E. Lee, seining.  
 Sch. Alice S. Hawkes, seining.  
 Sch. Monarch, seining, 300 bbls. salt mackerel.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Edward S. Eveleth, fletched halibuting.  
 Sch. W. H. Moody, halibuting.  
 Sch. Constellation, seining.  
 Sch. Navahoe, seining.

#### To-day's Market.

Halibut, 3 1/4 cts. per lb. for white and gray.  
 Salt mackerel, \$10 per barrel.

#### Boston

Sch. Lizzie Griffin, 30,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 3000 cusk.  
 Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 14,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 7000 cusk.  
 Sch. Pythian, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 cusk, 2000 halibut.  
 Sloop Florence, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Susie Hooper, 500 haddock, 1800 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
 Sch. Laura Enos, 4500 cod.  
 Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4; large cod, \$1.75 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50; hake, 90 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$1 to \$1.50.

#### Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Two hundred and fifty fishermen are reported to have been drowned in a gale which has made havoc of the herring fishing fleet on the west coast of Japan.

Axolotl, or fish with legs, is the name Mexicans give to a queer creature which can swim like a fish or run up a smooth wall like a fly, can live and grow when constantly in water like a true fish and yet can live and grow entirely away from water, excepting a little to drink, like a true air-breathing animal.

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#### Police Notes.

Three arrests were made by the police last night and six lodgers were accommodated.

Officer Clark investigated a report that boys were hanging around the barn of Sylvanus Smith, Jr.

Officers Burke and Parsons investigated a complaint that some persons were destroying property on Ivy court.

Officer Burke investigated a report that a drunken man was hanging around the Baptist church on Middle street last night.

Officer Walker reported the arc light at Lanesville, and incandescent light 365 not burning last night.

## MACKEREL OFF NEW YORK.

### Netters Report Them Schooling Near the Market.

#### SCH. CONSTELLATION'S SHARE.

#### Cape Shore Fleet Will Be Larger This Season.

Fifteen sail of the southern seining fleet are home this morning and most of them will fit for the Cape Shore, the captains thinking the outlook to the southward being poor at present. Most of the fleet have some salt mackerel.

The netters have evidently struck good fishing off New York, some of the best trips of the season being at Fulton market today, the aggregate being 45,000 fish in count. The following netters are there:

Sch. Atlanta, 2000.  
 Sch. Angie and Emma, 3000.  
 Sch. Lizzie Foster, 2000.  
 Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2000.  
 Sch. Lizzie Hagan, 2000.  
 Sch. W. B. Keen, 3300.  
 Sch. Bertha M. Miller, 4000.  
 Sch. Massasoit, 9000.  
 Sch. Venus, 2500.  
 Sch. Paribastan, 2030.  
 Sch. Dart, 3000.  
 Sch. Jack O'Lantern, 403.  
 Sch. Nellie Grant.  
 Sloop Vesta, 2000.  
 Sloop Scud, 1200.

Sch. Glenelg is at Newport today with 23 barrels of fresh mackerel and the netters have 25 barrels there.

The netters of New York report mackerel schooling on the ground where they set their nets, near New York. It is thought that this is the second run of fish and sch. Veda M. McKown, which was at Newport this morning, left immediately for the place indicated.

At Newport yesterday the netting steamer F. S. Willard had 1200 mackerel sch. Iolanthe 500, sloop Valdyrie 600. Today sch. Mary A. Gleason landed 11 barrels, Glenelg 25 barrels, Agnes E. Downes 17 barrels, and the netters, steamer F. S. Willard 15 barrels, sloop Olga 7 barrels, steamer Hurricane 20 barrels and sch. Gracie 5 barrels.