

SUMMARY OF HUMBOLDT RIVER RESOURCES (1829-1950)

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INTRODUCTION - The following represents references to fish and fisheries resources in the Humboldt River, such references found in reviewing historical newspapers and as gleaned from reviewing journals and diaries of early emigrants. Also included are all of the pertinent statutes relating to fisheries management objectives attendant to the Humboldt River system, and references from the early Fish Commissioner's reports.

ORAL INTERVIEWS

Early day range, livestock and wildlife observations as recalled by Mr. Sid Tremewan, first forest supervisor of the Humboldt National Forest in an interview on March 31, 1964. Document may be found in the files of the U.S. Forest Service in Elko and the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society.

When we were on the Evans [ranch], the cutthroat trout would come up out of the Humboldt River to spawn every spring. They would run almost all the streams from Pie Creek to North Fork. When they started back after spawning, lots of them would end up in the irrigation ditches. I have gone out behind the Evans in the ditch next to the meadow and picked up three or four of those cutthroat every morning. They would weigh three or four pounds.

1829

Ogden, Peter Skeen - Snake Country Journals; edited by Glyndwr Williams; London; The Hudson's Bay Record Society; 1971.

[Ogden returned to the Humboldt on April 8, 1829, and the daily logs provide the following]

April 9, 1829 - *...We found thirty Indians employed in fishing salmon trout, about eight inches in length, remarkably fine. They gave us all they had, about fifteen...Here we again found fifteen Indians fishing...[Vicinity of Elko]*

June 1, 1829 - *[At the Humboldt Sink] ...As far as I could observe their [Indians] sole subsistence, particularly those in the upper quarter, appears to be fish of a small kind, strongly resembling carp...To this may be added...*

1833

Leonard, Zenas - Adventures of Zenas Leonard Fur Trader, as edited by John C. Ewers. [From the narrative of Zenas Leonard] University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, 1959.

[The year is 1833 when Zenas Leonard was traveling with Joseph Walker and other trappers west of the Rocky Mountains]

[At the Humboldt Sink] - *These Indians...subsist upon grass-seed, frogs, fish, &c. - Fish, however, are very scarce - their manner of catching which is somewhat novel and singular. They take the leg-bone of a sandhill crane, which is generally about eighteen inches long, this is fastened in the end of a pole - they then, by means of a raft made of rushes, which are very plenty - float along the surface of these lakes and spear the fish. They exhibit great dexterity with this simple structure - sometimes killing a fish with it at a great distance. They also have a kind of hook by which they sometimes are very successful, but it does not afford them as much sport as the spear. This hook is formed of a small bone, ground down on the sandstone, and a double beard cut in it with a flint - they then have*

a line made of flax. This line is tied nearest the beard end of the hook, by pulling the line the sharp end with the beard, catches, and turns the bone crossways in its mouth.

1841

Stewart, George R. - The California Trail, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1962 339pp.

[From the Bartleson-Bidwell Party who traveled to California in 1841]

September 1841 - *Gradually their journey became one of those starvation marches so common in the history of the west. ...Jimmy John, an ardent fisherman, occasionally got a few trout...*

Nunis, Dr. Doyce B. Jr. - The Bidwell-Bartelson Party 1841 California Emigrant Adventure; Western Tanager Press, Santa Cruz, California, 1991.

September 23, 1841 - *...A few fish were caught, some of which were trout, which led us to the conclusion that this was a branch of Mary's river...*

[Narrative of Nicholas "Cheyenne" Dawson 53 years later]

On the eighteen or twenty lean oxen that had drawn our wagons, we subsisted until we entered the Sierra Nevada, for there was no more game to be had. When the oxen were gone, we lived on horse and mule meat, and acorns...

...At night we struck a lake on the bank of which was an Indian village. The Indians supplied us with fish, roasted whole, which we gladly ate without criticizing the method of cooking. The next day we passed another lake having a considerable stream emptying into it... [Humboldt Sink]

[The two diaries of James John]

September 23, 1841 - *...Camped on the bank of a small creek, the head of the south branch of Mary's river. Here we caught a few small trout.*

September 28, 1841 - *...The valley is wide here and the mountains not high. We see plenty of Indians signs today and where they have made fish traps along the river...*

1845

Snyder, Jacob R. - Diary of a trip to California as recorded in the biography of Caleb Greenwood referenced in this document.

August 19, 1845 – [Goose Creek] *Caught some fine trout and shot a crane. The meat of this bird very much resembled that of an antelope both in appearance and flavor. It was five feet from the tip of one wing to the other when extended, colour light blue*

September 2, 1845 - *...Fished this day with a seine but caught nothing.* [On the Humboldt upstream from Winnemucca]

1846

Clyman, James - His diaries and reminiscences. California Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. 5, Number 3, September 1926, and Volume V, Number 4, December 1926.

May 3, 1846 - *...They are a poor race and their country is poorly supplied with game and [they] manufacture a kind [of] robe of rabbit skins which are cut into small stripes and weave them together with the lint of some kind of weeds from which they likewise make ropes for snares and fishing tackle...*

Lienhard, Heinrich - From St. Louis to Sutter's Fort, 1846; University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma 1961.

September 3, 1846 - ...*What was even more interesting about this spring was the half-dozen little fish, four to five inches long, which played in this natural aquarium...*[South Ruby Valley]

September 18, 1846 - *We often wondered how the Shoshonis made a living...In the occasional pools of water along the river there was seldom a fish to be found...* [Humboldt River]

1847

Blackburn, Abner - *Frontiersman, Abner Blackburn's Narrative*; edited by Will Bagley, University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1992.

October 1847 - ...*Come to an Indian camp. They appeared (sic) friendly and [we] traded for some fish...* [Humboldt River]

October 1847 - *Past through the canon [South Fork of the Humboldt]. A few Indians [came] in sight and would run off on sight. Come right onto one. He was fishing with a long stick forked and had barbes on the end. He had a lot of fish. We traded for them...*

1848

Ricketts, Norma Baldwin – *The Mormon Battalion U.S. Army of the West 1846-1848*; Utah State University Press, Logan, Utah 1996.

August 28, 1848 – *Humboldt River, 22 miles. When they camped on the river bank, Azariah caught trout for supper.*

September 4, 1848 – *Humboldt River. The company laid by to rest the teams and had a mess of fish for supper...*

September 9, 1848 – [Moved back toward the Humboldt River] ...*returned to the place where they camped two days before. The Humboldt River came out of the ground here. They caught numerous trout for supper. Low mountains surrounded them, providing plenty of grass and a beautiful scene.*

September 12, 1848 – *Thousand Springs Valley, 17 miles. They camped at the headwaters of Goose Creek, a tributary of the Columbia River, with plenty of trout. The grass was good.*

September 13, 1848 – *Goose Creek, 16 miles. They continued along Goose Creek and had another fine supper of small trout... Goose Creek increased in size, caused by small tributaries running into it, as they traveled along its banks.*

Gudde, Erwin G. *Bigler's Chronicle of the West*. University of California Press, Berkeley, California 1926.

[Bigler was part of the Mormon Battalion traveling from California to Salt Lake City in 1848]

September 4, 1848 – *Laid by and killed a beef, while some went-a-fishing and caught a fine lot of what some of the boys called salmon trout.* [Upper Humboldt River]

September 7, 1848 – *The next morning we rolled back to the campground we had left the morning previous and camped here within a few rods where the Humboldt River comes out of the ground.*

We caught lots of trout. The surrounding country looks beautiful with low mountains all around with plenty of grass. [Humboldt River]

September 12, 1848 – *Passed over some rough road. Made sixteen miles and camped. Here I caught a fine mess of trout. [Goose Creek]*

1849

Johnston, William G. - Overland to California; Biobooks, Oakland, California 1948; 272pp.

July 5, 1849 - *About noon we reached the headwaters of the Humboldt, or Mary's River...Where we struck it, it was scarcely more than a rivulet, and almost hidden from sight by the tall grass bent over it.*

A well of considerable depth, in which were myriads of minnows that could be caught easily in our hands, was another of the curious natural objects brought within view today.

Decker, Peter - The Diaries of Peter Decker, Overland to California in 1849 [Edited by Helen S. Giffen]; The Talisman Press, Georgetown, California 1966; 338pp.

July 10, 1849 - *The boys fished with hooks and line but caught nothing... [Head of the Humboldt River]*

Pritchard, James A. - *The Overland Diary of James A. Pritchard From Kentucky to California in 1849 [Edited by Dale A. Morgan]; The Old West Publishing Company, Denver, Colorado 1959; 221pp.*

July 13, 1849 - *...At noon we tried our luck at fishing, but without success... [Humboldt River below Wells]*

Potter, David Morris – *Trail to California, The Overland Journal of Vincent Geiger and Wakeman Bryarly; Yale University Press, New Haven, Connecticut, 1945.*

July 20, 1849 - *...Goose Creek...We took some fine trout here, of which we enjoyed our dinner much...There is in this creek many fresh-water mussels (sic). We gathered a peck, which, upon opening, we found to be very fat & large...We had a fine bowl of soup...*

July 26, 1849 - *... We have seen the remnants of fishnets set be them [Indians], still remaining in the water. These Diggers are considered the meanest Indians in existence...*

Bryarly, Wakeman - In Geiger, Vincent and Wakeman Bryarly, Trail to California, ed. David Potter. New Haven, 1945, as found in Emigrant Trails West by Helfrich and Hunt, 1984.

July 26, 1849 - *We have seen the remnants of fish nets set by them [Indians], still remaining in the water... [Humboldt River in Elko County]*

Geiger, Vincent and Wakeman Bryarly - Trail to California; Yale University Press, New Haven, Connecticut 1945; 245 pp.

July 26, 1849 - *...We have seen the remnants of fishnets set be them [Indians], still remaining in the water... [Head of the Humboldt River]*

Delano, Alonzo. *Life on the Plains and Among the Diggings; Orton & Mulligan, Auburn and Buffalo, New York, 1854; Reprinted by Readex Microprint, 1966.*

July 30, 1849 - ...Generally, on the margin of the stream and its immediate bottom, good grass is found, but sometimes the deep sand extends quite to the river, and forms its banks... A few fish were in the streams, but we were unable to catch any with the hook... [Humboldt River]

Howell, Elijah Preston – The 1849 California Trail Diaries of Elijah Preston Howell; edited by Susan Badger Doyle and Donald E. Buck, Oregon – California Trail Association, Independence, Missouri, 1995.

August 2, 1849 – Continued up the creek [Goose Creek]...turned into the creek with a waggon sheet seine (seine) and soon had small messes of fish.

August 4, 1849 – The Indians have been doing some mischief on this part of the road, shooting cattle with arrows &c... [1000 Springs Valley]

August 5, 1849 – We caught some small fish here [1000 Springs] ...There are many snakes about the spring...A little before dark I killed a large rabbit or hare...

August 6, 1849 - ...A great number of springs of excellent water... They are 6 or 8 feet deep and deeper, the water very clear and many fish 6 or 8 inches in length in them... [Humboldt Wells]

August 11, 1849 - ...I caught two fine trout here. [Below Carlin Canyon]

August 13, 1849 – We crossed the river. I fell behind fishing... I caught two fine trouts which spoiled... [Below Gravelly Ford]

August 14, 1849 - ...Having caught some fine trout, we were glad to have a good dinner...

Hale, Israel F. Diary of a Trip to California in 1849; Quarterly of the Society of California Pioneers, San Francisco, California, Vol. II, No. 2; June 30, 1925.

July 31, 1849 - ...There is some fine fish in this creek... [Goose Creek]

August 5, 1849 - ...Our men have scattered throughout the country; some are hunting, some are fishing...the fishermen have caught some fine mountain trout. They are fine indeed in color. They resemble salmon, being of a yellow cast and the water being cold and clear, they have a fine flavour and are hard... [Head of the Humboldt]

August 6, 1849 - ...The fish that are caught are very fine. They are mountain trout, chubs, gliders etc. We have had several fine messes and I think I hear some frying for supper. [Above the North Fork of the Humboldt]

August 10, 1849 - ...Fish in this river are scarce or hard to catch. Our fishermen do not have any luck in fishing... [Below Carlin Canyon]

August 16, 1849 - Messrs. Berry, Hensly, Sutton and Boley join our mess in hunting and fishing, and...we have...fish frys etc. ...

Jackson, Edward - Personal diary recorded in Brigham Young University's Trails of Hope as found on the Internet under <http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu/>

August 11, 1849 - ...After a 16 miles drive we came to Mary's river... This river where we struck it was no larger than our brook at home; 6 or 8 feet wide. The water is of a clay color but quite good for drink. The stream was full of small fish, principally trout...

August 17, 1849 – *We have now, for more than a week been traveling along the banks of the Mary's river. It is a rather interesting valley. The banks abound in ducks and cranes, but there are few fish.*

Shaw, Reuben - Across the Plains in Forty-Nine, ed. Milton Quaife, Chicago, 1948, as found in Emigrant Trails West by Helfrich and Hunt, 1984.

August 14, 1849 - *The reader should not imagine the Humboldt to be a rapid mountain stream...There is not a fish nor any other living thing to be found in its waters...*[Vicinity of Cosgrave, Pershing County]

Scamehorn, Howard L. - The Buckeye Rovers in the Gold Rush [Diaries of J. Elza Armstrong and John Edwin Banks]; H. Wolfe, New York. 195pp.

August 20, 1849 - [Banks] *...Today I stopped behind to fish where Indians had been threshing sunflowers...*

Reid, Bernard J. Overland to California with the Pioneer Line - The Gold Rush Diary of Bernard J. Reid; Stanford University Press, California 1983.

August 12, 1849 - *Some messes caught plenty of trout in the creek where we made noon halt.* [Goose Creek]

August 19, 1849 - *...Fish small, saw none over 6 inches. Clusters of willows, roses and sweet briar...*[Head of the Humboldt]

September 6, 1849 - *...I had a swim in the river here... infested with snakes, rats and a variety of insects... [Just above the sink near Lovelock]...one of them [Indians] had a curious fishing line and hook of teeth. Brewster swaped something for it...*

Perkins, Elisha D. Gold Rush Diary, ed. Thomas Clark, Lexington, Kentucky, 1967, as found in Emigrant Trails West by Helfrich and Hunt, 1984.

August 22, 1849 - *Came down the valley and at 11 we arrived on the Humboldt itself, about two miles below the junction of the streams forming it. At this place it is a slow flowing rather deep creek, some 15 or 20 feet wide and two or three deep, lined with willows, bulrushes, and long swamp grass, and abounding in small frogs and I am told in fine trout also...*

McKinstry, Byron N. The California Gold Rush Overland Diary of Byron N. McKinstry; The Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, California 1975.

August 29, 1849 - *...There are thousands of geese and ducks to be seen on the surface - now and then a fish jumps up...* [At the Humboldt Sink]

Wilkins, James F. An Artist on the Overland Trail - The 1849 Diary and Sketches of James F. Wilkins; The Huntington Library, San Marino, California 1968.

September 2, 1849 - *...One of our party had the good fortune to catch two fine salmon trout, the largest I had seen weighing about two lb each. Of course this was a great luxury to men that had had nothing but hard bread and bacon for the last month or two...* [Downstream from Lassen's Cutoff]

Cone, Gordon C. - Personal diary recorded in Brigham Young University's Trails of Hope as found on the Internet under <http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu/>

September 20, 1849 – *Our friends the Indians are with us again this morning – While I am writing they are cooking a duck, and some fish... The duck was taken by one of the Indians, and the outside*

feathers taken off; then with his fingers he tore open the fowl on the back... Then without washing or taking out the entrails, laid it on some embers, scorched off the feathers and down the outside, then turned it over and seared the inside so that the blood would not run – Then placing themselves in a circle around the fire, they took the duck, raw as it was, and eat it entrails and all! A sight sufficient to satisfy me of the advantages of civilization over barbarism – The fish were taken, and without being cleaned at all and buried in the embers for a short time, then taken out, and heads, scales, inwards and every part eaten except the backbone – Thus much for Indian cookery. [Humboldt River just above the Sink]

Hutchings, James Mason - Seeking the Elephant, 1849 Journal of his Overland Trek to California. The Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, California 1980.

September 27, 1849 - ...*Caught some very fine trout from the Humboldt...which being a change, was well liked.*

1850

Shepherd, Dr. J.S. - Journal of Travel Across the Plains to California and Guide to the Future Emigrant; Racine, Wisconsin, 1851.

July 18, 1850 - ...*We followed the road about three miles, and turning to the left, went down to the river about two miles and found splendid grass, fuel, water, and fishing - several large salmon trout being caught in the camp... [Vicinity of Carlin]*

Loveland, Cyrus C. and Richard Allen - California Trail Herd; the 1850 Missouri to California Journal; Talisman Press, Los Gatos, California, 1961.

August 7, 1850 - *Traveled until one hour after dusk and camped on Goose Creek, twelve feet wide and has very good fish.*

August 11, 1850 - *The Hot Springs...142 1/2 degrees in the hottest place...less than a hundred yards above there is a beautiful large spring of cold water, five or six feet deep, with fish in it... [Thousands Springs Valley]*

McKinstry, Byron N. The California Gold Rush Overland Diary of Byron N. McKinstry; The Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, California 1975.

August 9, 1850 - *Wishing to bathe and finding one stream too hot and the other too cold, the right temperature was obtained below the junction, where we had fine sport among the shoals of little fishes that would ascend to the junction but we could not drive them into the hot water or we could have cooked a bushel for dinner...[Thousand Springs, Elko County]*

August 29, 1849 - ...*There are thousands of geese and ducks to be seen on the surface - now and then a fish jumps up... [At the Humboldt Sink]*

Moorman, Madison Berryman - The Journal of 1850-1851; California Historical Society, San Francisco, 1948; 150pp.

August 12, 1850 - *We nooned on a beautiful little creek full of spotted trout of which we caught a fine fry which made us a good supper... [Smith Creek]*

August 13, 1850 - ...*Several of the boys sewed together a parcel of gunny bags - a cheap kind of seine - and went a fishing...bringing up a fine mess of chub... [Humboldt River below Smith Creek]*

August 14, 1850 - ...*Fishing had now become pretty general in the company - prosecuted with diligence and attended with success - very fortunate for us at this time of want. We stopped a little earlier than usual for the purpose of diminishing the innumerable number of chubs in the river...*

August 16, 1850 - ...*During the day a goodly number of the sweet little chub was caught...*

August 21, 1850 - ...*Some of the boys went a fishing and some frogging...We made a hearty repast on jerked beef-fish-frogs and coffee...*

August 22, 1850 - ...*The fish would not bite and frogs were scarce so we made soup of the shank of an old ox that had been slaughtered...*

Steele, John - Across the Plains in 1850, ed. Joseph Schafer. Chicago, 1930, as found in Emigrant Trails West by Helfrich and Hunt, 1984.

August 16, 1850 - ...*while nearly all the company were engaged in fishing for salmon...*[Tabor Creek, Elko County]

August 22, 1850 - *Our train left camp [Argenta] at an early hour, and R. McCord and I went to the river, hoping to obtain fish, and thus add to our scanty supply of provisions... During the greater part of the forenoon we waded sloughs, or, tortured by mosquitoes, sat under the shady willows by the stream in nervous expectation, but could not obtain even a nibble. We found a frog and baited our hooks with its flesh, but it was no use, the river seemed utterly destitute of fish. The water was somewhat tinctured with alkali, but it was hard to realize that the same stream, in which a few days ago we found such choice salmon, had been abandoned by everything but reptiles...*

August 28, 1850 - *At sunset we turned half a mile from the trail and camped in a small willow shaded glen by the river, which has a naseous, alkaline taste, and not a fish is found in its sluggish tide...*

Langworthy, Franklin - Scenery of the Plains, Mountains & Mines. J.C. Sprague, Ogdenburgh, 1855,

September 15, 1850 - ...*The river bottom is now three or four miles in width, very level, and runs in a direction from northeast to southwest. There is no timber except willows... During the day, three of our men went out to an Indian encampment, where they saw fifty or more of these Diggers, male and female, old and young, all being nearly destitute of clothing. They had several hundred of the finest trout, a fish about twelve inches in length. A number of the Indians were fishing in the river nearby, with scoop-nets and seem to have a perfect understanding of the business, and to take the fish with great facility. These Indians seemed friendly, invited the men to go into the camp, and gave them some of their broiled trout. Their style of cooking fish was peculiar. They were thrown alive into the fire as soon as taken from the water, without any seasoning or dressing at all. They also treated the men with choke cherries. Where they found this fruit, I know not, as we have seen no choke cherry bushes in this region. [Head of the Humboldt]*

1852

Turnbull, Thomas - Travels From the United States Across the Plains to California [1852]; Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1913 pp 151-225.

July 13, 1852 - ...*Saw one Root Digger to day fishing in Mary's River...* [Vicinity of Elko]

July 26, 1852 - ...*plenty fish in this lake[.] very large white cranes...* [Humboldt Sink]

Cummings, Mariett Foster - Diary of a trip to California in 1852 as recorded in Covered Wagon Women, Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, California, 1985; Volume IV.

July 22, 1852 - [Thousand Springs Valley] ...*The valley is full of springs of great depth and very near together. There is a marsh that seems to me to be made of soil over a large lake. It is springy and more or less covered by water and all over it are these holes, some of which are filled with fish of a variety I am unacquainted with...*

McGuirk, Matthew. Overland in 1852: The McGuirk Diary. Pacific Historical Review, Volume XIII, Number 4, December, 1944.

July 29, 1852 – *Thousand Springs Valley was reached, where Indians again failed in an attempt to stampede the livestock, and where grass was found with difficulty. Reaching an upper tributary of the Humboldt near Wells on August 4, they stopped two days, for “The way we catch mountain trout here is a caution”.*

Along the upper Humboldt roads were very good, but dusty, with plenty of grass and trout available.

Bailey, Mary Stuart – A Journal of Mary Stuart Bailey from Ohio to California, April – October 1852; found in Sandra L. Myers Ho for California – Women’s Overland Diaries from the Huntington Library; Museum Reproductions, Malibu, California, 1980.

August 31, 1852 - ...*We are passing down the Mary’s River. It abounds with excellent trout but we do not get much time to fish.* [Head of the Humboldt River]

1853

Ferris, Mrs. B.G. The Mormons at Home. Dix and Edwards, New York and London, 1856.

[With a wagon train guided by Egan in 1853 and because of the high stage and flooding of the river, the party traveled along the edge of the valley and close to the mountains often making their own trail]

June 4, 1853 – *Some fine trout from the stream have been added to our good cheer, resembling our far-famed brook trout in shape, but of richer coloring, the crimson spots being a deep purple.* [Along the north side of one of the tributaries to the Humboldt River in Elko County]

Mumford, Violet Coe – The Royal Way West, Vol. II, Crossing the Plains, 1853; Gateway Press Inc., Baltimore, 1988.

September 2, 1853 – [Hoffman]...*Our water is contained in natural wells, some of them 12 feet deep, the water in some of them very good. The deep ones contain small fish...* [Thousand Springs]

September 8, 1853 – [Rachel Taylor] *Again tried the fishing business, but found it dull.* [Head of the Humboldt River]

September 9, 1853 – [Hoffman] ...*The river supplied the luxury of salmon trout for supper.* [Humboldt River east of Elko]

September 18, 1853 – [JHB Royal] *This afternoon numbers of Indians came to our camps with large strings of fish to swap for almost anything...*

1854

Burrell, Mary - Diary of the trek from Council Bluffs to California in 1854 as recorded in: Covered Wagon Women, Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, California, 1985; Volume V.

July 20, 1854 - ...fish plenty in the stream...[Just arrived at the head of the Humboldt River from Thousand Springs Valley]

July 26, 1854 - ...Bought 4 nice salmon trout of some nearly naked Indians for a loaf of bread & some crackers. We ate the whole 4 for our supper... [Humboldt River west of Elko]

1855

Evans, David - Report of the White Mountain Mission at the LDS Church library (MS 4029), written by the Mission President, David Evans, and dated July 17, 1855.

June 4, 1855 - [Pilot Peak Area] ...Here we baited our horses, took dinner of a large crane and some snipes we killed... This evening the boys went fishing and caught a few fish, suckers and chubs.

June 5, 1855 - ...Took a hook and line and caught a good mess of fish for supper. The suckers in this small lake are very large.

Griswold, Harriet Booth - Diary of the trek to California in 1855 as recorded in: Covered Wagon Women, Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, California, 1985; Volume VII.

September 8, 1855 - ...Only see Indians occasionally [?] to day that were fishing by the river [-] speckled trout are abundant [upstream from Gravelly Ford].

1857

Carpenter, Helen – A Trip Across the Plains in an Ox Wagon 1857; found in Sandra L. Myers Ho for California – Women’s Overland Diaries from the Huntington Library; Museum Reproductions, Malibu, California, 1980.

August 22, 1857 - ...Traveled eight or ten miles in the afternoon in 1000 Springs Valley which is a great expanse of level country barren of trees. If it were only covered in grass it would be called a prairie, but since it has only a very poor quality of sage brush, I call it abominable... There were fish in them six inches long which showed that the water was not alkali...[1000 Springs Valley]

September 12, 1857 - ...A lot of company tonight. The camp is full of Indians. These are the first we have seen on the Humboldt except the one that was taken prisoner. They call themselves the “Piutahs.” We got some small fish from them which are very good. They also brought a few wild ducks... The most of them can speak a little English... [Between Lassen Meadows and the Sink]

Kirk, ---- - Itinerary of an engineer looking for a railroad route through Nevada]; Robert A. Allen Collection at the Nevada Historical Society.

August 27, 1857 - ...Small grassy bottoms frequently occur and the river banks are covered with a thick growth of willows. We met with a number of old Indian camps and several fish dams... [Above Gravelly Ford]

1859

Griswold, Harriet Booth - Diary of the trek to California in 1855 as recorded in: Covered Wagon Women, Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, California, 1985; Volume VII.

September 8, 1859 - ...Only see Indians occasionally [?] to day that were fishing by the river [-] speckled trout are abundant [upstream from Gravelly Ford].

1860

Moore, Martha Missouri - Diary of a trip to California in 1860 as recorded in: Covered Wagon Women, Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, California, 1985; Volume VII.

September 7, 1860 - *Crossed North Fork [Humboldt River] some two miles after starting...I bought some mountain trout from an Indian, which were quite a treat...*

September 13, 1860 - *Passed Stoney Point...Plenty of Indians around and I procured a fine mess of fish...*

1861

Thissell, G.W. - Crossing the Plains in '49; Oakland, California, 1903.

[From the diary of Captain Harriman, 1861]

August 14, 1861 - *Camped on Humboldt. Some of the men fished all night, and caught many small, flat fish. In Ohio we call them shiners.*

August 18, 1861 - *Many of the men and women went fishing, and caught great quantities of small, bony fish, but have no lard to fry them in. They roast them in the coals or ashes, or boil them.*

November 21, 1861 - An Act relating to Wild Game and Fish.

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful to catch, or attempt to catch fish, in any of the lakes, rivers, creeks, streams, or waters, within the Territory of Nevada, by any means of any drags, or any kind of a net, or any fish basket, or pot, pond or weir, or by any poison, or by any deliterious substance whatsoever, or by obstructing, in any manner, the natural transit of fish in any of the waters of the Territory of Nevada.

1863

Yager, James Pressley - Diary of a Journey Across the Plains [1863]; Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. XIII, No. 3; Fall 1970.

August 13, 1863 - *...We spent the evening catching fish with hook & sein. Our sein was made of willow brush. I was in the sein gang. We seined one hundred and forty fish, trout[,] sucker & some of other kinds. We caught trout eighteen inches long. There was eleven messes represented in the sein & we had plenty of fish for each mess for supper. Our mess had enough for three meals. It was fine sport but the water was coald. The Indians often bring fish to our camps and trade for bread[,] meat[,] old cloths &c; any thing most will buy a fine mess. They always have the large & small fish to them selves & always offer the small fish first & after getting off the small fish they often let go the largest for less price... This tribe seldome had anything to trade but fish...The Shu-shon-ees caught their fish with dip nets[,] fishinglines & hooks & spears; they some times dive after them catching them with their hands... [Humboldt river]*

August 14, 1863 - *We spent yesterday evening seining with a sein made of coffee sacks fastened together on each side of a dip net...one fish twenty inches long fell to our mess... [Humboldt river above Gravelly Ford]*

August 18, 1863 - *...We passed several squads of Indians... Some had fish to trade...*

August 20, 1863 - *...Having a little time we fixed up our sein and tried seining a while. I went in. We got a mess mostly small sucker some trout... [upstream from Winnemucca]*

October 10, 1863 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

THE PIUTES...For some months they have been straggling about, fishing in the river and gathering seeds in the mountains and valleys.

November 28, 1863 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

DUCKS - Humboldt lake is a favorite resort of our sporting men, just now. They go in parties of three to six, and kill hundreds of fat ducks, which are a capital change from our regular corned beef.

1864

February 20, 1864 - An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act relating to Wild Game and Fish," approved November 21, 1861.

SECTION 1. Any person or persons, who shall, between the first day of January and the first day of April, of each year, catch, buy or sell, or expose for sale, or have in his, her, or their possession within the time and times specified in this section of this Act, any fish known as mountain, lake, river or brook trout, shall be fined in the sum...

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect from and after the 1st March, A.D. 1864.

September 6, 1864 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FROM THE HUMBOLDT - Mr. Barnaby returned on Saturday from a visit of a few weeks to the farming region of the Humboldt Valley...The streams are perfectly alive with most excellent fish of both chub and trout, that can be taken in great abundance by hook and line, or purchased of the Indians for any trifle...

October 30, 1864 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH FISH - A wagon, with a lot of fresh fish from the Humboldt, arrived in the City yesterday morning. They were very small, but sold readily at forty cents per pound.

1865

November 20, 1865 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

RUBY DISTRICT -...The waters of the valley teem with delicious fish...

1866

March 1, 1866 - An Act to amend an Act relating to Wild Game and Fish, approved November 21, 1861; approved February 20, 1864.

SECTION 1. Section one of said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section One. That it shall be unlawful to catch, or attempt to catch fish in any of the lakes, rivers, creeks, streams or waters within this State, from and after the first day of April, of each year, up and to the first day of July, in each year, by means of any drag or drags, or any kind of net, or any fish basket or pot, pond or weir, or by any poison, or by any deterious substance whatsoever, or by obstructing, in any manner, the natural transit of fish in any of the waters of the State.

July 14, 1866 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

TROUT - This delicacy, so we learn, is abundant now, about St. Marys. Hon. Mis. Thompson has gone down there for a rest, and is luxuriating on the finny bird.

September 15, 1866 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

A FISHERY has been established by a man named Pollard, at Stark's Crossing of the Humboldt. Pollard has a large seine, and is provided with a team to haul his catch to the surrounding country. Excellent fish are taken at that point...

FISH FROM HUMBOLDT LAKE FOR DAYTON - On the road, near Faulkner's Hotel, some days ago, we met a man with a two-horse load of fish, which he had caught in Humboldt Lake and was taking to Dayton... he had made many such trips and made money out of every one...Humboldt Lake is two days from Dayton and only one day from Unionville. The fish are not as good as those of the Truckee, but are yet very palatable.

November 27, 1866 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH TROUT - A choice lot of fresh trout, large and fat, arrived in town this morning from the Humboldt, and all the restaurants display the finny darlings...

December 4, 1866 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

GAME - ...nearly every restaurant displays a fine collection of ...large, plump, and always enticing trout from the Humboldt...

1867

April 5, 1867 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

GAME - Wild ducks, swans, etc., are plenty in this market. Some of them are reported as brought from the Humboldt country. They are in excellent condition, and are sold at a low price.

August 26, 1867 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

NOTES OF THE HUMBOLDT - We learn from William Plumhoff, who returned from Copper district on Saturday afternoon...Geese, ducks, plover, snipe...are very abundant, and may be easily obtained by the sportsman, or in exchange for flour from the Indians.

October 20, 1867 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

From Mr. J. Chase ... just in from Camp Halleck ... Game abounds in the vicinity and the streams which are of crystal clearness, are filled with the finest of trout, weighing from half a pound to six pounds.

November 2, 1867 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

GAME is now very abundant on the Humboldt river and in Paradise Valley. The river is swarming with ducks and water fowls of almost every kind...

November 27, 1867 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

IN SEASON - There is a liberal display to-day of...trout from the Humboldt - at the butcher's stalls and the windows and doors of the restaurants.

1868

January 6, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH FISH - Yesterday morning a wagon arrived in the city from the Humboldt river, with 700 to 800 pounds of large sized and fat trout. They are selling to-day at the luxurious price of seventy-five cents a pound.

January 7, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

DELICIOUS TROUT - The Baron Brothers...Yesterday...bought the large lot of six hundred pounds of trout from the Humboldt, with which they propose to supply their tables daily.

February 22, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FISH FROM THE HUMBOLDT - E. Pickett brought into the city yesterday from the Humboldt River, some 400 pounds of fish...The fish were mainly chubs, but in the lot there was a few trout...

July 23, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

THE HUMBOLDT RIVER - ...its waters teem with trout of large size and fair flavor, and the neighboring Indians and settlers fatten upon the rich food. For several years past it has been a lucrative business with some of the settlers along that river to catch large numbers of trout in the winter and to bring them into this city by the wagon load for sale. And it is the favorite fishing resort for lovers of trout, who visit the river at the close of summer when the water has subsided...

August 6, 1868 - Winnemucca Argent

WHITE'S CANYON, lying about four miles south-east of town...anglers will find trout in the brook...

September 4, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

...The Humboldt, however, offers the finest field for the sportsman. About twenty miles below Gravelly Ford, the river widens and spreads, forming numerous sloughs and marshes...All this with the fishing in the river, makes that locality the paradise of sportsmen.

September 24, 1868 - Winnemucca Argent

DUCK SHOOTING is one of the big items on the Humboldt now - next in importance to baled hay. Shot-guns are popping all daylight and sometimes later...Ducks are unusually numerous on the big and Little Humboldt Rivers, and an expert sport could kill a hundred a day. The game is worth the powder too. The Piutes capture large numbers of the birds.

September 29, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FROM THE HUMBOLDT - We met Mr. L.J. Hanchett to-day, who had just come into the city from the Humboldt river, where he owns a ranch at the mouth of Reese river...capital sport for fishermen...the waters of the Humboldt teem with fish. One day last week Mr. Hanchett...catching - we don't like to say how many fishes. Another season the Humboldt will be the favorite sporting ground for the residents of this city.

November 7, 1868 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

KINDLY REMEMBERED - J.W. Brown of Brown's Station...kind enough to send us up a fine bag of game consisting mostly of water fowls, which are taken in great numbers on the lake at this season of the year...

November 20, 1868 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

NATIVES OF THE HUMBOLDT - We saw last evening at Barovich's saloon, a choice lot of large, plump trout, natives of the Humboldt, from which they had been taken in the prime of life. They arrived in this city as fresh looking as though they had disported in their native waters an hour before...

1869

January 6, 1869 -Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH TROUT - Within the past two days trout have been brought into this city from...and the Humboldt, as fresh and sweet as if they had been just taken from the water...The railroad will increase our supply of fish and lessen the price too.

March 13, 1869 - Humboldt Register (Unionville)

BATTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT - ...the district is well watered by trout and Willow creeks, in both of which streams fish are plenty...

July 14, 1869 - Elko Independent

TROUT - Silver-scaled, speckled trout, fresh from the limpid waters of the Humboldt, and weighing from one to three pounds, are plenty in this market at four bits apiece. It is not unusual for fishermen to capture trout weighing five and six pounds, and one has been recently caught which weighed eight pounds; but these big fellows command higher prices. They are caught with hook and line, and grasshoppers are said to be the most tempting bait.

July 21, 1869 - Elko Independent

The fish bite well in the Humboldt river, and the boys are having rare sport fishing for trout. The trout caught are not to be surpassed in beauty or flavor in any country.

August 14, 1869 - Humboldt National (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - We saw some fine trout this week, which were caught from the river. In appearance they looked as well as any of the finny tribe we have seen, and could well compare with those caught in Lake Tahoe.

August 28, 1869 - Humboldt National (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - As low as the water is in the river, it does not seem to prevent the followers of Walton from catching many of the finny tribe...some of the best trout we have seen for many days...

September 22, 1869 - Elko Independent

SOMETHING ABOUT FISH - We are in receipt of a communication on the subject of seining fish in the low waters of the North Fork and main Humboldt. The correspondent complains that when the water is low, as it is now, that mode of taking fish will soon destroy the stock with which our waters are now peopled, and leave us in a very few years without a supply of that very palatable article of food which is now so abundant in our mountain streams...

September 27, 1869 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH FROM HUMBOLDT - We received to-day from Barovich...a one-pound trout, fresh from the waters of the Humboldt river. We have seen nothing for some days that offered us so much pleasure as this young,

plump tender Humboldt. Barovich informed us that he has made arrangements for the daily receipt of fresh trout from the river.

October 2, 1869 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH TROUT - Fine large trout, fresh from the Humboldt, may now be had in this city every day. The trout are as large as those caught in the Truckee, and are of as fine a flavor. They are so abundant in the Humboldt, that scores of settlements along its banks, or within a hundred miles of the river, might be supplied with them, to the great improvement of their ordinary diet...

October 20, 1869 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH TROUT - There were displayed in front of Barovich's restaurant this morning a lot of luscious looking trout, fresh from the Humboldt river.

1870

January 31, 1870 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FRESH TROUT - Barovich has made arrangements for the regular receipt of the delicious trout from the Humboldt, with which families may be supplied...

May 7, 1870 - Elko Independent

MOUNTAIN TROUT - A party of gentlemen went out yesterday to a small stream twelve miles south of here at the foot of the stony range of mountains that loom up so boldly, and brought in as handsome a lot of speckled trout as was ever caught.

June 1, 1870 - Elko Independent

TROUT SUPPLY - Frank McPheter's place on the Beachey road to Hamilton, at the crossing of the South Fork of the Humboldt, twenty miles from Elko, is the place to enjoy a good repast on fresh brook trout. Every night the stage passengers are treated with this delicious food, cooked in the most approved and inviting manner.

July 6, 1870 - Elko Independent

A party of gentlemen left here on the third to enjoy a fishing excursion in a mountain stream near Alec Coryell's Station. They were eminently successful and brought in a fine string of speckled trout.

October 19, 1870 - Elko Independent

SHOULD BE STOPPED - Last season the abundance of fine trout in this portion of the Humboldt furnished the followers of Isaac Walton with rare sport, as well as the private table with many a savory meal. Now, there are scarcely any fish to be found. During the summer, Indians, Chinamen with queues, and Chinamen without queues, have slaughtered them with nets, traps, seines, poison, by draining portions of the river, and by the murderous use of giant powder. The result has been the destroying of small trout and spawn and driving the larger fish to more peacable (sic) waters...

1871

March 2, 1871 - An Act to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the waters of the State of Nevada.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, between the first day of January and the first day of September of each year to catch or kill any river, lake, brook or salmon trout in any of the streams, rivers, lakes or other waters within this State, with any seine, gillnet, or any spear, weir, fence, baskets, trap, explosive material or other substance or

implements, or in any manner except by hook and line; and it shall not be lawful at any time for any person or persons to catch or kill such fish in any of the waters in this State by any poisonous, deleterious or stupefying drug, explosive material or other substance...

[Section 2 of the Act provided for fish ladders and the safe passage of fish, but the Humboldt river was specifically exempted from the provisions]

Sec. 3. All other Acts or parts of Acts, so far as they relate to the preservation and protection of fish in the waters of this State, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

August 5, 1871 – Silver State (Unionville)

A FINE RANCH – At the western base of the range of mountains which lie to the east of Grass Valley and about 40 miles in a northeast course from Unionville... belongs to John Guthrie... large stream of pure and sparkling water which rises in springs at the base of the mountain and flows out into the valley... constructed a beautiful fish pond, just below the spring, which is stocked with a large family of the finny tribe, consisting of mountain or speckled trout, and salmon trout from the Truckee river.

1872

March 23, 1872 - Elko Independent

The fishing season has commenced on the Humboldt. Suckers abound.

August 3, 1872 - Elko Independent

FISHING PARTIES: TROUT - Numerous parties have lately visited the mountain streams, which lose their waters in the Humboldt valley, but this season have failed to capture any of the finny tribe. Several causes, all vandalism, have contributed to denude the creeks of trout. First, the lazy, vagabond Indians, dam the sloughs and catch indiscriminately, great and small, in and out of spawning season. Second, farmers and ranchers, in turning the water of streams for irrigation, take no pains whatever to prevent trout from running into ditches, and to crown the whole, last year, giant powder was used to a great extent...Unless something is done in the premises, in five years, there will not be a trout in eastern Nevada.

August 16, 1872 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT AND THINGS - ...From L.I. Hogle of Palisade: "Trout and Taylor on stage..." Thank our friend for his kindness.

August 17, 1872 - Elko Independent

GAME - The Indians are making sad havoc among the young ducks along the Humboldt. Every day strings of these delicious birds can be seen in the hands of some itinerant bucks, who dispose of them readily among our citizens.

September 14, 1872 – Silver State (Unionville)

CURLEW – Persons up from the river say that curlew have made their appearance in great numbers on the Humboldt. It is said that this is their first visit to this part of "God's mural heritage" as the "not natural" was wont to say.

October 17, 1872 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FISHY - We received this morning by the Battle Mountain stage, a box of fine Humboldt trout, sent us by Sam Clifford our present County Assessor...

November 30, 1872 – Silver State (Unionville)

WILD DUCKS – Wild ducks are abundant on the lower Humboldt, in the vicinity of the lake. Indian hunters supply Oreana and other stations on the Central Pacific Railroad with this species of wild fowl at two bits apiece.

1873

January 11, 1873 – Silver State (Unionville)

DESTRUCTION OF FISH – It is generally reported that swine herders along the Humboldt river are catching large quantities of fish, in nets set across the river for hog-feed, the low stage of the river being favorable for that purpose. It is said unless this wholesale slaughter is stopped, the lower Humboldt will be depleted of the finny inhabitants this winter. We understand the matter will be brought before the next Grand Jury.

January 25, 1873 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

The SILVER STATE says that the swine herders on the Humboldt river are seining large quantities of fish from the river and feeding them to their hogs. We guess the men the State saw were only trappers hunting for muskrats...

February 22, 1873 – Silver State (Unionville)

WATER FOWLS PLENTY – Ducks, geese and swans are flocking to the sink of the Humboldt, and the lake is represented as being alive with them. The Indians are about the only hunters who visit the lake at this season, and they are said to be making the most of it. They find a market for the swans along the railroad sometimes as far west as Reno...

March 22, 1873 – Silver State (Unionville)

WATERFOWL PLENTY – Ducks and geese are unusually plenty along the Humboldt. Persons who have resided for years on the river say they never saw waterfowls so numerous there as they are this spring. The meadows at the Big Bend, below Mill City, is represented as being literally alive with ducks. White men rarely hunt in that section and the Indians have the field all to themselves, and are making the most of it.

March 29, 1873 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

Ducks are so plentiful at certain localities in the Humboldt river, that sportsmen cease to derive any pleasure in bagging them.

May 3, 1873 - Elko Independent

CARLIN DOINGS - ...Our Indians are catching quite a quantity of trout...

The banks of the Humboldt are now resorted to by all disciples of Walton.

August 15, 1873 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

The Humboldt river affords a splendid field for sportsmen. Ducks and snipe are quite plentiful. But it will not be lawful to kill until September 1st.

August 29, 1873 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

The Indians are having a great time in catching...ducks...&c. Every day, nearly, one can see dozens of them passing through town, to their campoodies with their ponies loaded down with game.

September 23, 1873 - Eureka Sentinel

RESULTS OF THE HUNT - Col. Robins, of the late hunting party [4] to the south fork of the Humboldt, gives us the following statistical account of the result of the expedition...trout, 188...

October 17, 1873 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

GAME FROM HUMBOLDT LAKE - Several Piute Indians - bucks and squaws - arrived in this city yesterday loaded down with...and water fowl from Humboldt Lake. The geese, mallard and teal they brought in were all very fine and fat...They all found ready sale for their game...

October 17, 1873 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

Humboldt Lake is literally alive with game. Ducks, geese, swans, pelicans, cranes and all such fowls abound in great plenty. There is also snipe, curlew, and the like in abundance...

October 25, 1873 - Gold Hill News

WATER FOWL - This morning we saw a pair of fat brant (a specie of wild goose), which were brought in from the Humboldt river by a party of Indians. The wings, when extended, measured seven feet from tip to tip. The fowls weighed 20 pounds each. A Chinese laundryman on the Divide purchased the pair for \$3. The Indians report that there is an abundance of duck[s] on the Humboldt.

October 30, 1873 - Gold Hill News

WATER FOWL - A party of Indians arrived in town this morning from the Humboldt river, with a fine lot of ducks.

1874

March 5, 1874 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

SWAN SKINS - A Piute was in town yesterday, from the Sink of the Humboldt, with several skins of the white swan, which he was offering for sale on the street at one dollar each. The skins were nicely tanned, all the feathers having been plucked off...

April 3, 1874 - Virginia Evening Chronicle

PIUTE EXODUS - A large number of Piute Indians left this city last night for the Sink of the Humboldt... great place for duck hunting at this season of the year, and the waters thereabouts are alive with a variety of sucker fish, which the Piutes esteem a great luxury, far superior to trout...

May 8, 1874 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

Wild geese are still winging their flight southward to more congenial climes.

June 20, 1874 - Elko Independent

The banks of the Humboldt are daily visited by our nimrods, who return as a general thing with sunburnt faces and no fish.

August 21, 1874 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

Ducks, snipe and curlew are quite plentiful in the Humboldt river, and it is with the greatest difficulty our sportsmen refrain from violating the game law.

September 23, 1874 - Eureka Sentinel

FISH - We are under obligations to Postmaster Ramsey for a mess of fine trout sent from Elko.

October 20, 1874 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD GEESE – The air was resonant last night with the cries of wild geese. Large flocks of them passed west along the river in the direction of Humboldt Lake, where thousands of them congregate a little later in the season. Hunters will find plenty of ducks and geese along the river now.

October 21, 1874 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING – Hunting parties leave town every day to hunt ducks, geese and other wild fowl along the Humboldt river. Most of them return with rabbits, which are very plenty along the river bottom, and much easier bagged by amateur hunters than ducks or geese.

November 10, 1874 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD FOWL – Persons who have been riding along the river inform us that ducks and geese are quite plenty along the Humboldt just now.

November 20, 1874 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD GEESE – Flocks of wild geese are again making their appearance along the river. They are collecting in large numbers on Humboldt Lake, where they remain until about Christmas.

1875

March 17, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING - Geese and ducks are plenty along the river, and shot-guns are in requisition.

March 22, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DUCKS AND GEESE - County surveyor Van Lennup, who has been surveying up on the Little Humboldt...says that geese and ducks are quite plentiful on that stream...led to the formation of a hunting party...intend to camp out until the 1st of April, at which time the game law goes into effect...

March 24, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE HUNTERS RETURN - Gen. Buckner, Mrs. Bonfield and Joseph Germain returned from a hunt on the Little Humboldt...say they killed twenty ducks, eight geese, three swans, four sandhill cranes and eight rabbits...

March 25, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DUCKS - Sam King...raid runs along the river for some distance between here and Central...bagged a couple of dozen ducks of the mallard and teal species, besides...mud hens, etc. He says that water fowls of all varieties known in this latitude are quite plentiful along the river at present.

March 26, 1875 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

For the past week the Nimrods of our town have been proving themselves mightly (sic) hunters. Ducks and wild geese are plentiful on the river, yet we notice some of the gallant heroes return home, after a day's sport, with their game bags nearly all quite empty.

April 14, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

MIGRATING - Large flocks of wild geese have been observed passing over town for several days...Traveling almost due north in search of a suitable home for the next half year.

April 16, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH - The Indians are doing a lively business in fish nowadays. Capt. John, from Big Meadows, brought a lot to market yesterday, which he caught in the Humboldt lake, and today Naches came to town with another supply. The fish are a species of sucker, known as chubs, and the lake is said to be literally alive with them.

April 19, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE HUMBOLDT - Prince Naches, who does not consider it beneath the dignity of a royal Piute to peddle fish, is doing a thriving business in that line. Last Friday he sold \$25 worth here, and yesterday he went to Battle Mountain with three gunny sacks full. He says the Humboldt river below the railroad bridge is literally alive with them, and the Indians wade in and throw them out with their hands. The case of so many fish being at this particular place is a dam built by one of the irrigating companies below the bridge, which prevents the fish from going up the river. In the winter the fish resort to the lake which they leave in the spawning season in the spring. Cut off by the dam which is thrown across the river and unable to ascend the stream, the water below the obstruction is alive with them. The ditch company should afford them some means of getting above the dam, or in a few years there will not be a fish in the Humboldt. The Legislature some years since passed an act for the protection of fish in the waters of Nevada, but with owlish wisdom exempted every stream which rises in the State from its provisions.

May 22, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH - Prince Naches arrived in town on this morning's train with a good supply of fresh fish from the lower Humboldt, below the dam.

June 24, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING - Judge Bonnifield and Dr. Bogman went fishing up Cross Creek the other day. They returned with about three dozen trout...

June 25, 1875 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT - At 12 o'clock last night the Elko stage driver dropped in on us with a mess of fine brook trout from the Humboldt river...

August 12, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH DYING - The water which escapes from the Humboldt Reduction Works empties into the river and discolors the stream for some distance below. It is so strongly impregnated with chemicals as to kill fish for two or three hundred yards below the outlet. Persons who were in swimming yesterday inform us that they saw three dead fish in the red waters, and several more that were in a dying condition.

August 31, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TROUT - The Piutes are now supplying the market with trout from the Humboldt river. Some specimens of the finny tribe caught by them weigh over four pounds. The great fishing ground is a mile or more above town.

September 3, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE HUNTERS RETURN - Sam Conrad and Sam and Judge Bonnifield, who have been on a fishing and hunting expedition up the Little Humboldt, returned last evening. They brought a wagon load of ducks and fish, purchased of the Indians...

September 15, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WHAT NACHES SAYS - Naches, the Piute Chief, who has been hunting ducks on the Big Meadows...arrived in town yesterday with a lot of ducks, which he disposed of here.

September 30, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING AND FISHING - Ed Vanderlip and Joe Germain went up the river on a fishing and hunting excursion yesterday. They returned last evening with a small wagon load of fish and waterfowls. Among the latter we noticed two of those musical birds, called "Fly up the creek" by some, "Pile drivers" by others, "Shy past it" by more, and "bitterns" in the books, which are said to stick their long bills in the mud and shout "hook a jugg" and so help us jiminy gracious, but we believe they intend to eat them.

October 17, 1875 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT - Our old-time friend Maurice Walsh, of Palisade, will please accept our thanks for several fine trout, fresh and sound from the Humboldt river. They were excellent.

October 20, 1875 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

TROUT - Lou Stalot, of the Lafayette Restaurant, received a small consignment of trout from Battle Mountain, this morning...

October 25, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH STOLEN - Charley Kesler went fishing yesterday up the river. He was very successful and hooked half a wagon load of "chubs" and trout...stolen by thieves not leaving him enough for breakfast...

October 27, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD GEESE - Flocks of wild geese are making their appearance along the Humboldt river.

November 3, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING - Water-fowls, such as ducks and geese, are plenty along the river at present. Yesterday we noticed a hunter returning from a hour's hunt down the river, loaded with ducks of the mallard species. Some industrious Piutes engage in the business and dispose of the spoils of the chase to the pale faces at the rate of six bits per pair for ducks.

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November 12, 1875 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

A score or more of hunting parties have been out after ducks during the past two days, but the birds killed were not so numerous as the hunters.

November 12, 1875 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

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December 18, 1875 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING PARTY - ...up the river yesterday [4] on a hunting excursion, and returned last evening laden with the spoils of the chase...and eighteen ducks...

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January 31, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FROM UNIONVILLE - ...Two mills, the Pioneer and Tailings, are now running, the former on Hening ore and the latter on tailings. The Arizona is shut down for want of wood and the others are using sagebrush for fuel. I do not believe there are a dozen cords of wood available for mill purposes within twenty miles of the mills.

March 10, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A MEAN THIEF - Naches, Chief of the Piutes, arrived in town late last night, with several sacks full of ducks, three or four geese and a swan, which he had shot at Humboldt lake. During the night the swan and sack of ducks were stolen...

April 11, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

RAFTING FIREWOOD - Several Chinamen are now engaged in rafting on the Humboldt. Firewood is scarce in this vicinity and the Chinese do not care to pay the price which it commands in the markets; willows are plenty up the river and the provident Celestials cut and trim them and tie them in bundles which they fashion into a raft and float down the river to this point. Two of them ride on each raft and guide it through the labyrinthine curves and crooks of the river.

April 12, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

RECLAIMING SWAMP LAND - We learn from H.B. Maxon the Baber & Coryell, of the Toll House, have purchased a section of land in the lower end of Paradise Valley, which is overflowed in the spring, and intend reclaiming it by building a levee...

April 25, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HIGH WATER - An enterprising granger built a dam in the Humboldt at Shoshone Canyon, east of Battle Mountain. The dam backed water over several thousand acres, from which a heavy crop of hay was expected. A few days ago the dam washed out, and a tremendous volume of water rushed through the canyon, and flooded several ranches on the river bottom below...The river is so crooked and sluggish between the broken dam and this place that no danger need be apprehended from the freshet at this distance from the break.

May 9, 1876 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

SOMETHING ABOUT FISH - We are reliably informed that Reese River is now running into the Humboldt, for the first time in several years - though such was reported to be the case two years ago - and that large numbers of Humboldt trout are finding their way up Reese River. This would be a splendid opportunity for Reese River to become plentifully restocked with trout, were it not for the fact that, owing to the dams built on the stream for irrigating purposes, it is impossible for the fish to get up to the head of the river to deposit their spawn. There is a law on our Statute Books which requires the construction of fish-ways over dams and other obstructions in streams, but, unfortunately, Reese river is exempted from its operations, and there is no law to compel the dam owners to provide means for the ascent of the fish...[Long pleading story for ranchers to construct fish-ways]

May 15, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES - The Carson and Humboldt rivers are said to have formed a connection, the sinks of both streams having overflowed, and Reese river is said to be running into the Humboldt.

May 20, 1876 - Elko Weekly Post

THE RIVER - The Humboldt river is now confined within its banks in most places and is steadily decreasing in volume. It is yet too early to angle for trout, but in a few days, as we have been told by those who profess to know, the sport will commence. The Indians have been spearing suckers for some time past, and these are the only fish, we believe, that are being taken from the Humboldt at present.

June 15, 1876 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT FOR OUR SENIOR - ...from Palisade...half a dozen of the finny beauties of the Humboldt, weighing from half a pound to a pound each...

June 20, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE GRASS - As a result of the wet spring, B.F. Riley informs us that there is clover as thick as the wool on a sheep's back, in places in Paradise Valley where ordinarily there is not sufficient grass to support a sheep.

August 4, 1876 - Elko Independent

TURTLES - The industrious chinaman who cultivates the upper garden just back of town, yesterday, received a box containing about a dozen live turtles. They came from Sacramento, by slow freight, and notwithstanding their long, dry and hot ride they appeared to be lively and in good condition...They were turned loose in a mud hole in one corner of the garden...

August 8, 1876 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT - Capt. Will N. Rabits, of Palisade, has our thanks for a mess of Humboldt trout...

August 12, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - The railroad and express men, who run east from this place, bring strings of Humboldt trout on their return trip. They say the Indians at points east of Elko catch them by the wholesale, and offer them for sale at the stations. The river in this vicinity is yet too high for fishing, or the Indians are too lazy to catch trout, as they offer none for sale, and, in fact, have none to sell. Humboldt trout are far superior to the salmon trout of the Truckee.

August 17, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WATERFOWLS - Ducklings, about half grown, and mud hens are so plentiful up the river that the Piutes kill them by the dozen with clubs, and bring back loads of them to town almost every day.

August 17, 1876 - Elko Independent

TROUT AND GAME - Our town is now bountifully supplied with fresh trout and game of all kinds, the majority of which is supplied by the Shoshones.

August 19, 1876 - Elko Weekly Post

GLUTTED - The Indians are now furnishing the Elko market with an abundance of the finest Humboldt trout, which they catch at points on the river above this place. The white Nimrods don't seem to have much luck - they say the fish don't bite well.

August 31, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE GAME LAW - The restrictions placed on hunters by the game law expires to-day. There are thousands of ducks along the Humboldt river, and everybody who owns or can borrow a gun may indulge in shooting to his heart's content.

September 8, 1876 - Humboldt Register (Winnemucca)

Duck shooting on the river is a favorite pastime with many of our citizens at present.

September 15, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Hunters are having lots of fun along the river now-a-days shooting ducks, of which there are plenty. The young ones, which are now nearly fully grown are excellent.

October 27, 1876 - Eureka Sentinel

THANKS - We are under obligations to Capt. Rabbits and Maurice Walsh, of Palisade, for a lot of delicious trout, fresh from the Humboldt...

October 27, 1876 - Reno Evening Gazette

FINE HUNTING - We learn from Dr. Bergman, who returned from a professional visit to the Humboldt last night, that the Humboldt lake is full of ducks, geese, swans, etc., from White Plains to Brown's...

December 5, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

BEAVER - Beaver are reported as being plenty on the river a few miles below town. They are very cautious, however, and evade the toils of the most wily trapper.

December 27, 1876 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

SAGE BRUSH - The universal sage brush, which fortunately grows luxuriantly in nearly all the valleys of the State, is now being brought to town by the carload and sold by the cord for fuel. In the vicinity of Rose Creek, some twelve miles south-west from town, on the railroad, the brush grows to a height of five or six feet, and from four to eight inches in diameter. This is chopped to the ground and stripped of its branches, after which it is loaded on the cars and brought to town where it sells readily for fuel, and is worth for that purpose almost

as much as cedar wood. Sage brush is used as fuel at the flouring mill and reduction works here, but that used at the mills is hauled from the flat east the of (sic) where it grows luxuriantly.

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January 10, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

ABORIGINAL DEAD-HEADS - ...During the trout season, the Indians fish in the Humboldt river, and utilizing their privilege, take passage for Eureka, where they dispose of their catch to our epicures...

January 26, 1877 - An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the destruction of fish in the waters of the State of Nevada," approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

SECTION 1. Section two of the above entitled Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section Two. All persons, firms, or corporations who have erected mill dams, water weirs, or other obstruction on rivers or streams within the waters of this State, shall, within thirty days after the passage of this Act, construct fish ways, or fish ladders, at such mill dams, water weirs, or obstructions, so that, at all seasons of the year, fish may ascend above such dam, weir, or obstruction, to deposit their spawn...

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

January 27, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD DUCKS - Parties who have returned from a trip down the river report that wild ducks are plenty in the vicinity of Boreo's (?) ranch. The sloughs are all frozen over, but the river is open in many places, affording an excellent opportunity for hunters to bag game.

February 23, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - The tules on the river about four miles above town, were on fir last night, and a red sheet of flame stretched across the bottom and lit up the valley for miles along the river.

February 24, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LARGE BEAVER - Kentuck, an old trapper who has been catching beaver, lynx, coyotes, and other varmints of that character, down the river, brought two large beaver to town yesterday, which he caught about five miles below town. They measured over three feet each in length from the nose to the tip of tail. Kentuck proposes to quit the business as the repeal of the scalp law leaves no margin for profit.

March 5, 1877 - An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of this State.

SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, between the first days of January and June of each year, to catch or kill any river, lake, or salmon trout, in any of the streams, rivers, lakes, or other waters within this State, with any seine, gill-net, or any spear, grab-hook, weir, fence, basket, trap, explosive material, or other implements or substances, or in any manner except by hook and line; and it shall not be lawful at any time for any person or persons to catch or kill such fish in any of the waters of this State by the use of traps, gill-nets, grab-hooks, or any poisonous, deliterious, or stupefying drug, explosive material, or other substances, or catch or have in possession any fish so caught during the close season...

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit or prevent Indians from taking trout in any of the streams or lakes of this State, at any time, by the same means heretofore usually used and

employed by them; provided, that the same are for their own use; but it shall not be lawful for them, the said Indians, to make use of any dam, weir, or other obstruction in any stream, erected by any person, firm, or corporation for the prosecution of any business...

March 2, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A HUNTERS MISTAKE - The disadvantage of not being posted in ornithology - Officer Pryor went down to the river on a hunting excursion the other day. He succeeded in getting a shot at a long legged specimen of the feathered race which he believed to be a yellow pelican, and brought down the game...walked into town with his prize..."What in thunder are you going to do with that Shy Poke?"...The Piute took the yellow pelican. [Long story]

March 8, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - The tules along the river near Tule Station were on for yesterday and enveloped the valley east of town in a cloud of smoke. It was a strange sight to see them burning within a few miles of the snow line, which extends down to the valley on the Harmony Range.

March 9, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WATERFOWL - Ducks and geese are represented as being quite numerous a short distance above and below town on the river. In the vicinity of Golconda there is an excellent field for hunters. Waterfowls are plenty, and the hot springs afford a splendid opportunity...

March 13, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DUCK HUNTING - Jim Jents, of Paradise, informs us that the lower part of the valley in the vicinity of the lake is literally alive with ducks, and as the ground is too wet to plow, the farmers are devoting their leisure to duck hunting...

March 14, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

PARADISE VALLEY - Henry Hinkey and Judge Bonnifield, who have been on a hunting excursion to Paradise Valley, report that the bottom, which is now covered with water from a few inches to two or three feet in depth for a distance of ten or twelve miles in length, and from a quarter to half mile wide, is literally alive with ducks, geese and cranes...Among the ducks are canvasbacks, mallards and teal...

March 24, 1877 - Eureka Daily Republican

FINE TROUT - Fishermen are making some rich hauls in the Humboldt now. The Indians who are not too indolent to fish are catching fine trout, some of them sixteen inches long, which they sell to the pale faces at seventy-five cents and a dollar each. A good many of these piscatorial wonders find their way to the Eureka market, and meet with ready sale. The first-class restaurants treat their boarders daily with these dainty dishes.

April 14, 1877 - Elko Weekly Post

FINE TROUT - Fishermen are making some rich hauls in the Humboldt now. The Indians who are not too indolent to fish are catching fine trout, some of them sixteen inches long, which they sell to the pale faces at fifty and seventy-five cents each.

April 14, 1877 - Reese River reveille (Austin)

BIG FISH - Loustalot received from Battle Mountain, this morning, a present of a monster trout...the fish was caught in the Humboldt, near Battle Mountain, and was captured by means of a harpoon.

April 19, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE RIVER RISING - The Humboldt river has started on its annual spree, and is higher than at any time since last June. It keeps within bounds, however, and has not spread over the bottom, as is generally done at this season of the year.

May 7, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE BADGER RANCH - ...owned by J.G. Fairbank. It is located on the Humboldt, about ten miles east of Winnemucca...Taken up fourteen years ago...consists of about [2900] acres...By a system of levees, about 1,000 acres of swamp or tule land has been reclaimed, and is now producing excellent grasses where, a few years ago, tules flourished luxuriantly and myriads of waterfowl built their nests and raised their young. This once impenetrable morass is now reclaimed, the tules have died out, and, except when the Humboldt is unusually high, is sufficiently dry for agricultural purposes...

May 9, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WILD GEESE - Flocks of wild geese have been quite numerous along the river within the last few days; but as the game law prohibits hunters from killing them, they pass unmolested. As they do not breed in this region and only visit us in the spring and fall, they ought to be exempt from the provisions of the game law.

May 12, 1877 - Elko Weekly Post

FISHING - The Elko Nimrods are meeting with good success nowadays. They fish in the brooks and streams tributary to the Humboldt and the prizes they secure are an abundance of speckled trout.

May 13, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

Billy Long and Hiram Johnson stopped off the excursion train at Pine Valley and spent the day fishing. They met with good success and brought home a fine string of speckled beauties.

May 18, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

E.M. Baum of palisade has the editor's thanks for a delicious mess of Humboldt trout.

June 7, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

PALISADE - ...The Humboldt abounds in trout, but is rather too high for successful sport at present; a month later and it will be the fisherman's paradise; but there is a beautiful stream meandering down through Pine Valley, its banks lined with willows and abounding in deep pools where the speckled beauties hide...

June 14, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH BY THE WHOLESALE - The Big Meadows --?-- have dammed the Humboldt, and are now turning its waters to account in irrigating grain fields. The river is literally alive with fish, and numbers of them follow the water into the irrigating ditches, many of them --?-- until the water is turned off, and are left high and dry away from their native element. A rancher writes that all they have to do when they want a mess of fish is to go out

in the irrigating ditch when the water is off and pick them up. As fish is said to furnish superior brain food the Big Meadows ranchers may be expected to excel in intelligence...

June 16, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

BIG MEADOWS - ...It is a question often asked, "What do we do for wood?" I will answer that we use the greasewood. It grows large, is very dense, hard and brittle, throws out a good heat, and is much better than the sagebrush used in Paradise Valley and other portions of the State.

June 22, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

Indians are bringing some fine trout from Pine Valley and the Humboldt. As they pay no fare on the cars they get their fish to the Eureka market without much cost.

June 24, 1877 - Elko Independent

CRICKETS - The army of crickets now raiding the town is about equal to the Russian hordes attacking the Turks...

July 26, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

SPECKLED BEAUTIES - S.J. Chambers...presented us with a lot of brook trout from the Little Humboldt...trout abound in its waters...

August 14, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

FISHING PARTY - ...took a run on the railroad on a fishing excursion last Sunday. They got off at Trout Creek, in Pine Valley...secured a fine string of the speckled beauties, returning in time to take the Eureka bound train in the evening...

August 18, 1877 - Elko Independent

Three Chinamen engaged in the unlawful killing of fish in the Humboldt river, near Winnemucca, with giant powder, got themselves blown up. One fractured a leg, another lost an arm, and a third landed in Kingdom Come.

August 20, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DEAD FISH - Hundreds of dead fish were seen floating down the river yesterday. This indicates that persons up the stream are using giant powder to kill them. The law prohibiting that way of fishing should be enforced.

August 24, 1877 - Eureka Daily Republican

QUICK TRANSACTION - An Indian who arrived from Palisade last evening with a good string of trout...less than five minutes...disposed of the entire lot at from \$1 to 50 cents each. They were real beauties, and some of them were over a foot long...

August 28, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

GAME AT HUMBOLDT LAKE - Humboldt Sam, a Piute brave, yesterday arrived from the sink of the Humboldt or Humboldt lake. He says there are a great number of Piutes at the lake at the present time. Geese, ducks and snipe are very abundant. The Indians are having a high old time at killing and feasting on the ducks and geese. Sam's mission to this city is to ascertain how soon our dealers will begin to

purchase game. He says the young ducks are now as large as the old ones, are very fine eating, and he is anxious to bring in and sell them. Sam will return and bring in a lot of game in a few days...

August 28, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

GAME AT HUMBOLDT LAKE - Humboldt Sam, a Piute brave, yesterday arrived from the sink of the Humboldt or Humboldt lake. He says there are a great number of Piutes at the lake at the present time ...He says there are plenty of fish at the lake, but the Piutes don't eat them now...

August 31, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE GAME LAW - All restrictions placed on hunters by the game laws of this State end to-day. Tomorrow whites and Chinese will have all the privileges in the shooting line accorded to Indians during the summer...Ducks just now are said to be scarce along the river at this point, and hunters will have to travel some distance from town to bag many.

August 31, 1877 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

Wild game, geese, ducks and snipe are abundant at the sink of the Humboldt, and are being slaughtered in large numbers by the Indians.

September 17, 1877 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

GOOD THINGS - Price & Read...in daily receipt of fresh Humboldt trout.

September 21, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOLCONDA ITEMS - ...The Humboldt in that vicinity is just now the sportsmen's paradise. Trout are abundant in the river, and...ducks are plentiful, and whites and Indians vie with each other in bagging the most game and fish.

September 22, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

The Indians are bringing in quantities of mallard ducks from Humboldt lake. They sell for \$1 per pair.

September 27, 1877 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

DUCKS FROM HUMBOLDT - An Indian arrived on the morning train perfectly loaded down with ducks, killed by him on the Humboldt river. He sold his flat-footed game like hot cakes.

October 8, 1877 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - Price & Read are in daily receipt of fresh trout from the Humboldt river. The fish arrive on each morning's stage from Battle Mountain, reaching Austin the day after they are caught.

October 14, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

Trout from the Humboldt are plenty in the Eureka markets, and fish breakfasts are all the go.

October 19, 1877 - Eureka Daily Republican

Fresh Humboldt trout are received by Mrs. Ashim through the express every day...

October 21, 1877 - Eureka Sentinel

Hung out in front of the Symphitron restaurant, yesterday, we noticed...in the window fresh trout, speckled beauties fresh from the Humboldt, were temptingly shown...

November 5, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH FOR THE HUMBOLDT - The Sacramento papers say the Fish Commissioners have men catching catfish in the slough near that city for the purpose of stocking rivers in California, as well as the Humboldt in this State, with that fish. It is thought that catfish will thrive in the Humboldt...In all probability catfish, a few years hence, will be as plentiful in the Humboldt from Gravelly Ford to the sink, as trout are at present.

November 8, 1877 - Tuscarora Times-Review

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December 6, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TRANSPLANTING CATFISH - Meacham & Blakeslee of Humboldt House, have imported a lot of live catfish from Sutter Slough near Sacramento, and transplanted them in a slough of the Humboldt near the Station, where it is expected they will propagate and thrive...

December 11, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH IN THE HUMBOLDT - L.A. Blakeslee, the rotund host of the Humboldt House, informs us that the catfish with which he has stocked the Humboldt, were from ten to fourteen inches long...taken to a slough or arm of the river near the Humboldt House...

December 22, 1877 - Tybo Weekly Sun

The Humboldt river has been stocked with catfish.

December 27, 1877 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE FURS - "Kentuck", who devotes a few months every winter to trapping, arrived in town yesterday with a lot of furs, which he disposed of to Edward Keane, the furrier. The furs consist of beaver, otter, mink, marten, lynx and skunk skins, taken along the Humboldt. Among these the otter, marten and mink are the most valuable, and when dressed and manufactured into robes, muffs, etc. by Mr. Keane, are really beautiful as well as comfortable. The Humboldt beaver, not being able to obtain material for building dams at all points along the river, adapt themselves to the circumstances which surround them, and burrow in the banks of the river.

1878

January 10, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - The Humboldt Valley was beautifully illuminated by a fire on the river about six or eight miles above town last night. The fire, which was started intentionally or caught accidentally in the tules on the river bottom, extended several miles along the river.

January 18, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FRESH TROUT - Trout from the upper Humboldt are being brought here by the railroad boys. We are informed that they are quite plentiful up the river and are caught with hook and line. The fishermen cut holes in the ice and throw in their baited hooks, which the hungry fish bite the moment they touch the water. In this way all the trout in the vicinity of the hole are caught in a very short time.

February 19, 1878 - Eureka Sentinel

Phil Dephanger has our thanks for a nice string of mountain trout, sent up from Beowawe.

March 16, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

Our piscatorial sharps are catching some beautiful trout in the Humboldt where the water from the Hot Springs empties in. They do not seem to bite in any other locality.

March 20, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOLCONDA NOTES - The fishing in this vicinity is first class, and sportsmen will do well not to forget Golconda when searching for hunting and fishing grounds...

March 23, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

TROUT IN MARKET - Fishermen in Elko complain that they meet with poor success in taking trout from the Humboldt in this vicinity...yet plenty of fish are offered for sale in town every day, which are said to come from the river...[Long article about using nets and other illegal means for fishing]

March 24, 1878 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

GENUINE SUCKERS - A Piute Indian was yesterday offering for sale about town a lot of suckers from Humboldt. The mouths of the fish were against them. "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee" was what all to whom they were offered seemed to pay. The Indian finally began to look as much "down in the mouth" as his fish, and dolefully said: "Nobody like um sucker pish."

April 2, 1878 - Eureka Daily Republican

Fresh suckers from the Humboldt, small and very fine, are in the markets. The savages bring them. These fish average less than a pound each in weight.

May 4, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

Trout are beginning to take the hook and our anglers are happy once more.

May 11, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

SNATCH THEM OUT - We have been informed that gill nets have been placed in the Humboldt river at Moleen, by Indians, and that recently some railroad men overhauled the nets and took from them quite a number of fine trout. If this statement is true, we would advise any one who feels so disposed to take up the nets and destroy them. If they belong to white men, then find out who they are and enter complaint against them, that they may be legally prosecuted and subjected to the severe penalty which conviction under the law entails.

May 11, 1878 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Indians are catching large fine trout from the Humboldt river daily.

May 22, 1878 - Eureka Sentinel

The picnickers can take their trout lines along with them. The fishing in the Humboldt river is represented as being first class.

May 24, 1878 - Elko Independent

BREVITIES - We hear that crickets are approaching town by the thousands and if no impediment is placed in their path, will arrive in time to attend church on Sunday.

May 24, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GRASSHOPPERS - T.H. Wayte informs us that myriads of young grasshoppers have made their appearance in parts of Paradise Valley. They destroyed T.J. Bradshaw's alfalfa crop...

May 29, 1878 - Eureka Sentinel

Trout from the Humboldt are plenty in the markets, and are forwarded from Palisade by every train.

June 11, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A WELL TIMBERED DISTRICT - We are informed by Judge Elliot of Paradise Valley...Mount Rose District, that there is plenty of timber within four miles of the mines. He says the mountains are covered with a heavy growth of mountain mahogany, and cottonwood is abundant in the canyons and along the water courses...

June 29, 1878 - Battle Mountain Messenger

G.H.W. Crockett...and Judge Robertson, made a fishing excursion to Rock Creek and caught about 100 fine trout.

July 20, 1878 - Elko Independent

PERSONAL - T.W. Crane came in from his ranch on South Fork to-day. He has our thanks for a half bushel of fine native goose-berries left surreptitiously upon our table.

July 27, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

OUTRAGEOUS - We are credibly informed that the Tuscarora market is well supplied with fresh trout, which are taken from the North Fork of the Humboldt in an unlawful manner, namely by the use of giant powder. At the rate at which that stream is being depopulated it will not be long before it will be entirely cleaned out of fish. It is the duty of those in authority to put a stop to such outrageous actions.

July 31, 1878 - Elko Independent

The finest lot of trout we have seen this season were taken from North Fork. A small wagon load of the finny beauties were brought here and disposed of too quickly.

August 8, 1878 - Eureka Daily Leader

Trout fishing in the Humboldt river, just at the present time, is a failure. The Indians are the only successful fishermen, and they trap them by means of willow dams. Eureka absorbs the market, and "Lo" turns many an honest penny by supplying the market.

August 14, 1878 - Elko Independent

The Humboldt river is now lower than it has ever been for many years and if the present scorching weather continues much longer the little fishes in that stream will [be] subjected to a sort of diurnal dry sweat. Professor Sessions says that most of the mountain springs which were never known to fail before, are now rapidly drying up.

August 18, 1878 - Eureka Sentinel

IN LUCK - Some of our people are fortunate enough to have friends at Palisade, who every few days send them a fine string of trout, caught by the Indians in the Humboldt at that place.

August 21, 1878 - Elko Independent

...native stock of fishes in the Humboldt...are rapidly disappearing...Mr. Haynes...proposes to stock the Humboldt with hardy catfish and horn pouts. From the annexed letter from Commissioner Parker's assistant, T.J. Tennant, it is evident that Haynes' endeavor to supply the Humboldt with catfish, is likely to meet with success:

Carson, Aug. 19.

Friend Haynes -...relating to catfish...Mr. Parker...will furnish you...the quantity of fish you may desire - say 2,000 or 3,000...

By T.J. Tennant

Yours, etc.,
H.G. Parker

August 22, 1878 - Elko Independent

GIANT POWDER FIENDS - ...lawless wretches are at this moment engaged in destroying all the fishes in the North Fork of the Humboldt with giant powder. Every day may be seen scores of dead fish...officers elected by the people utterly fail to enforce the statutes...citizens...would act wisely by raising a private fund to support detective officers...(Very long but excellent editorial on killing fish and what should be done about the problem)

August 23, 1878 - Elko Independent

CAUGHT IN THE ACT - The article which appeared in this journal yesterday, in which reference was made to the destruction of fish in the North Humboldt by giant powder, has caused certain parties, whom we deem to be reliable, to state that men have recently been seen in the very act of capturing fish, near Elko, by the use of giant powder. These lawless pot-hunters are known to our informants, and if they persist in this miserable business, they will be exposed and punished to the full extent of the law.

August 27, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

BIG MEADOWS ITEMS - The weather is warm, and the fish in the pond near Lovelock's Station felt the effects of the heat. Thousands and thousands can be seen lying dead upon the water, mostly killed in one day last week.

September 21, 1878 - Battle Mountain Messenger

POOR FISHERMEN - J. Sterling and party from Lewis went, not many days since, on a fishing excursion to Argenta, and all they caught were a few little bits of things about as long as your finger...The very next day little Jimmy Slaven and brothers went out and caught a goodly number of very fine trout, weighing several pounds each...

September 27, 1878 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - Price and Read are in receipt of an invoice of fresh Humboldt trout. These fish are, next to the mountain trout of Reese river, the most delicate and finely-flavored fish that swim in Nevada waters. Price & Read will be in regular receipt of Humboldt trout during the season.

September 28, 1878 – Nevada Tribune (Carson City)

Hub Parker, fish commissioner, has sent out over 2,000 catfish to be deposited in the Humboldt river.

September 28, 1878 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

CATFISH FOR THE HUMBOLDT - Hub Parker, Fish Commissioner, arrived here yesterday morning with 2,000 catfish which he will, place in the Humboldt.

September 30, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH FOR THE HUMBOLDT - H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, has brought 2,000 catfish from Sacramento to be distributed in the Humboldt river. At Reno they were delivered to J.M. McBurney, to be taken to Elko, above which place they are to be put in the river.

October 2, 1878 - Elko Independent

PLANTED THE FISHES - According to promise, Fish Commissioner Parker forwarded to M.P. Haynes, of this place, three thousand young cat-fish with which to stock the Humboldt river above Elko. The little fellows were brought up from Reno by James McBurney, arriving here in good order, and on Sunday were consigned to the stream at a point ten miles above here...

October 5, 1878 - Elko Weekly Post

PLANTED THEM - ...Last week M.P. Haynes received a consignment of young catfish, or bullpouts, from Reno [H.G. Parker]...conveyed to a point on the Humboldt above Osino...The event occurred on Sunday, September 29, 1878.

December 20, 1878 - Elko Independent

SALMON FOR THE HUMBOLDT - The RENO JOURNAL says that Fish Commissioner Parker has about 200,000 young salmon at his hatching establishment, all healthy and lively where they are being fed and cared for until they are large enough to be planted in the Humboldt river. The fry are now about the size of small minnows.

December 27, 1878 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NO SALMON FOR THE HUMBOLDT - A week ago we stated upon the authority of the RENO JOURNAL that Fish Commissioner Parker had about 200,000 young salmon which he intended to plant in the Humboldt river...The APPEAL adds: "You might as well plant young salmon in a mining shaft as in the Humboldt." Why salmon would not do well in the Humboldt as in Walker and Pyramid Lake, is not so clear...[Long article of response]

1879

First Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1877 and 1878; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, January 2, 1879.

Have also stocked...Humboldt Rivers with catfish of the above mentioned variety [Schuylkill catfish].

The consignment of twenty-five thousand yearlings taken from the Sacramento slough, was made to Moses P. Haynes Esq., of Elko, who personally superintended the planting of them in the Humboldt at different points not exceeding ten miles from Elko.

From the same lot, one can (about one hundred) was placed in the slough at Lovelock's Station, on the Central Pacific Railroad, and from Mr. H.C. Emmons, who made the deposit, I have returns of their healthy condition, and assurances that the settlers in that vicinity will protest (sic) them until their increase will make the supply above any reasonable catch.

The fragmentary remains of a Chinaman found on the Humboldt River, and considered unfit by his countrymen to ship to the Flowery Kingdom, together with the fact of dead fish floating near by, and exploded cartridges scattered about, evidenced the celestial's merited death.

January 25, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

THOSE SALMON - Within two weeks the young salmon hatched at the Carson fishery...furnished by the United States Fish Commissioner from the McCloud river hatchery...will be deposited at the Sink of the Humboldt...[Long article]

January 28, 1879 - Elko Independent

The cat-fish sent here by Commissioner Hub. Parker, and placed in the Humboldt above town, are evidently thriving in their new habitation. Mr. A.L. Sherman, who lives by the stream near where the fish were deposited, states that a few days ago he cut an opening in the ice which covered the river at that point, and numbers of those little fellows at once swarmed to it...

February 1, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

CAT FISH - The catfish deposited in the Humboldt river a few miles east of Elko, have been watched by several experts, and found to be thriving. If left alone for a while the experiment is likely to prove a success.

February 19, 1879 - An Act amendatory of, and supplementary to, an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of Fish, in the Waters of this State," approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SECTION 1. Section four...is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Section Four. [The wording is the same as in 1877 with the following added] ...and it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to expose for sale, or to catch or kill for sale, or to catch or kill for salting in any manner whatever, any of the river, lake, brook or salmon trout, in any river, lake, or other waters within this State, between the twentieth day of April and the first day of October in each year; and it shall not be lawful for any railway corporation, express company, or other common carriers, or private parties, to ship or transport for sale, any of the river, lake, brook or salmon trout, taken from the rivers, lakes or other waters of this State, during the said season, viz: between the twentieth day of April and the first day of October in each year...

March 24, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TRANSPLANTING CATFISH - Last Friday Meacham & Blakeslee put five hundred young catfish in the sloughs near Humboldt House. About a year ago they brought another lot of young catfish from Sacramento and had them put in the Humboldt river near their place. Some fifteen hundred were also put in the river at Lovelock last fall...

March 31, 1879 - Elko Independent

REPAIRING THE DITCH - ...The flood gate put in is 14 by 28 feet, and fish ladders for the accommodation of the finny family, have been placed in the water discharge...

April 12, 1879 - Battle Mountain Messenger

IRRIGATING - G.L. Eames has just completed a dam across the Humboldt river, opposite the Stone House, for the purpose of irrigation. The structure is 20 feet wide on the bottom and 100 feet long...We learn that A.A. Ward, R.V. Kelley, D. McIntire, A.D. Wilcox and others, are also constructing dams on the Humboldt for the same purpose...

May 24, 1879 - Battle Mountain Messenger

John H. and T.M. Slaven, of Argenta, were in town this week, report they are building a dam in the Humboldt, diverting the waters for agricultural purposes.

May 30, 1879 - Elko Independent

The catfish put into the Humboldt at this place last fall, seem to be of a migratory disposition; some of them have been seen on the South Fork of Smith Creek, nearly 100 miles from this place.

June 4, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GRASSHOPPERS - Conductor Putnam reports the grasshoppers so numerous in the valley near Rose Creek Station as to interfere with the running of trains.

June 14, 1879 - Eureka Daily Leader

The male Shoshones find lucrative employment catching trout in the Humboldt, dead heading from Palisade to Eureka on the railroad, and disposing of their catch to town epicures.

June 14, 1879 - Paradise Valley Reporter

FISHING - The fishing on Martin Creek is good - so we are told. One day last week, Captain Lloyd Rawlings and family, and a couple of friends went over on a fishing picnic, and caught - well, if we put the number too high, we are afraid nobody will believe us, so we won't tell...

June 28, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

The fishermen who went out last Sunday, "toiled all day and caught nothing."

June 28, 1879 - Paradise Reporter (Paradise Valley)

ALL GONE - We learn that the grasshoppers have completely devoured Richard Brechley's crop of barley - about sixty acres; also, the very promising crop of seventy acres of barley of Ed Weighel's - not a single head or stalk is left.

July 2, 1879 - Eureka Daily Leader

Trout are said to be remarkably plenty in the Humboldt, and some of them are beginning to make their appearance in the market.

July 8, 1879 – Eureka Daily Leader

Good fishing in the Humboldt at Palisade, so reported by the disciples of Izaak Walton.

July 12, 1879 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Fish are very scarce in the Humboldt, and we have an idea that it is caused from the use of giant powder. Those who are using giant powder had better go slow, because if the laws get hold of them, it won't be so slow. Look well out boys, there is an eye out for you, and when that eye winks, you are gone, and the law will be pushed to its fullest power. Save the fish and you will save your selves.

J.L. Sheffield and wife, James Brown's family, Mrs. Haws and several others returned from a fishing excursion, to Rock Creek, after an absence of ten days...wagon load of trout - more or less.

July 15, 1879 – Eureka Daily Leader

The Shoshones drive quite a thriving trade in Humboldt river trout, coming from Palisade every night with strings of piscatorial booty.

July 17, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE SINK OF HUMBOLDT - We have been informed by Big Meadows farmers who have resided on the lower Humboldt for years, that the lake...is now almost, if not entirely dry...attributed to the light snow fall in the mountains...and the numerous dams which have been built in the river at different points from Battle Mountain to Big Meadows...

July 26, 1879 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Walter Davis Jr., of the MESSENGER, and a young man they call Hibbs, have been, during the week, on a fishing excursion up the river. They returned on Thursday evening with about 50 fine trout.

July 29, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FUEL CONTRACT - The contract for furnishing fuel to the Paradise Mill for one year was awarded to Pierce and Welsh, who have given bonds to supply it with sage brush - the only available fuel in the vicinity.

August 2, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

TROUT - The number of Indians who offer trout in the streets of a morning, indicates that they are plentiful in the Humboldt; but whether they are caught with hook and line, we cannot say...

August 2, 1879 - Battle Mountain Messenger

A FISHING PARTY - ...to the head of Rock Creek, where we found plenty of fishing and hunting, and from there to Bud Burdett's camp, on Antelope Creek, where we found plenty of fish and sage hens...

August 9, 1879 – Reno Evening Gazette

SECOND GROWTH - In many parts of Eastern Nevada sagebrush is the only fuel within reach. At Cornucopia, Tuscarora, Rye Patch and several other places the mills use nothing else...At Rye Patch wherever the ground has been cleared for a few years, a lush growth is springing up nearly as thick as the present crop.

August 12, 1879 – Eureka Daily Leader

Humboldt trout, caught by the Indians, are plenty in town, and the expert Shoshone gathers much poker money by his piscatorial skill.

August 16, 1879 - Elko Independent

The party of hunters, consisting of..., who left here for the head waters of the North Fork about a week ago, came into town...They report game exceedingly scarce and fish still less numerous...

August 23, 1879 - Paradise Valley Reporter

HAULING SAGEBRUSH - The parties who have the contracts for furnishing the Paradise Mill with fuel, are now busily engaged in cutting and hauling sagebrush for that purpose, which, mixed with mountain mahogany, answers the purpose as well as coal, or harder and more substantial wood.

August 30, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

WILD GAME - ...The Indians, however, are hawking trout around the streets, although white fishermen complain that they can't get a bite. Maybe the Indians don't catch them with bait. Quien Sabe?

September 13, 1879 - Elko Weekly Post

Complaint is made that Chinamen are destroying trout in Jack Creek by the use of explosives.

September 18, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NO "CHUBS" IN THE RIVER - Until within the past year or two the Humboldt river at this season of the year was literally alive with "chubs". The "chub" is a species of sucker, and, though not equal to trout, is very palatable. Whites and Indians caught them by the sackful and disposed of them to hotels and families. Now, we are informed by reliable persons, who have opportunity to satisfy themselves beyond doubt on the matter, that there is not a "chub" in the river above Oreana. It appears that they spent the winters in the lake and in the springtime went up the river to spawn. This they have been prevented from doing recently by dams at Big Meadows and Oreana. This ought to be remedied by fish ladders or other means, for, unless it is, in a few years there will not be a "chub" in the Humboldt from the sink to the head of the stream.

September 26, 1879 - Eureka Sentinel

PISCATORIAL - A party of gentlemen consisting of [9]...have been on a fishing excursion to the Humboldt...came back loaded to the guards with speckled beauties...a magnificent trout weighing about five pounds...

September 26, 1879 – Eureka Daily Leader

FISHING EXCURSION – We have evidence of a successful fishing excursion before us, in the way of a magnificent five-pound trout, one of the trophies of a visit to the Humboldt river... in the neighborhood of the Sand Cut, below Palisade...

October 7, 1879 – Eureka Daily Leader

PALISADE ITEMS – The Humboldt river is lower than ever known since Palisade became a railroad station... These [trout] are quite plenty and attain an enormous size, beauties of ten-pound weight frequently...

October 24, 1879 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING - Several of the boys now spend their time fishing in the Humboldt, which is so shallow that a person can wade it almost anywhere. As the dams down the river prevent chubs from coming up the stream, they are rather scarce, and trout will not take the bait. They - the fishermen - are not very successful.

October 24, 1879 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

SCARCITY OF WATER FOWL - The Indians complain that there are no ducks, geese or other water-fowl at the sink of the Humboldt this year...scarcity of water, and they are...despondent over the drought...

1880

January 3, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

THE BEAVER - Heretofore the Indians and some white men have made a business of trapping beaver during the fall and winter months, on the various streams in this section of country, but this year their occupation is gone. An old Indian dropped into this office the other day, and relieved himself of the information "no more beaver, heep die." Inquiry elicited the fact that the cause of death was the absence of water, there being but little in any of the streams any many of them frozen to the bottom.

January 31, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

FISH IN OUR RIVER - Our readers will remember that during last summer that several cans of catfish were received and planted in the Humboldt near Osino and Deeth Stations. Since then nothing has been thought of the matter until recently, when some parties perambulating on Mary's river, Trout Creek, and other small tributaries of the Humboldt, discovered in these streams large numbers apparently in fine growing condition. From this fact we may judge that the Humboldt, and all of its feeders, will be soon abundantly supplied with these delightful fish.

February 6, 1880 - Eureka Daily Leader

The first mess of trout from the Humboldt for some months past was brought up from Palisade last evening by an Indian, who disposed of a string of 30 in a very short time.

February 7, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

OTTERS - We are informed that otters are quite plentiful along the main Humboldt in the neighborhood of Elko and Moleen. Also on the South Fork near the residence of Senator Shepherd. Several fine specimens have recently been trapped below town near the lower bridge. It is believed that these animals abound, in more or less numbers from the canyon below Palisade to the confluence of Mary's river near Deeth Station. Our boys are having fine sport in trapping these animals.

March 1, 1880 - Eureka Daily Leader

The Indians are driving a brisk traffic in Humboldt trout since the ice went out of the river.

March 11, 1880 - Eureka Daily Leader

The Indians have ceased bringing in trout from the Humboldt, the water being too muddy to make fishing a profitable industry.

March 19, 1880 - Elko Independent

That dry willow wood which E. Burner is hauling in from his ranch on the river above town, makes splendid fuel for the kitchen stove, making a quick, hot fire for cooking purposes. It is quite as cheap, or cheaper than any other fuel, also.

March 23, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - Ranchers up and down the river are burning off the tules on the river bottom. Quite an extensive fire was burning some miles down the river last evening.

March 27, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Good duck hunting is now to be had on the Humboldt River, and quite a number of our nimrods go out daily for a shoot. A grand hunt will take place to-day, a large party having signified their willingness to participate in the fun. The ducks are hard to get unless a good dog accompanies the hunter, as they generally drop in some of the numerous sloughs that abound along the Humboldt River making recovery impossible.

April 10, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

INCREASING - We learn that the few hundred catfish which were sent here by the Fish Commissioner about a year and a half ago, and planted in the Humboldt river near Sherman's, have increased rapidly, and that Mary's river, the North Fork and other small streams emptying into the Humboldt now contain thousands of them. Next year they will be large enough to take with hook and line.

April 10, 1880 - Paradise Valley Reporter

CATFISH AND PERCH FOR PARADISE - T.J. Tennant, acting under the direction of Fish Commissioner Parker, informs us by private letter, that he is about to leave for Sacramento for the purpose of procuring stock perch and catfish for distribution in the streams of eastern Nevada, including the Humboldt river and the streams of Paradise Valley...

April 10, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NO FISH - The Indians complain of the scarcity of fish in the Humboldt above Oreana, and say the dams at that place and lower down the river, prevent them from coming up the stream.

April 13, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - Trout are plenty in the Humboldt river at the present time, and the Indians bring dozens of them from ten to twenty inches long to town. Trout do not go to the sink in winter, and the dams on the lower Humboldt do not interfere with them.

April 24, 1880 - Paradise Reporter (Paradise Valley)

PARADISE INDUSTRIES - The rich and fertile valley of Paradise has under actual cultivation, 12,000 acres of land, and we have accurate and reliable information that not less than 10,000 acres will be put under wheat and barley during the present season...

May 11, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CROSS CREEK - The stream which rises in Cross Canyon, in the Harmony mountains, east of town, and from which the water works are supplied, is higher than it has been for years. Trout from eight to twelve inches in length are now caught in the stream, where an ox could drink it dry a year ago.

May 14, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A PLEASING CONTRAST - A strip of bright green, a few hundred feet wide in some places and a mile or two at other points, now marks the course of the Humboldt river as far as the eye can reach. It forms a pleasing contrast with the grayish hue of the sagebrush and the sandy valley through which the stream winds its way to the sink.

May 18, 1880 – Eureka Daily Leader

The Indians are bringing in some fine strings of Humboldt trout and chubs.

May 29, 1880 - Paradise Reporter (Paradise Valley)

James Farrel an extensive cattleman on the Little Humboldt was in town Thursday; he informs us that including calves, the mortality of cattle in that locality during the past winter has been fully 25 per cent of the whole.

June 2, 1880 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

HUMBOLDT FISH - A Piute Indian and his Mahala came up on last evening's train with a lot of chubs which they had caught in the Humboldt yesterday. They peddled their fish on the streets to-day and did a good business.

June 5, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

The willows on the banks of the Humboldt are beginning to put on a coat of green, and the course of the river can be tracked for miles by them.

June 26, 1880 - Paradise Reporter (Paradise Valley)

James Farrel of Little Humboldt was in town this week. Mr. Farrel says millions of grasshoppers have made their appearance in the hills, and in many places are so thick as to bend the bushes to the ground.

June 30, 1880 – Eureka Daily Leader

The Indians are bringing in some fine trout from the Humboldt.

July 8, 1880 – Eureka Daily Leader

The Indians are bringing large quantities of fish from the Humboldt.

July 10, 1880 - Paradise Reporter (Paradise Valley)

COMPLY WITH THE LAW - We beg to call the attention of the Paradise Mining Company to the fact that although their dam on Martin Creek has been constructed nearly a year, they have as yet failed to comply with the State Law for the preservation of fish in such cases provided. The law in question stipulates that where corporations have constructed dams for mining or milling purposes accross (sic) certain streams, they shall within 30 days from the completion of such dam construct fish ways or ladders in order that the members of the finny tribe may have free access to points above the obstructions at all seasons of the year. Hard Scrabble a point on the creek above the dam has long been considered the best trout fishing ground in the county and has been a favorite resort for fish during the spawning season; but unless the fish ways are put in as provided the streams will be depleted above the dam, and in a short time the trout will forsake the waters of Martin Creek entirely.

July 24, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

HUMBOLDT FISH - The Indians are the only successful fishermen at present, and they probably have better luck with traps than hooks and lines. They offer for sale fine large Humboldt trout, and charge about 50 cents apiece for them.

July 24, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Good fishing in the Humboldt at Argenta.

FISHING - A party consisting of...left...for a fishing and hunting trip to Squaw Valley, north of here...

Dyer and Crockett, of Austin, came down on Tuesday's train from Austin and went to Fish Creek to try their luck at fishing.

July 27, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE PLEASURE SEEKERS - ...To-day they go to Pole Creek, where Mr. Lay of the Hot Springs Hotel [Golconda] informs them, fish and sage hens are plenty...

July 29, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT LAKE - We are informed that Humboldt Lake, or "Sink of Humboldt", as it is frequently called, is dry...caused by diverting the waters of the Humboldt river to the lands along the stream for irrigating purposes...

July 31, 1880 - Paradise Valley Reporter

Mr. Thomas Shone and family have been rusticated on the Little Humboldt during the week. Tom reports fish plentiful...

August 7, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

HUMBOLDT LAKE DRIED UP - Humboldt Lake, or the Sink of the Humboldt is dry. The SILVER STATE says...caused by diverting the waters of the Humboldt river to the lands along the stream for irrigating purposes...

August 14, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Grasshoppers are plenty on the river. They are good feeders, eat hay like a horse.

August 28, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

John Slaven, of Argenta, has cut over 150 tons of choice hay from land that did not show hardly a spear of grass last year. This shows what may be expected from the land between here and Argenta after he has completed his ditch.

August 30, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DESTRUCTION OF FISH - [In response to an article in the RENO GAZETTE]...The GAZETTE'S estimate of the number of trout destroyed in the manner indicated is undoubtedly exaggerated. It could be prevented altogether by the passage of an Act requiring those who take water from the river for irrigating purposes to put screens at the heads of their ditches, and providing a penalty for non-compliance with the law.

September 1, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING - Fishing is getting to be quite a pastime for gentlemen of leisure hereabouts. Experts with the hook and line can catch all the suckers they want and sometimes a few trout in a few hours in the Humboldt.

September 11, 1880 – Reno Evening Gazette

HUMBOLDT TROUT - [Long article about water diversions and the subsequent loss of trout in the Humboldt river]

September 15, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - [Article taken from the RENO GAZETTE about fish dying in the irrigation ditches around Beowawe]

September 17, 1880 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - A correspondent of the Reno Gazette, writing from Beowawe, says that tons of fish perish in ditches dug for irrigating purposes along the Humboldt...[Long article]

October 2, 1880 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Kinney brought in two loads of sagebrush the other day to use in the place of wood in heating the boilers at the Salt Mill. More will come as soon as needed.

October 7, 1880 - Eureka Sentinel

FRESH TROUT - A good many of our citizens are enjoying the "toothsome trout" of late. They are shipped from Truckee and the Humboldt...and arrived fresh and in splendid condition.

November 24, 1880 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT LAKE - Naches, the Piute Chief, says Humboldt Lake is about dry, and where years ago water fowl of all kinds were plenty there are no geese, no pelicans, no ducks, and nothing that an Indian could live upon.

December 23, 1880 - Tuscarora Times-Review

STOCKING THE STREAMS - Thomas J. Tennent is around stocking the streams of Nevada with catfish under the direction of Fish Commissioner Parker. He arrived in Elko on Sunday with two thousand of them for distribution in the streams in the valleys north and south...The fish are from ten to fourteen inches in length, and will spawn next spring. They were brought here in boxes without water. They seem to be amphibious, and will live for days out of water. They propagate very rapidly, and in the course of a year or two, it is fair to presume that the sloughs and rivers in this vicinity will be alive with them.

December 25, 1880 - Elko Weekly Post

CATFISH - T.J. Tennant arrived in Elko the first of the week with several boxes of catfish...will be put in the Humboldt and Reese Rivers, Cherry Creek and other streams in Eastern Nevada. E.R. Chase, of Clover Valley, will get some of them.

1881

Second Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1879 and 1880; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, January 17, 1881.

Complaints continue to come from Walker and Humboldt rivers of obstructions in the shape of willow and other dams. To all these complaints, I have replied by calling attention to our several statutes on the subject, and particularly to those of 1877, pages 55 and 141, which seem to be sufficient, providing those living in neighborhoods where these obstructions exist, would furnish the District Attorney with the evidence. Convictions have been had under this law, but when responsible persons residing in sight of these notorious obstructions and furnish no assistance to the law officers, it cannot be expected of the Fish Commissioner to provide fish to be killed in attempting to ascend the rivers for the purpose of spawning.

Advices from the...Humboldt rivers warrant me in reporting equally as favorably as from those [Cattfish] planted in Washoe Lake, and with another year's growth, or on the opening of the rivers in the coming spring, I have no hesitancy in stating the dood (sic) and profitable fishing may be had.

..in December, 1880, I distributed catfish and Sacramento river perch in...Humboldt... counties...

January 31, 1881 - Tuscarora Times-Review

District Attorney Kingston has published a notice to all persons who have erected mill dams and other obstructions in the Humboldt and Owyhee rivers. He tells them they must put in fish-ladders and screens, or the Statutes will be rigidly enforced.

June 4, 1881 – Nevada Tribune (Carson City)

One thousand young salmon have just been planted in the Humboldt, at Elko, by A.H. Parker, brother of the fish commissioner. These young fish are produced at the Carson hatchery from larvea (sic) forwarded from Boxport, Maine, by Prof. Baird, and are of the species known as "land-locked salmon".

June 4, 1881 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

One thousand young salmon have just been planted in the Humboldt, at Elko, by A.H. Parker, brother of the Fish Commissioner. These young fish are produced at the Carson Hatchery from larvea (sic) forwarded from Boxport, Maine by Prof. Baird, and are of the species known as "land-locked salmon".

June 7, 1881 - Tuscarora Times-Review

A.H. Parker, brother of Fish Commissioner Hub Parker, turned loose in the Humboldt river, a short distance from Elko, 1,000 young salmon, hatched from eggs brought from Buxport, Maine. They are of the species known as "land-locked salmon".

June 14, 1881 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

AN OCEAN OF SHEEP - J.H. Windle informs us that a flock of 125,000 sheep passed through west of Paradise Valley last Saturday. They are being driven from California to Montana, and those who saw them say there was a perfect ocean of sheep...

June 16, 1881 - Elko Independent

Fishing in the Humboldt is comparatively good for this season of the year, and many fine trout are caught by our local experts.

June 17, 1881 - Elko Independent

A juvenile Isaac Walton yanked a trout out of the Humboldt yesterday weighing just 3 1/2 pounds.

June 23, 1881 - Elko Independent

HUB PARKER'S PETS - Our former townsman, L. West and wife are in town from their ranch 50 miles north on the Cope road. Mr. West informs us that half grown catfish have made their appearance in the streams of that vicinity which empty into the North Fork of the Humboldt river, he having taken out several, but replaced them again in the stream in order that they might grow and multiply.

As this species of the finny tribe has also been found in the streams fifty miles south of this place, near the county line, it is satisfactorily demonstrated that the efforts of Fish Commissioner Parker in this section, have been crowned with success.

As none of the young fish planted in the main Humboldt here by the Commissioner two years ago, had been seen since in this part of the stream, it was feared that they had died or been destroyed, but it is now evident that they had merely gone on a tour of inspection with the view of exploring the ramifying tributaries to their respective heads.

The published account of the actions of the Commissioner, has very generally informed the public of the object of the scheme, and thus far no desire has been manifested to thwart it by taking or destroying the young pouts. If this disposition to assist in the propagation of these fish be maintained through a couple of years more, our streams which have been nearly depopulated of their native trout, will afford more food and fun than ever.

June 27, 1881 – Eureka Daily Leader

Anglers report the fishing on the Humboldt as very poor just at present, owing to the muddy conditions of the water. It will probably be fine inside of a couple of weeks.

July 20, 1881 – Reno Evening Gazette

Cattlemen say that Humboldt County has less than half as many cattle now as it had five or six years ago. It had then nearly a hundred thousand head; now it has about forty thousand, and that is all it can support. The feed does not grow upon the hills, and it gets tramped down in the bottoms, weeds growing in its place.

July 20, 1881 – Reno Evening Gazette

Humboldt lake is the largest it has been for five years. The water comes right up to Brown's Station, and is 4 to 10 feet deep.

August 3, 1881 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT LAKE - A year ago Humboldt Lake, which generally extends over several square miles, was dry...now the lake has spread out to its old size and is larger than at any previous time in six years...

August 4, 1881 - Tuscarora Times-Review

TOWN TALK - Humboldt Lake, which was entirely dry at this time last year, is now navigable for small boats for several miles.

August 4, 1881 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CAUGHT A CATFISH - Chief Naches, while fishing in the Humboldt about a mile above town, yesterday, with hook and line, caught a catfish some thirteen inches long...A lot of catfish were sent here last winter by the Fish Commissioner and planted in the Humboldt...

August 5, 1881 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mountain)

LEWIS NEWS - Manager Bothwell intends to start in using coal instead of wood and sage brush for making steam at the mills. He will still use wood in the roasting furnaces.

August 17, 1881 - Battle Mountain Messenger

FISHING EXCURSION - Messrs. Jolin and Henderson, of Galena, spent about a week on the river recently on a fishing excursion, and although they did not catch as many as the fishermen of old, they caught about 200 fine trout.

Mrs. Alexander went to the river yesterday and gathered less than three bushels of buffalo berries.

September 3, 1881 - Battle Mountain Messenger

THE PICNIC - ...on Monday last, near the residence of Mr. John Brinsden, on the Humboldt...from the number of fish caught, it is evident the time was passed both agreeably and successfully. After lunch the bated (sic) line was flung to the stream and soon 100 "pescado" lay fluttering upon the bank...

September 5, 1881 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE WOOD CONTRACT - Thomas Sears was awarded the contract for furnishing the Courthouse with ten cords of sagebrush wood...

September 6, 1881 - Elko Independent

This market is being well supplied with trout caught mostly by Indians with hook and line. The low water at present renders their capture an easy matter for the expert.

September 9, 1881 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Fish in the Humboldt are getting quite plentiful and a fine mess can be caught in a couple of hours.

September 9, 1881 - Elko Independent

About sixty pounds of trout was the result of the catch yesterday by Penrod, Stone, Currie and others.

September 12, 1881 - Elko Independent

Fishing is remarkably good in the Humboldt river at present. Charley Froelich and Joe Rosenstock went down the river yesterday and succeeded in capturing 54 fine trout.

September 15, 1881 - Elko Independent

Everybody and his best gal made a break for the river yesterday morning, and all unite in saying it was the best day's sport of the season. The trout seemed to have just concluded a forty-day fast and went for all kinds of bait without stopping to consider the consequences. The aggregate catch reported last evening amounted to over two hundred, with several counties (sic) to hear from.

September 16, 1881 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - The Indians bring trout to town, which they catch a few miles above here in the Humboldt, and dispose of them at from twenty-five to fifty cents each, according to size. Some of them weigh four or five pounds and, as grasshoppers have been plenty, are as fat as they could well be.

September 23, 1881 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

The Indians are bringing in [a] large quantity of ducks and fish. They find ready sale for them.

September 24, 1881 - Battle Mountain Messenger

FISHING PARTY - D. Cozzens and party, of Lewis, have just returned from their fishing excursion on the Humboldt, with reasonable success.

October 24, 1881 – Eureka Daily Leader

BEAVER IN EASTERN NEVADA – Considerable number of beavers are found on the Humboldt and its tributaries. They are fat fellows, weighing from twenty-five to forty pounds, and their fur is very nice. It is not likely that enough could be caught to pay for going into it for a business. On the South Humboldt there is one place near Mr. Shepherd's ranch, where they built a dam last winter and turned the water out on his meadow, irrigating it very nicely. They also built a rock dam nearby. They trouble Mr. Crane and other farmers considerably. It would be all right if they would call at the office and get specifications as to the right place to put the dams, but they do not do that. They are very shy, and are rarely seen.

November 7, 1881 – Ruby Hill Mining News

EASTERN NEVADA BEAVER – A considerable number of beavers are found on the Humboldt and its tributaries. They are fine fat fellows weighing from 35 to 40 pounds, and their fur is very nice. It is not likely that enough could be caught to pay for going into it as a business. On the south Humboldt there is one place near Mr. Shepherd's ranch, where they built a dam last winter and turned the water out on his meadow, irrigating it very nicely. They also built a rock dam near by. They trouble Mr. Crane and other farmers considerably.

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January 28, 1882 - Battle Mountain Messenger

THE CATTLE BUSINESS - A few years since cattle went down to bed-rock prices, by reason of overstocked ranges and oversupplied markets. In Nevada, more particularly, the ranges were so eat out that stock raisers were compelled to dispose of their herds at destructive (sic) prices, or remove them to other localities at heavy expense...(Long article)

February 3, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

HIGH WATER - If we should have as high water in the river this season as last we may expect a great increase in our trout supply. The Indians say, "Heap water, heap trout." The Indians are correct on this proposition as was proven last year. For five years of drought prior to last year trout were very scarce, but last year we had high water and they were quite plenty. Not many years ago the river was abundantly stocked. There is no question but that the droughts have had some effect, as well as the use of giant powder.

March 30, 1882 - Elko Independent

THE FLOODS - Reports from all quarters in this section are that the streams in every direction are now higher than ever before known, and owing to the rapidly melting snow, are still increasing in volume...

March 31, 1882 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

BURNING TULEs - Ranchers along the river are burning tules on their hay lands, and heavy clouds of smoke hang on the river bottom in many places.

April 12, 1882 – Carson Daily Appeal

OUR FISH IN NEW YORK – Carson river, Lake Tahoe and Humboldt river trout were on exhibition at Fulton Market, New York City, on the First of April.

April 25, 1882 - Elko Independent

A QUEER FISH - Stanley Rigsby, a few days ago, caught one of those handsome speckled Humboldt trout, weighing about two pounds, the head of which, was a curiosity. It was precisely like the rest of its species except that the mouth extended farther back, and the upper jaw, or nose, tapered to a point and curved inward like the beak of a parrot. This inflexible proboscis was armed also with a row of unusually strong, sharp teeth. Stanley, presented the head to Doc. Muller, who has it preserved in a jar of spirits at the Drug Store.

April 27, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

HUMBOLDT LAKE ENCROACHING ON BORDERING RANCHES - Humboldt Lake, or Sink, as it is frequently called, is higher than it has been for some time. Where a few years ago a person could walk for miles on solid, dry earth, there is now several feet of water...Its size has been increased by a dam at the foot of the lake, where there is an outlet for the waters to the alkali deserts which extend to the sink of the Carson river. This dam was built by the Oneida Mill Company, some years ago, for the purpose of utilizing the water in running a quartz mill. It is estimated that backwater caused by the dam overflows 20,000 acres of land. The SILVER STATE says: The General Government, the State and the railroad company - all of whom are interested in the matter - ought to buy out the right of the mill company, take away the dam and reclaim the thousands of acres of land which are now overflowed by letting the lake get down to its normal level. W.C. Pitts moved on to a part of this land near Brown's Station, this spring, for the purpose of cultivating it. The high water in the river raised the lake, and Mr. Pitts had to abandon his farm and lose what improvements he had made on the place. H.C. Emmons, of Lovelock, expected to put in about 200 acres of grain on land adjoining the lake, but he finds that the water is rising so rapidly that much of his land is submerged.

April 28, 1882 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

HUMBOLDT LAKE OVERFLOWING - Humboldt Lake, or Sink, as it is frequently called, is higher than it has been for some time...Its size has been increased by a dam at the foot of the lake, where there is an outlet for the waters to the alkali deserts which extend to the Sink of the Carson river. This dam was built by the Oneida Mill Company, some years ago, for the purpose of utilizing the water in running a quartz mill...

June 30, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Supt. Dunn received about a dozen carp and gold fish last week from Beowawe. He turned them loose in the swimming pond at the Nevada Central machine shops.

July 14, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

The carp and goldfish put in the swimming pond at the Nevada Central shops by Supt. Dunn, are doing finely.

July 14, 1882 - Elko Independent

Mr. and Mrs. L. West are down from their ranch on North Fork. Mr. West informs us that he caught a good sized trout in that stream a few days ago, upon opening which a cat-fish about half the size of the trout, was found inside him. This probably accounts for the fact that the cat-fish with which the Humboldt was partly stocked a few years ago, have so rarely put in an animated appearance. It was feared the cat would destroy the trout, but that seems to have been groundless.

July 20, 1882 - Eureka Sentinel

Some of the Palisade people are growling because a dam has been placed across the Humboldt River some ten miles below that place, and thereby stopping the trout from coming up the river.

July 21, 1882 - Elko Independent

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July 21, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Fish are commencing to bite.

July 22, 1882 - Elko Independent

If each piscatorial party that raids the streams from this locality should succeed in capturing a single fish, there wouldn't be a single representative of the finny tribe left to tell the wiggling tail. The amount of angling going on, is quite appalling...

July 28, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Good fishing can now be had on the Humboldt.

August 9, 1882 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

KILLING FISH WITH GIANT POWDER - Constable Young of Big Meadows, brought two Chinamen to the county jail last evening, to which reformatory they have been sentenced by Justice Wingate for 60 days each, for killing fish in the Humboldt with giant powder. They were given the option of paying \$120 fine each, but preferred going to jail.

August 20, 1882 - Daily Morning Democrat (Austin)

RETURN OF NIMRODS - On Friday evening, Messrs. J.A. Wright and Melville Curtis, who together with D.B. Starratt, F.W. Dunn and Z.T. Sprigg have been on a hunting and fishing excursion to the Humboldt Valley since Sunday last, returned to town with their share of the trophies. They tell us that the fishing was not remarkably good...

August 28, 1882 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATCHING CATFISH - About two years ago some catfish sent here by Fish Commissioner Parker were placed in the Humboldt. It appears that they lived and propagated, as the Indians and white boys frequently catch young catfish, five or six inches long, nowadays...

September 1, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Fishing is getting better...several fine trout have been hooked during the week.

September 4, 1882 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

KILLING FISH WITH GIANT POWDER - Yesterday Sheriff Burns learned that some persons had been killing fish in the river a short distance below town with giant powder. He rode down the river, and although unable to ascertain who had been violating the law, there was proof that somebody had been doing it...

September 10, 1882 - Elko Independent

The Humboldt River is very low and in some places almost dry.

September 15, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mt.)

Everybody goes fishing these days, but everybody don't catch fish.

September 26, 1882 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

GOING FISHING - ...down to Battle Mountain to-morrow or next day, there to join other choice sports and proceed down on the Humboldt, solely for the purpose of catching trout...

September 29, 1882 – Eureka Daily Leader

Fine trout are beginning to arrive from the Humboldt.

October 3, 1882 – Eureka Daily Leader

Fish sell at three pounds for \$1.

October 17, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mountain)

Three hundred thousand sheep have been driven through Nevada to points east this season. They feed along the road and come out fat and good for mutton. Last year's drive was 380,000.

October 18, 1882 – Reno Evening Gazette

FISH TRANSPLANTED - J.G. Chesley, of Carson City, has taken eastward a large number of young cat fish for the purpose of stocking the Humboldt river...

October 20, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

CATFISH - J.G. Chesley, of Carson, has planted a lot of catfish in the Humboldt river. This kind of catfish - bull-heads, or bull-pouts - thus far brought to this coast are no improvement on the native chub. They are soft, mud-flavored things. When the silver or "channel" catfish are brought to this coast from the rivers of the west we shall have a catfish worth talking about.

October 22, 1882 - Elko Independent

J.G. Chesley, of Carson City, brought to this place last week a large number of young cat fish for the purpose of stocking the Humboldt River. The fish are transported in large zinc tanks prepared for the purpose.

December 2, 1882 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Plenty of fresh trout from the Humboldt and Truckee rivers are to be found in the markets of Austin. Everybody buys 'em.

December 6, 1882 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

...Thanksgiving...we feasted on Humboldt trout, fresh from the river, and juicy catfish.

December 31, 1882 - Elko Independent

Thomas J. Tennant, of the Fish Commission, left a lot of white bass at the Gem, for stocking the Humboldt at this place. They were taken up above town and placed in the stream yesterday. The Fish Commission is doing good work, in thus populating our streams with desirable food fish.

1883

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1881 and 1882; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, January 4, 1883.

...The great salt, nitre and borax deposits found east and north of the Forty-mile desert are within the territory receiving the waters of the Carson and Humboldt Rivers. Here the absorption and evaporation is so great that during the fall months but little of the large volume of water carried down these rivers can be seen. Enough, however, and its saline character has justified me in stocking them with salmon, believing the salt water required by these fish will here be found. In Maggie, May and Pine creeks, the principal tributaries of the Humboldt in Nevada, are found the best quality or finest flavored trout. The same may be said of the trout in the Humboldt. These fish, from one-half to six pounds in weight, in color and shape resemble more the speckled (sic) trout of northern Pennsylvania, or from streams flowing into the Susquehanna, than any of the several species west of the Rocky Mountains. A more warlike "biter" cannot be found, and the beautiful valleys and wild mountain gorges through which these streams course make a day's angling most enjoyable. A more choice repast cannot be served than from these delicious, white-flaked, firm trout, sure to be ready for the "pan" when the evening camp-fire is lighted.

March 3, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

TRAPPING BEAVER - The SILVER STATE of the 28th ultimo says: "Doby John", the Piute who runs a glove factory, is trapping considerable many beavers along the Humboldt. He dresses the skins in genuine Indian style, and uses them in trimming gloves. The habits of Humboldt beaver are different than those of the east, as they build no dams and live in holes along the banks of the river.

March 9, 1883 - Elko Free Press

Ostricher received a half dozen young carp from the U.S. Fish Commissioner the other day. He planted them in the Humboldt.

March 9, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

A lot of carp were planted in the Humboldt river last Sunday.

March 10, 1883 - Elko Independent

I. Ostricher received a consignment of carp from the fish commissioner on Sunday evening, which were transferred to the placid waters of the gentle Humboldt.

April 4, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

TROUT FOR THE HUMBOLDT - Hub. Parker, Fish Commissioner for Nevada, yesterday morning sent 1,000 young trout to Humboldt, to be placed in a pond on Colonel Hardin's ranch. Hon. C.B.E. Hardin took them out. The fish are Eastern trout hatched this season at Carson...

May 17, 1883 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

BURSTED DAM - The dam across the Humboldt river, at Lovelock, was washed out Monday night, flooding several farms below it...

May 19, 1883 - Battle Mountain Messenger

The dam across the Humboldt River at Lovelocks, Humboldt County, was washed out last Tuesday night, flooding several farms below.

May 24, 1883 - Eureka Sentinel

Some thing seems to be killing the willows along the Humboldt River. In many places they are dead for miles. It is guessed that they were killed by the intense cold of last winter.

June 2, 1883 - Safford Express (Palisade)

Indians are daily bringing in beautiful trout which they catch along the banks of our stream.

June 10, 1883 - Elko Independent

The first fruit of the cat-fish plants made in this part of the Humboldt river, was gathered yesterday by R. Rowe, better known as "Bouncing Bob", who while angling for trout in the stream, hooked a healthy horned catfish, seven inches in length.

June 15, 1883 - Eureka Sentinel

SAFFORD SQUIBLETS - The water in the river is too high at present for piscatorial sport. Hence, trout are scarce.

June 23, 1883 - Battle Mountain Messenger

BULLION ITEMS - James Hatfield is furnishing the mill with fuel, viz. wood and sagebrush.

June 27, 1883 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK NOTES - The last and only dam that was left in the Humboldt at Lovelock broke on Monday, leaving a number of the largest ranchers without water for irrigating purposes...

July 14, 1883 - Eureka Sentinel

SAFFORD ITEMS - Fishing is now the popular pastime.

July 24, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

Humboldt lake is quite high, and the Indians are gathering bushels of ducks and gull eggs...

July 28, 1883 - Battle Mountain Messenger

KILLING FISH - We are informed that some persons in this town have exploded Giant powder in the Humboldt River, for the purpose of killing trout, and that thousands of dead young fish have floated down the river and through the McIntyre ditch. No sportsman would commit such a dastardly act, and if the parties are known, they should be dealt with according to law. From what is said on the streets, if (sic) would not be a matter of much difficulty or expense to fasten the crime on the guilty parties, and it should certainly be done, and they made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law.

August 2, 1883 - Eureka Sentinel

The BATTLE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER complains that the fish in the Humboldt River are being destroyed by giant powder, and characterizes the act as dastardly. And so say we all, save the dastards.

August 2, 1883 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The BATTLE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER complains that the fish in the Humboldt river are being destroyed by giant powder, and characterizes the act as dastardly, in which the TIMES-REVIEW concurs.

August 3, 1883 - Elko Free Press

Excellent fishing in the Humboldt.

August 11, 1883 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Quite a number of Battle Mountainites went to Argenta Thursday afternoon on a fishing excursion, remaining over till yesterday.

August 17, 1883 - Elko Free Press

The fish don't bite now; too hot in the middle of the day.

August 18, 1883 - Eureka Sentinel

Some very fine trout came up last night from the Humboldt for private parties.

August 25, 1883 – Eureka Daily Leader

Some fine trout are being brought to town from Palisade, but you must be on time to capture them.

August 30, 1883 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE PINE NUT HARVEST - Indians from all parts of the country are now going to Table Mountain to harvest the pine nut crop, which is said to be bountiful this year. Table Mountain and the range south of it to the Humboldt salt marsh are about the only places in the country where the "pinion" or nut pine, forests have not been disturbed by the white man's ax, and the Piutes congregate there from far and near...

September 2, 1883 - Elko Independent

Should those "smart alects" who have been destroying thousands of young fish with giant cartridges persist in their acts of cruelty they may repent after it is too late. Better take warning boys. This is [a] good time to stop.

Gay Dawley and Ben Fitch are the "boss" anglers, they having secured ten fine trout within a few hours one day this week.

September 9, 1883 - Elko Independent

The most successful fishing party of the season was that of yesterday, composed of A.G. Dawley, S.H. Day, C. Froelich, J. Rosenstock and T.N. Stone, which returned in the evening with fifty-nine fine trout, the result of the day's catch. The highest number taken by any one of the party was thirteen, and the lowest was eleven.

September 14, 1883 - Elko Free Press

About ten miles down the river trout fishing is said to be excellent.

September 18, 1883 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH CULTURE AT BIG MEADOWS - John Harrison, of Big Meadows, has devoted considerable time and given much attention to fish culture. About three years ago he planted some catfish and carp in a slough on his ranch, and there are now myriads of young fish in that locality...A number of catfish weighing from one to two pounds each and carp that weighed from ten to twelve pounds each. He thinks he will be able to supply the people of Lovelock with brain food shortly...

September 25, 1883 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

ALIVE WITH CATFISH - We are informed by James Gould of Mill City that J.F. Clark has thousands of catfish of various sizes, from the small fry of this season to fish sixteen or eighteen inches long, in the sloughs on his ranch, at St. Marys, on the Humboldt. Ten or twelve years ago he planted some catfish in those sloughs...Western States, where they were brought from originally...A great many of the fish found their way into the river, where they also thrive, and are getting to be quite plentiful...

September 29, 1883 - Tuscarora Times-Review

J.F. Gould has thousands of catfish in the sloughs at his ranch, on the Humboldt river...

1884

March 8, 1884 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Stockmen are moving their cattle on the summer ranges.

March 13, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - Last night the Humboldt bottom up near Sloan's ranch was a sheet of flame. The tules were burning and the fire lit up the heavens...

April 3, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NOTES FROM LOVELOCK - Senator Marker of Washoe has planted over 20,000 eastern brook trout in the ponds and sloughs on his broad domains...as more or less of them are certain to find their way into the Humboldt river, eastern brook trout may be as numerous in the lower Humboldt in a few years as the native trout are in the upper Humboldt at present.

April 6, 1884 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

Senator Marker of Washoe has planted 20,000 eastern brook trout in the ponds and sloughs on his Humboldt broad domains...[Article taken from the SILVER STATE]

April 9, 1884 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

Senator Marker, of Washoe County, has planted 20,000 eastern brook trout in the ponds and sloughs on his Humboldt ranches.

April 21, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Emmons, the "Hog King" of the Sink of the Humboldt, will have 1,000 head of fat hogs for sale next fall.

April 22, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FLOODING THE BOTTOMS - James Sloan informs us that the Humboldt has overflowed its banks and is flooding the bottoms above his place...

April 23, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - A line of flames extended across the Humboldt bottom last evening, a short distance above town, where the tules had been set on fire.

April 24, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

STILL BOOMING - The Humboldt is said by observing individuals to be increasing in volume daily. It is now much higher than usual at this season, and the water is much muddier. This latter peculiarity is caused by the banks caving in many places along the river.

April 28, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

E.W. Crutcher, who left Willow Point Saturday, says there is an immense lake in the lower end of Paradise Valley.

May 3, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The railroad men say the Humboldt river has overflowed its banks up at the wells, and is spread all over the valley.

May 7, 1884 - Reno Evening Gazette

WATER PLENTY - Humboldt lake is higher than at any time since 1876. There are few ducks, but plenty of mud hens, and the Indians are busy gathering their eggs.

May 8, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A LARGE RIVER - The Humboldt, when confined within its banks, is perhaps the crookedest stream in the world. Persons who have given the subject some thought when sailing on the river, say if it was straightened out it would reach across the continent. Now all those crooks and bends are disappearing, the whole bottom, through which the river ordinarily winds, being covered with water...

May 23, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Since the river has lowered fish have commenced to bite.

June 17, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

FISH SUPPLY RENEWED - The fish in the creeks tributary to Reese River have steadily been decreasing of late years because they were not replenished and were caught faster than they increased. The Reese, this year, however, has extended to the Humboldt and as a consequence the fish from that stream have found their way up this valley and will restock our finny tribes...

June 19, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The foundation for the big dam to hold water for Squaw Valley is in, and the tunnel for the safety gates completed. The dam will be completed this year but no crops put in till next spring.

June 25, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A DAM BLOWN UP - Doc. Pollard arrived at Lovelock yesterday, and stated that several masked men...blew up the dam...which was built some years ago for the purpose of furnishing power for a quartz mill, obstructed the flow of water from Humboldt lake...now, it is said, the whole country in the vicinity of White Plains is flooded...

June 27, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The Oneida dam at the Sink of the Humboldt, was blown up by unknown parties a day or two since. It is claimed that the dam caused the flooding of the ranches on Big Meadows.

July 5, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

A NEW LAKE - The whole valley in the vicinity of White Plains is covered with water. A new lake, almost as large as the sink of the Humboldt, has been formed there by the rush of water from Humboldt lake since the dam was blown up. What injury, if any, has been done the Desert Crystal Salt Works, near White Plains, we have not been able to ascertain.

July 17, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A SHOWER OF FROGS - Men who were down the river Tuesday evening, say a shower of frogs fell in the flat on the south side of the Humboldt. The batrachia were nearly half grown, and literally covered the ground.

July 27, 1884 - Elko Independent

The army worm which appeared in great numbers at Lovelock recently, have disappeared as suddenly, and have done no great harm.

August 6, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

The Sinks of the Carson and Humboldt river now meet on the desert -something that has not occurred for more than twenty years.

August 7, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH - Catfish appear to be as numerous in the Humboldt river now as chubs. People are catching them by the dozen with hook and lines...Less than four years ago a few dozen of the fish were brought here by Deputy Fish Commissioner Tennant, and planted in the Humboldt. Meacham & Blakeslee, of Humboldt House, also planted a number...The fish now being caught are as large as those originally planted in the river by the Fish Commissioner.

August 8, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The Sinks of the Carson and Humboldt Rivers now meet on the desert - something that has not occurred for more than 20 years.

August 8, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Froelich, Hitt and Rosenstock caught about 40 pounds of trout at South Fork last Sunday.

August 9, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Catfish are as plentiful in the Humboldt river near Winnemucca as chubs.

August 11, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

THE WILLOW CREEK DAM - ...The dam will be 25 feet high and 175 feet in length. It will form a reservoir half a mile wide and two miles long, which is expected to furnish water for the irrigation of 2000 acres of land...

August 14, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH - Catfish are said to abound in the sloughs along the Humboldt near Frank Clark's place, as well as here...several of the fish, a foot or more in length, have been caught below Mill City.

August 18, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Catfish a foot long in Humboldt River, and growing longer every day.

August 22, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is said to be good on the South Fork.

August 24, 1884 - Elko Independent

Catfish are said to abound in the sloughs along the Humboldt near Frank Clark's place, as well as here. The river seems to be well adapted to their propagation as the tributaries of the Mississippi. Several of the fish, a foot or more in length, have been caught below Mill City.

August 29, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISH IN THE RIVER - Fish are quite plentiful in the Humboldt, and many who have leisure indulge in piscatorial pursuits. A great many catfish and occasionally a trout is hooked.

August 30, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Fish are quite plentiful in the Humboldt, and many who have leisure indulge in piscatorial pursuits. A great many catfish and chubs are caught and occasionally a trout is hooked.

August 30, 1884 - White Pine News (Cherry Creek)

The Spencer hunting party returned yesterday from the raging Humboldt, loaded down with the finny product of that famous stream.

September 1, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

SILVER STATE: Fish are quite plentiful in the Humboldt, and many who have leisure indulge in piscatorial pursuits. A great many catfish and chubs are caught and occasionally a trout is hooked.

September 1, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

MILLIONS OF CARP - ...Smelser, who has a cattle ranch at Summit Springs, twenty-eight miles south of Golconda, built a reservoir...covers some fourteen acres of land. A year ago last winter he procured about five dozen carp from California and planted them...He says there are millions of young fish...and those hatched out a year ago last spring weigh from a pound and a half to two pounds each. He says carp is an excellent food fish, especially in the cool mountain waters of Nevada, and resembles perch somewhat in appearance and flavor.

September 2, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

T.C. Plunkett, Rube Battles and Eddie Mead returned Sunday evening from a week's trip to the North Fork of the Humboldt and Deep Creek...were not so successful at fishing...

September 8, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK NOTES - Catfish are quite plentiful in the Humboldt down this way. John Barker and "Doc" Tavenor caught one hundred one day last week. They weighed from half a pound to two pounds each. Catfish were planted here by the Fish Commissioner some years ago.

September 11, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Fishing in the Humboldt is fine.

September 12, 1884 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUNTING AND FISHING - ...parties leave town every day to slaughter the feathered and finny tribes which now abound along and in the river. Joe Germain, Tom Edwards and Johnny Banks went down the river Wednesday to Stauffer & Sweetser's ranch, and returned in the evening with...and about one hundred fish, and other parties are equally successful.

September 13, 1884 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Duck hunting every day...Plenty of Humboldt trout.

September 16, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

There are any amount of fish in the Humboldt River at Battle Mountain and to fish down there is as natural as as (sic) for the sun to rise.

September 16, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Those of our citizens who went out fishing Sunday, returned with from two to twenty-five fish each. Joe Rosenstock caught the "boss". It weighed 4 1/2 pounds.

September 18, 1884 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Charles Huntsman caught a string of twenty catfish in the Humboldt River last Saturday. They were from four to twelve inches long and were fat and luscious. This species of fish were planted in the Humboldt some six years ago by the Fish Commissioner, but are now only to be found in certain places in any great numbers.

September 20, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Catfish from four to six inches in length are now frequently caught in the Humboldt down about Battle Mountain. The large numbers planted at Elko evidently struck out for the Sink, as none have ever been seen there since the planting.

September 21, 1884 - Elko Independent

Cat fish from four to twelve inches in length are now frequently caught in the Humboldt down about Battle Mountain. The large numbers planted here evidently struck out for the Sink, as none have ever been seen here since the planting.

September 21, 1884 - Elko Free Press

The catfish planted in the Humboldt river about six years ago are now from four to twelve inches long.

September 23, 1884 - Elko Free Press

About 200 fish were caught in the Humboldt, within ten miles of Elko, Sunday by local fishermen.

September 27, 1884 - Battle Mountain Messenger

Z.T. Sprig and wife caught eleven trout last Wednesday. They were the largest ever caught in the Humboldt, averaging 2 1/2 pounds in weight.

September 27, 1884 - Elko Free Press

Froelich and Rosenstock had good luck fishing day before yesterday, and brought in a nice string of trout.

October 5, 1884 - Elko Independent

The Humboldt now affords excellent trout fishing, and a large number of the "speckled beauties" are brought into town by our local nimrods.

October 12, 1884 - Elko Independent

Another fine trout weing (sic) 3 1/2 pounds was taken from the Humboldt yesterday by "Nimrod" Dorsey. Owing to a slight rise in the river, fishing is not as good now as it has been.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1883 and 1884; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, December 29, 1884.

Eastern Brook Trout - ...These were distributed throughout the State on the application of gentlemen desirous of placing them...about forty thousand were liberated...and the Humboldt receiving about the same number...

White Bass - ...The species I have introduced...originally came from Lake George, New York...During the past two months I have placed over six thousand in Carson, Walker and Humboldt rivers.

1885

January 30, 1885 - Elko Free Press

Rosenstock and Froelich are having good luck fishing. Rosenstock caught a string of seven nice trout in less than two hours Tuesday afternoon, near the lower bridge.

February 24, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

"HEAP MAD" INDIAN - Doby John is one of the best hunters and trappers among the Piutes...In winter he traps beavers and otters along the Humboldt and uses their furs in trimming gloves. Yesterday morning one of his traps was missing, an otter, which got caught in it, breaking the chain and taking it away with him. In another trap he found the hind leg of a beaver...

March 7, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULE FIRES - Sheets of flame light up the Humboldt bottom almost every night. Ranchers along the river are burning the tules.

March 27, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULE FIRES - Extensive fires have been burning on the river bottom, some miles below town, for several days, and at night the whole river is lighted with a broad sheet of flame. The fires are caused by the ranchers burning tules on hay lands.

March 31, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING - Fishing parties are getting to be quite fashionable now-a-days with those who have leisure. Chubs bite readily and they are almost as good table fish as trout. Catfish, which were quite plentiful in the river last summer, do not bite this early in the season.

April 3, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATCHING CATFISH - The other day it was stated in these columns, upon the authority of an expert fisherman, that catfish do not bite this early in the season. Since then Express Agent Philip has proved the contrary by catching with hook and line a dozen or more of as fine catfish as was ever seen in Nevada. Mr. Philip says there are catfish in the river now of a size that will astonish the natives.

April 10, 1885 - Elko Free Press

Rosenstock and Froelich caught a string of 30 trout last Sunday. They found splendid fishing in Lamoille Creek near its junction with the Humboldt.

May 22, 1885 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The TIMES-REVIEW scribe is under obligations to Harry Harville for a delicious Humboldt trout taken from the waters of Rock Creek.

April 25, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

OVERFLOWING ITS BANKS - The Humboldt is overflowing its banks in many places and covering the bottom lands with water...

May 2, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THOUSANDS OF FROGS - A day or two ago there were thousands of frogs in the sagebrush between the Toll House and Willow Point. As there is no water in the valley at that point, except when it rains, people who saw the frogs, wondered where they came from. Wagons in going along the road killed scores of them.

May 29, 1885 - Tuscarora Times-Review

There are thousands of Humboldt trout in the big dam at Willow Creek. Some of them are nearly a foot in length. They came up through the dam before the lower gate was closed, and are now trying to make their way back to the river, but cannot get any farther, so, they remain at the lowest possible point. Many of them go down through the waste gate, but legions still remain above.

June 12, 1885 - Elko Free Press

Fishing in the Humboldt is getting fine, though the water is a little too high to cross the sloughs.

June 17, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK NOTES - Our local disciples of Izak Walton amuse themselves catching catfish in the Humboldt river...catfish a foot long are now frequently caught in the river.

June 28, 1885 - Elko Independent

Recorder W.W. Rogers went fishing yesterday, and caught about the same number that was used in feeding that Biblical multitude...

Trout fishing is good in the Humboldt, though the river is high.

July 3, 1885 - Elko Independent

Ben Fitch and John Dennis in a few hours, a day or two ago, landed thirty-five splendid trout from the Humboldt. They would average nearly a pound each, and considering the high stage of the water, the result was decidedly the best fishing achievement of the season.

July 11, 1885 - Elko Independent

From the number of dead fish seen floating down the river it is evident that parties at some point above town are destroying them either with poison or giant powder. As the Statute provides a fine of \$500, or six months' imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment, for thus wantonly destroying fish in the streams of this State, persons are hereby cautioned against any violation of the law in this particular, and any one detected in the act will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

July 20, 1885 - Elko Independent

Two parties of fishermen, composed of four men each, met with good success yesterday. One party caught forty, and the other fifty-two trout.

Billy Rogers beat the --?-- with twenty-two trout and a musk-rat yesterday...

July 24, 1885 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is getting better. Several nice messes were caught during the past week.

July 25, 1885 - Eureka Sentinel

Our old friend Baum, of Palisade, will accept our thanks for those delicious trout. They were elegant.

July 25, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CUNNING CARP - Some years ago Isiah Smelser, whose ranch is at Summit Lake [Springs], 28 miles south of Golconda, stocked the lake, which covers an area of eighteen or twenty acres, with carp. The fish propagated rapidly and the lake is now literally alive with them... [Long story]

July 31, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CARP IN THE HUMBOLDT - Some years ago, G.W. Meacham, of Humboldt House, brought some carp from California and put them in a large slough on his ranch near the river...high water in the river washed away the dam, and, as Mr. Meacham supposed, the fish with it. A few days ago he dragged the mouth of the slough with a net and caught nine carp, averaging about four pounds each...he wants the river stocked with the fish.

He is now satisfied that carp will do well in the Humboldt, and that it is pretty well stocked with them in the vicinity of the slough where he caught the fish.

August 4, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOW WATER AND FISH - The Humboldt is getting down to the low-water mark. There are plenty of chubs and catfish in the river and some trout, and fishing parties are numerous.

August 6, 1885 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The Humboldt is getting down to low water mark and trout fishing in the vicinity of Elko is attended with unusual success. Notwithstanding the immense amount of fishing on that stream, the trout appear to increase rather than diminish (sic). This is conclusive that line fishing is favorable to the propagation of that species of fish. It thins out the larger ones which prey upon and destroy the smaller ones and minnows.

August 7, 1885 - Eureka Sentinel

The Humboldt is getting down to the low water mark. There are plenty of chubs and catfish in the river and some trout, and fishing parties are numerous.

August 11, 1885 - Elko Free Press

A party of fishermen went up to the North Fork Saturday and succeeded in catching over 100 pounds of fine trout.

August 15, 1885 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Plenty of fish in the Humboldt this fall.

August 17, 1885 - Elko Independent

A party of fishermen...went up to the North Fork of the Humboldt Saturday morning and returned last evening. They had excellent success and caught a large number of fine trout...

August 27, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

POOR FISHING - Quite a number of persons have been up the river fishing, but, strange as it may seem, all report that the fish wouldn't bite...

September 8, 1885 - Elko Independent

H. Green and Prof. Stearns caught some very fine trout yesterday. Fishing in the Humboldt is very good at this time.

September 10, 1885 - Elko Independent

Henderson Green and two or three others went fishing to-day, and returned this afternoon with an immense string of nice trout.

September 11, 1885 - Elko Independent

Henderson Green is the boss fisherman, having taken fourteen fine trout in a few hours yesterday.

September 14, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A YELLOW CATFISH - There is a young catfish, about five inches long, in the aquarium at the Palace Saloon...Its color is a golden yellow...It was caught...in the river a few days ago.

September 18, 1885 - Elko Free Press

Tuesday morning J.P. Hough, while fishing in the upper end of Litton's pasture, caught a cat fish which measured 12 inches in length.

September 19, 1885 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Trout fishing is the popular amusement with our citizens. The Humboldt is lined with people from early morn till late at night, and fish are a drug in the market.

September 25, 1885 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Fishing in the Humboldt is very fine just now...

September 26, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - Conductor W.G. Case says that the fishing is fine in the Humboldt river near Carlin, and the trout bite at almost any kind of bait and are being caught by everybody...

September 28, 1885 - Reno Evening Gazette

NEVADA BEAVER INCREASING - Trappers caught about 300 beaver in Mary's River last winter. The undressed skins are worth about \$3 each. They are beginning to catch them already and one man brought 70 head to Deeth Station Tuesday. He says they are plentier than usual this year. Beaver are also found on the South Humboldt and other tributaries, and on the Owyhee and Goose Creek.

September 28, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LARGE TROUT - Saturday Officer Hadley caught a trout in the river here that measured 21 inches in length, and one of the hospital patients caught another that weighed 4 1/2 pounds.

September 29, 1885 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

It is a common thing for the people of our town to return from a day's fishing on the Humboldt with from twenty to twenty-five pounds of fish to the man.

October 2, 1885 - Eureka Sentinel

We are under obligations to Tom Jewell of Palisade for some nice trout, fresh from the Humboldt river...

October 7, 1885 - Elko Independent

There have been more trout taken from the Humboldt this year than perhaps any other year within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

October 9, 1885 - Elko Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lang and Mrs. Bixel went fishing to-day and although the day was unpleasant, the fishing was good and the party was successful in taking quite a number of the speckled beauties.

October 13, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - J.A. Hannah, W.J. Bell and Frank Ewalt caught nineteen trout in the Humboldt yesterday, a short distance above town. Three of the speckled beauties measured twenty-one inches each in length, and weighed over three pounds each.

October 19, 1885 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE TROUT - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Busch went fishing Saturday, and Mrs. Busch proved herself to be an expert angler, by landing three fine trout, one of which - a three pounder - this scribe knows to have been an excellent fish.

November 17, 1885 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

J.A. Blossom received from Thos. Tennant, Deputy Fish Commissioner, fifteen carp, which he has placed in a pond on his ranch near town.

January 28, 1886 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Ed Emmons and Bob Logan were found guilty last Thursday evening at Stillwater of blowing up the dam at the Humboldt Sink in June, 1884...

February 18, 1886 - Elko Independent

Chris Fry, who for some weeks past has been trapping along the river in this vicinity, has taken a number of beaver, otter and mink. An otter captured a couple of days ago had a body three feet in length.

February 20, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Froelich and Hitt had quite a successful fishing trip to Lamoille Creek Wednesday. They secured upwards of sixty fine trout.

March 27, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Mrs. W.T. Hitt has our thanks for a fine 3-pound trout caught in the Humboldt Monday.

March 29, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULE FIRES - The river bottom above and below town was a sheet of flame Saturday evening. The tules were being burned off the meadow lands along the river.

April 17, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Hitt and Froelich had fine luck fishing day before yesterday.

April 20, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

EXTENSIVE FIRES - The dried grass and tules on meadow lands down the Humboldt were burning yesterday, and for miles along the river there was a dense cloud of smoke.

April 28, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TRAPPING - About the 20th of November last, Robert Kemp and William Wear...started out on a regular trapping and hunting excursion...took some twenty traps...They coursed the Humboldt river for about forty miles up from this place...They returned home on April 1st, having been absent over four months...They

brought home the skins of forty beavers, the most of which were very large...ten very beautiful otter skins; eight lynx...six coyote skins...twelve mink skins...one badger skin; twenty-four skunk skins of the large kind...and twelve muskrat skins...They propose to send their furs to the San Francisco market, and will realize quite a sum of money from the sale of them.

May 1, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Froelich and Muller Jr., went out to Lamoille Creek Wednesday and succeeded in capturing over fifty fine trout.

May 4, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING WITH GILL NETS - The SILVER STATE is informed that persons are using gill nets to catch fish in the Humboldt. As the law prohibits under penalty this method...those engaged in the business had better desist...

May 8, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Sheriff Taber arrested a Chinaman Monday for fishing in the Humboldt river with a net, that kind of work being against the laws of Nevada.

May 14, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATCHING CATFISH - Fishing parties leave town almost every day, and as catfish are the only specimens of the finny tribe in the Humboldt that bite at the present stage of water, they are being thinned out rapidly.

May 15, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Fishing in the Humboldt is not very good just now, the water is too muddy. About three weeks more before they will commence to bite.

May 17, 1886 - Elko Independent

F.F. Muller, Charley Froelich and Joe Rosenstock made a pilgrimage to Lamoille Saturday as a trio of Nimrods and were quite successful, as something over seventy fine trout were taken...

May 20, 1886 – Reno Evening Gazette

MACKINAC TROUT – J.F. Triplett returned last evening from Carson with 1,000 mackinac trout obtained from Fish Commissioner Cary, with which he is to stock a creek running through his Elko County ranch, and next Monday 20,000 more are to be sent to be put into other streams in eastern Nevada.

May 22, 1886 - Elko Independent

RENO GAZETTE: J.F. Triplett returned last evening from Carson with 1,000 Mackinac (sic) trout obtained from Fish Commissioner Carey, with which he is to stock a creek running through his Elko County ranch, and next Monday, 20,000 (?) are to be sent to be put into other streams in eastern Nevada.

May 25, 1886 – Reno Evening Gazette

Several thousand land-locked salmon were received from Carson last evening per Wells-Fargo, and were forwarded to Elko County to be placed in the many creeks of that section.

May 25, 1886 Carson Daily Tribune

Fish Commissioner Cary shipped last evening 18,000 mackinaw and New England trout to Mr. Ostricker (sic), a resident of Elko, who will distribute them in the tributaries of the Humboldt...

June 12, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Froelich, Rosenstock and Andrew caught 30 poor little trout Sunday.

June 16, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TRANSPLANTING TROUT - R.N. Graves yesterday brought up several thousand young Eastern brook trout from the State hatchery at Carson with which to stock the reservoir built by the Nevada Land and Livestock Company at Squaw Valley...

June 17, 1886 – Reno Evening Gazette

EASTERN BROOK TROUT – R.A. Graves of the Nevada Land and Cattle Company recently stocked their large reservoir on Willow Creek with a quantity of eastern brook trout obtained from Fish Commissioner Cary at Carson.

June 23, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING IN CROSS CREEK - J.A. Rogers caught a silver-sided trout, which measured 18 inches in length in Cross Creek, near his residence above the railroad, yesterday. Trout leave the river and go up the small streams to spawn at this season of the year, and the speckled beauty caught by Mr. Rogers was evidently on its way to Cross Canyon.

July 3, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is good in the Humboldt.

July 8, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE CARP - Colonel G.W. Meacham, some years ago procured some young carp and planted them in a slough on his ranch on the Humboldt. The river overflowed and some of the fish escaped into the stream, and are now abundant in the river. Yesterday Colonel Meacham presented several of these fish to friends here, and the epicure of the SILVER STATE thinks they are almost equal to the speckled Humboldt trout and far superior to the Truckee salmon trout. They propagate rapidly in the Humboldt.

July 11, 1886 - Eureka Sentinel

Colonel G.W. Meacham some years ago procured some young carp and placed them in a slough on his ranch on the Humboldt. The river overflowed and some of the fish escaped into the stream, and now are abundant in the river.

August 13, 1886 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Trout fishing in the Humboldt just now is hard work. Lots of drowning of worms and few fish.

August 19, 1886 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A number of fishing parties have gone up and down the river this week. The fish are said to be very plentiful and easily caught.

September 4, 1886 - Elko Free Press

Fish won't bite in the South Fork. There are thousands to be seen swimming around in the clear ponds but when a fisherman approaches the bank with his little hook the trout scatter like a band of wild cattle.

September 9, 1886 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

KILLING FISH WITH POWDER - We are informed, that some parties have been using giant powder to kill fish in the Humboldt river, and it is alleged that the parties using the powder were camped some distance above what is known as the rock dam. The evidence is only circumstantial, or the parties would be prosecuted, no matter who they might be.

FISHING TOURNAMENT - A party of expert fishers visited Blossoms trout fishery at his ranch, last Monday, to contest a wager...Whipple had scored 26 trout, 52 pounds, and Holden 16 fish, weighing 34 pounds, Hanchett 19 trout, 41 lbs; and Blossom 18 fish, 37 lbs...

September 20, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOOD FISHING - There is good fishing in the Humboldt now, trout being plenty. It is not unusual to catch some of the speckled beauties that are over twenty inches long...

September 22, 1886 - Eureka Sentinel

There is good fishing in the Humboldt now, trout being plenty.

September 22, 1886 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

There is good fishing in the Humboldt now, trout being plenty. It is not unusual to catch some of the speckled beauties that are over twenty inches long.

September 25, 1886 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - The trout fishing in the Humboldt river is said to be splendid at the present time. Some of the speckled beauties are over twenty inches long. The Humboldt trout are shorter, thicker and much finer eating than those of the Truckee or Lake Tahoe. They are sweeter, jucier (sic) and very much resemble Eastern brook trout.

October 20, 1886 - Elko Free Press

The Humboldt river is raising and fishing is improving. The fish are traveling now.

November 8, 1886 - Reno Evening Gazette

CLEARING OFF THE TULEES - As the train nears Brown's Station a wonderful sight presents itself over across the Humboldt Lake. Stewart and Monroe have had a contract for several years to survey the margin of the lake which is for miles covered with a dense growth of tules which often reach the height of 15 feet. The settlers are now burning this off so the ground can be surveyed and it makes a vast fire... the fire extends for miles along the lake and the clean-up will be immense.

December 18, 1886 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

COONS AND BEARS - J.V. McCurdy reports that his dogs killed a coon, one of the regular old Western States ring-tailed fellows on Martin Creek in the Paradise Mountains recently, the first member of the coon family that the writer has heard of being seen in Humboldt.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1885 and 1886; W.H. Cary, Fish Commissioner, January 1, 1887.

[Tables in the report show that 1,000 trout fry were provided for distribution to J.T. Triplett of Elko County, 15,000 to Bartlett and Ostrentree also of Elko County, and 2,000 to D.C. Parkinson of Humboldt County, but doesn't distinguish the allotments by species. The commissioner was hatching and distributing both lake trout received from Northville, Michigan, and brook trout from the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company reservoir on the Ophir Grade. The report also shows 20 carp being sent to James Harrison of Humboldt County, and 11 carp shipped to John Phelan of Elko County]

February 18, 1887 - An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the Humboldt river and its tributaries.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch or kill, in any manner whatever, or to induce, cause or employ any person or persons to catch or kill in any manner whatever, any of the fish within the waters of the Humboldt river, or within the waters of any of the tributaries thereof, from the first day of January to the first day of May following of each and every year.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, from the first day of July to the first day of December following of each and every year, to sell or to expose for sale, or to buy, procure or accept for any consideration from any person or persons whatever any of the fish caught or killed in the Humboldt river, or in any of the tributaries thereof.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

March 17, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULE FIRES - Ranchers along the river are burning tules on their hay ranches, and clouds of smoke by day and lines of fire by night are visible up and down the Humboldt.

May 9, 1887 - Elko Independent

A party of three old Nimrods, all on the shady side of 50, this writer being one of the number, went fishing to Lamoille yesterday, had a fine day's sport and returned last evening with just 60 speckled beauties many of which were fair sized trout, the largest would have weighed, perhaps, two pounds each, from the limpid waters of that lovely stream...

May 10, 1887 - Elko Independent

IRRIGATION SCHEME - The Nevada Land & Cattle Company has built a dam for storage of water for irrigating purposes on Willow Creek, near the boundary line of Humboldt and Elko Counties. The dam is built between two bluffs. The reservoir covers a large area, and will hold enough water to irrigate several thousand acres of land. The reservoir is now nearly full and makes a large lake. The water is intended for irrigating alfalfa in Squaw Valley where several hundred acres of that grass was sown a year ago.

May 14, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE CARP FISHING - W.J. Martin, who has been at Smelser's ranch at Summit Springs, says he made a business of catching carp out of the lake, and succeeded in capturing from thirty to forty fish, weighing from two to three pounds, every day.

May 16, 1887 - Elko Independent

The fishermen who went to Lamoille yesterday were successful and brought home a lot of nice trout.

May 18, 1887 - Elko Independent

The fishing in South Fork is excellent, and those who have been out there returned loaded with fine, large trout.

May 28, 1887 - Elko Free Press

A fish ladder should be put in at the big dam on the South Fork, near the Bullion road crossing.

June 1, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CARP IN THE HUMBOLDT - Some years ago G.W. Meacham planted some carp in a slough...Now the fish are said to be numerous in the river for some distance east of here, and several of them have been seen in the irrigation ditches on Reil's meadows above town. They are difficult to catch, but one of them was captured in the ditch by being stunned by a blow with an iron rake.

June 9, 1887 - Eureka Sentinel

Carp are numerous in the Humboldt river, near Humboldt Station, west of Winnemucca.

June 17, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WHY THE HUMBOLDT IS LOW - ...G.W. Grayson, a large land and cattle owner at Beowawe, has dammed the river at that place, and turned out so much of the water that a large lake, twenty or twenty-five miles in circumference, has been formed on land that was heretofore dry and produced nothing but sagebrush, thus sinking the waters of the river into the porous ground of the valley...

June 18, 1887 - Elko Free Press

Froelich and Hitt had good luck fishing Tuesday. Fish are beginning to bite in the river.

June 23, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FINE FISH - Colonel G.W. Meacham is a public benefactor. Some years ago he put some carp in a branch of the Humboldt...Some fine ones have been caught in irrigating ditches as far east as Riel's ranch...sent a fine fish to the SILVER STATE man, who highly appreciates the flavor...

July 10, 1887 - Eureka Sentinel

Wild rose bushes grow along the banks of the Humboldt river 10 feet high for miles east and west of Palisade, and there are also wild flowers in abundance.

July 13, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LAKE TAHOE TROUT - Lieutenant Governor Davis brought a lot of Lake Tahoe trout from the State hatchery here yesterday in cans. There were four or five thousand of the little fish and a part of them were intended for Paradise, but as they were dying and no probability that they would survive the stage ride to the valley, Joseph Germain, to whom they were turned over by Governor Davis, put them in the Humboldt river below the bridge.

July 13, 1887 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Lieutenant Governor Davis intended to bring with him for this section a number of Lake Tahoe trout to place in our streams but before reaching Winnemucca one half of them died so that he was compelled to place them in the Humboldt River at Winnemucca to save those alive.

July 23, 1887 - Elko Independent

Quite a number of our citizens went fishing yesterday with variable luck, the fishing not being extra good at present.

August 8, 1887 - Elko Independent

Sunday is generally a day of mourning to Humboldt trout, a large number of the finny tribe were taken yesterday.

August 22, 1887 - Elko Independent

So far as known there were twenty-nine persons from Elko out fishing yesterday. Fishing is not good now and no great number of the speckled beauties were taken by any of the parties out.

August 27, 1887 - Elko Independent

Dr. Meiga is the champion fisherman, having caught twelve trout at one sitting the other day.

August 27, 1887 - Elko Free Press

The Humboldt river in the vicinity of Elko is about fished out.

August 29, 1887 - Elko Independent

A large number of Elkoites were out fishing again yesterday, generally with good luck.

FINE SPORT - ...to the ranch with Master George Bruce...during the afternoon the party captured forty-three trout...

September 2, 1887 - Elko Independent

Fine trout fishing in the Humboldt now.

Everything now is done by a syndicate. There is a fishermen's syndicate in Elko and as a consequence a monopoly of the trout industry.

September 2, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TAHOE TROUT - Governor Davis brought about 500 young Tahoe trout here yesterday from the State hatchery at Carson for James Ritchie of Paradise Valley.

September 3, 1887 - Elko Free Press

Fish yarns are just as big as ever notwithstanding the fact that fish are getting scarcer and scarcer in the Humboldt every year.

September 13, 1887 – Carson Daily Tribune

C.H. Sproule, of the Elko Independent, left for home last evening, taking with him 15,000 young trout for distribution in the waters of Elko County.

September 14, 1887 – Carson Daily Tribune

By error it appeared in yesterday's issue the 15,000 trout were sent by Fish Commissioner Cary to Elko County by Mr. Sproule, it should have been 150,000.

September 14, 1887 - Elko Independent

C.H. Sproule, of the Free Press, arrived from Carson by last evening's train in charge of 150,000 young trout from the State hatchery which will be planted in the Humboldt and its tributaries. The small fry arrived in first class condition, and we trust the result of the plant will be apparent in a large increase of this popular food fish in this vicinity.

September 14, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TROUT FOR THE HUMBOLDT - C.H. Sproule, of Elko, brought 150,000 young trout from the State hatchery at Carson yesterday, which he will plant in the upper Humboldt. Mr. Sproule says the fish were measured, not counted, as that would take more time than Fish Commissioner Cary could spare.

September 16, 1887 – Nevada Index-Union (Carson City)

Mr. C.H. Sproule, editor of the Elko Free Press took 150,000 young trout out to that region from Carson the other day.

September 16, 1887 - Elko Independent

The young trout brought up from the State fish hatchery by C.H. Sproule were successfully planted in the various streams of this vicinity yesterday...

September 16, 1887 - Tuscarora Times-Review

C.H. Sproule, of Elko, brought from the State hatchery at Carson 150,000 young trout which he will plant in the upper Humboldt. Mr. Sproule says that the fish were measured, not counted, as that would take more time than Fish Commissioner Cary could spare.

December 22, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A TRUE FISH STORY - There is a pond on the Lay ranch at Golconda...85 degrees...literally alive with carp, some of which are over a foot long. All efforts to catch them with a hook and line have failed...a few of them have been shot, and, contrary to the general supposition, the flesh was hard and palatable. How the fish got into the lake is a mystery yet unsolved...

September 24, 1887 - Elko Free Press

Yesterday W.T. Crane brought in a lot of young catfish raised by himself on South Fork.

October 4, 1887 - Elko Independent

It is suggested that steps be taken to put in fish ladders at the several dams in the Humboldt and its tributaries, for the purpose of enabling the fish to get over them. The suggestion is a good one, as without

some means more than the natural fall of the water many fish are killed and many more injured in their attempts to ascend the streams in the spring. Give the trout a chance.

November 19, 1887 - Elko Free Press

The young Lake Tahoe trout put in the Humboldt river this summer are growing finely. Those planted in the South Fork are quite large for their age.

December 7, 1887 - Elko Independent

FISH LADDERS - We would again call the attention of those having dams, either in the Humboldt or its tributaries, to the importance of providing means, while the water is low, for trout to pass over such obstructions. It will require but little time or expense to put in ladders which will enable the fish readily to pass over such dams during the high waters of spring. We trust that this matter will be attended to as it will serve a good purpose in stocking the streams with this desirable food fish. We do not hesitate to say that anyone who will provide efficient fish ladders at any one of the dams above referred to will be reimbursed for any expense they may incur by those residents of Elko who take so much delight in piscatorial sport. We, for one, are willing to bear a share of the expense.

December 20, 1887 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

THE WILD RICE - ...sent by Fish Commissioner Cary to the SILVER STATE has been pretty generally distributed along the Humboldt river. A portion of the seed was sent to Lovelocks, Mill City and Golconda...

December 26, 1887 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Last Monday, C.H. Sproule, of the Elko Free Press, received a consignment of mud turtles from Fish Commissioner Cary of Carson. There were twenty in the lot ranging in size from a man's hand to a soup plate. When transferred from their shipping box to buckets of water they stuck out their heads and claws in a lively manner. In the afternoon they were taken down to the lower bridge and put in the river near the warm springs, where the water is warm and the mud deep, and left to propagate.

1888

February 14, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HOT SPRINGS CARP - Colonel Frank Sweetser had some doubts as to the truth of the report that there were carp in the pond at Golconda Hot Springs, so he went up to see. He says he saw dozens of fine fish in the pond, and to get there they had to pass through water that is almost scalding hot.

April 7, 1888 – Nevada Index-Union (Carson City)

Lieutenant Governor Davis went to the eastern part of the State last Saturday with a large quantity of young trout with which to stock the various streams.

April 7, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

YOUNG FISH - Lieutenant Governor Davis...will pass through Sunday morning...and will leave from 25,000 to 50,000 young fish here for distribution in this county. Some of the fish are for James Ritchie of Paradise, and some for T.J. Hadley of Unionville, and the rest will be left here for distribution...

April 16, 1888 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

Lieut. Governor Davis took 80,000 young trout from Carson yesterday evening to plant in the Humboldt river.

April 16, 1888 - Elko Independent

C.H. Sproule received this morning a consignment of 50,000 young trout from the State hatchery. The small fry are being distributed by Gov. Davis to all parts of the State, and those received here this morning will be planted in the Humboldt.

Now is the time to put in fish ladders where necessary, before the river rises.

April 16, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

YOUNG FISH - A can of young fish, Lake Tahoe trout, sent from the State Hatchery, arrived by express this morning...will take them to Paradise...

April 17, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DEAD FISH - ...nearly all those brought here yesterday died...the few hundred that lived out of several thousand were placed in the Humboldt...

April 18, 1888 - Tuscarora Times-Review

C.H. Sproule, at Elko, received a day or two since 50,000 young trout from the State hatchery, which were then planted in the Humboldt.

April 21, 1888 - Elko Free Press

MORE YOUNG TROUT - By Monday's express train, C.H. Sproule received another consignment of young trout from the State hatchery at Carson. There were upwards of 50,000 in the lot...put in the river just below town...This makes 200,000 put in the Humboldt by Mr. Sproule within the past seven months.

April 24, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

YOUNG FISH - Fish Commissioner Cary sent several thousand young fish...placed them in favorable localities in the river...they are Lake Tahoe trout...

May 3, 1888 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Some alleged wild rice seed sowed last year on the banks of the Humboldt river produced a weed heretofore unknown in botany.

May 10, 1888 - Elko Independent

FISH LADDERS - We have heretofore called the attention of the public to the necessity on constructing and keeping in repair fish ladders in the various streams to enable fish to pass over dams and like obstructions during the spawning season. We now call the attention of such persons as have placed dams in the Humboldt or its tributaries to an Act of the Legislature, approved March 5, 1887: (Script of the law presented in full)

May 12, 1888 - Elko Free Press

We understand that there are a number of dams in the Humboldt and its tributaries built so high that fish cannot get over them. There is a heavy penalty for not providing fish ladders at high dams. Persons putting in dams should see that a place is made for the fish to get over.

May 19, 1888 - Elko Independent

A fishing party that left Elko yesterday for a day's recreation down the river met with the usual luck of those who cast their lines in the waters of the classic Humboldt, they caught something less than two hundred fish...

May 29, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TRUCKEE TROUT - The Piutes bring sacks of Truckee trout here on the morning trains from Wadsworth, and peddle them about town. Epicures, however, prefer Humboldt trout, which though much smaller than the Truckee variety, command a better price.

June 2, 1888 - Elko Free Press

The Fish Commissioner has been advised about the matter of fish ladders not being in at all the dams on the river, and those persons not complying with the law will probably hear from him soon.

June 13, 1888 - Elko Independent

SHORT CATTLE RANGE - C.B. Leddick, of Lamoille, was in town last night and from him we learn that a number of the stockmen in that and neighboring valleys have been compelled, on account of the short range, to drive their cattle north into Idaho. The public lands, which are worthless except for stock range, have been grazed for years and the consequence is that they have been used to such an extent as to become practically valueless even for pasture, and the result is that stockmen were compelled to move their herds in order to save them; and the public lands have therefore become valueless for any purpose...

June 16, 1888 - Elko Free Press

LAMOILLE HAPPENINGS - ...Fishing is not good in Lamoille; too many dams; fish can't come up...

July 10, 1888 - Central Nevada (Battle Mountain)

Several parties have been out fishing lately with poor results. The days are too warm for piscatorial sport.

The editor of this paper received from H.M. Cary, U.S. Fish Commissioner, ten terrapins, which were planted in the Humboldt River near town.

July 16, 1888 - Tuscarora Times-Review

J.D. Abel, of Fort Halleck, informs the INDEPENDENT that beavers are becoming very troublesome on his premises, as they cut down the posts and drag them, together with the barbed wire, into the creek to make their dams. They find the wire of great advantage in binding the timbers together and strengthening the works.

July 16, 1888 - Tuscarora Times-Review

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July 31, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DEAD CARP - The carp which left the Humboldt river and made their way up a small stream to the pond of warm water near Golconda have all died. They withstood the warm water during the cold weather, but the sun in the last two or three weeks increased the temperature of the pond and they succumbed to the heat.

Some of them actually left the water and went into the grass and tules, which surround it, where they perished.

August 4, 1888 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The carp which left the Humboldt river and made their way up a small stream to a pond of warm water near Golconda have all died.

August 11, 1888 - Elko Independent

Charley Froelich and Dr. Meigs went fishing yesterday...Doctor is the boss fisherman...landing a number of the finest trout that have been taken this season...

August 13, 1888 - Elko Independent

Quite a number of our citizens went fishing yesterday, most of whom met with fair success. Jo. Rosenstock claims the "boss" trout, a fish weighing about 3 1/2 pounds.

August 16, 1888 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The trout fishing is improving. Several fine strings have been caught.

August 20, 1888 - Elko Independent

The INDEPENDENT force went fishing Saturday evening, camped on the banks of the raging Humboldt Saturday night, and returned yesterday afternoon. The river is low and the water muddy but they succeeded in capturing thirty-six trout, three bull-heads and one coyote.

August 23, 1888 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing parties are numerous along the Humboldt.

September 11, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NEARLY DRY - County Assessor Riley, who has been up at Golconda on a fishing excursion, says there is not more than ten inches of water in the Humboldt in many places. Cattle remain near the river, in consequence of the scarcity of water in the foothills, and they are eating willows almost large enough for fishing poles.

September 22, 1888 - Elko Independent

M. Glaser, of Peko, came down this morning, he says that the ranchers of his neighborhood are taking advantage of the present low stage of water, to construct dams in the river.

October 2, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CARP IN THE HUMBOLDT - Carp are said to be quite numerous in the Humboldt river. Pat Bell caught fifty of them yesterday with hook and line. A few of the fish were planted in a slough on his ranch by G.W. Meacham some years ago, and their progeny have scattered up and down the river.

October 4, 1888 - Tuscarora Times-Review

A Winnemucca fisherman caught fifty carp with hook and line in the Humboldt the other day. The fish are supposed to be the progeny of those planted by G.W. Meacham several years ago in a slough upon his ranch.

October 4, 1888 – Carson Daily Tribune

Carp are said to be quite plentiful in the Humboldt river, a Winnemucca fisherman having recently caught fifty in one day.

October 24, 1888 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A BIG FIRE - At the upper end of what was Humboldt Lake when there was much water in the river, the ground is made up principally of tule roots and resembles peat somewhat. Recently a fire got started in the roots and the ground is now burning and fills the valley with volumes of dense smoke. The Indians say a fire was started in that vicinity many years ago and it burned for months.

December 20, 1888 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The wild hogs in the tules along the Humboldt are suffering from the onslaughts of the many in search of pork for the holiday. Two of the wild boars were sold in town Monday, one weighing 200 pounds, and brought five cents a pound.

1889

January 8, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Wild hogs are plentiful in the tules along the Humboldt in the vicinity of Battle Mountain. One weighing 200 pounds was brought in the other day, and sold for five cents a pound.

January 9, 1889 – Reno Evening Gazette

Wild hogs are reported plentiful among the tules on the Humboldt river, near Battle Mountain.

February 8, 1889 - An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the Humboldt river and its tributaries, approved February 18, 1887.

SECTION 1. An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the Humboldt river and its tributaries, approved February 18, 1887, is hereby repealed.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1187 and 1888; W.H. Cary, Fish Commissioner, February 9, 1889.

In the spring of 1887, I procured 300,000 Lake Tahoe trout eggs at Incline, on the northeast shore of Lake Tahoe; these were successfully hatched at the State Hatching House in Carson City, and distributed as hereafter shown:

<i>June 2, 1887</i>	<i>Liberated in Humboldt river</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>August, 1887</i>	<i>Liberated in Humboldt river</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>Aug. 26, 1887</i>	<i>Shipped to Paradise Valley</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Sept. 12, 1887</i>	<i>Shipped to C.H. Sproule (Elko)</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<i>Sept. 19, 1887</i>	<i>Liberated in Humboldt river</i>	<i>60,000</i>

In the fall of the same year...establish a station on Marlette Lake...Here I procured about 500,000 eggs [Eastern Brook trout], which were hatched in Carson City...were distributed as follows:

<i>April 15, 1888</i>	<i>To Gov. Davis for Humboldt Co.</i>	<i>30,000</i>
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February 21, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The Legislature has repealed another law, that which prohibited the catching of fish in the Humboldt river between January and May.

March 28, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Ranchers are burning the coarse tule grass on the river bottoms.

April 10, 1889 - Elko Independent

This is fine weather for fishing, but trout seem rather scarce in the Humboldt this year, owing, perhaps, to the extremely low stage of water.

April 15, 1889 - Elko Independent

The Independent force went fishing yesterday with good success, having taken a large number of fine trout.

April 16, 1889 - Elko Free Press

Joe Rosenstock has our thanks for a mess of trout. Joe and Froelich had good luck the last time they were out.

Fishing is getting good.

April 16, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT TROUT - The Indians are doing a lively business catching and selling Humboldt trout, some of which weigh three or four pounds.

April 19, 1889 - Carson Daily Tribune

FISH CULTURE - Fish Commissioner Mills will on Sunday next make the following shipments of New Hampshire brook trout, to be placed in the waters of the neighborhood indicated: Thirty-five thousand to Comins and McQuitty, at Ely, White Pine County; 10,000 to Hardesty and Coryell, at Wells, Elko County; 10,000 to Sproule, Elko, and 5,000 to Swart and Stock, Paradise Valley, Humboldt County...

April 25, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

YOUNG TROUT - Messrs. Stock and Schwarts, or Paradise, received yesterday afternoon some 5,000 young brook trout from the State hatchery at Carson. The fish came through in fine condition, and were quite lively...

May 13, 1889 - Carson Daily Tribune

Senator C.H. Sproule of Elko County arrived per train this morning... arrange for a lot of young trout which he will take back with him.

May 13, 1889 - Elko Independent

Fishing is good at Palisade - but you can't catch any fish.

May 13, 1889 - Reno Evening Gazette

The most of those 5,000 young trout which Lieutenant Governor Davis tried to carry to Golconda yesterday

morning were found to have died during the night.

June 17, 1889 - Elko Independent

Several fishing parties went out yesterday. The editor is under obligations to our prints for a fine trout breakfast.

June 29, 1889 - Elko Free Press

Froelich and Rosenstock got a nice mess of fish last Sunday. They struck a good place below Shepherd's on South Fork...

July 4, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

FISHING PARTIES - A number of our enthusiastic anglers have been to the river during the past week endeavoring to force the fishing season. We have heard of no great degree of success so far...The trout season is not quite far enough advanced yet.

July 10, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

VALUABLE SPRINGS - ...Summit Springs...situated in mountains about eighteen or twenty miles south of Golconda. They supplied an artificial lake, which was stocked with carp, but the evaporation was so great that it affected the flow of water, and Mr. Smelser sacrificed (sic) his fish for a better supply of water for irrigating purposes.

July 11, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT LAKE - ...At the present time the lake, with the exception of a small body of water on the east side, is dry...some water in a slough at Arthur Kewley's ranch, at what was the head of the lake. These pools, or sloughs, contain thousands of carp, catfish and chubs, and the banks are said to be lined with dead fish...

July 18, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The fishing season has begun and many of the speckled trout, so plentiful in the Humboldt River, are being caught by our local sportsmen.

July 20, 1889 - Eureka Sentinel

TROUT IN THE HUMBOLDT - Trout has lately reappeared in the Humboldt river. They had absented themselves apparently for several months. They are now catching a few at Palisade which are elegant.

July 25, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

MILLIONS OF FISH PERISH - What is known as the big slough, extending from the lakes, near Argenta, a distance of fourteen miles down the river, has become dry and fish of all sizes are perishing for the want of water. Several of our citizens went down there yesterday and hauled a number of seine loads over to the river and planted them in deep holes of water, where it is thought they will live. Our informant says there is no trouble in catching, with the hand, carp and catfish in what little water remains in the slough.

July 31, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DEAD FISH - The Lovelock slough is said to be covered with dead fish. There are thousands of them floating on the surface of the water.

August 1, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The Humboldt River is almost entirely dry at this point and old timers say they have never seen water so scarce in the mountains.

G.W. Hinman and D.W. Pickett returned Tuesday from a hunting and fishing excursion out to Rock Creek. They report the game scarce and say there is no water to fish in.

August 3, 1889 - Elko Free Press

Persons who have been using the river water are putting their wells in order. The river is almost dry.

The Lovelock slough is said to be covered with dead fish. There are thousands of them floating on the surface of the water.

August 8, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The bed of the Humboldt River is as dry as tinder under the big bridge near town, where formerly at least four feet of water passed.

August 24, 1889 - Elko Free Press

Rosenstock and Froelich have given up fishing for trout, and now pay all their attention to catching catfish. With the aid of Ben Fitch, Martin, and two others of Wells, they succeeded in capturing about 300 last Sunday.

August 26, 1889 - Elko Independent

The heavy smoke which appeared in the direction of Pleasant Valley last week was occasioned by a fire in the mountains near South Fork. It is supposed that the fire was started by Indians for the purpose of driving out the deer. Mr. Mitchell says large groves of flourishing cottonwood trees were destroyed.

September 5, 1889 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The Humboldt is now dry, up to Rock dam, above which the water is backed and presents a large surface.

October 5, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

MOUNTAIN FIRES - Dense smoke in the mountains, north of Paradise, on the Idaho road, indicates a big fire up that way. There has also been a fire on the east side of Harmony Peak.

October 14, 1889 - Elko Independent

The fishing party which went up the river yesterday had such remarkable luck that it is said the river was lowered about two inches by the number of trout taken from the water.

October 29, 1889 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

SLOUGHS FILLING UP - Hunters, who have been up the Humboldt, say sloughs which were dry all summer are now partially filled with water.

November 18, 1889 - Elko Independent

Doc Jessup and Charley Froelich went fishing yesterday and were lucky enough to hook quite a number of the speckled beauties.

December 23, 1889 - Elko Independent

Fishing for bull heads, or catfish, is good down at the lower bridge. Several hundred were caught by local sportsmen yesterday with hook and line.

1890

January 16, 1890 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

O. North, of Clover Valley, paid Battle Mountain a visit, and reports having seen on the river bottom, in the small space of half a mile, about 100 head of dead cattle. These, however, were strays and were on the unfenced land.

February 8, 1890 - Elko Free Press

As the deep snow goes off the carcasses of many dead cattle are disclosed.

February 8, 1890 - Tuscarora Times-Review

For the second time in the last quarter of a century, Reese River flows into the Humboldt. In ordinary seasons it sinks in the canyon about twenty miles from Battle Mountain.

April 3, 1890 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Thousands of ducks may be seen on the lake formed by the overflow of the Humboldt.

April 5, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DAMS GOING OUT - Several dams up the river have been washed out. In some instances the water has cut a new channel, leaving the dam high and dry. This is the case at Dunphy's big dam near Argenta.

April 12, 1890 - Elko Free Press

Week before last Wm. Lineberger hauled 119 dead cattle out of Carlin. The carcasses were dumped into the river.

April 21, 1890 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

William Lineberger recently hauled 119 dead cattle out of Carlin. The carcasses were dumped into the river.

May 2, 1890 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Reese River is making connection with the Humboldt again. Both rivers are said to be running full.

May 3, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A LAKE IN GRASS VALLEY - Frank Muller says there is quite a lake forming in Grass Valley at the sink of Record Creek. It is over a mile long...

May 7, 1890 - Elko Independent

The Humboldt is over the bottoms now, and dams no longer interfere with its flow. The warm weather is causing it to rise steadily.

May 8, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

WATER GOING TO WASTE - There is now sufficient water running into the Sink of the Humboldt to irrigate the whole Humboldt valley for several seasons if it could be stored for that purpose. When the water once reaches the sink it is useless for all purposes...

May 12, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

HIGH WATER UP THE RIVER - Conductor Benson says the Humboldt is almost as high as white men ever saw it up near Palisade. It is out of its banks everywhere.

June 28, 1890 - Elko Free Press

Fish are beginning to bite. There will be fine fishing next month.

June 30, 1890 - Carson Daily Tribune

Fish Commissioner Mills shipped 40,000 young trout to Elko on Saturday evening. The young fish were never in better condition than now.

July 17, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING - Very many people spend a few hours fishing every day. The river is said to be alive with carp and catfish, not only dozens, but hundreds of which are caught daily. Originally chubs and trout were the only edible fish in the Humboldt. Catfish and carp were put in the stream some years ago, and are now much more numerous than the others.

July 18, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

SOUTHEASTERN HUMBOLDT - ...I found everywhere grass in abundance with no stock to eat it...no rabbits or squirrels, in fact animal life seems to be nearly extinct.

July 24, 1890 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHERMAN'S LUCK - Professor Hoskins and Mathias Walker yesterday afternoon went fishing, they caught one cat fish, five trout and seventy-seven carp, several of which weighed two pounds apiece.

July 28, 1890 - Elko Independent

Quite a number of fishing parties were out yesterday, but all met with very poor success.

August 2, 1890 - Elko Independent

Late advices from Taber Creek report that Meigs, Rigsby et al, are doing a fine business fishing. A nice string of the speckled beauties was received by Webster Dorsey last night.

August 2, 1890 - Elko Free Press

Fishing in the Humboldt river is no good. The river will have to be re-stocked before this sport will be good again.

August 11, 1890 - Elko Independent

Two of the Independent force went fishing saturday afternoon and returned last evening with a fine lot of trout...

August 23, 1890 - Elko Free Press

The fishing in the canyon between Moleen and Carlin is said to be fine.

August 25, 1890 - Elko Independent

Quite a number of our citizens went fishing yesterday, and all seem to have been successful, as they all had trout for breakfast this morning. This writer also caught several - from an Indian.

September 8, 1890 - Elko Independent

Joe Taber and Phil Triplett...went fishing yesterday, and had remarkably fine luck, having taken twenty-nine fine trout, one of which weighed over four pounds...

September 13, 1890 - Elko Free Press

Fishing on the Humboldt is now first-class.

September 15, 1890 - Elko Independent

Postmaster Bilkey is a successful fisherman. Yesterday he captured a trout weighing 4 3/4 pounds. Fishing is very good in the Humboldt now.

September 20, 1890 - Elko Independent

A fishing party of four went up to the Fitch field yesterday and secured a good number of the finny tribe...

September 21, 1890 - Elko Independent

Little Joe Gardner caught a trout yesterday which measured twenty-one inches in length.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1889 and 1890; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner, December 31, 1890.

Carp – In the Humboldt river, near Winnemucca, Nevada, they abound in great numbers, weighing five pounds and upwards. They are found in the Winnemucca markets and are considered a delicate fish.

[A table in the report shows that Mills distributed Eastern Brook trout to individuals for planting in unknown areas, in addition to listing 100,000 fish planted in the Humboldt River]

1891

January 29, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A wild hog, an inhabitant of the tule lands verging the Humboldt River, was brought in Monday, having been killed by hunters. The animal dressed weighed 300 pounds.

February 23, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The SILVER STATE acknowledges the receipt of the report of Fish Commissioner Geo. T. Mills. In his report Mr. Mills, in speaking of carp, says "In the Humboldt river near Winnemucca, Nevada, they abound in great numbers, weighing five pounds and upwards. They are found in the Winnemucca markets and considered quite a delicate fish." We would like to know where the Fish Commissioner received his information, and

from whom, about the carp being found in the Winnemucca markets. They are considered in Humboldt a course, dry fish that nobody will eat, not even the Chinamen, and entirely too much so for an Indian to look at, much less eat. The Commissioner is mistaken. Humboldters have no liking for carp.

March 3, 1891 – Carson Daily Tribune

The Humboldt river is now pouring a goodly volume of water into its sink. Humboldt Lake now has a new lease on life. Carp and catfish will again disport themselves in its waters.

March 19, 1891 - An Act amendatory of and supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of this State," approved March 5, 1877, and to repeal Section **9 of said Act.**

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons between the first day of October of each year and the first day of April of each year, to catch or kill any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon in any of the streams, rivers, lakes or other waters within this State; provided, that the "close season", as to lake trout, in all the lakes of this State shall commence on the first day of January of each year and end on the first day of April of each year...

SEC. 3. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to catch or kill any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon or any other variety or kind of fish in any of the streams, rivers, lakes, or other waters within this State, with any seine, gill-net, set-line, or trot-line, or spear, grab-hook, weir-fence, basket, trap, explosive material, or other implements or substances, or in any manner, except by hook and line, and it shall not be lawful at any time for any person or persons to catch or kill any fish in any of the waters of this State by the use of traps, gill-nets, grab-hooks, or any poisonous, deleterious or stupifying drug, explosive material or other substance, or catch or have in possession any fish so caught...

SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful for any railway corporation, express company or other common carriers or private parties to ship or transport for sale, or to receive for shipping, or to have in their possession for transportation, any of the river or brook trout or land-locked salmon taken from the rivers, lakes or other waters of this State, between the first day of December of each year and the first day of April of each year, nor at any time to have in their possession, any illegally caught fish taken from the waters of this State...

March 26, 1891 - Central Nevada (Battle Mountain)

Ranchers along the river are burning tule grass. The fires can be seen at night.

April 13, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Yesterday quite a number of the citizens put in the day fishing, many of them being very successful.

April 17, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Yesterday a gentleman was coming towards Winnemucca, above Bradshaw's ranch in the hills the toads were so thick just after the heavy shower of rain that his horse in treading killed them by the hundreds. He stated that it looked like a large army traveling. They were all headed toward the north. There being no ponds or running water near he concluded that they must have come with the shower of rain.

April 18, 1891 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is not good. Water in the river too muddy.

April 23, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

TRAPPERS AND TAXIDERMISTS - Bob Kemp and Wood River George, trappers and taxidermists, are the only white hunters left on the Humboldt who follow the rural life as a means of subsistence, though we read of many pioneers, who found the Humboldt Valley, in early days, attractive for its flights of geese and ducks, trout, beaver, and other game and who fished and hunted. Bob Kemp, who was in town Monday, is a typical trapper. He and his partner are camped about five miles north of town.

April 25, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing in the Humboldt River is very good, judging from the string of fish the young men are toating (sic) into town every evening. Yesterday we noticed two parties each having as many as forty cat-fish on a string.

May 7, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

BEAVER IN THE HUMBOLDT - Beaver and otter are in larger numbers on the Humboldt River than those unacquainted with the stream and its animal inhabitants are aware. An experienced trapper informs the editor that in his opinion there are ten thousand beaver in the sloughs and main channel...At Robert Henderson's ranch, near Stone House, the beaver are thick and several dams are to be seen...sustained much damage, and...gave an expert the privilege of trapping on his place. Traps were placed and thirty-four beaver caught, the fur of which brought \$200 in the Chicago market...Several beaver lodges can be seen in the big slough, a mile north of Battle Mountain.

May 11, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTIES - The anglers were out in full force yesterday. Several of them returned last evening with nice messes of catfish and carp. No trout were caught here last year and, so far, none this season. It is supposed that the carp have driven them from this part of the river.

May 19, 1891 - Carson Daily Tribune

Fish Commissioner Mills shipped 80,000 New England brook trout to Elko last night.

May 19, 1891 - Elko Independent

Deputy Fish Commissioner Close arrived this morning from the fish hatchery at Carson with a consignment of eighty thousand young trout which were deposited in the Humboldt river at this place. Another shipment will arrive in about a week.

May 21, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

FISH FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER - Fish Commissioner Mills is distributing 100,000 brook trout along the Humboldt River. His deputy, Byron Close, is expected in Battle Mountain with brook trout to be placed in the river near town.

May 21, 1891 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Eighty thousand young trout, from the fish hatchery at Carson, were deposited in the Humboldt river at Elko a day or two ago.

May 23, 1891 - Elko Free Press

TROUT FOR THE HUMBOLDT - Byron Close, Deputy Fish Commissioner, arrived from Carson Tuesday morning with 80,000 young Eastern brook trout for the Humboldt river...They were planted in the river above

the iron bridge...A second invoice arriving here yesterday morning with upwards of 50,000...They were distributed to different parts of the county, Joe Triplett taking a can for Rabbit and Spring creeks, Joe Lang a can to upper South Fork, Bartlett a can to lower South Fork, Dawley a can for Ruby Valley, Bruce two cans for Jackstone and the river at his place and Osino, McPhetres a can for Weiland's, and Bradley a can for Mary's river.

May 23, 1891 – Elko Independent

Byron Close, Deputy Fish Commissioner, came up from Carson yesterday, bringing with him 50,000 young eastern brook trout which were distributed to different parts of the county. Rabbit and Spring Creeks, South Fork, Ruby Valley, Jackstone, Weiland's, the Humboldt river at Osino, and Mary's river, each got a share of them. The establishment of a branch hatchery near Elko is being discussed by our people and the Independent hopes to see it an accomplished fact.

May 28, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The trout for the Humboldt were sent to Elko and placed in the headwaters of the river.

June 30, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A NOVEL ENTERPRISE - Judge Bonnifield and J.V. McCurdy...discovered that in some parts of Illinois a good thing is made of raising frogs for the market...The experiment is to be tried in Paradise Valley on McCurdy's ranch...sent east for a carload of stock frogs...

July 16, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A number of boys have made a fine catch of fish in the sloughs during the past week.

July 17, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DON'T SEINE - It has been rumored of late that persons have been catching fish by the use of seines. We quote the law on this subject, which is very plain...[Law presented]

July 23, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Many fine strings of fish have been brought to town during the week by the disciples of Isaak Walton. Carp weighing three and four pounds have been trapped.

July 24, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOOD FISHING - Fishing parties are playing havoc with the the (sic) finny tribe of late. Catfish and carp are very numerous, but for some reason, no trout can be caught in this part of the river.

July 25, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LAND-BOUND FISH - Sloughs and ditches on the Stauffer & Sweetser ranch above town are full of carp and catfish which have been cut off from the river in consequence of the water falling. The fish are so numerous that they can be scooped up with the hands, and parties who sit on the river bank all day without getting a bite are taking advantage of this fact and bring in large strings of fish which they show as evidence of their prowess (sic) with hook and line.

July 27, 1891 – Elko Independent

Fishing parties were numerous along the Humboldt yesterday. All came back loaded down with trout.

July 30, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

OBSERVE THE GAME LAW - Parties have been fishing every day of the past week with hook and line, but a few ignoble sports used giant powder, destroying thousands of fish from the size of minnows to carp weighing three or four pounds...[Long story]

Carp weighing five pounds have been caught at Beowawe during the week.

July 30, 1891 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Sloughs and ditches on ranches near Winnemucca are full of carp and catfish which have been cut off from the river in consequence of the water falling, and parties scoop them up by the sackfull.

August 1, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOOD FISHING - The river is falling rapidly, and as a consequence fishing is getting better every day. Arlington Charter caught a carp yesterday that tipped the scales at five-and-half pounds.

August 6, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The best fishing record for the week is 150 fish in two hours.

August 13, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Half of the town was out fishing Sunday.

A five-pound carp was caught near the big bridge last week.

August 21, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

MILLIONS OF THEM - Among the tule-clad swamps on Big Meadows, there are millions of ducks, geese, carp and mosquitoes...There are any quantity of blackbirds and turtle doves. When the ranchers change the water from one ditch to another a person can go along the empty ditches and actually fill barley sacks with carp of the very best quality.

August 22, 1891 - Eureka Sentinel

Trout are abundant and gamey in the upper Humboldt. It is not a fish story to say that Humboldt trout are the best on the slope.

September 3, 1891 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Archie Allen and Manuel Perry caught 100 pound of fish near the Gimmel house on Sunday.

JELLY FROM NEVADA BERRIES - The berries [Buffalo berries] grow in great profusion along the Humboldt, and can be gathered by the bushel. In a couple hours sufficient were picked to make 100 glasses of jelly, 4 gallons of plain and spiced preserved and 2 gallons of canned currants.

September 5, 1891 - Elko Free Press

An Indian was in town yesterday with a string of carp, the largest one weighing probably five pounds. They were caught in the Humboldt below Beowawe. On account of the dam at that point carp never get any farther up the river.

September 17, 1891 - Central Nevada (Battle Mountain)

FISHING PARTY - J.A. Blossom took a party to the ranch the first of the week on a fishing excursion...Those who caught trout were declared the best anglers, as but four of the speckled beauties were captured.

September 21, 1891 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Paul Neth caught a trout about fifteen inches long yesterday. His wife also landed one of the speckled beauties. These are the first trout caught here this season.

1892

January 11, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK NOTES - ...Even if those snows go off suddenly, the Humboldt river is so long, crooked and sluggish that it takes months for the water to flow from the Wells to the Meadows...

March 4, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

DESTRUCTIVE CARP - Several years ago carp were planted in the Humboldt river. At that time trout were plentiful in the river, the fish being superior in quality to Truckee trout. The muddy and sluggish waters of the Humboldt seemed to be just the thing for the propagation of the valueless carp, and they increased in numbers so rapidly that the river is now alive with them. With the increase of carp trout have entirely disappeared from this part of the river, various causes being assigned for their disappearance. It was thought by some that the carp devoured the spawn of the trout, but the more plausible explanation is that the latter fish have been starved out by the carp and catfish...[Reference and comparison to the situation in California]

March 5, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - The tules on the Humboldt lake have been on fire during the past week, the conflagration assuming immense proportions...

March 8, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TULES ON FIRE - The tules are being burned off the meadows on the Duncan and Trousedale ranches below town.

March 13, 1892 - Morning News (Carson City)

The SILVER STATE says the Humboldt river is rising steadily and its waters are as muddy as those of the Missouri.

March 23, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATFISH - Fishing parties are catching lots of catfish nowadays, bringing them to town by the sack full.

April 26, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

BIG CATFISH CATCH - Notwithstanding the high water, large numbers of catfish are being caught in the river near Winnemucca. One fishing party Sunday caught 87 large sized ones. Catfish are by many preferred to trout as a table fish.

June 15, 1892 - Carson Daily Tribune

Fish Commissioner Mills will ship 30,000 eastern brook trout to Eureka County this evening.

June 22, 1892 – Elko Independent

YOUNG TROUT – Byron Close arrived this morning from the fish hatchery at Carson with 25,000 young New England brook trout for distribution in the streams of this county. Mr. Close informed the Independent reporter that he left 25,000 at Battle Mountain for distribution at that point. The fish are about an inch and a half in length and are all in good shape...

June 24, 1892 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

Fresh Humboldt trout, received at the Red House last evening.

June 25, 1892 - People's Advocate (Austin)

Fishing is very fine in the Humboldt river now, three hundred pounds of trout arriving in Austin from Battle Mountain this week by train for Dalton & Clifford.

July 9, 1892 – Eureka Sentinel

We return thanks to Mrs. W. Spinner of Palisade for a mess of fine Humboldt river trout. They were fresh and delicious.

July 22, 1892 - Tuscarora Times-Review

This scribe is under obligations to Johnny Barrett for a fine mess of Humboldt trout.

August 2, 1892 – Elko Independent

Uncle Dick Dorsey and his fishing party returned from South Fork last evening laden down with trout...

August 4, 1892 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing parties are all the rage on the river these days.

September 3, 1892 – Elko Independent

Yesterday, Sing, the Chinese porter of the Depot Hotel, killed a muskrat in the back yard of the hotel.

September 7, 1892 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

PARADISE WARBLINGS - Fishing parties are made up almost daily and the finny tribe in the Little Humboldt and mountain streams are hooked by the hundreds.

September 10, 1892 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is fine and Elko is about depopulated Sundays. Everybody that has a team goes fishing.

September 24, 1892 - Elko Free Press

A great many small trout are being caught out of the river this year. They are those that were put in last season. In about another year they will be fine.

A fishing party, last Sunday, composed of...[5] caught 86 trout in about seven hours. The catch was made in the Humboldt river, where it runs through the Fitch field.

October 8, 1892 - People's Advocate (Austin)

John B. Paul's ranch...north end of the county...located on the C.P.R.R. near Argenta...over 100 fine trout were caught, including several large ones...each catching a trout that weighed about 3 lbs...

December 23, 1892 – Elko Independent

Geo. H. Tolbert, Deputy U.S. Fish Commissioner, arrived today with a consignment of 5,000 speckled trout from the hatchery at Leadville, Colorado. They were placed in the Humboldt river this afternoon.

December 24, 1892 - Elko Free Press

BLACK SPOTTED TROUT - Yesterday C.H. Sproule received 5,000 black spotted trout from the Government hatchery at Washington. They came through with a special messenger and were in fine condition...put them in the Humboldt river about six miles above town. This makes a total of about 65,000 trout received and planted in the Humboldt this year.

December 28, 1892 – Carson Daily Tribune

BLACK SPOTTED TROUT – Friday C.H. Sproule received 5,000 black spotted trout from the Government hatchery at Washington. George Bruce and George H. Talbot (The gentleman who brought them) put them in the river about six miles above town. This makes a total of about 65,000 trout received and planted in the Humboldt river this year. [Elko Free Press]

December 28, 1892 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Last Friday 5,000 black spotted trout from the government hatchery at Washington, were deposited in the Humboldt river above Elko. The FREE PRESS says this makes a total of about 65,000 trout received and planted in the Humboldt this year.

December 31, 1892 - Wadsworth Dispatch

The people along the Humboldt river say the fish law as it stands is an absurdity.

During 1892, 65,000 trout were received from the Government hatchery at Washington and planted in the Humboldt river.

December 31, 1892 - Elko Free Press

STOCKING THE HUMBOLDT - During the past few years a noticeable decrease in the number of fish in the Humboldt river, has taken place, notwithstanding the fact that several hundred thousand young trout have been put in the river during that period. Heretofore the young fry have come from the State hatchery at Carson...communicated with Fish Commissioner McDonald at Washington...final receipt of 5,000 fine black spotted trout last week...the start made will probably lead to future receipts of trout from the east.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1891 and 1892; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner, December 31, 1892.

Elko Hatchery – It was my intention, and full arrangements had been decided upon for establishing a branch fish hatchery at Elko, Nevada. Entertaining doubts as to the supply and temperature of water for hatching eggs, I, in lieu thereof, planted over one hundred and forty thousand healthy trout fry [Brook trout] in the Humboldt river.

The Humboldt at this point is well adapted to our best species of trout; her tributaries to the east are regular and unfailing streams, while the citizens of Elko county are watchful and active in the support

of our fish laws.

[Tables in the report show the fish distribution for planting by individuals, and 70,000 for the Humboldt River in 1891, and 75,000 for the Humboldt in 1892, all of which were brook trout]

In my report of 1890 reference was made to the Schoodic or Land Locked Salmon, Salmo Salar...In 1891 I received from the United States Fish Commission from their station at Grand lake Stream, Maine, 20,000 of the eyed ova, again in 1892 20,000 more... [Table shows that 5,000 in 1891 and 4,000 in 1892 were planted in the Humboldt River]

1893

March 10, 1893 - An Act to amend sections two and four of an Act entitled...approved March 5, 1877, and to repeal section nine of said Act, approved March 19, 1891.

Section two. [Same as the 1891 Statute except that lake fishing ends on the first day of May instead of April] ...and, provided further, that the close season as to the waters of the Humboldt river and its tributaries shall commence on the first day of November of each year and end on the first day of June of each year...

April 6, 1893 - Central Nevada (Battle Mountain)

BURNING TULES - For the past week the tules on the Humboldt have been on fire sending dense columns of smoke and sheets of fire up into the air...

April 19, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties leave town every day and are catching large numbers of catfish.

May 13, 1893 - Elko Free Press

It is said that trout are being caught on the upper end of the Humboldt with nets. There is a heavy penalty for this kind of work.

May 15, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTIES - Quite a number of people were out fishing Saturday...and by the number of fish caught, we should judge that the water is full of them. In places where the water is partly clear a number of speckled trout were caught, and were regular "beauties in size".

May 20, 1893 - Elko Free Press

The river is over its banks and the sloughs are running full...

May 22, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Sailing on the mighty Humboldt is now the popular pastime. There are three sailboats on the river at this place.

June 1, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TO EXTERMINATE CARP - The United States Fish Commissioner's car passed through here yesterday. On board were over 100,000 muskalonge (?) fish for the waters of California...secured in the hopes that they will assist in exterminating the ravenous carp...would it not be wise to try and secure some of these fish to plant in

the Humboldt for the purpose of killing off the worthless carp. The "Hog" fish have taken all the sport from angling in this vicinity and if possible they should be exterminated.

June 24, 1893 - Elko Free Press

The Humboldt river is falling and the fishing is getting good.

July 13, 1893 – Carson Daily Tribune

Fish Commissioner Mills will ship tomorrow 50,000 rainbows and eastern brook trout to Lovelocks, Winnemucca and Wells. This will be the first shipment of the distribution to be made to the eastern part of the State.

July 13, 1893 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing is all the go now-a-days.

July 15, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

SHIPMENT OF TROUT - A shipment of about 25,000 rainbow and Eastern brook trout arrived from the State fish hatchery at Carson this morning. The fish were about a month old and were placed in the Humboldt as soon as they arrived. About the same number of young fish were sent to Wells and Lovelock to be also planted in the Humboldt.

This is the beginning of an effort to stock the Humboldt with trout, which have practically disappeared from the river in the past few years. It is doubtful if the attempt will succeed, unless some method is devised for destroying the ravenous and worthless carp which now infest the stream.

July 15, 1893 - Wadsworth Dispatch

The TRIBUNE says Fish Commissioner Mills will ship to-day 50,000 rainbows and eastern brook trout to Lovelock, Winnemucca and Wells to be placed in the Humboldt.

July 29, 1893 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Fish Commissioner Close arrived from Carson last Sunday morning with a lot of young rainbow trout, which he planted in the river below Chinatown. They did not stand the trip from Carson very well, and quite a number died on the way.

August 17, 1893 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

FISHING PARTY - J.A. Blossom and family...went up to Rock Creek dam Saturday on a fishing and hunting expedition...

August 19, 1893 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is better in the Humboldt now than for several years past.

August 24, 1893 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Ed. Williamson, Geo. Hinman and Dan Pickett, three of Battle Mountain's piscatorial sports, who have been up near Argenta for the last couple of days returned to-day with about 100 fine trout.

August 26, 1893 - Elko Free Press

A few carp are being caught in the river above Elko. It is to be hoped that these fish do not get a foothold here. If they do; good bye to the trout; they'll soon be run out.

August 31, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

TROUT FISHING - Fishing is the craze just now, and some large catches have been made. Quite a number of trout have been caught lately, which is unusual, as for the past three or four years none of the speckled beauties had been caught, except at the head waters of the Humboldt.

August 31, 1893 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A FINE CATCH - Bob Blossom, Ed Smith and Jim Blossom came in from Rock Creek this morning with 117 of the little speckled beauties, which they caught from 11 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m. yesterday. This has been the largest haul that has been captured this year...

TROUT FISHING - It seems from now until the close of the season the Humboldt will be the center of attraction to the angling enthusiast. Fishing parties from Lewis, Galena and also from Battle Mountain are of daily occurrence and most everyone that goes out come back with a large number of the speckled beauties.

September 16, 1893 - Elko Free Press

Fish are biting better than ever.

September 23, 1893 - Elko Free Press

O.E. Green and Bill McComb are camped on the North Fork, and are just raking in the fish and game.

October 4, 1893 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

TWO DAYS FISHING - Last week...couple of days fishing on the Humboldt near Battle Mountain. The party [5] hooked 180 rainbow trout, from the ordinary size to 3 3/4 pounds each, or about 150 pounds in all...

October 19, 1893 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Trout which were so very scarce a year or so ago in the Humboldt, are being caught every now and then.

October 24, 1893 - Nevada New Era (Lovelock)

Mr. and Mrs. Feliz went down the river during the week and after fishing a few hours, came home with fully a hundred catfish.

1894

April 25, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Although the river is high we notice a number of our fishermen never return empty handed.

June 1, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing on the Humboldt is not very good at present as the water is very muddy...

June 9, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Our fishermen are disgusted at the height of the Humboldt, as fish are hard to catch.

June 9, 1894 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is no good. Too much water.

June 30, 1894 - Elko Free Press

The river is falling and fishing is getting good.

July 31, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fish in the Humboldt are plentiful, but at present hard to catch. In the course of a month it will be no trick to pull out plenty of catfish and chubs, a few minnows and trout and too many carp. The latter fish should be replaced by transplanting something in the river more palatable than the carp.

August 16, 1894 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The poor fish in the river have to take their medicine now as the fishing parties that leave town these days are quite numerous.

August 18, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The poor fish in the river have to take their medicine now as the fishing parties that leave town these days are quite numerous.

August 25, 1894 – Eureka Sentinel

We have been in good luck this week, having been presented with a half dozen fine, fat doves from Felix Maggini, and a mess of speckled trout from M. Baum, mine host of the Palisade Hotel...

August 27, 1894 – Reno Evening Gazette

John Bradley says some miscreant is in the habit of killing fish with giant powder in Mary's River, Elko County. Fish Commissioner Mills should look into the matter.

August 28, 1894 – Elko Independent

It is reported that parties on Mary's river are killing fish with giant powder. The dead fish lie in rows by the dams and the stench is said to be fearful. Such wanton violation of the fish laws should be punished and some steps should be taken to bring the guilty parties to justice.

September 10, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Yesterday seemed to be a day for fishing. Four different parties left early in the morning in vehicles for different parts of the river where fishing was said to be good, and it proved to be a very successful day, as all parties returned with a fine supply of fish.

October 24, 1894 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The river has been rising steadily for the past week and in consequence of this and the cold weather fishing is said to be bad sport of late, as the fish won't bite.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1893 and 1894; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner, December 20, 1894.

Trout in the Humboldt River – Humboldt river furnishes another desirable and well-adapted place for the Eastern brook trout (Salmo fontinalis). Rewards for plants heretofore made are signified by the appearance of this new fish to its water, its game value as a food fish and general appreciation in which it is held by citizens of that locality and visitors who stop off a day to fish in the Humboldt. Good catches have been made and an encouraging future awaits it.

[Tables in the report show that 100,000 brook trout were planted in the Humboldt River in 1893, but doesn't list the Humboldt specifically for plants of brook and rainbow trout in 1894]

1895

April 11, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Everybody goes fishing lately.

April 13, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Quite a number of catfish are being caught in the river these days.

April 26, 1895 – Elko Independent

A.C. Boyce, Deputy Fish Commissioner, brought up 45,000 eastern brook trout yesterday from the State hatchery which were distributed as follows: fifteen thousand at Carlin; 10,000 at Elko in charge of Mr. Muller; and 20,000 at Wells.

April 27, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce came up from Carson Thursday with nine cans of young trout. He left 3 cans at Carlin, 2 here, and took 4 to Wells. The two cans for Elko were deposited in the Humboldt.

April 27, 1895 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Forty Five thousand young trout were shipped from the Carson hatchery to Ruby Valley last Wednesday.

April 29, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

YESTERDAY'S FISHING PARTY - Yesterday morning...fish were quite willing to be caught...one of the most exciting events of the day was the killing of a monster pelican...The bird weighed thirty pounds and in the gullet or stomach, upon examination, was found a carp which weighed three pounds...The party can boast of having caught a gunny sack full of fish...

BROOK TROUT PLANTED - Yesterday morning Sheriff Hadley received 35,000 New England brook trout from the State fish hatchery at Carson. The fish were in fine condition, there not being a dead one in the number. Mr. Hadley placed 20,000 of them in the Humboldt at this place, and sent D. Cordano with 10,000 to plant in Willow and Rebel creeks. The remaining 5,000 were put in Rose Creek. The Sheriff expects to receive a lot of rainbow trout in July and has been informed that fish will be sent hereafter every year. This ought to improve the trout fishing, which has of late years been very poor in this vicinity.

May 4, 1895 - Wadsworth Dispatch

Over 60,000 fish were shipped from the Carson hatchery Thursday evening to be placed in the streams at Wells, Winnemucca and Carlin.

May 13, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties are all the go here now.

May 18, 1895 - Elko Free Press

AGAINST THE LAW - Fishing parties are all the go here now -- WINNEMUCCA SILVER STATE.

And all against the law, as it is unlawful to catch fish in the Humboldt between the 1st of November and the 1st of June.

May 25, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Tuesday morning the Elko fish hatchery received 10,000 California trout eggs. They were in excellent shape and Mr. Boyce soon had them in the hatching troughs.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce brought up 35,000 young trout from Carson Thursday morning and planted them in the ponds at the springs on South Fork. When larger and able to take care of themselves they will be turned into the river.

May 27, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The people of Truckee are feasting on mountain trout. Eleven miles west of Reno it is lawful to catch trout in the Truckee river...

MORE YOUNG TROUT - Thirty five thousand young brook trout arrived here yesterday, from the Carson hatchery, consigned to Sheriff Hadley. Twenty thousand were delivered to C.H.E. Hardin, who will plant them in streams in northern Humboldt. Charles McDeid took 10,000 to put in Sonoma creek, while 5,000 were given to Charles Laasch to plant in the creek at his ranch in Harmony Canyon.

June 8, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is pretty good in the Humboldt. The river is exceedingly low and the fish are running down stream.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce brought up 50,000 young trout from the Carson hatchery Tuesday, leaving 10,000 at Carlin and 40,000 at Wells.

June 29, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is good though it is pretty hot work with the thermometer over 90 in the shade.

John Hawkins of Ruby Valley, came in Thursday afternoon for some young trout. He got a good supply and started for home at an early hour...so as [to] plant the fish in his stream before night.

June 29, 1895 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - The fish in the river are very plentiful and the boys are having fine sport catching them. The water in the river at the present time is very low.

July 2, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK JOTS - The fish in the river are plentiful and the boys are having fine sport catching them.

July 4, 1895 - Central Nevada (Battle Mountain)

The fish in the river seem to be very plentiful and our people are having fine sport catching them. The river is very low at the present time.

July 17, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The fish in the river seem to be very plentiful and our people are having fine sport catching them.

July 24, 1895 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - Several fishing parties report fair catches.

July 26, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties are an everyday occurrence here.

July 27, 1895 - Elko Free Press

The families of J.A. McBride and Maj. Miller are camped in the Fitch field, where the fishing is said to be excellent.

August 10, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing in the Humboldt is very good this time of year.

August 20, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NEW AND NOVEL SPORT - Carp shooting is now the favorite sport along the Humboldt...mainly by reason of the scarcity of water fowl and sagehens this year...on any sandbar in the river large carp can be seen...one hunter who went up the river last Sunday bagged 25 carp, some of which were very large...some of the carp hunters merely kill the fish for sport, while others have trained their hunting dogs so that they retrieve the fish as well as they would a duck.

August 21, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

RETURN OF THE FISHING PARTY - The fishing party which left here Friday evening for the Bliss ranch, 12 miles up the river, returned last evening...having caught a few trout, a good many catfish and countless carp...

August 24, 1895 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is said to be fine in the Humboldt river.

The SILVER STATE says that the favorite sport along the Humboldt in the vicinity of Winnemucca now is shooting carp with a 22 calibre rifle. They ought to use dynamite and blow every carp out of the river.

August 26, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The usual number of fishing parties went up the river Saturday evening and yesterday morning. Carp was the principal catch, as even catfish seem to be getting scarce.

September 5, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing on the Humboldt is not very good at present on account of the lowness of the river.

September 5, 1895 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

We understand the Lewis School will not open for some two weeks as nearly all the residents are going on a fishing trip.

September 10, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A fishing party caught eleven fine trout a few days ago about six miles up the river. Quite a number of the speckled beauties have been captured lately, among them being several of the rainbow variety, which were planted in the river two years ago by Sheriff Hadley...

September 11, 1895 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - Saturday Mr. Billups caught five very nice fish near the Marker dam.

September 27, 1895 – Elko Independent

ARRESTED FOR KILLING FISH – Constable Cozzens... has arrested a man named Barney O'Rook on a charge of killing fish in the Humboldt river with giant powder...

October 2, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

ARRESTED FOR KILLING FISH - The ELKO FREE PRESS says that Constable Cozzens of Carlin arrested a man named Barney O'Rook on a charge of killing fish in the Humboldt river with giant powder...

October 5, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Large trout are being caught in the Humboldt now and then, the weather being pleasant and favorable for fishing lately.

October 5, 1895 - Elko Free Press

The case of killing fish with dynamite came up in the Justice Court at Carlin Tuesday, and was dismissed for the reason that a jury could not be secured. It is very probable that the parties will be re-arrested and brought before Justice Henley of Elko, for trial.

October 9, 1895 - Walker Lake Bulletin (Hawthorne)

The persons who kill fish in the Humboldt River with giant powder have been arrested and are being prosecuted.

October 12, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties are still seen bright and early going toward the river in the hope of catching a mess of trout, but even catfish are hard to catch, although the days are warm and bright.

October 28, 1895 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Two fishing parties left here Saturday morning and returned in the evening well satisfied with the day's sport. A number of large fish were caught...

January 18, 1896 - Elko Free Press

The Sparks-Harrell Co. gave \$25 toward keeping the branch fish hatchery running.

Persons wishing young fish during the season of 1896 can procure a blank application by calling at the Free Press office. Persons having suitable streams of water should make it a point to stock them with trout. It will cost you nothing. All you have to do is fill out an application and then come to Elko and get the fish when ready for transplanting.

February 1, 1896 - Elko Free Press

The branch fish hatchery is now running in fine shape. Sunday morning Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce arrived from Carson with 250,000 Eastern brook trout eggs. Monday he received 35,000 eggs of Eastern rainbow trout, and Wednesday another shipment was received from Carson. The eggs came through in excellent shape.

March 14, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Charley Crane brought in from South Fork last Monday, the body of a raccoon he had killed on his father's ranch...

April 8, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Sheriff Hadley went to Mill City yesterday morning to receive 37,000 rainbow trout from the State hatchery at Carson, which will be planted in Buena Vista, Indian and Star Creeks.

April 25, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Fish Commissioner F.C. Boyce came up from Carson Thursday. He brought 40,000 small trout to Winnemucca where they were distributed in the streams.

May 2, 1896 - Elko Free Press

The SILVER STATE says that trout are filing in the Humboldt at that place and that a rainbow trout a foot long was caught a few days ago. Wonder if the officers in Winnemucca know that it is unlawful to catch trout at this time?

May 6, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties go either up or down the river daily, and in every case the members on returning report having caught all the way from three to ten trout. Either they do not adhere to the truth, or trout fishing is improving wonderfully hereabouts. One fisherman is said to have caught five fine trout yesterday, one of which weighed nearly six pounds.

May 14, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Dave Cordano and Felix Poulin went fishing down the river and returned last night with ten fine trout, the best catch of the season. Early this morning every livery rig in town has been engaged by expectant fishermen, who expect to materially reduce the number of trout in the Humboldt hereabouts.

May 21, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

MORE RAINBOW TROUT - F.C. Boyce, State Superintendent of hatcheries, arrived yesterday from the Elko hatchery with 20,000 rainbow trout for the Humboldt...They were put in the river above the hospital...The fish were not more than an inch long...not a dead one in any of the cans...

May 23, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce has been doing good work during the past week in the way of distributing young fish to the different streams in the eastern part of the State. Tuesday he took 20,000 to Winnemucca, from the hatchery here. To-day he takes 20,000 to Austin, and next month 200,000 go into the rearing ponds at South Fork. The season's work will be the best in years.

May 25, 1896 - Carson City Weekly

F.C. Boyce, State Superintendent of hatcheries has placed 20,000 more rainbow trout in the Humboldt river.

May 27, 1896 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - Many of our local sportsmen are employing their spare time in fishing. Catfish and carp are biting well.

June 3, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing is not very good at the present time.

June 10, 1896 - Elko Independent

Fish Commissioner Boyce placed 25,000 eastern brook trout in the Humboldt at Carlin this morning and took 15,000 to Deeth and 15,000 to Wells. They were all from the Carson hatchery. He will remain here several days to distribute those in the Elko hatchery.

June 12, 1896 - Elko Independent

Commissioner Boyce yesterday planted all the fish hatched in the Elko hatchery in the Humboldt river. Over 200,000 of the young beauties were planted.

June 13, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce planted 15,000 Eastern brook trout in the Humboldt at Carlin Wednesday, and also took 15,000 to Deeth and the same number to Wells. These all came from Carson.

June 15, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Our fishermen are again trying their luck on the Humboldt. Trout are said to be biting.

Last week Fish Commissioner Boyce placed 25,000 Eastern brook trout in the Humboldt at Carlin and took 15,000 to Deeth and 15,000 to Wells. They were all from the Carson hatchery.

June 25, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing is not very good at present, as the river is too high.

June 25, 1896 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

The river stays high and the swamps and sloughs are full of water.

June 27, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce arrived from the west Wednesday with 50,000 young trout, which he distributed as follows: to Charley Hale at Huntington, 10,000; Messrs. Gedney, Robinson and Benson for Ruby Valley, 20,000; Messrs. Armstrong and O'Brien at Starr Valley, 20,000.

July 24, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties leave here every day in vehicles and go either up or down the Humboldt a few miles, but return with few very (sic) fish, as the river is too high as yet..

August 1, 1896 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is good on the South Fork.

August 3, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A number of fishing parties left early yesterday morning on a fishing expedition on the Humboldt, but returned late last evening, some with and some without fish. Not one of the parties caught over ten fish, as the river is too high as yet to allow of a good catch, so we are informed.

August 7, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing is getting to be very fair.

August 13, 1896 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Quite a number of our people have been fishing of late.

August 18, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing is said to be very good at present.

September 12, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A party of seven a few days ago made a catch of 350 fish in the Humboldt a few miles above town. Most of the fish were carp, though there were a number of catfish and one trout.

September 14, 1896 – Elko Independent

The Silver State says a party of seven a few days ago caught 350 fish in the Humboldt just above Winnemucca. Most of the fish were carp, though there were a number of catfish and one trout.

September 15, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

D.W. Morgan, William Fridley and Frank Mayer returned last evening from a two weeks' hunting and fishing trip on the headwaters of Martin Creek. They report having caught 600 trout..

September 16, 1896 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Paul Laveaga Sr. and others went fishing and hunting yesterday and returned late last evening loaded with game. Among the fish a number of speckled trout were to be seen. The fish catch was a good one.

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commissioner for the years 1895 and 1896; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner, November 30, 1896.

Elko Branch Hatchery - ...recommended situated twelve miles south of Elko, on the South Fork of the Humboldt river...spring was later stocked with 50,000 Eastern Brook fry, and were held for three months, then allowed to work out into the river...

Eyed Ova – On May 7, 14 and 20, 1895, seventy-five thousand Rainbow Trout eggs from California were received from the Berwick Fish Commission Station of California. [Table in the report shows the Elko hatchery successfully hatched and released 75,000 rainbow trout, 10,000 Lake Tahoe trout and 30,000 brook trout into Elko County waters during 1895]

Record of 61,750 Rainbow eggs (Salmo irideus), received at Elko Branch Hatchery on January 26, 27 and 29, 1896, from the United States Fish Commission Station at Neosho, Missouri. [These along with 340,000 brook trout were released directly into the Humboldt at Elko because of some problems with the facility that killed some of the fish, and resulted in the hatchery being closed]

[Table in the report shows the date, exact location, number and species of fish planted from the Elko hatchery. The records indicate that 10,000 Lake Tahoe trout were planted in the Humboldt near Elko on June 28, 1895, with rainbow and Eastern brook trout scattered throughout the upper Humboldt River basin]

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January 30, 1897 - Elko Free Press

EXTERMINATE THE CARP - [Letter to the SILVER STATE presented]

March 9, 1897 - An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of the State of Nevada.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, catch or kill any river or brook trout or land-locked salmon in any of the streams, rivers or other waters within this State between the first day of October, and the first day of April of the succeeding year; provided, that the close season as to lake trout in all the lakes of this State shall commence on the first day of February and end on the first day of June in each and every year.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to have in his or their possession, or to buy or sell or offer or expose for sale any river or brook trout or land-locked salmon taken, caught or killed in any river, stream or other waters of this State between the first day of October, and the first day of April of the succeeding year, or for any person or persons to have in his or their possession or to buy or sell or offer or expose for sale, any lake trout taken, caught or killed in any lake or other waters of this State between the first day of February and the first day of June of each and every year.

April 14, 1897 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - Mrs. A. Feliz went fishing last week and caught a 3 1/2 lb Humboldt trout. This is the finest and largest catch of the season.

April 14, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties are frequently seen going toward the river nowadays.

April 17, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Mrs. A. Felix of Lovelock, went fishing last week and caught a 3 1/2 lb Humboldt trout. This is the finest and largest catch of the season.

April 28, 1897 - Wadsworth Dispatch

LOVELOCK LOCALS - There are lots of fish in the river this spring.

April 29, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOVELOCK ITEMS - There are lot[s] of fish in the river this spring.

May 4, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

At this point looking afar the river looks like an immense lake. It has spread and covered land that has not been under water for years.

May 18, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

The river is slowly falling, and the fishermen are much pleased as it has been impossible to catch any of the finny creatures on account of the high wrter (sic).

May 21, 1897 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

SOUTH FORK - Several of the young folks were out fishing Sunday. The fish are so plentiful that they raked them out of the creek with garden rakes.

June 11, 1897 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

NORTH FORK - Mr. Bowles is running the sawdust from his sawmill into the tributaries of the North Fork which is killing the fish and causing a great deal of complaint amongst the settlers.

June 14, 1897 - Elko Independent

Mr. Bowles denies the report in the WELLS HERALD that he is killing the fish by running sawdust into the North Fork.

June 18, 1897 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

A LETTER FROM MR. BOWLES - ...I am operating a mill on North Fork, but...no sawdust being put into water around our mill, and I will thank you much to say so...

June 26, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is getting pretty good, though the river is high yet.

July 2, 1897 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

NORTH FORK - In behalf of the residents of North Fork, we protest against the wanton destruction of the timber in the hills surrounding this valley. Trees of all heights and dimensions are being felled and hauled to the Bowles sawmill, and a clean sweep is being made...

July 3, 1897 Nevada Silver Tidings (Elko)

CARLIN – Trout fishing is said to be good in the river. We saw several nice strings that were caught last week.

July 16, 1897 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

WELLS - Fishing is good in all the creeks and rivers in the county, and fish stories are to be heard on every street corner.

July 22, 1897 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing is said to be getting good in the river and a great many of our piscatorial sports goes fishing these days and of course the regular fish stories are to be heard.

July 24, 1897 - Elko Free Press

The rain storms of the past week have caused so much dirt and sand to flow into the river that the fishing is about spoiled, for the time being.

July 29, 1897 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing is now getting to be good in the river, several fine catches having been made.

July 31, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Carp are driving the trout out of the Humboldt, and it won't be long before good trout fishing will be a thing of the past in this section. Until carp were put in the river, we had the best fishing in the State.

August 14, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Herbert Sproule and Taylor Johnson went fishing Tuesday and caught 86 catfish in four and one-half hours. Most of the fish were good size.

August 19, 1897 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing parties are all the go these days.

August 28, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is getting pretty fair in the Humboldt.

September 4, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A four horse coach load of young people went up the river yesterday on a fishing trip. They report having a fine day's sport and of course caught lots of fish.

September 4, 1897 - Elko Free Press

Frankie Fernald caught a 3 1/2 pound trout Wednesday. It was a beauty.

Charley Hale reports the young rainbow trout put in the stream at his ranch as growing finely. They are getting large enough to eat, and in a few years the increase will make a wonderful showing.

September 9, 1897 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The party consisting of Phil Snyder,....,returned yesterday from their fishing trip on the North Fork of the Humboldt. They report a total catch of 328 fine trout, averaging over a pound each. They brought large numbers to town fresh besides a quantity which they salted in a barrel...Phil Snyder was the chief among the men of the party, and they all declare he can catch fish where no one else can. One day he brought 72 into camp.

September 9, 1897 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing parties are all the rage in this burg. The fishers must have a pleasant time on their trips, as but few of them ever bring home any fish.

September 11, 1897 - Nevada Silver Tidings (Elko)

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Jones caught 13 trout yesterday averaging 2 1/2 pounds each.

September 13, 1897 - Elko Independent

Several fishing parties which were out Saturday and - yes - Sunday report splendid luck...

September 14, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Trout are plentiful at the head of the Humboldt, while at this point they are such a rarity that a person that catches one is looked upon as a demigod.

September 16, 1897 - Elko Independent

Harve McAdams reports that about 4 miles of the Humboldt River caught fire yesterday and burned to the waters edge.

September 17, 1897 - Elko Independent

Uncle Dick Dorsey caught a whale of the trout species by moonlight last night. He reports the fish to have been grazing on the meadow and says the chase was hot...

September 18, 1897 - Elko Independent

Fishing is reported to be first rate. One Elko lady is said to have caught seven carp, five suckers, two catfish, a small trout and some minnows yesterday.

September 20, 1897 - Elko Independent

The entire town seemed to have gone fishing yesterday and last evening large catches were reported on all sides.

Miss Millie Wilson caught a trout ninteen (sic) inches long and weighing two and three-fourths pounds yesterday with a minnow hook and black thread. She was fishing at the time for minnows.

September 27, 1897 - Elko Independent

A. Bruce went up the river yesterday and caught 21 fine trout.

October 2, 1897 - Elko Free Press

The law against fishing for trout went into force yesterday morning. You can fish, however, for carp and catfish.

October 2, 1897 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Yesterday the fish law went into effect and it is now unlawful to catch river or brook trout in this State. There is no likelihood of any fisherman on the Humboldt in this vicinity having the heavy hand of the law fall upon him, but most of them would be willingly arrested if they could only catch a trout.

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April 13, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

D.S. Truman and H. Warren returned last evening from a two day's trip to Gold Run district. While there the first named put in his time coaxing speckled Rock Creek beauties to take his bait, and with good success, if the tale of a fisherman can be believed.

April 14, 1898 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

For several days past tules on the Humboldt have been on fire sending dense columns of smoke and sheets of fire up into the air.

April 29, 1898 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

STARR VALLEY - Last week we met a number of nimrods who had succeeded in catching a lot of large speckled beauties. Fishing parties are all the rage now, next to the bike.

April 30, 1898 - Elko Free Press

Fishing has been excellent on the South Fork this week.

May 9, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Several fishing parties went out yesterday, and according to the stories told by the individual members they had good luck.

May 11, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Trout are caught in the Humboldt here where the water is not very muddy.

May 11, 1898 - Elko Independent

It is reported in town that certain parties are catching trout with nets and killing them with giant powder at the dam in South Fork. This is a direct violation of the law and should be stopped. The guilty persons should be detected and punished.

May 21, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

When our town boys catch a large mess of carp when out fishing they don't throw them back into the river but sell them to the Chinese here, they being very fond of carp. Catfish, chubs, suckers, and trout occasionally are included in the varieties of fish caught in the Humboldt. The carp is a common kind of fish, and it would be a good thing if it could be exterminated, as it eats the superior article, to the chagrin of the fishermen.

June 9, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing is not very good here now as the river is rising.

June 15, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A six pound carp was hauled out of the river yesterday by one of our local fishermen. Trout a foot long have been caught here, but as a general thing the trout caught hereabouts are small like those caught in the mountain streams.

June 18, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Ten pound carp are being caught in the river here. It would be a good thing if the carp could be exterminated.

June 28, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A carp weighing ten pounds was caught here in the river a day or so ago, it being the largest of its kind caught here this summer.

August 6, 1898 - Elko Daily Argonaut

WANTON DESTRUCTION OF TROUT - Some miscreants have been killing trout with giant powder a short distance up the Humboldt, just below the dam at Dewar's ranch. The work is said to have been done last Sunday and parties are suspected...The banks for a short distance below the dam are covered with dead trout from three to four inches long, and many have floated down stream...

August 13, 1898 - Elko Free Press

Someone is using giant powder in the river above town and destroying all the fish. The fish are getting scarce enough in the Humboldt without killing them in this wanton way. There is a stringent law against catching or killing fish in any manner except by hook and line, and persons fishing with giant powder are liable to wind up in the State prison.

August 17, 1898 - Elko Argonaut

The Humboldt has come so near the point of drying up that no water flows into the ditch of the Elko Water Company...

August 27, 1898 - Elko Free Press

Fish are beginning to bite.

September 3, 1898 - Elko Free press

The boys are catching a good many carp in the Humboldt these days. They sell them to the Chinamen.

September 3, 1898 - Reese River Reveille (Austin)

TO DESTROY CARP - Sportsmen are urging a combined movement for the annihilation of the carp in the Humboldt river. This fish since its introduction a few years since has multiplied wonderfully and now threatens the very existence of the celebrated Humboldt trout, cat and other game fish which have made the Humboldt celebrated over the entire west.

September 7, 1898 - Wadsworth Dispatch

Sportsmen are urging a combined movement for the annihilation of the carp in the Humboldt river, says the ELKO INDEPENDENT [Excellent, but very long article]

September 15, 1898 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Charley Smith of Winnemucca, now visiting with his brother in-law, John Morrow, is entitled to the proud distinction of high hook on the Humboldt for this year. He earned the title yesterday by catching in the river below town a trout measuring full twenty-four inches in length and which weighed, dressed, five pounds. Local sportsmen claim it was the largest trout of the true Humboldt species ever caught in the river.

September 16, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Fishing parties leave town nearly every day for a few hours fishing on the Humboldt. Fish stories are heard on all sides.

September 17, 1898 – Eureka Sentinel

BEOWAVE – Fishing is great sport at present on the Humboldt, and several parties have succeeded in landing many good-sized trout.

September 30, 1898 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

A number of fishing parties were out yesterday and several fine catches of trout are reported.

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February 21, 1899 - Tuscarora Times-Review

The Humboldt river is now running bank-full, and enough water going to waste which, if stored in reservoirs, would irrigate millions of acres of land in the broad valley through which it flows.

March 9, 1899 - An Act giving the authority to the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties of this State to extend the closed season for fishing in the streams and waters of a certain class, and providing for the enforcement of the same.

SECTION 1. The Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties of this State, each within its own county, are hereby authorized to extend the closed season for fishing in streams and waters within their counties...

March 11, 1899 - Lovelock Tribune

Again the burning of the tules made a beautiful scene Wednesday night.

May 13, 1899 – Nevada Silver Tidings (Elko)

FISH LAW VIOLATED ON SOUTH FORK - ...dam on the stream... constructed of stone and willows. It is

about eight feet in height... The fish are now running up stream, and in attempting to jump the dam thousands of them are either killed or badly bruised by striking on the projecting obstructions.

May 25, 1899 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A FISHING FOURTH OF JULY - From the indications up to date all of Reno will go fishing Fourth of July - JOURNAL. All of Elko will probably do the same - TIDINGS. From what we can hear it seems probable that Battle Mountain will follow suit.

June 17, 1899 - Lovelock Tribune

CAME ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 1861 - ...The one impression that stays with Mr. Westfall today of that first trip through the Lovelock Valley was the blue-joint. He says it was waist high and like fields of waving grain. Hence the name Big Meadows.

June 17, 1899 - Nevada Silver Tidings (Elko)

PALISADE - There is good fishing in the Humboldt about six miles below Palisade. Trout weighing three pounds have been caught.

August 17, 1899 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Forty years ago the waves of Humboldt lake laved the ground where Brown's Station on the Central Pacific railroad is now located. The shore of the lake is now over one mile from Brown's.

August 17, 1899 - Golconda News

Dave Abel shouldered his fishing rod this morning and this afternoon he returned with a beautiful catch...

August 19, 1899 - Elko Free Press

The river is too high and muddy for good fishing. About the middle of September before any sport can be had.

September 11, 1899 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

Quite a number of Winnemuccans spent yesterday at fishing in the Humboldt. Stauffer's lower ranch and the Sloan ranch above town were the chosen places of the fishermen who report as having landed many fine specimens of catfish, chubs and trout.

September 22, 1899 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

GOOD TROUT FISHING - Trout in the Humboldt river in the vicinity of Battle Mountain are now taking the hook freely and a number of good catches are reported...

September 29, 1899 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

ELKO - Fishing is the proper caper here at present and everyone that goes out has good luck and returns with an abundance of fish.

October 5, 1899 - Golconda News

The largest trout caught in this vicinity this year, was caught by Mr. Taylor last Tuesday in the Humboldt, directly back of town. It measured nearly twenty-one inches.

October 9, 1899 – Carson Morning News

A trout measuring exactly two feet in length was caught in the Humboldt river near Lovelock last week.

1900

January 6, 1900 - Lovelock Tribune

Chris Beck and his partners are working on the levee at the lower end of the valley and think they will be safe from high water this season.

February 8, 1900 - Silver State (Winnemucca)

NO USE FOR CARP - ...Before the carp were placed in the river, the Humboldt was one of the best trout streams in the State; now the carp have overstocked the river, taken all the feed and destroyed the spawn of the other fish, so today you can catch nothing but carp...[Very long article]

February 27, 1900 - Tuscarora Times-Review

TOWN TALK - The ranchers in the vicinity of Lovelocks (sic) have spent over \$100,000 in litigation and this has not settled the water question and has not added a drop to the present supply. This sum spent in storage reservoirs would have settled the water question in short order, but possibly the ranchers didn't think of so simple a scheme as that.

April 7, 1900 - Elko Free Press

A good many catfish and carp were caught in the river last Sunday. It was too windy for good trout fishing.

April 20, 1900 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

PEKO - There is fine fishing at Peko now. P. McNally caught 12 large fish Tuesday.

April 27, 1900 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

STARR VALLEY - Fishing is the sport these days. A number of Deeth residents and Starrites have tried their skill and been successful.

May 3, 1900 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Several of our people go fishing most every day and Johnny Rae holds the medal as being the best at the piscatorial sport.

May 5, 1900 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is said to be getting good, though there has been too much rain this week for much sport.

June 8, 1900 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

NORTH RUBY - Fishing seems to be the present sport to pass away the leisure hours. A number from this section went fishing Sunday and report having caught quite a number of fish.

June 15, 1900 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

SECRET - A few nice trout have been caught in Secret Creek lately.

July 27, 1900 - Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CLOVER - A party of Cloverites went fishing last Friday, returning Monday with a load of "speckled beauties", which are only to be found in Tabor Creek.

July 29, 1899 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is getting pretty fair, though nothing extra yet.

August 4, 1900 - Elko Free Press

Quite a number of big trout were caught in the river last Sunday.

August 4, 1900 - Tuscarora Times-Review

...returned yesterday from a North Fork fishing trip and brought in a keg of trout salted down as a witness of their prowess with rod and line...

August 18, 1900 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is good in the Humboldt, if you know how to fish.

August 19, 1899 - Elko Free Press

The river is too high and muddy for good fishing. About the middle of September before any sport can be had.

August 23, 1900 - Golconda News

A number of people were out on the Humboldt Sunday fishing and we are informed that a few good sized trout were caught by the lucky ones.

August 26, 1899 - Elko Free Press

Fishing is fair these days.

1901

March 28, 1901 - An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of this State...

SEC. 3. It shall not be lawful for any person...to take, catch or kill any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon in any of the...waters within this State, between the first day of October and the first day of April of the succeeding year.

SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful for any person...to have in his...possession or to buy or sell...any river, lake or brook trout, or land-locked salmon, taken...within this State or elsewhere, between the first day of October and the first day of April of next succeeding year.

SEC. 5. It shall not be lawful for any common carrier...or person to ship...any river, lake or brook trout, or land-locked salmon taken...in any...waters of this State between the first day of October and the first day of April next succeeding.

SEC. 6. Any person...who shall at any time capture the young of any species of trout less than six inches in length from any...waters of this State shall return the same to the water.

SEC. 7. It shall not be lawful for any person...at any time, to take, catch...any river, lake or brook trout, or land-locked salmon in any...waters within this State with any seine, net, spear or grab hooks...set lines...or by means of any other... except by hook and line.

SEC. 9. Any person who shall...catch any such fish in any manner within 50 feet of such fish-way or fish-ladder... shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...

SEC. 11. It shall not be lawful for any person...to, at any time, transport...to any town or place outside of the State, any lake, river or brook trout which are intended to be offered for sale...

April 8, 1901 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

RIVER BOATING – Boating is now a popular sport with the young men of Winnemucca and all kinds of floating apparatus are being pressed into service by the amateur would-be sea dogs...

April 26, 1901 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

DEETH - Thursday Archie Dorsey and Jeff Harbison sat on the Starr bridge for an hour and drew out twenty of the largest trout ever seen in Deeth. The largest weighed twelve pounds and the smallest six...[?]

June 7, 1901 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

A DAY AT LITTLE TROUT CREEK - ...about twelve miles from town... almost alive with mountain trout from four to ten inches in length...stream winds down through a wooded canyon for a mile or two before it enters a wide flat below where the water is used for irrigating...

June 20, 1901 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

EARLY HISTORY - ...In 1864 E. Pickett and John Hovenden bought fish and ducks of the Indians for the Austin market and, they continued to trade with the Indians for several years. They state, that at that time, the best fishing ground along the Humboldt was between the Brinsden and Crum ranches...

A number of our sports have been out trying their luck at fishing the past few days and some of the piscatorial sports had good success in catching the speckled beauties.

June 21, 1901 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

PARADISE – Fishing is fine in the streams around Paradise now. Nearly every day some local lover of the sport comes in with a fine string of the speckled beauties.

June 27, 1901 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

FISHING PARTY - A fishing party composed of...were out to Trout Creek Sunday...large bag of the "speckled beauties"...

June 29, 1901 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

L. Godchaux arrived this morning from his Willow Point ranch. He says very little hay will be cut on the ranches in the lower end of Paradise Valley this year and in the upper end the ranchers will get only one crop of alfalfa. Grasshoppers have made their appearance in large numbers, this being the first time in twenty years that the pests have been unusually numerous.

July 8, 1901 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

Several fishing parties left town yesterday and spent the day on the banks of the Humboldt. No catches of any consequence were made.

July 12, 1901 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[4] few days last week fishing and hunting on Taber Creek. They caught large strings of trout...

CAMPING ON TABER CREEK - ...four days last week...camping on Taber creek...Fishing was good and nice catches of brook trout, some of them twelve inches in length, were made...

September 5, 1901 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

Fishing parties are all the rage in the burg. The fishers must have a very enjoyable time on their trips, as but few of them ever bring home any big catches.

September 12, 1901 - Tuscarora Times-Review

Sam Johnson (Indian) came into town this morning with about 100 pounds of trout, taken from the North Fork, which were disposed of readily to our citizens. Sam uses hook and line only but as he expresses it he "heap catch'em pish".

1902

April 12, 1902 – Elko Free Press

Some trout are being caught in the river.

April 26, 1902 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Wilson was notified on Wednesday that trout were being slaughtered in the canyon this side of Carlin, where there is a dam but no fish ladder. He immediately took steps to have fish ladders put in wherever needed...

June 27, 1902 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[5] spent last Sunday rustivating on Little Trout Creek. They captured 123 fish.

July 18, 1902 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CAMPING ON TABER CREEK - ...shaded by large cottonwood trees, with green grass as a carpet. Roses and flowers in profusion...In this stream is found an abundance of solid, juicy, speckled trout of the native and eastern brook variety...

September 20, 1902 – Lovelock Argus

Alford Jeakin's little boy, Glen, aged 4 years, hooked a four pound trout at Marker's dam this morning...

December 29, 1902 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

BASS SEEM THE BEST – Ever since the Silver State suggested that the Humboldt River be restocked with fish this paper has been receiving all kinds of advice... [Long article]

March 14, 1903 - An Act to provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of this State...

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person...to take, catch ...any river, lake or brook trout, or land-locked salmon, white fish or wide-mouthed bass in any...waters within this State between the 1st day of November and the 15th day of March...

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person...to have in his...possession or to buy or sell...any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon, white fish or wide-mouthed bass taken...in any...waters within this State between the 1st day of November and the 15th day of March...

SEC. 5. Every cold storage company or person...who shall... have in his or their possession, any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon, white fish or wide-mouthed bass, between the 1st day of November and the 15th day of March... shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor...

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier...or person to ship or transport...any river, lake or brook trout or land-locked salmon, white fish or wide-mouthed bass, taken ...in any...waters of this State, between the 1st day of November and the 15th day of March...

SEC. 7. Any person who buys, sells...any specie of trout less than six inches long within this State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor...

SEC. 8. It shall be unlawful for any person...in the State of Nevada at any time to take, catch...[Same species as above] in any...waters within this State with any seine, net...set lines ...or in any manner except by hook and line... [Fish Commission exempt]

SEC. 10. Any person...who shall at any time...catch any fish in any manner within one hundred feet of any dam containing a fish way or fish ladder...shall be deemed guilty of [a] misdemeanor... [Fish Commission exempt]

SEC. 12. It shall be unlawful for any person...to at any time transport...to any place outside of this State...[Same species listed above] which are thereafter offered for sale or sold...

March 30, 1903 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

The river rose steadily all day yesterday and is now “rolling rapidly.” The Waltonians complain that the water is too high for good fishing but believe that there is splendid sport for the near future, for the flood will cause the lake trout to ascend the stream. All the dams on the river are now passable for the trout.

April 10, 1903 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

For the first time in thirteen years, Reese river in Lander County, is this season flowing into the Humboldt at Battle Mountain.

April 11, 1903 – Lovelock Tribune

The Humboldt lake is dryer (sic) just now than it has been before in fifty years.

May 9, 1903 – Elko Free Press

It is said that the shooting of fish in the Humboldt is going on near Ryndon and vicinity. This is against the law and should be looked into by the game warden.

May 16, 1903 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Harris went out to the South Fork dam Saturday to have Mr. Pattanni put in a fish ladder at that place. The request has been complied with, and the fish will now have a chance to get over the dam. Ladders should be put in at every dam on the Humboldt and its tributaries.

June 18, 1903 - Humboldt Standard (Winnemucca)

Some fine catches of trout have been made in the river near town lately.

June 19, 1903 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CARLIN - Henry Bolts...out to Woodruff Creek...last Saturday... plenty of...mountain trout.

July 3, 1903 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CARLIN - J.A. Beiler, Lew Barrett and Tom McKellips were out to Rock Creek fishing last Sunday. They brought home quite a number of the speckled beauties.

July 10, 1903 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

BISHOPS - A number of fishing parties have been out fishing on Trout Creek. All report good success.

July 17, 1903 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CARLIN - Quite a number of Carlinites were out fishing Saturday and Sunday. All report fish in the Humboldt rather scarce.

August 27, 1903 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

Dave Rose went fishing yesterday, about five or six miles down the river... He caught over a hundred fish... and among them were several fine trout, one of the latter weighing two and half pounds.

September 3, 1903 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

CAUGHT SOME "SPECKLED BEAUTIES" - Nearly every day some of our enthusiastic anglers wend their way to the river to spend the day. We have heard of no great degree of success...Sunday [2] went up the river...caught four fine trout.

1904

March 9, 1904 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

John Saval, the Golconda sheep king is in town today... Mr. Saval states that fully 175,000 sheep will be sheared in the immediate vicinity of Golconda.

August 2, 1904 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

Forest Bell, Bert Nixon and Harry Bonnielfield returned last night from Rock Creek. They report having caught 125 trout and a few sage hens...

August 13, 1904 – Elko Free Press

During the heavy showers Tuesday afternoon on the summit near 10-Mile, it rained frogs...large as a peanut

and as lively as a cricket. The road was covered with them for half a mile.

1905

April 7, 1905 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

ELKO - The Humboldt river banks were well lined with local fishermen last Sunday. A large number of good sized carp and a few trout were caught.

April 14, 1905 – Elko Free Press

Several catches of trout are reported from the river.

April 21, 1905 – Elko Free Press

A complaint was made to the FREE PRESS this morning to the effect that certain parties are preparing to dynamite fish in the Humboldt. This method of fishing is unlawful and a word to the wise is sufficient.

June 23, 1905 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Several parties from Wells have lately tried their luck at fishing on Angel, Trout and Little Trout Creeks. At each place the sport is reported good.

July 7, 1905 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[2] returned Sunday from an outing on Taber Creek. They brought back a nice string of fish.

July 14, 1905 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

ELKO - Fishing is good in the Humboldt and many nice "catches" are reported by local fishermen.

August 4, 1905 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

P. Holm and family returned last Saturday from their camping trip out north. They put in their time on Taber Creek, and report fish scarce...

August 4, 1905 – Elko Free Press

A party of fishers, consisting of three, report great success yesterday. A catch of 134 of the speckled beauties is reported.

1906

May 25, 1906 – Elko Free Press

Fishing east of Elko is reported to be very good. A crowd went up to Twelve-Mile canyon yesterday and caught one hundred and twenty-five trout.

July 6, 1906 – Elko Free Press

Some of the local sports went angling yesterday but they failed to land the big ones. They report the fishing very poor, catching very few...

July 19, 1906 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A number of our citizens went up to Rock Creek last week fishing. They report as having had good luck catching the "speckled beauties".

July 20, 1906 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[2] spent a couple of days of this week hunting and fishing on Loomis Creek, about thirty miles north of town. They report... that fish abound in plenty...

August 1, 1906 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

BLACK BASS WEIGHING EIGHT POUNDS IS HOOKED - ...in the Humboldt river not far from Winnemucca Sunday by an Indian. This is one of the few black bass which have been caught in the Humboldt and is undoubtedly the largest fish of that species which has ever been caught in the stream. Bass were planted in the Humboldt river a number of years ago, but very few of the disciples (sic) of Isaac Walton who ply their art in this vicinity have been successful in catching any of them.

August 9, 1906 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

A bass weighing eight pounds was caught in the Humboldt river at Winnemucca a few days ago.

August 10, 1906 – Elko Free Press

Gus Pixley and Jack Cook went fishing in Lamoille and Rabbit creeks yesterday and returned last night with 113 speckled beauties. They say that they could have caught more but quit when they had enough.

August 28, 1906 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

NICE CATCH OF BLACK BASS – To Mrs. F.N. Muller belongs the honor of making the first catch of black bass from the Humboldt River. Eight of the fish, each about ten inches in length, were caught by Mrs. Muller in a slough near the Riel ranch last Sunday. This is the first time that black bass have been taken from the river since fish of that species were planted in the stream two years ago.

September 7, 1906 – Elko Free Press

Two of our local anglers report a catch of forty of the finny tribe yesterday.

September 14, 1906 – Elko Free Press

Fishing is splendid in the streams near Elko. Some big catches were made yesterday in the Humboldt and in South Fork.

1907

July 12, 1907 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Fifteen thousand young trout from the hatchery at Carson were received in Elko yesterday and distributed in the Humboldt river and in Lamoille creek.

August 12, 1907 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING ALONG THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – A good catch of fish marked a successful fishing trip Sunday in which the following young people participated...

August 23, 1907 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[6] spent nearly two weeks camping at Loomis Creek, returned here last Saturday. They report a splendid time, plenty of fish...

August 26, 1907 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTY MAKE A GOOD CATCH ON THE RIVER – A fishing party composed of ... [8] spent yesterday on the river about 12 miles below town. They caught 75 fish and 10 black bass.

September 9, 1907 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTY - ...[7] spent a short fishing trip on the Humboldt yesterday and made a good catch of catfish.

September 27, 1907 – Elko Free Press

CARP – [Long editorial about the unfortunate mistake of planting carp in Nevada]

Two small boys were fishing near the upper bridge Saturday, caught a speckled beauty that tipped the scales when dressed at four pounds and an ounce...

October 31, 1907 - Central Nevadan (Battle Mountain)

BLACK BASS - G.C. Thomas of the Nevada Fish Commission, arrived in Battle Mountain on Monday of last week with about 150 black bass spawn which was planted in the Humboldt river at this point. The fish were taken from the Russian river in California, being sent to the Nevada Commission through the courtesy of the California Commissioners. It is said that the black bass will kill the carp that now infest the Humboldt. The fish which were planted measured from three to seven inches.

November 4, 1907 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BLACK BASS IN HUMBOLDT – G.C. Thomas of the Nevada Fish Commission, last week planted about 150 black bass spawn in the Humboldt river at a point near Battle Mountain. The fish were taken from the Russian river in California, being sent to the Nevada Commission through the courtesy of the California Commissioners. It is said that the black bass will kill the carp that now infest the Humboldt. The fish which were planted measured from three to six inches.

1908

April 17, 1908 – Elko Free Press

PUT IN FISH LADDERS – H.H. Coryell of Wells, one of the three Fish Commissioners of Nevada returned from Carlin this morning where he went at the request of District Attorney Caine to investigate...dams in the river in that vicinity without fish ladders...Fish were being caught below these dams with dip nets...reports that he found dams without adequate fish ladders...owners did not realize...they were violating the law. Each promised to correct the evil at once...

April 17, 1908 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...spent last Sunday fishing on Little Trout Creek, fourteen miles north-east of Wells. They captured a goodly number of the famous trout of the little stream.

May 1, 1908 – Elko Free Press

VIOLATING THE LAW – Complaint is made that the fishing laws are being grossly violated...number of dams in the Humboldt not provided with fish ladders...Fish have gathered in schools...caught by the thousands...being blasted with unslacked lime and with powder... [Long article]

May 8, 1908 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

NO TROUT FRY FOR HUMBOLDT RIVER – It is understood that some time this month thousands of young trout will be sent out from the state and government hatcheries and planted in the streams in the western part of the state, but for some reason or other none are ever placed in the Humboldt, Nevada's largest and longest river.

The Truckee river is always kept well stocked with young trout, but the Humboldt is the most neglected stream in the state. Years ago a lot of black bass fry were placed in the Humboldt, but since that time nothing has been done in the way of keeping the stream stocked.

May 11, 1908 - Eureka Sentinel

PALISADE - Fishing these days is good in the Humboldt river in and about Palisade...

May 28, 1908 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

SEVERAL GOOD CATCHES OF TROUT REPORTED – Fishing parties on the Humboldt river are reporting excellent catches of trout. For the first time in many years trout are being caught out of the Humboldt river at this place. The planting of catfish in the stream practically ruined trout fishing in the lower stretches of the Humboldt river, but of late years the carp have been disappearing and the trout are again making their appearance.

June 1, 1908 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

WORK FOR FISH COMMISSIONER – It is reported that hundreds of fine trout are being unlawfully destroyed at the two dams east of Carlin and also at the dam west of Beowawe. One report states that the fish are being dynamited.

June 8, 1908 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

TROUT AND BASS ARE TO BE PLANTED IN THE HUMBOLDT – While Senator W.J. Bell was in Carson City a few days ago he made arrangements with Fish Commissioner Mills to send a supply of young bass and trout to be planted in the Humboldt river at this point. This is good news for our local fishermen, as the river should be restocked with fry every year. Fishing in the river this spring has been better than for many years past and some good catches of trout have been reported.

June 9, 1908 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTY MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS – The following took part in a fishing expedition on the Humboldt river last Sunday... [8]. A large catch of trout is reported to have been made.

June 15, 1908 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BIG CATCH OF HUMBOLDT TROUT – What is without doubt the largest catch of trout of the season was that made yesterday by Dave Rose. He brought in last evening a string of thirty-three of the speckled beauties and all of them were of good size, weighing from one pound up to three pounds each. On account of the low water in the river so early in the season fishing has been exceedingly good this year. Yesterday a large number of people went up and down the river and some good catches were reported, but none to equal

the number of trout caught by Mr. Rose.

June 23, 1908 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

A fishing party composed of ...[7] went out to the Bliss ranch yesterday in Colonel Hopkin's auto. The catch included 35 cats, 3 trout and 2 bass.

Yesterday a gentleman of leisure... caught a rainbow trout that weighed five pounds. He disposed of his prize to Frank Bayles for a consideration of \$1.75.

June 30, 1908 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING PARTY MAKES A BIG CATCH – Sunday a well-equipped fishing party composed of [5]... days fishing at Pedrolia's ranch... amounted to about 120 fish.

July 10, 1908 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

YOUNG FISH RECEIVED – Fish Commissioner Coryell received direct from the hatchery at Verdi Wednesday morning about ten thousand young Eastern brook trout for planting in the streams running from the Ruby range of mountains in this vicinity...A portion of the shipment was taken to the lake above Clover...

July 30, 1908 – Elko Free Press

F.S. Gedney took three cans of trout fry out to the South Fork this morning.

October 5, 1908 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

RETURNS FROM PINSON RANCH – Mrs. D. Pascal has returned from... ranch near Golconda... She caught a large number of trout, bass and catfish during her visit at the Pinson ranch.

1909

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1907 and 1908; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada, 1909.

Table showing the Rainbow Trout Distribution for the Humboldt River drainage of Nevada during 1907 and 1908:

July 8, 1908	Elko County	Mary's River	2,500
July 30, 1908	Lander County	Humboldt River	1,500
July 30, 1908	Elko County	South Fork	1,500

[The records also show that considerable numbers of eastern brook trout and large mouth bass were also placed throughout the Humboldt River drainage during the same time-period]

May 7, 1909 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

FINE CATCH OF TROUT – The first trout catch of the season was made yesterday by Harry Bonnifield, who brought in a half dozen of the speckled beauties after an afternoon's fishing in the Humboldt above town. His luck will be an incentive to the local Isaac Waltons, who may be expected to be out in force on the river next Sunday.

May 15, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Lindsay has returned from an inspection of the dams on the Humboldt between Moleen and

the Eureka-Elko county line. He reports all dams except the P.F.E. dam near Carlin as in good condition. There the dam is too high for fish to jump and a fish ladder has been ordered put into position.

May 22, 1909 – Elko Free Press

FISH LADDER AT RAILROAD DAM IS FINISHED – Game Warden Lindsay returned last night from the big R.R. dam this side of Carlin where he has been the past two days seeing that the fish ladder was properly constructed and placed...first real fish ladder ever installed in Elko County. The ladder is 45 feet long, 4 feet wide and contains 18 water boxes; making each box 2 ½ X 4 feet...inspected all other dams between the western county line and the North Fork, about 38 in number and finds them...in good condition for the fish getting over...

June 2, 1909 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

FATHER MECHAN MAKES FINE CATCH OF TROUT - ...nice mess of rainbow trout... just returned from the Little Humboldt river...

June 4, 1909 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...[2] spent a portion of last Sunday on Bishop Creek in quest of the natives of that stream. They did not report a very large catch.

June 9, 1909 – Elko Free Press

WHAT THE GAME WARDEN IS DOING – Game Warden Lindsay...inspecting the dams along the South Fork and tributaries. On the trip he installed three fish ladders in the Smith Creek, one at Dave Bellingers ranch and two on the ranches of J.J. Hylton... [Also appointed more deputy wardens]

July 17, 1909 – Elko Free Press

The fish dynamiting mentioned in the letter of Commissioner Mills occurred last winter when construction camps were located between Elko and Carlin.

August 14, 1909 - Eureka Sentinel

PALISADE - Fishing has been good of late, several large batches of big ones having been made within four or five miles of Palisade.

PALISADE - Trout fishing is getting better within the last few days. Several catches of three and four pounders being recorded. The river is very low and the water is getting clear, but the carp seem to be crowding out the trout.

August 20, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Willis Green was showing Monday a four pound trout that he had caught in the Humboldt near Elko.

August 21, 1909 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

DISASTROUS SAGE BRUSH FIRE – A week ago yesterday the sagebrush about Washakie caught afire and burned a strip eight miles long by five miles wide...

August 24, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Prof. Howard is over from Lamoille...He reports the fishing as fine. Each day he starts out and catches until he reaches the limit and then returns to camp...

August 27, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Lindsay has been out over Mary's river, Bruneau, Jarbridge (sic), Gold Creek, Owyhee east and west forks and Bull Run streams returning by the way of the North Fork and reports that he finds the streams in good condition and dams properly made for fish to reach the headwaters...He was gone four weeks...

September 4, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Lindsay goes to Tonka this afternoon to inspect the fish ladder that is being put in the reconstructed Carlin dam.

October 2, 1909 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Lindsay has returned from a visit to the North Fork looking after those who are trapping beaver.

1910

February 11, 1910 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

CLOSE SEASON FOR FISHING EXTENDED – At their last meeting the county commissioners passed an order extending the close season for fishing in certain streams. The streams specified are the Humboldt river, South Fork of the Humboldt river, Smith Creek, Lamoille Creek, North Fork, Mary's river, Starr Creek, Pie Creek, and Willow Creek. The close season is extended to May 15th.

June 24, 1910 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

SPORTSMEN PLANT RAINBOW TROUT – [Secure 30,000 young fish from the State hatchery at Verdi] – Thirty thousand young rainbow trout from the State fish hatchery at Verdi were delivered at Winnemucca yesterday morning and were planted in the Humboldt at this place and in Sonoma Creek and Clear Creek, the one twelve and the other twenty miles south of this place.

July 18, 1910 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

FIFTY THOUSAND TROUT PLANTED IN THE HUMBOLDT - ...rainbow trout arrived here yesterday from the State hatchery at Verdi and were planted in the Humboldt river at this place...

September 19, 1910 – Elko Free Press

E.A.P. Johnson of Tuscarora...camping on the North Fork with two gentlemen from New York... successful one day in catching about sixty pounds of trout...placed them that night on a table about ten feet from the tent...not a trout was even left for breakfast, the coyotes having devoured all during the night.

November 18, 1910 – Elko Free Press

Word was sent down yesterday from North Fork that a number of trappers along that stream are illegally taking beaver, and this morning Game Warden Fitzgerald left to investigate...

1911

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1909 and 1910; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada, 1911.

Hybrid Trout – This commission has been experimenting for some five years with Hybrid trout, a cross between the Lake trout (Salmo mykiss henshawi) and the Rainbow trout (Salmo iridius)... This fish is Nevada's own production, an even stronger fish than the Rainbow trout and possessing extraordinary gameness. The ultimate object in the production of this fish is to produce a trout suitable for both streams and lakes, and which we hope will prove an excellent food fish. Our report for the year 1910 shows a distribution of trout in the waters of this State of over 130,000 fry. [The records indicate that none of these hybrid fish were released in the Humboldt River drainage in 1910]

[Tables in the report show that large numbers of the "black-spotted" Lahontan cutthroat trout and rainbow trout from the Truckee River system were transplanted throughout the Humboldt River system in 1909 and 1910]

March 6, 1911 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Fitzgerald went to Carlin Saturday to investigate the alleged pollution of the water in the Humboldt river by the discharge of oily waste into the river by the Espee railroad company...report was founded on fact...unfit even for the stock to drink...notified the officials...pollution must cease at once...to their benefit to have good fishing along their lines...

March 15, 1911 - An act to provide for the protection and the preservation of fish in the waters of the State of Nevada...

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person...to take, catch...any river trout, lake trout, or brook trout, white-fish, land-locked salmon, royal chinook salmon, or large- mouthed or small-mouthed black bass in or from any of the... waters of the State of Nevada, between the sixteenth day of October...and the thirtieth day of April...both dates being included.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person...to take, catch ...any...fish of any species whatever...except with hook and line... [Snagging prohibited, use of fish eggs prohibited, and the rod must be in the hands of the angler]

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person...to kill...any lake trout, river trout...salmon...less than seven inches in length; or any large-mouthed or small-mouthed bass, or Sacramento perch less than eight inches in length, or any red-spotted eastern brook trout...less than six inches in length.

April 5, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

COMMISSION – The petition of residents of Paradise Valley asking that the board secure fish to stock certain streams in the valley was laid over.

May 5, 1911 – Elko Free Press

FISHING IS GOOD - ...A party came in last evening with over sixty big rainbow trout, but the largest of the week...weighed this morning after being dressed, over four pounds...caught in the South Fork...

May 17, 1911 – Commonwealth (Carlin)

Leo King holds the record among the fishermen of Carlin. He went up the river Sunday and caught a speckled beauty that weighed nearly five pounds...

May 25, 1911 – Lovelock Tribune

FISHING IN LOVELOCK NOW THE FIRST SPORT – What is reported to be the first black bass caught in the Humboldt river on the Big Meadows was landed last Sunday by John Borland and Art Green at the Irish American dam. The fish weighed four pounds... It is reported that many trout are being caught in the river

this year, which is unusual. Previous to last year, the trout were seldom if ever caught for there were none in the river as far down as Lovelock. Even at Winnemucca trout fishing has been good only for about the past four years...

June 19, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

FIFTY THOUSAND YOUNG TROUT FOR HUMBOLDT STREAMS – Fifty thousand brook trout... will arrive here tomorrow morning by express from the State fish hatchery at Verdi. Twenty thousand... to Sonoma and Clear creeks... Thirty thousand... taken charge of by game Warden Bonnifield and taken to Paradise Valley to be planted in various streams... [Shipment was delayed]

July 7, 1911 – Elko Free Press

Yesterday a shipment of 20,000 young trout was received at Carlin by Constable Kappler, who hurried them out to Maggie and Susie Creeks and planted them at various places along these streams...

July 12, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

RETURNS FROM PARADISE VALLEY – Game Warden Bonnifield returned yesterday from Paradise Valley, where he went with several thousand trout fry, which were planted in Cottonwood and Martin Creeks...

July 24, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

...[Six including game warden Bonnifield] went to Paradise Valley on a fishing excursion yesterday... They spent the day on Cottonwood Creek and caught over a hundred fine trout.

August 1, 1911 – Elko Free Press

MANY FISH REPORTED DYING – Trainmen of the Western Pacific report that thousands of fish are dying below a big dam in the Humboldt a few miles east of Beowawe in Eureka County...big pool below this dam is fairly seithing (sic) with trout that were unable to get up stream because of no fish ladder... [Long article]

August 3, 1911 – Lovelock Tribune

TO STOCK HUMBOLDT WITH BLACK BASS – Clarence Larsen has received word from the state fish commission that a plentiful supply of black bass will be planted in the Humboldt river in the vicinity of Lovelock this fall. This is in answer to a petition that was circulated and numerously signed here not long ago...

August 9, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

GAME WARDEN ENTERS DENIAL – [Letter to the editor from game warden Frank Byrne of Eureka denying that fish are dying in the Humboldt River near Carlin because of a dam in the river]

August 11, 1911 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

The Herald editor and family returned Tuesday evening from a few days' outing on Taber Creek. The fishing in that section is good...

August 18, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

CHANNEL CATFISH TO BE PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT – J.W. Douglass has received a letter from the United States Fish Commissioner stating that the channel catfish to be planted in the Humboldt river will be delivered here within ninety days...

August 19, 1911 – Elko Free Press

An Italian passed down the street yesterday proudly displaying 3 huge trout weighing from two to five pounds and which he claimed he caught with a grasshopper in the pool near the Troy Laundry. Reports are to the effect that the fish are biting freely nowadays.

September 7, 1911 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

BLUE CHANNEL CATFISH FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – Last night a special car, attached to S.P. No. 3, in charge of a government official, passed through Winnemucca. It contained blue channel cat fry from the government's Illinois hatchery, and was met here by Game Warden Bonnifield and J.F. Douglas, who had received a wire earlier in the day to be on hand and secure Humboldt County's apportionment. They were given 1,000 of the fry, which they immediately proceeded to "plant" in the Humboldt river between the dams above and below town.

October 11, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE YOUNG FISH PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT – Game Warden Bonnifield and J.W. Douglass Monday planted a lot of young bass in the Humboldt river. These fish are from the State hatchery at Verdi. During the past year a number of lots of young fish have been placed in the river at this point and if this good work is kept up the Humboldt river will be again among the fine fishing streams of the State.

October 16, 1911 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE BLACK BASS PLANTED IN RIVER – Saturday afternoon another batch of young black bass arrived from the State hatchery at Verdi and were planted in the Humboldt river at this point.

October 17, 1911 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

BLACK BASS FRY FOR HUMBOLDT RIVER – Saturday afternoon Game Warden Bonnifield received three cans of black bass fry from the state fish hatchery at Verdi. Many of the fish were four or five inches in length and will be ready for the angler next summer.

December 28, 1911 – Lovelock Tribune

It is reported that a number of otter have been killed along the sloughs near town.

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May 11, 1912 – Elko Free Press

Commissioner Willis and his wife went to South Fork yesterday on a fishing trip, and brought back a dandy string, the largest weighing over four pounds, and five of the others a close second...

May 20, 1912 – Elko Free Press

Talk about fishing and good catches, Chas. Crane is king of the fishermen. He caught seven trout last Sunday in the South Fork, the smallest weighing over three pounds while the largest tipped the beam at five pounds.

May 21, 1912 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

EASTERN BROOK TROUT FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY STREAMS – Game Warden Bonnifield returned last evening from Golconda, where he distributed 20,000 eastern brook trout fry for planting in Jake and Kelly Creeks and the North Fork of the Humboldt river.

May 28, 1912 – Elko Free Press

FISH SHIPPED IN – Sunday morning there was unloaded...about 25,000 small rainbow trout...planted in Pratt, Foreman and Martin Creeks and the North Fork of the Humboldt...and planted in the numerous creeks near Skelton...

May 29, 1912 – Commonwealth (Carlin)

CARLIN – Carlin fishermen are losing their reputation this year. Prof. Blunt being the only one to catch anything weighing over three pounds. The Prof. did hook one that weighed four pounds...

June 5, 1912 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE CATFISH TO BE PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT – Recently J.W. Douglas made an application to the bureau of fisheries for a lot of young catfish to be planted in the Humboldt river... probably be the same as last year, when 500 catfish were received and planted in the Humboldt at this point.

June 14, 1912 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Eight thousand young trout were recently planted in the reservoir of the Pacific Reclamation Company on Bishop Creek.

September 9, 1912 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE BASS PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – J.W. Douglas received a dispatch from the State fish commissioner this morning stating that a consignment of young bass from the State hatchery at Carson would arrive here on S.P. No. 6 today. Mr. Douglas took charge of the young fish when the train arrived here and planted them in the Humboldt river.

September 10, 1912 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

RECEIVES BLACK BASS FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – J.W. Douglas, secretary of the Winnemucca Rod and Gun Club, yesterday afternoon received a shipment of black bass fry from Supt. J.H. Vogt, of the State fish hatchery at Verdi. The fish were planted in the Humboldt river, principally below the bridge.

September 16, 1912 – Elko Independent

A trout 22 inches long and weighing 6 7/8 pounds was caught in the Humboldt river yesterday. Dr. Alexander says it is about the largest fish ever caught in the Humboldt.

September 16, 1912 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BASS FISHING IN HUMBOLDT RIVER - ...[4] spent yesterday at the Reil ranch... having caught a number of fine bass.

September 24, 1912 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

MORE BLACK BASS FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – Yesterday Game Warden Bonnifield received a shipment of black bass fry from the State fish hatchery at Verdi. The fish were planted in the Humboldt river, above and below the bridge.

September 24, 1912 – Elko Free Press

Not for many years has the fishing been so good in the Humboldt river as at present, as most every day big

fish are secured...yesterday John --?--caught four beauties in the river a short distance below town, the largest measuring twenty-five inches long, and weighed a trifle over six pounds.

September 25, 1912 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE BLACK BASS PLANTED – Another shipment of black bass has been received from the State hatchery and the young fish were planted in the Humboldt river here by Game Warden Bonnifield.

September 28, 1912 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOOD BASS FISHING IN THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – The black bass planted in the Humboldt river during the past few years are growing to be good-sized fish, and many are being caught these days. Yesterday a local fisherman landed one that weighed three pounds.

September 30, 1912 – Elko Free Press

There were more fish caught in the river yesterday...due to the fact that three years ago, and in fact every year since, he has planted trout in the river every spring, a total of over 100,000 in the three years...

September 30, 1912 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BLACK BASS PLENTIFUL IN HUMBOLDT RIVER - ...many good catches have been made... Bass and catfish are plentiful this season, but very few catches of trout have been made from the river, although the stream has been extensively stocked with the speckled beauties.

1913

Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1911 and 1912; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada, 1913.

The Hybrid Trout – The Hybrid trout of Nevada is a production that came about by the extensive experiments of the culturists within this State. The Hybrid trout is a cross between the Pyramid Lake trout (*Salmo mykiss henshawi*) and the Rainbow trout (*Salmo irideus*)...It is the intention of the Commission to continue this propagation...

In addition to the continued introduction of rainbow and Pyramid Lake trout throughout the Humboldt River drainage, the above described hybrid trout was distributed as follows:

July 5, 1911	Elko County	Humboldt River	6,000
June 3, 1912	Humboldt County	Little Humboldt River	12,000
June 3, 1912	Lander County	Humboldt River	12,000
June 3, 1912	Elko County	Humboldt River	15,000
June 21, 1912	Elko County	Lamoille Creek	3,500
June 21, 1912	Elko County	Spring Creek	3,000
June 21, 1912	Elko County	North Fork	3,000
June 21, 1912	Elko County	Bull Run Creek	3,000
June 21, 1912	Elko County	South Fork	3,000

May 3, 1913 – Elko Free Press

...Fish are biting in the river near Carlin...Several nice big fish were brought in...favorite place...where the waters from Maggie Creek flow into the Humboldt...

May 16, 1913 – Elko Free Press

SOME FISH - ...Myron Contant...landed two beauties out of Starr Creek last week, the little one weighing four and a quarter pounds... [DEETH COMMONWEALTH]

May 21, 1913 – Elko Free Press

Complaints have been received by Game Warden Russell of several dams on the North Fork on which there are no fish ladders, and he has notified the owners that the law regarding the installation of ladders must be complied with.

June 6, 1913 – Elko Independent

SHOOTING FISH – Yesterday L. Rovai, an Italian, pleaded guilty to shooting fish and was fined \$35 and costs... Caught in the act of shooting trout by Game Warden Russell and Constable Fernald who went to Ryndon dam in response to information that illegal fishing was being engaged in by Greeks and Italians.

June 21, 1913 – Elko Free Press

A shipment of fish, consisting of 18,000 eastern brook trout, arrived last evening, and were taken at once to the head waters of North Fork...

June 23, 1913 – Elko Free Press

Twenty thousand young eastern brook trout were received at Deeth and distributed in various streams last week. A consignment for Ruby Valley and another for Contact are expected this week.

July 9, 1913 – Elko Free Press

Wilson Armstrong is down from Deeth and reports the fishing as being extra good at present, some of the fish being quite large.

July 10, 1913 – Elko Free Press

Last evening a shipment of trout was received from the State hatchery and this morning 4,000 were taken north and placed in the reservoir at Gold Creek, and 6,000 were taken south and planted in the headwaters of the South Fork above Lee. The shipment consisted entirely of lake trout.

July 17, 1913 – Elko Free Press

A shipment of 40,000 fish was received at Carlin this morning to be planted in Maggie Creek, at three points above where it empties into the Humboldt river. Every year C.B. Kappler makes it a point to plant a number of thousand of fish in this creek...accompanied by Jas H. Vogt, superintendent of the State hatchery...The shipment consisted of rainbow and hybrid trout.

August 9, 1913 – Elko Free Press

Judge Curier has been notified that there has been shipped from the State hatchery six cans of rainbow trout...will be taken to the upper reaches of the North Fork above the Morgan Hill ranch...

August 11, 1913 – Elko Free Press

The shipment of 12,000 fish came last evening and were taken out to the North Fork...

August 11, 1913 – Elko Independent

MANY FISH PLANTED – Last night 10,000 rainbow and 10,000 black spotted trout were planted in the North Fork of the Humboldt river by a party from Elko consisting of... The fish were received from the Nevada State Hatchery and were in first class shape when received last night...

August 21, 1913 – Elko Free Press

...[4] returned last evening from camping and fishing trip to the North Fork. They report few chickens but plenty of fish, some of them two-pounders.

August 27, 1913 – Elko Free Press

REWARD OFFERED - ...Gamewarden Russell...notified...deep pools just above the mouth of the Moleen Canyon, and exploded dynamite in the water, killing all the trout in several pools...Russell has offered a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties...

August 29, 1913 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Game Warden Russell has offered a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of parties who are reported to have been dynamiting fish in the Humboldt river below Elko.

August 30, 1913 – Elko Independent

C.B. Kappler reports that dead fish are discovered daily in the Humboldt just west of Molene. It is believed that parties are dynamiting fish there... Game Warden Russell has offered a reward of \$25 for the evidence that will convict in all such cases... [Ads for the reward appear in the paper for several weeks]

November 15, 1913 – Elko Free Press

BEAVERS DESTROY VALUABLE MEADOWS - ...Yesterday Chas Nuckols came down from his ranch on the North Fork and asked permission of Gamewarden Russell to destroy a colony of beavers that have taken up a home on his land...protect his meadow, which is being ruined by the overflow water...Another complaint along the same line comes from Samuel McIntyre, owner of the 71 ranch, near Halleck...

November 28, 1913 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

BEAVERS DESTROY MEADOWS – Permission to kill beavers now instead of waiting until 1917 is asked by Chas Nuckols of North Fork because they build dams in a creek that runs through his meadows... Samuel McIntyre of the 71 ranch makes a similar complaint. The game warden says he can find no way to relieve the ranchers.

November 28, 1913 – Elko Free Press

The boys about town are making considerable spending money by trapping the small, fur bearing animals that are to be found along the Humboldt river, including muskrats and mink...A few days ago...[3] caught a mink measuring 32 inches from tip to tip...

1914

May 6, 1914 – Elko Free Press

Gamewarden Russell returned...southern part of the county...matter of screening the ditches so as to prevent the fish from leaving the main streams... found all the ranchers willing to comply with his request.

June 27, 1914 – Elko Independent

ITEMS FROM THE NORTH – Guy Saval is constructing a mile and a half of additional ditch on his Gants Creek ranch by which the water of the Spring branch will be conducted onto a grain field. The water impounded in a reservoir formed by a dam 250 feet long and 28 feet high built last fall. This reservoir promises to attract water fowl. A hen duck and large brood of young ones were seen there this week. Sage hens are also common in that vicinity, while six trout were caught in order for camp dinner from Gants Creek a short distance below the dam.

July 22, 1914 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

YOUNG TROUT FOR HUMBOLDT AND ELKO – A fish car was attached to Southern Pacific No. 6 yesterday and carried 100 cans containing 400,000 small trout, which will be distributed in the streams of Humboldt and Elko counties. The fish were shipped from the hatchery at Verdi. The shipment was taken as far east as Elko and planted in various places along the streams, particularly the Humboldt river...

July 31, 1914 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

RUBY VALLEY – John Griswold drove to Halleck Monday night after some fish for nearby streams, which had been shipped upon the request of Game Warden Russell. Enroute he had trouble with his machine and was forced to turn the fish into Secret Creek.

August 31, 1914 – Elko Free Press

GAMEWARDEN RUSSELL IS AN EXPERT FISHERMAN - ...fishing is the popular sport now-a-days and every party out yesterday report good catches... [2] brought in seven which would average at least two pounds, Alfred topping the catch with a big three and a half pounder...all being taken from the Humboldt... four trout caught in the Russell field inside the city limit in the past week that would average at least three pounds...

September 11, 1914 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

James H. Vogt, Superintendent of the hatcheries at Verdi, arrived here last Saturday night in charge of 18,000 small trout which were immediately taken to the Bishop Creek dam and turned loose...They are of the black spotted variety and will grow to the weight of thirty-two pounds.

September 14, 1914 – Elko Free Press

...[4] who were up the river in the vicinity of where the North Fork comes into the Humboldt river, report a catch of 17 trout, all of them good fish...up to four pounds...

September 14, 1914 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

MORE BASS TO BE PLACED IN HUMBOLDT – Game Warden H.L. Bonnifield will receive 12,000 black bass from the State fish hatchery at Verdi tomorrow... will be planted... in the Humboldt river at a point near the Bliss ranch, twelve miles east of Winnemucca.

September 17, 1914 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

OODLES OF BLACK BASS FOUR YEARS FROM NOW – Game Warden Bonnifield is stocking the Humboldt river with more black bass... will turn loose 12,000 of them east of Winnemucca.

September 21, 1914 – Elko Free Press

Still the fishing keeps up and those who went out yesterday report good catches. Dr. Alexander and party who spent the day on the river near Halleck, returned with a string of 34 beauties, some of them being monsters.

September 21, 1914 – Elko Independent

Some fine large trout have been caught in the river during the past few days, weighing from two to four pounds.

October 2, 1914 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BIG BASS CAUGHT IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – Local fishermen are daily bringing in fine catches of bass taken from the Humboldt and one of the finest fish taken from the river... The bass weighed four and three-quarters pounds.

October 31, 1914 – Elko Independent

MARYS RIVER PROJECT... - ...A huge dam and reservoir are being built for the purpose of irrigating a vast territory in that part of the county... being carried on by the Mary's River Carey Act Reclamation Company...

1915

February 6, 1915 - Eureka Sentinel

An unusually large school of carp, estimated at something over \$1000 (sic), was discovered in the Humboldt river at Palisade last Sunday. A number of the fish captured are reported to have weighed from eight to nine pounds.

March 6, 1915 - Eureka Sentinel

A communication was received from T.R. Weber, Game Warden of this county, concerning oil being dumped into the Humboldt river at Carlin. This was referred to the District Attorney.

March 18, 1915 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

PLENTY OF WORK FOR A GAME WARDEN – Fishermen who have been along the river during the past few days report that fish have been dynamited recently. At all the fish holes above the dam numerous bass are lying about, some of them 18 or 20 inches long... It is to be hoped that a warden will be shortly appointed to enforce the laws.

May 20, 1915 – Elko Free Press

People who have been fishing in South Fork where it empties into the Humboldt river say that there is but little water flowing in the stream, not enough going over the dam to enable the trout to get up the stream. There is no fish ladder at this dam and this is probably the reason why there are no big fish being caught in the stream higher up.

July 28, 1915 - Elko Independent

J.B. Gheen made a fishing trip up the Humboldt river yesterday and returned with two trout each a foot long. He says the carp are eating out the trout and that in ten years there will not be a trout left in the Humboldt.

July 30, 1915 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BASS NOT DYING IN HUMBOLDT RESERVOIRS – Game Warden P.B. Roberts returned yesterday from Humboldt House, where he went to investigate reports that thousands of bass were dying in the Humboldt-livestock Irrigation Company's reservoirs. He found that the report was entirely unfounded and as a matter of fact only a few bass have been caught in the reservoirs this year, although carp were plentiful. Mr. Roberts also visited Mill City and Imlay. He appointed F.S. Talcott deputy game warden for the Unionville section.

August 3, 1915 – Elko Free Press

SOME BIG FISH CAUGHT IN RIVER - ...Sunday Dr. Alexander and party...in the Glaser field near Elburz, caught a nice string of speckled beauties, one... three and a half pound mark...Sid Hampton ...above Halleck, and their catch totaled 19, with a lot of big ones...

August 7, 1915 - Eureka Sentinel

The Board ordered that the Game Warden be instructed to notify C.H. Duburg, the manager of the Dean Estate, the Dunphy Estate, and the Grayson Estate, to construct fish ladders in their dams, so that fish may ascend.

August 12, 1915 - Elko Independent

Nine cans containing about 22,000 young fish, arrived last night... George McKnight took three cans to the North Fork...

August 30, 1915 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...big dam on Bishop Creek, in Emigrant Canyon, which should be properly screened and then restocked with fish...thousands of large trout...have been flumed...to the alfalfa and grain fields of Metropolis several times a year... [Long story about the waste of fish]

August 31, 1915 - Elko Independent

Constable Kappler received about thirty thousand young trout Sunday night and planted them in Maggie Creek and other streams north of Carlin tributary to the Humboldt...

September 28, 1915 - Elko Independent

County Clerk Hunter planted three cans of rainbow trout near the upper bridge last night...

October 2, 1915 – Elko Free Press

The fish in the river are biting freely now...good catches...Jim Gheen was out yesterday for a few hours and landed nine beauties, some of them tipping the scales at several pounds.

October 7, 1915 – Elko Free Press

CARLIN – Engineer Swaney brought in the finest bunch of trout Wednesday on one string that has been seen this season. He had nine beauties, two of them weighing four pounds.

October 15, 1915 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

CRAWFISH PLANTED IN THE HUMBOLDT – Five hundred young crawfish arrived from the State fish hatchery this morning, and were planted in the Humboldt by Game Warden Roberts. These are the first crawfish ever planted in this part of the State. They resemble lobsters, but do not grow larger than six inches in length. They are edible crustaceans and are especially fine food for bass and trout.

1916

May 8, 1916 - Elko Independent

A number of fishing parties were out yesterday, but few report any luck. No big catches are reported.

July 7, 1916 - Elko Independent

CHAMPION FISHERMAN - ...[4] South Fork...day of real fishing... worms were used as bait. Each caught the limit...champion landing a two-pound rainbow, the largest of the season...

September 21, 1916 – Elko Independent

BOB HUNTER HELPS STOCK OUR STREAMS WITH 30,000 TROUT – Robert B. Hunter, the county clerk... with Game Warden Charles Moody, planting 30,000 trout in the South Fork, the Lamoille and the Humboldt. The fish came from the state hatchery at Verdi... [Eastern brook and rainbow trout]

1917

June 13, 1917 – Elko Free Press

WILLOW CREEK DAM TO HAVE FISH LADDER SAYS GAME WARDEN - ... There was no fish ladder over the dam...immediately build a suitable fish ladder...

August 11, 1917 – Elko Free Press

MUST INSTALL FISH SCREENS AND LADDERS – [Article from Oliver Fee to landowners]

August 13, 1917 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BEAVER CAUSING DAMAGE – As there is a law against killing beaver, the residents near Metropolis can only scare away a number of beaver that are causing damage by building dams in a creek and flooding the roads. The matter was reported to deputy game warden Oliver Fee.

August 14, 1917 – Elko Independent

Game Warden Fee received a consignment of 15,000 rainbow trout Sunday night, which he placed in the South Fork above Smith Creek. They were from the government hatchery in Colorado, and they arrived in splendid condition... These fish were secured through the application of Mr. Rouse of the Western Pacific...

August 22, 1917 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

REMOVING YOUNG BASS FROM THE SLOUGHS – George Farris, fish and game warden, is busy these days seining the partially dried up sloughs for the young bass that have been caught in these water courses. The fish, after being caught, are returned to the river.

August 24, 1917 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Fifteen thousand small fish arrived here Sunday and were at once taken out to Clover Valley and the Metropolis region, where they were placed in the streams. The fry came from the hatchery near Carson City.

August 25, 1917 – Battle Mountain Scout

FISH RECEIVED FOR STREAMS – One lot of 7000 black spotted bass and two lots each of 7000 rainbow trout were received in Battle Mountain this week from the Nevada State fish commission at Verdi. The fish were consigned to J.A. Blossom, L.E. Kendrick and A.G. Macallan and were planted at Rock Creek and in the Humboldt river.

September 13, 1917 – Elko Free Press

OLD FISHIN' HOLE YIELDS MANY TROUT - ...sixteen inch trout...caught in the river right in town, back of the Western Pacific depot...This pool has yielded, year after year, the largest fish in the river...

October 6, 1917 - Eureka Sentinel

Martin Mahoney, Deputy Game Warden, was a departure for the north end of the county to-day. Complaint has been made that oil is being dumped into the river from the railroad shops at Carlin and that the oil impregnated waters have already reached Palisade. If this is allowed to continue it will destroy the fish in the river, and Warden Mahoney has gone down to investigate and try to stop the dumping of any more oil in the river.

October 9, 1917 – Elko Free Press

RIVER AT CARLIN FREE FROM OIL – Game Warden Fee tells the FREE PRESS that he has just returned from a visit to Carlin where he called upon the Southern Pacific officials relative to the oil on the river. He says that the flow of oil to the river has been stopped and the Southern Pacific expects to buy a plot of ground between the round house and the river where the oil will be gathered and burned.

October 20, 1917 - Eureka Sentinel

PLEAD GUILTY TO FISHING OUT OF SEASON - ...Deputy Game Warden Martin Mahoney...Southern Pacific railway of dumping its refuse crude oil into the Humboldt river at Carlin...alleged to be killing the fish in the river...Company has arranged to take care of its refuse oil in tanks...found itself unable to keep up with its work and these tanks were allowed to run over...[Problem corrected]

While in the north end last week Mr. Mahoney arrested J.C. Williams at Barth, about seven miles below Palisade, for fishing in the Humboldt river out of season. He was taken before Justice of the Peace Dan Downey at Palisade, where he plead guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$50 and costs.

1918

February 15, 1918 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

SPECIAL WARDEN INSPECTS STREAMS – C.D. Dorsey, special state fish and game warden... the Humboldt River... is clear from Lovelock to the headwaters, except one dam on the Bliss ranch and the Taylor & Sheehan dam above Golconda. Fishways must be put over the Jenkins dam on Rock Creek so fish can pass to the headwaters of the stream.

May 2, 1918 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

MANY FISHERMEN OUT - ...Many parties were out and all had good luck... [3] reported fishing below the

Taylor & Sheehan dam, three miles above Golconda, as excellent. The bass ran for the bait at every cast.

LADIES CATCH FISH – A picnic excursion to Golconda... stop was made at the Pinson ranch at Preble, where two of the ladies caught several black bass.

May 10, 1918 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...on Friday of last week he spent the afternoon on Johnson Creek, bringing back with him a few trout caught in that small stream. One of them tipped the scales at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, dressed.

May 14, 1918 – Elko Free Press

Game Warden Emmitt Bachman is doing good work...went to Carlin and arrested a Jap...who was fishing...taken before Judge Bielar who fined him and compelled him to buy a \$15 fishing license. Yesterday the game warden caught Alixio Bellnomini and Gelasio Bellnomini, two section men, fishing in the river near Elburz, and this morning Judge Doughty fined them \$50 each, or twenty-five days in the county jail... [went to jail]

May 21, 1918 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

SOME TROUT - ...[3] left Sunday night for Hoffman's ranch, on the Little Humboldt, and returned Sunday night with a most beautiful catch of rainbow trout.

May 23, 1918 – Elko Free Press

According to reports of fishermen the river is yielding up some fine big trout these days, as the water is low and clear and the big fish have not gone up the smaller streams. Fish weighing from two to five pounds are frequently brought into town.

June 27, 1918 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

TO ENFORCE FISH LAWS – J.A. Kirwin, local game warden, has been notified that different parties are using fish traps and seines in the Humboldt river...

July 17, 1918 – Elko Free Press

The first shipment of fish from the State hatchery arrived last night. 30,000 consigned to the streams in the northern part of the county, but as there was nobody here to receive them Game Warden Bachman took them out and planted them in the South Fork above the Crane place. People who order fish should be on hand promptly to receive them as failure means that their consignment will be cancelled. The next shipment is due in Elko on the first of the month.

August 2, 1918 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

TRYING TO SAVE THE YOUNG FISH – J.A. Kirwin... trying to save the thousands of young bass which, on account of the low water in the Humboldt, have become isolated in pools in the different sloughs that are adjacent to the river and are fast drying up...

August 2, 1918 – Elko Free Press

A second consignment of fish was received last night from the State hatchery at Verdi... 20,000 eastern brook trout and were consigned to the following creeks: Secret, Talbot, North Fork and McDonald...

August 2, 1918 – Elko Independent

Game Warden Bachman is in receipt of another shipment of thirty thousand trout consigned to Secret, and Talbot creeks and to the North and South Forks of the Humboldt. Carl Prentice will place those consigned to Secret Creek, Ed Lytton will handle those for Talbot Creek, while Sid Tremewan will care for the North Fork shipment and Lou Englert for the South Fork. This is the second shipment of thirty thousand fish for Elko County streams to be received within the past two weeks...

August 12, 1918 – Elko Free Press

Those who went fishing yesterday say that the fish are biting fine... making a big catch...

August 23, 1918 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

Six cans, about thirty thousand fish, will arrive here this evening and will be taken out to Clover immediately after their arrival by Thos. Yowell. They will be divided and planted in Conway Creek and Winchell Creek.

August 31, 1918 – Battle Mountain Scout

...fishing in the Humboldt and the first day out brought in three fine trout as a prize.

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May 5, 1919 – Elko Free Press

Everybody who could get out yesterday went fishing, and some very good catches were reported. Dr. Mentz probably brought home the largest catch, both in size and numbers as he had some beauties, caught in Willow Creek near Tuscarora. His party caught nine that averaged three pounds, and over 100 smaller trout.

May 9, 1919 – Elko Free Press

Carl Prentice came in last evening from a fishing trip to the South Fork with a catch of 25, ranging all the way from 12 to 22 inches long. The largest one of the catch was a rainbow, just a trifle over 22 inches, and weighing a strong five pounds. The fish are running up the streams now, and it is worth a person's time to see them shoot over the dams.

May 21, 1919 – Elko Free Press

The best catch of trout made this season was made Saturday by James Robbins and Carl Prentice, who brought in the limit. There were some beauties – big fellows – caught in the North Fork. They were taken on a spoon...

May 30, 1919 – Elko Free Press

They are catching a new species of trout in the upper part of the river and the Lamoille creek. It is spotted, the same as the native trout, but has white fins. These fish came from the reservoir in the Lamoille canyon, built by the power company, that washed out some time ago. A couple of years ago the boys at the power plant secured some trout fry and planted them in the reservoir...

June 16, 1919 – Elko Free Press

Fishing is splendid on all the streams, as everyone who was out yesterday report good catches. The only drawback is the mosquitoes...

June 25, 1919 – Elko Free Press

LOW WATER KILLS SOUTH FORK TROUT - ...in the pools below the dam near the junction where Bullion Creek empties into the South Fork... half of the flow from the stream was passing over the dam, the other half being diverted into an irrigating ditch ending to the ranch known as the Cowling place... Most of them are of the rainbow variety, some weighing several pounds.

July 12, 1919 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

CATCHING CRAWFISH – It having been brought to my attention that a number of small boys are in the habit of catching crawfish from the Humboldt river for pastime and destroying them, I desire to call attention to the fact that these crawfish were brought here and planted for food purposes, and should be caught only for eating, and should not be destroyed for no purpose. When caught if they are not wanted for eating they should be put back in the river. J.A. Kirwin, Deputy Fish and Game Warden for Humboldt County.

July 26, 1919 – Battle Mountain Scout

YOUNG FRY FOR NEARBY STREAMS - ...Monday, forty thousand fry, trout, were received and planted in the nearby streams... E.A. Lemaire taking ten thousand that were planted in Rock Creek, F.P. Starr ten thousand planted in Willow Creek, F. Altenburg and F. Ends each a like number that were placed respectively in the south and north channels of the Humboldt.

September 26, 1919 – Elko Daily Free Press

A big new concrete dam is being installed in the river just below the Hot Creek bridge by Henderson & Griswold to take the place of the old willow dam that was washed out last spring...

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January 21, 1920 – Elko Free Press

BOY CATCHES OTTER ON HUMBOLDT RIVER – The high prices of fur have stirred up the small boys of this place to engage in trapping and a number of them have traps placed along the river both above and below town. Since the law on beaver has expired the boys are devoting their efforts to secure one of these fur-bearing animals and strange to say there are many beaver on the Humboldt, some of them having their homes inside the city limits, and many "slides" both beaver and otter, can be seen on the banks. The first boy to make a catch was Eber Steninger, the youngest son of the editor, who Sunday brought home a big otter, found in one of his traps down the river... measures five feet from tip to tip... [Also caught a beaver, but it escaped]

March 8, 1920 – Elko Free Press

Dan Olin, one of our carrier boys is making a record as a successful trapper, and has caught six big beaver in the past month... Beaver hides are worth from \$30 to \$50... The beaver were caught just on the edge of town.

March 23, 1920 – Elko Independent

LOCAL MEN MAKE BIG MONEY CATCHING BEAVER - ...Local trappers began work and catches from one to ten fine furs a day have been reported recently. The river is full of the animals and it is along the Humboldt that many of the biggest day" catches are reported. George Bruce is probably the biggest fur check receiver having netted better than fourteen hundred dollars in two months, a total of about forty-three pelts in that time. Oliver Grover has also done well netting as high as six hundred dollars per month from the skins. Grover is trapping near the Green ranch within five miles of the city...

May 3, 1920 – Elko Free Press

MORLEY GRISWOLD MAKES BIG CATCH – The first display of the season for the prize offered by the Fish and Game Club... consists of ten big trout, the largest measuring twenty and one-half inches, weighing two pounds and ten and a half ounces, while the smallest was twelve and one-half inches long and weighed nine ounces. All are of the cut-throat variety and were caught in the South Fork near the twin bridges... The fishing yesterday was reported to be poor and the catches small and only one catch was offered for display for the \$75 rod and outfit offered by the club for the best fish...

May 7, 1920 – Elko Free Press

TROUT BITING FINE IN THE SOUTH FORK - ...Jim Sutton was out yesterday and brought in twenty-six beauties, all the same size, about a foot long and weighing half a pound each... party came in the day previous with forty-six trout, some weighing over three pounds, and none of them under ten inches.

May 8, 1920 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

GOLCONDA – Fishing is unusually “good” this year. A party spending Thursday afternoon out at Rock Creek reported the number caught as fifty brook trout.

May 10, 1920 – Elko Free Press

FISH UNABLE TO GET OVER BRUSH DAMS – Some of the dams in the river and the tributary streams... spawning fish are unable to get up the stream. One in particular... is on the South Fork at the old Cowling ranch... The big trout live in the Humboldt river all the year, and at this time of year are running up the smaller streams to spawn, and are massed in the waters below the dam... should be investigated...

May 24, 1920 – Elko Free Press

MORLEY GRISWOLD AGAIN MAKES FINE DISPLAY - ...ten fine eastern brook trout. They are all about the same size, the largest measuring sixteen inches and the smallest twelve, the biggest weighing one and a quarter pounds... says he caught them in Lamoille Creek...

June 8, 1920 – Elko Independent

Some excellent baskets of fish are reported as the result of Sunday’s angling... [2] tapped Pie creek for over one hundred of the speckled beauties... [1] took twenty-six nice ones out of Talbot creek and [1] came home from the North Fork with twenty-four good sized fellows...

June 28, 1920 – Elko Free Press

CATCHES BIG TROUT... - The biggest trout of the season thus far was caught yesterday in the South Fork... It measures twenty-three inches in length and weighs nearly four pounds...

July 19, 1920 – Elko Free Press

Walter Armstrong has a splendid display of fish... largest weighs over two pounds and the smallest 15 ounces, there being nine of the beauties, caught in the river a few miles above town.

July 30, 1920 – Elko Free Press

25,000 YOUNG TROUT... - The first shipment of young trout for restocking purposes will reach Elko tonight... rainbow trout. Ten thousand are to be planted in streams adjacent to Deeth, 7,500 goes to Elburz and 7,500 to Jiggs...

August 13, 1920 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

NATURE PROVIDES MAJESTIC GRANDEUR NEAR WELLS - ...Angel Lake...the stock from which these fish come was planted in the lake by the late Dillon Roberts thirty-five years ago... [Long story]

August 16, 1920 – Elko Free Press

THIRTY POUND CARP... - A carp weighing thirty pounds was caught one day last week in the Humboldt river just west of town...

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March 4, 1921 – Elko Daily Free Press

NORTH FORK DAM BREAKS - ...One of the big dams of the Devils' Gate ranch on the North Fork was swept away Wednesday, releasing an enormous amount of water, which swept down the North Fork valley to the Humboldt river at Ryndon, inundating the entire river bottom...

July 30, 1921 – Battle Mountain Scout

YOUNG FRY PLANTED IN NEARBY STREAMS – Last Friday evening... delivered to Game Warden Roy King nine containers of young rainbow trout for Rock Creek and the Humboldt river, and two containers for Lewis Canyon creek and the same number to Mill Creek. Each one of the containers held 3,000 young fry... [Fish from Verdi]

August 5, 1921 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

...Fish are scarce and the mountain streams are about depleted, and should be restocked...

September 3, 1921 – Battle Mountain Scout

Bass fishing is exceptionally good in the Humboldt river at this place this year and everyone gets a fish these days.

September 7, 1921 – Elko Free Press

Elko people who went out fishing the first of the week report unusual fine catches, especially on the lower South Fork.

Lee Harbin, who has been in Battle Mountain for the past week, returned a few days ago and brought with him a fine catch of black bass taken from the Humboldt in the Battle Mountain basin. Each fish will weigh several pounds and Lee says that they make better sport than trout.

September 17, 1921 - Eureka Sentinel

PALISADE - The fishermen of the north end have been quite fortunate lately and every day we hear of two or three pound trout being secured.

September 21, 1921 – Elko Free Press

SOME MIGHTY BIG TROUT CAUGHT IN RIVER - ...Mrs. Caesar Alexander caught a three-pound trout Sunday in the river west of town, and another of the same party caught a still larger one... caught a two and a half pound trout from below the dam in the South Fork canyon... Others report big fish and some of the finest catches seen this season were brought up from the lower part of the river...

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May 13, 1922 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

BASS FISHING WILL SOON BE JUST RIGHT – This district has been noted for its splendid bass fishing for many years... Signs are not lacking to prove that bass abound this season in the Humboldt in greater numbers than for many years.

May 29, 1922 – Elko Free Press

LOCAL FISHERMEN MAKE RECORD CATCH - ...Both of the big trout are of the cut-throat variety... The big trout weighs three pounds, twelve ounces and was secured in South Fork. The other trout was secured in the same stream... and weighed two pounds, fourteen ounces...

June 21, 1922 – Elko Free Press

Fishing is reported good by those who have been out this week and yesterday. Dale and Mann Reynolds came up with sixty big trout.

July 3, 1922 – Elko Free Press

GOOD CATCHES ARE MADE OVER SUNDAY - ...[2] made a pilgrimage to North Fork... successful in bagging the limit in less than two hours time. Most of the fish they secured weighed better than a pound, all natives. The spot they selected was where Beaver Creek empties into the North Fork...

August 15, 1922 – Elko Independent

Some splendid trout catches are reported recently. Mr. O. Ankeney reports hooking a three and a half pound fish in the South Fork last Sunday. This is the largest trout caught this season so far as our knowledge extends.

August 15, 1922 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

FISHING NOT SO GOOD – J.K. Kirwin, game warden, has practically completed seining minnows from the sloughs along the Humboldt river and placing them in the deeper waters. He reports that although plentiful, fish in that stream are not biting to speak of at present, due to an abundance of food in the river. In another month, he states, fishing in this vicinity will be at its best.

August 26, 1922 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

... [2] spent the greater part of yesterday on a fishing trip up the Humboldt river. They report the catch of some fine bass.

September 23, 1922 - Eureka Sentinel

The fishing on the Humboldt river at Palisade is reported unusually good just now and some large catches of trout are being made.

September 26, 1922 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

DAM BLOWN OUT BY VIOLATORS – The dam across the Humboldt the other side of Golconda, which was constructed for the purpose of impounding a supply of water... was rendered practically valueless last Saturday as the result of that which it is presumed was an explosion of dynamite, discharged by some miscreants engaged in the nefarious pursuit of dynamiting the river to kill and stun fish in a wholesale manner... [Long story condemning the act]

October 4, 1922 – Elko Free Press

PRIZES AWARDED TO BEST NIMRODS OF THE SEASON - ...Elko County Fish and Game Club... biggest fish goes to C.W. Enke of the Western Pacific, who managed to pull in one of the speckled beauties that measured twenty-three and one-half inches long and weighed three pounds, twelve ounces, dressed. Enke caught the fish on the 28th of May in the South Fork on the lower Reinhart ranch.

October 9, 1922 – Elko Free Press

100,000 RAINBOW TROUT RECEIVED FROM UTAH – The first shipment of trout fry from the federal government was received this morning, consisting of 100,000 rainbow trout, shipped directly from the federal hatchery at Springville, Utah... The remaining 200,000 would be forthcoming in a very short time.

The shipment was met at the depot by Game Warden Middleton, who had the distribution in charge... taken out to the various streams and planted some in the North Fork, some in the South Fork, in Lamoille and its various tributaries, and in some other streams nearby.

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April 23, 1923 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

FISHING SEASON TO OPEN SUNDAY – J.A. Kirwin, county fish and game warden, has issued a manifesto that Winnemucca nimrods may go afield and take fish of all kinds from Humboldt County streams on the morning of next Sunday, April 29, and thereafter as long as the season is open. Mr. Kirwin's idea is that people who work should have a two-day advance over May 1, the date set out by statute for the first seasonal excursions in search of piscatorial treasure.

May 22, 1923 – Elko Independent

...Systematic plan of planting fish adapted to the streams of the county will be followed. Upper Lamoille creek, he says, is a typical rainbow trout stream... Secret and Talbot creeks offer ideal refuges to eastern brook trout... North and South Forks, and the Humboldt river sustain cutthroat trout admirably... planting of two species of fish in the same waters was a poor practice, inasmuch as resulting generations evolved a hybrid fish...

July 23, 1923 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISH LADDERS IN NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS ADVOCATED – [Long article]

July 26, 1923 – Elko Independent

FISH ARRIVED FROM STATE HATCHERY – Twenty-four hundred trout fry from the state hatchery at Verdi arrived in Elko last night on Train No. 10, and were today taken to South Fork for planting... The trout were planted at different places along the South Fork...

August 4, 1923 – Elko Independent

TROUT PLANTED IN COUNTY STREAMS – Two different "batches" of trout fry were planted this week in North Fork and Gold Creek, under the supervision of Game Warden Frank Middleton...

August 15, 1923 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

SEINING BASS FROM SLOUGHS – J.A. Kirwin... busy at his annual job of seining the sloughs along the Humboldt river for young bass which might be in holes shut out from access to the main river... undertakes

this job every year and manages to save thousands of young fish by using a seine.

September 5, 1923 – Elko Free Press

Register George B. Russell reports catching the record fish from the Humboldt river. While fishing for trout Monday afternoon he hooked a monster carp that took him a good half hour to land. It measured over two feet in length and was probably the largest fish ever taken in this part of the State by hook and line.

September 7, 1923 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

Warden Kirwin also stated that he is expecting a shipment of young Missouri river catfish to be placed in the Humboldt river and the Little Humboldt. These fish are coming from the government hatchery at Peoria, Ill.

October 20, 1923 – Elko Independent

TRAPPING HAS STARTED ALONG THE HUMBOLDT RIVER – With scores of muskrats available along the banks of the Humboldt, trappers are preparing to make a rich harvest of pelts this season, it is reported. Several ranchers, living along the stream, have already started their fall campaign against the rats, and some of them report fairly good results... In addition to muskrats, it is said that there is a fair abundance of mink this season, although no reports of any catches have thus far been made.

December 13, 1923 – Elko Independent

FAMILY OF OTTERS KILLS MANY TROUT – A family of otter, who visited South Fork canyon, where the American Beauty Mine is located, destroyed practically all of the trout in the holes along the stream in depredations which started last Friday night and apparently continued through Saturday. Tracks of the otter indicated that the parents and three kits had literally gutted the stream of trout at every pool visited. The beasts went within two miles of the camp at the mine, and then turned and went out of the canyon, following the South Fork down stream.

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May 2, 1924 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

PROMISE OF GOOD FISHING SEASON THIS SUMMER – The fishing season opened yesterday... nearly all of the fishermen returned in the afternoon with a limit catch...

May 5, 1924 – Elko Free Press

FINE CATCH OF FISH IS REPORTED - ...[2] Haystack ranch on the North Fork. Their catch totaled 14 fish weighing in the aggregate of 15 pounds, with one beauty going over three pounds...

May 13, 1924 – Elko Independent

SOUTH FORK TROUT TO BE PROTECTED – Game Warden Frank Middleton and R.E. Rockwell, contractor, are at South Fork today, to make arrangements for the installation of a fish ladder at the dam in the South Fork above Twin Bridges. It is said the pool beneath the apron of the concrete dam is literally alive with spawning trout. The fish leap the falls from the dam apron, and reach a flat plane of water in which they can make no headway, it is declared. It is expected that measures will be taken to put fish ladders in Willow dams along the South Fork, in order that the fish can make their way to the source of the streams.

May 14, 1924 – Elko Free Press

TAYLOR JOHNSON GETS TWO BIG TROUT - ...went out to the twin bridges Monday... Two magnificent trout, one weighing four and a quarter pounds and the other four and a half...

June 21, 1924 – Betty O'Neil Concentrator

BEAVER COLONY TO BE PLANTED IN NEVADA – ...There are many beaver colonies on the upper Humboldt river, but in late years the beaver have been killed off rapidly.

June 25, 1924 – Elko Free Press

FISH DYNAMITED IN SOUTH FORK PAST FEW DAYS – [Long article]

June 27, 1924 – Elko Free Press

TWO ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ILLEGAL FISHING – Game Warden Middleton this forenoon arrested M.L. Tippit and A.T. Tippit on a warrant charging them with killing fish illegally by means of explosives... in the South Fork canyon... [They were discharged at the hearing for lack of evidence]

June 28, 1924 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

A number of fishing parties are reported to have been unusually successful along the Humboldt during the past week or ten days, several fine catches of bass are reported to have been taken at a point about five miles east of the city. One angler, using a no. 3 spinner, claims to have caught 40 fine bass during the course of an afternoon.

July 2, 1924 – Elko Free Press

86,000 TROUT ARE PLANTED IN ELKO STREAMS – The first shipment of trout fry received this season came Monday, consisting of 43,000 black spotted trout, which were taken by truck to the waters of the South Fork, and planted in the stream above Lee. Another shipment is expected this afternoon consisting of 43,000 black spotted trout, which will be taken by truck to the upper forks of the North Fork and planted in the stream above the Rutherford place...

July 3, 1924 – Elko Independent

[Yesterday] – A shipment of spotted trout was received by Game Warden Middleton Monday and immediately taken by auto to the South Fork and planted there. Other shipments are expected soon.

July 7, 1924 – Elko Free Press

MORE TROUT FRY PLANTED IN STREAMS - ...Another shipment of 42,000 trout fry from the state hatchery, received yesterday, which were planted in the upper waters of Smith Creek and the South Fork, Ranger Mink taking 14,000 of them to the Overland lake in the Rubies.

Today another shipment of 42,000 will be received at Carlin and they will be planted in the upper waters of Maggie and Coyote Creeks. Tomorrow a third shipment will be received at Deeth consisting of 21,000 which will be planted in the Mary's river, Bruno, Deer and Bear Creeks, and in the upper Jarbidge river above the mill.

July 8, 1924 – Elko Independent

[Yesterday] – About 42,000 trout fry from the state hatchery were received by Game Warden Middleton yesterday and planted in the waters of Smith Creek, South Fork and the Overland lake in Ruby Valley.

July 21, 1924 – Elko Free Press

MANY PELICANS ALONG HUMBOLDT – ...Along the banks of the Humboldt between Deeth and Halleck,

thousands of pelicans have chosen this portion of the river as their home, and as a consequence there are hundreds of dead fish along the banks of the river, where these birds have caught them to feed their young, and it is almost impossible to remain long in the vicinity owing to the odor arising therefrom...

August 23, 1924 – Elko Independent

THE PELICANS ALONG HUMBOLDT KILLING FISH - ...Between Halleck and Deeth it is reported that fish are lying on the banks by the hundreds... The water is so low that it is almost impossible for the fish to escape the pelicans... It would be a good idea for the gun club to take this matter up...

August 28, 1924 – Elko Independent

The pelicans are still fishing out the Humboldt and it is a shame. The water is so low that the fish have no chance at all...

September 13, 1924 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

HUMBOLDT BASS TO BE TRANSPLANTED – Young black bass, from the reservoir on the Licking ranch near Battle Mountain, will be secured within the next few days by Dr. J.W. Eby, President of the Elko Fish and Game Club, and will be transplanted to the Ruby Lakes, ninety miles from Elko... lying in the Ruby Valley... Although the lakes are ideal for bass, no fish of this variety have ever been planted in that vicinity, and inasmuch as the policy of the bureau of fisheries is against the planting of bass in western streams, it was necessary for the Elko Fish and Game Club to secure their bass stock from the Humboldt river.

October 14, 1924 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

KIRWIN REPORTS GOOD TRAPPING - ...He says that coyotes are abundant all over the county... Along the sloughs of the Humboldt river, muskrats are unusually abundant.

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January 3, 1925 – Elko Independent

FISHING SEASONS IN ELKO COUNTY TO BE CHANGED - ...following streams will be opened June 15th and closed November 1st... [Legislative proposal]

<i>Humboldt River</i>	<i>Lower Secret Creek</i>	<i>Willow Creek Dam</i>
<i>North Fork Humboldt</i>	<i>Lamoille Creek</i>	
<i>South Fork Humboldt</i>	<i>Mary's River</i>	

The basis for the changes lie in the fact that the first named streams... are stocked with rainbow and black spotted trout, which spawn in the spring and are spawning during the early part of the season designated for the kill in the past. The streams named upon which the season will open on May 1st are stocked with eastern brook trout which spawn in the fall. The season changes will thus fully protect the trout during the spawning season...

May 16, 1925 – Silver State (Winnemucca)

LOCAL FISHERMEN GET GOOD STRING – A party consisting of... [4] to Humboldt reservoir with reports of fairly good luck. The total consisted of 16 black bass ranging in weight from three to six pounds...

June 6, 1925 – Elko Independent

THREE THOUSAND TROUT RECEIVED – Three thousand trout fry from the Springville, Utah hatcheries were received in this city this morning by Walter L. Sheeler... for planting in the Elko county streams. Under

direction of Game Warden F.L. Middleton they will be planted along the upper South Fork... all of them from two to five inches in length. The Springville hatchery is operated by the United States government. It will not supply trout fry to states or counties but sends them on proper requisition to individuals.

July 24, 1925 – Elko Free Press

36,000 BLACK SPOTTED TROUT ARE PLANTED IN STREAMS – Game Warden Middleton is kept busy these days taking care of the daily shipments of trout fry arriving both from the state hatchery at Verdi, and from the federal hatchery in Utah. This morning he received 36,000 black spotted trout from the Verdi hatchery which were planted in Maggie and Beaver Creeks, north of Carlin. Tomorrow he will receive thirty cans of eastern brook trout from the federal hatchery in Utah, to be planted in Pole Canyon Creek. Yesterday he received thirty cans from the federal hatchery which were planted in Secret...

August 7, 1925 – Elko Free Press

MORE SHIPMENTS OF FISH FRY COMING IN RESTOCKING CAMPAIGN - ... With both the state hatcheries at Verdi and the government hatcheries supplying fish... The fish are being planted in the South Fork, Pole Canyon and Secret Streams.

September 17, 1925 – Elko Independent

COUNTY FISHING BEING IMPROVED – Three shipments of fish from hatcheries, intended to replenish the stock of the streams of this county, are reported for this week by Game Warden F.L. Middleton. He returned Tuesday night from a trip to North Fork Station where he planted 36,000 cutthroat trout in the North Fork river. Saturday he expects to receive thirty cans of rainbow trout from the federal fishery at Springville, Utah, and on next Tuesday 30,000 of the large rainbow. All of the larger fish, known to be the gamest among fresh water fish, will be planted in the South Fork River.

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January 4, 1926 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

OTTER GRAND DADDY CAUGHT IN HUMBOLDT - ...Dave Rose... last week he caught one of the animals measuring five feet in length. The otter was trapped in the Humboldt river a short distance west of Winnemucca. During the past eight days, Mr. Rose said, he has trapped five otter.

May 20, 1926 – Elko Independent

FISH FIND NEW WAY OVER DAM – Finding the fish ladder which he constructed last year at the big dam in the South Fork river at a point a short distance above the Twin Bridges to be working perfectly, Game Warden Frank Middleton... hundreds of the big fish are going up daily... [Long article]

August 25, 1926 – Elko Daily Free Press

BRUSH FIRE SUBDUED AFTER HARD STRUGGLE – Combined efforts of the ranchers of Starr and Secret Valleys quelled the fires which swept over thousands of acres of brush land in that vicinity Sunday and Monday... 2500 acres...

October 9, 1926 – Elko Independent

FOUR POUND BLACK BASS IS CAUGHT BY ELKOITE - ...made the catch in the Humboldt river near Battle Mountain. There are quite a number of bass in the Humboldt between Palisade and Winnemucca, but thus far no reports have been made of any catches in this county.

November 1, 1926 – Elko Free Press

BIGGEST TROUT ARE BEING CAUGHT NOW – According to reports the biggest trout of the season are being caught in the larger streams, and every day some nice catches are being brought in. A particularly fine rainbow, weighing between one and two pounds, was on display this forenoon in the Crystal market windows, caught in the upper waters of Lamoille Creek...

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April 22, 1927 – Elko Free Press

STREAMS GALORE IN COUNTY CARRY FISH – [A comprehensive list is presented by Middleton of every stream and length of each stream that support fish in Elko County, and reference is made to a map in the county files of the occupied waters]

April 25, 1927 – Elko Free Press

FISH SLAUGHTERED – The slaughtering of rainbow trout which are running up the South Fork is causing considerable stir among the sportsmen of this county. The trout began their run just recently and they are being killed by the wholesale near the large dam just above the twin bridges... fish from three to five pounds...

May 16, 1927 – Elko Free Press

BASS ARE BITING IN HUMBOLDT LAKE – Lieutenant-Governor Morley Griswold and his father, C.W. Griswold went to Humboldt Lake, west of Winnemucca yesterday and returned with a limit catch of big black bass, some of them weighing five pounds dressed.

June 10, 1927 – Elko Free Press

ELKO COUNTY GETS 100,000 TROUT - ...received four shipments of fish from the federal hatchery at Springville, Utah. Each shipment consisted of 30 cans and each contained 250 to 300 trout. Twelve shipments will be sent... Three of the shipments already received were planted in South Fork above Lee... Shipment received today was taken to Lamoille to be planted in the stream above the Lamoille power house. The entire 12 shipments of trout consists of the rainbow specie and are a trifle smaller than fingerlings...

June 20, 1927 – Elko Free Press

FIN & FEATHERS [E.B. Steninger] – ...Along the river between Battle Mountain and Lovelock bass fishing is exceptionally good. The bass grow to a large size and are the predominant fish... The river along the valley in Elko County has no bass... Bass should be planted in the Humboldt.

July 1, 1927 – Elko Free Press

SOUTH FORK FISHING - ...One party exhibited a catch of ten cut throat beauties that tipped the scales from two to three pounds...

October 12, 1927 – Elko Free Press

100,000 FISH TO BE PLANTED SOON – The trout in the rearing ponds in Starr Valley will be distributed in the streams of the county beginning next week... They are all of the rainbow variety and will be planted in the North and South Forks of the Humboldt, and...

November 14, 1927 – Elko Free Press

FISHING SEASON CLOSES TOMORROW - ...The big trout... in the river and in the South Fork are biting fine and many two, three and four-pounders are being taken from the deep holes.

1928

April 20, 1928 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

COUNTY HATCHERY IS READY FOR USE - ...located at the Cazier ranch in Starr Valley...Ralph H. Olsen, fish culturist, in charge of the hatchery...J.M. Morrill, Superintendent of the State fish hatchery ...bringing between 30 and 50,000 fry...eastern brook variety. A shipment of fingerlings is to be made in the near future to this county from the Federal hatchery at Springville [Utah]...

July 13, 1928 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

BETTY O'NEIL – The rearing ponds for fingerlings, consisting of five ponds, have been completed by Senator Getchell and sixty-five thousand of the little fellows all ready empound (sic). There will be an additional shipment, bring the total up to one hundred and fifty thousand... will be distributed to different streams in northern Lander County. One of the ponds contains several thousand Pyramid Lake trout minnows which will be turned loose in the Humboldt river.

July 27, 1928 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

FISH ARE PLANTED IN NEARBY CREEKS - ...30,000 eastern brook trout were distributed to three fishing streams in this immediate section; Taber, Loomis and Angel, this week by members of the Wells Rod and Gun Club and other interested sportsmen.

August 20, 1928 – Elko Free Press

BIG TROUT NOW BITING IN HUMBOLDT - ...number of good catches are reported. Last Saturday Mrs. Caesar Alexander caught a couple of beauties in the afternoon, one measuring twenty-one inches long, the other a trifle smaller. She used minnows for bait.

September 19, 1928 – Elko Free Press

SPECKLED BEAUTIES CAUGHT IN RIVER – Two of the finest trout taken from the Humboldt river this year... weigh close to three and a half pounds, dressed. They were caught where the South Fork enters the Humboldt...

September 24, 1928 – Elko Free Press

Fishing is still good in most of the streams... The largest trout of the season being taken now in the Humboldt river, some big cut throats weighing five and six pounds.

October 5, 1928 – Elko Free Press

SEINING CARP OF HUMBOLDT NO EASY TASK - ...To secure suitable feed for the thousands of young trout in the rearing ponds. In cooperation with the Elko Fox Farm they secured big seines for taking the carp out of the river... Yesterday after an all days work, the crew of five men netted but a couple of sacks of carp, less than 300 pounds. These fish are dressed and put in cold storage and used only in connection with horse meat and rabbits...

October 6, 1928 – Elko Independent

HUMBOLDT RIVER CARP ARE WARY – Seining carp in the Humboldt river is no easy task, according to Game Warden Middleton who has been engaged in this pursuit for the past few days... splendid food for young trout... After working for three days and securing but 300 pounds, the game warden decided that they could be better lured out of the holes with baited hook and has hired a fisherman for that purpose.

1929

January 8, 1929 – Elko Independent

FISH PLANTING – Two hundred thousand fingerlings, all taken from the county hatchery near Wells, were planted in Elko county streams during the year. None of the fish were less than three inches in length and most of them much larger. 100,000 were placed in the following streams: Talbot Creek, Lamoille, Thorpe, Warm Creek, Secret, Pole Canyon, Boulder, Starr, Angel, Tabor and Loomis, all of these streams being located in north and south Ruby Valley. 50,000 were distributed to Sun Creek, Salmon, Goose, Little Goose, Jacques, Upper Lamoille, Rattlesnake, Smith Creek and tributaries, streams in Independence Valley, South Fork, Jarbidge district and the Bruneau. 50,000 were planted in North Fork, Pie Creek, Penrod, Owyhee, Van Duesser, Columbia and Bull Run.

June 7, 1929 – Elko Free Press

HATCHERY GETS 40,000 RAINBOW - ...The fry were sent from Springville, Utah... Twenty cans ranging from four to ten inches in length were planted by Middleton in South Fork yesterday. During the past several days several thousands of the fingerling fish have been planted in South and North Forks of the Humboldt river. Nearly every fish in the hatchery was planted... At the present time 150,000 eastern brook and 40,000 rainbow trout are in the hatchery...

July 10, 1929 – Elko Free Press

LARGEST TROUT OF SEASON IS CAUGHT IN MARY'S RIVER - ...landed yesterday by "Riverbanks" Streeter. The fish measured 27 inches in length and weighed six and a half pounds and was caught in Mary's river above Deeth...

July 30, 1929 – Elko Independent

TWO MINK CAUGHT – Two large mink caught on the Hanks ranch on lower South Fork were transferred to Bill Guidici's mink farm at the Guidici ranch seven miles west of Elko. The small animals were caught by Jim Olin who is interested in the raising of mink and intends to go into the business as a sort of side issue.

September 27, 1929 – Nevada State Herald (Wells)

PLANTING FISH – The first planting of trout in the streams in this section...[2] Wells Rod & Gun Club departed early this morning with a truckload, containing 10,000 fingerlings which are being placed in Taber Creek...

October 7, 1929 – Elko Free Press

COUNTY HATCHERY WILL BE KEPT OPEN - ...Game Warden Middleton says that he has applied to federal hatcheries in this part of the country and that they have agreed to supply him with the needed eggs... One hundred and seventy-five thousand fingerlings have recently been planted... including Secret, Pole and Lamoille canyons. These were all eastern brook trout... There are about 100,000 fish at the hatchery... They are rainbows and they will be planted in the larger streams, like North Fork South Fork and Mary's River...

November 27, 1929 – Elko Free Press

FINS-FURS AND FEATHERS [E.B. Steninger] – A few years ago one could go fishing on the Humboldt river a few miles below Elko and bring home a large catch of large trout. Now it is different, and seldom is a trout taken. The river seems to be filled with large carp and suckers, and other smaller fish. Less water runs in the river each year, and perhaps this is the reason the fighting fish have disappeared. While catching fish for their mink James Olin and Bill Giudici recently made a large haul of carp many weighing more than ten pounds. They netted one trout during their fishing expeditions. The river used to be a haven for big fellows that would work into the smaller streams during spawning. But now the river is a slough filled with carp, and consequently the tributaries have not as many trout as previously.

1930

January 18, 1930 – Elko Independent

LOCAL BOYS HAVE FIFTEEN MINK ON FUR FARM – Bill Giudici and Jim Olin are going into the fur business on a large scale... At present they have 15 mink, two chinchilla rabbits, one coyote and three skunks... The boys caught four of their mink along the river, raised five young ones and bought three from a Denver outfit...

January 18, 1930 – Elko Independent

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April 28, 1930 – Elko Free Press

TROUT FINGERLINGS PLANTED IN NORTH – Game Warden Middleton reports that last week he planted 14,000 black spotted fingerlings in the upper reaches of the North Fork, starting at the Rutherford place, extending some miles south downstream... These fish were part of those carried over from last summer and were in splendid condition, some of them averaging more than seven inches in length. Those remaining in the hatchery ponds will be planted in the upper streams of the South Fork in the next few days.

April 29, 1930 – Elko Independent

FISH PLANTED IN NORTH COUNTY STREAMS – F.L. Middleton, county game warden, reports that last week he planted 14,000 black spotted fingerlings in the upper reaches of the North Fork, starting at the Rutherford place and extending some miles south. These fish were part of those remaining from last summer and were in splendid condition, some of them being more than seven inches in length.

October 17, 1930 – Elko Free Press

THOUSANDS OF FISH ARE PLANTED FROM HATCHERY – [Report from Middleton] – The report segregates the planting of the fish as follows: North Fork, 2,000 matured rainbows; South Fork, 2,000; Upper Lamoille, 1,000; Jack Creek, 2,000; Humboldt river, 1,899; and Cave Creek, 750; North Fork, 10,000 large black-spotted and Bruneau, 8,000 large black-spotted...

In addition to the fish enumerated above the following have been planted this year: rainbows, Montello district, 12,000; Carlin district, 18,000; Carlin district, 8,500; and Soputh Fork, 20,000; large eastern brook, Dorsey Creek, 4,000; Wright Creek, 4,000; Boulder Creek, 23,000; Rice Creek, 6,000; Angel Creek, 6,000; Star Creek, 5,000; Loomis Creek, 7,000; Pole Canyon, 13,000; Secret Pass, 30,000; Goble Springs, 8,000; Blasingame's, 1,000; Angel Lake, 7,000; Talbot Creek, 10,000, Warm Creek, 100,000.

October 18, 1930 – Elko Independent

TROUT PLANTED – More than 27,000 black spotted and rainbow trout were planted this spring from the county hatchery near Wells. A report filed by F.L. Middleton as game warden segregates the fish as follows: North Fork, 2,000 matured rainbows; South Fork, 2,000; upper Lamoille, 1,000; Jack Creek, 2,000; Humboldt River, 1,800; Cave Creek, 750; North Fork, 10,000 large black spotted; Bruneau, 8,000 large black spotted. The report also shows 200,000 eastern brook trout and 225,000 rainbow eggs received at the hatchery this year. Thanks are extended to the Wells Rod and Gun Club, which organization planted the streams in the Wells district. Montello sportsmen took care of the streams in their locality and Carlin men planted the streams in the western part of the county.

November 7, 1930 – Humboldt Star (Winnemucca)

6,000 BASS TO BE PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – Two thousand black bass for planting in the Humboldt river east of Golconda will be received here in the near future... The shipment will be made from a consignment of lake and pond fish received by the state fish and game commission this week in Reno... In Lander and Eureka counties, in 2,000 lots the bass will be liberated in the Humboldt river at Beowawe and Battle Mountain and above the dam east of Golconda in Humboldt county.

1931

February 11, 1931 – Elko Daily Free Press

SOUTH FORK WILL BE CLOSED TO FISHERMEN IN '31 - ... Ranchers along the stream have held several meetings... fishermen have caused them a great deal of trouble, many times leading to losses of considerable magnitude... [The controversy continued but fishing was not prohibited]

June 16, 1931 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING IS GOOD ON SOUTH FORK - ...catch including rainbow, eastern brook, black spotted and one big cut throat weighing two pounds...

July 2, 1931 – Elko Daily Free Press

PELICANS RAID DRYING STREAMS OF ELKO COUNTY – A band of pelicans, consisting of thousands of the big white birds, have invaded this section of the State and are making a clean sweep of the river and other streams that are now almost dry... They can be seen every morning and night winging their way up and down the river in big bands, and when they get through there will be no fish left in the river.

August 6, 1931 – Elko Free Press

MINK MAKES RAID ON CHICKEN COOP... - It isn't very often that mink are trapped within the city limits of Elko, but Nick Stenovich did just that a few days ago...

September 11, 1931 – Elko Daily Free Press

250 DUCKS DEAD AS THEY BECOME STUCK IN OIL - ...Southern Pacific Company is burning oil in a sump in this city... two hundred and fifty ducks were found dead in the oil. They mistook it for water, landed in it and became stuck.

1932

May 16, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

Local hunters out yesterday after pelicans report good sport hunting the big white fish eaters... They are here

in considerable numbers this spring and are found on the flooded bottom land of the Humboldt river.

May 25, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISH ARE PLANTED IN CARLIN CANYON - ...Game Warden Middleton declared today. "I planted those fish in Carlin Canyon and if they went down the river to Palisade, I can't help it..."

June 11, 1932 – Reese River Reveille (Austin)

ORDER TO CLOSE STREAMS FOR FISHING IN LANDER COUNTY – Notice is hereby given... Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 5, 1932, made an order closing all streams in Lander County, Nevada, with the exception of the Humboldt river, to fishing on all days... except Saturday and Sunday...

June 27, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

TWO SPECKLED BEAUTIES ARE CAUGHT IN S.F. – Dr. H.M. Gallagher Saturday afternoon caught a three and a quarter pound native trout in the main stream of the South Fork, while his companion... landed a beautiful two and a quarter pound rainbow. Their total catch was nine fish...

June 29, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

1000 RAINBOW TROUT PLANTED IN RIVER TODAY – One thousand beautiful rainbow trout, some of them 12 inches in length... taken to the Humboldt river where they were planted... Moline Canyon...

August 6, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING IN SOUTH FORK TO BE CLOSED SEPT. 1 - ...also applies to Jack Creek and Angel lake... made at the recommendation of Game Warden Middleton and in keeping with the yearly practice of trying to protect the fish during low water...

August 26, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

"Nigger Fishin" in the Humboldt river has been a popular sport recently. Catfish are being caught and a trout is taken now and then.

September 19, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

MAN ARRESTED FOR SPEARING HUMBOLDT FISH – George Keever was arrested yesterday by Deputy Game Warden E.C. Gibbs... near one of the railroad bridges below town... The deputy also arrested an old Chinaman, Ye On, who was caught fishing without a license. The old man, who is past 70... catching carp on which he has been living...

September 19, 1932 – Elko Independent

GAME WARDEN PLANTS 1500 FINE TROUT IN THE SOUTH FORK - ...left this afternoon for South Fork where he will place 1500 rainbow trout in the streams. The fish, carried in an ice cold water-filled tank, are beautiful specimens ranging from three inches to almost a foot in length. They were reared at the hatchery neat Wells and are only 18 months old, having reached their present size through careful feeding... During the past few seasons none but the larger fish have been planted in the streams, the fingerlings being kept at the hatchery and fed all they would eat until they reached a size that would prevent them from being eaten by larger fish or by birds...

September 21, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

RIGSBY CATCHES BIGGEST TROUT OF '32 SEASON - ...last Sunday which weighed a trifle over four pounds... in one of the big pools of the Humboldt river down below where the South Fork empties into the Humboldt river...

September 23, 1932 – Elko Independent

SPEARING CARP NOT IMPROPER MODE OF FISHING, SAYS JURY – That a fish spear when used on carp is not a spear in violation of the Nevada statute, but a harpoon, which comes in the category of seines and nets, is said to have been the decision handed down in justice court by a jury today when George Keever, on trial for illegal fishing in the Humboldt river, was found not guilty and released...

October 8, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

LOCAL FISHERMAN HOOKS 2 BEAUTIES IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – Charles Nelson... measured about 14 inches in length... were of the native variety...

October 26, 1932 – Elko Daily Free Press

BASS SHIPMENT IS PLANTED TODAY IN HUMBOLDT RIVER - ...The fish were planted in the river and not in the lakes of Ruby Valley as originally planned... [The bream were so small that Middleton worried about the fish being killed in the pump screens]

1933

March 23, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

SPECKLED TROUT TAKEN FROM SOUTH FORK - ...Fishing is closed until May 1st, but in as much as the peace officers declare they have no jurisdiction to enforce the game laws and we have no game wardens, no protection is afforded. Many sportsmen feel that this matter should be given immediate attention by the board of county commissioners...

June 29, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

THREE POUNDER IS TAKEN FROM S.F. – Some big fish are being taken from the South Fork this year, more big ones being reported than for many years... James Hay... one of the finest specimens of a rainbow trout... measured about 18 inches and weighed three and a quarter pounds...

July 3, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

TWO FISHERMEN JOIN 3 POUNDER CLUB IN ELKO – [Report of two separate fishermen each catching rainbow trout over 3 pounds]

July 5, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

FIVE POUNDER IS TAKEN FROM S.F. – [Another report of a rainbow trout being caught in the South Fork]

July 12, 1933 – Elko Independent

Fish in the creeks in the Huntington district were nearly all killed last year when cloudbursts rushing down from the hills washed the fish out of the streams in great numbers. Arhhold will go to the fish hatchery near Wells and secure a number of trout to plant in the streams.

August 9, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING DATE IS EXTENDED – Fishing on the Humboldt river will be permitted until September 30th of this year, not being closed on August 31st... decided by county commissioners who concluded their regular session today... Many fishermen enjoy catching catfish from the river and there is always a good chance of hooking a big trout.

September 25, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

DEETH – Angling honors go to George Grock, who recently displayed a catch of four river trout totaling six pounds in weight.

October 25, 1933 – Elko Daily Free Press

300,000 FISH ARE PLANTED THRU COUNTY - ...Warner Griswold, game warden, declared today... just completed the job of “planting” the fish... including South Fork, Starr Creek, Lamoille and the Humboldt river. The fish averaged about four inches in length. Part of the fish, which were distributed in the Humboldt river from Halleck to Carlin, were from fish eggs brought from Montana. They were the Lock Laven variety and should be especially good in the river, the game warden believes...

1934

January 9, 1934 – Elko Daily Free Press

GAME WARDEN'S REPORT SHOWS HALF MILLION FISH PLANTED IN 1933 - ...of this number approximately 200,000 were of the Locklaven species... These fish were placed in the Humboldt river from Deeth to Carlin; the rest were rainbow trout and were distributed in the following streams: Jack creek and tributaries, North Fork, Mary's river, Taber creek, Starr creek, Thorpe creek, Cold creek, Smith creek, South Fork, Talbot creek, Lamoille creek, Billett creek and Boulder creek...

May 23, 1934 – Elko Daily Free Press

BEAVER WILL BE PUT BACK INTO WATERS OF S.F. - ...This was revealed by A.L. Schirm, South Fork rancher, who declared today that each party stopping at his ranch will be assessed 25 cents, the fund to be used to buy beaver, which will be planted in the stream. At one time there were many beaver in the stream, but they have gradually thinned out until there are not so many there at present...

May 24, 1934 – Elko Daily Free Press

BASS ARE BITING IN HUMBOLDT RIVER - ...L.W. Egleston was fishing in the Carlin canyon the other day, “nigger fishing” for catfish in one of the quiet pools. Although he caught but a few catfish he did get three nice bass, more than a foot long and better than a pound in weight. Some years ago a quantity of bass were planted in the river in the vicinity where the South Fork comes into the river, and it is very evident that these bass have grown and multiplied and have worked down still farther...

1935

January 8, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

WARDEN GIVES HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD – During the year 1934, about 550,000 fish were planted in Elko County. Of these 500,000 came from the Elko County fish hatchery and 50,000 from the government hatchery at Hagerman, Idaho. The latter were obtained through the forest reserve officials at Elko, and were planted in the northern part of Elko County...

The following streams and lakes were planted in 1934: Streams – South Fork, Tabor Creek, Lamoille Creek,

North Fork, Starr Creek, Thorpe Creek, Billet Creek, Jack Creek, Goose Creek, Trout Creek, Bruneau, Salmon, Herder, Jarbidge (east and west fork), Boulder Creek, Huntington Creek, Smith Creek, Deep Creek, Loomis Creek. Lakes – Angel, Echo, Robinson, Hidden, Boulder and Gray's.

May 13, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

HOOKS BIG ONE – Another big trout was caught yesterday... It was a native cut-throat and weighed five and a half pounds... in a ditch off the main South Fork on the Ham Bolton ranch, a short distance above Lee...

May 22, 1935 – Elko Independent

LAMOILLE – During the week, Game Warden Warner Griswold planted some game frogs at one of the springs on the George Bower's ranch. These large frogs are still in the tadpole form. This is an experiment, and is arousing much interest in Lamoille.

June 24, 1935 – Elko Independent

30,000 RAINBOW TROUT TRANSPLANTED TO ELKO STREAMS – Game Warden Warner Griswold made two trips to the U.S. government hatchery in Hagerman, Idaho last week and transported 30,000 rainbow trout to be planted in the streams of Elko county... Today Griswold replenished several streams in both the North and South Fork and will cover a good many other streams before his work is completed. This is the first time this year that fish have been brought in to refill local streams...

July 5, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

200,000 FISH PLANTED IN COUNTY - ...Two plantings were made of cutthroat trout in the Lamoille stream, one above the falls and one below, two plantings in the South Fork, one at Lee and the other lower down. Cut throat were also planted in the Humboldt river in the Carlin Canyon, at the Green ranch, at Osino and at Ryndon, in the North Fork at Devil's Gate, and in Starr creek. He still has a number of cut throat left which will be planted in the upper waters of South Fork and in Echo lake...

July 8, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

NEW VARIETY OF FISH CAUGHT – Eber Steninger, foreman of the Elko Daily Free Press composing rooms, yesterday caught a nice trout out of the South Fork... better than a pound... it was a Lock Leven, the first of this variety since 300,000 were planted in the Humboldt river in the fall of 1933... covered with bright red spots, and it is now known that the fish the (sic) working up from the river as the pool where the fish was taken is at least five miles up the South Fork stream.

August 2, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

800 CATFISH ARE PLANTED IN RIVER - ...Game Warden Griswold, this week, planted some 800 good-sized channel cats in the Humboldt river, these having been secured from a stream near Moab, Utah, where the game warden made a trip last week in company with some federal fish and game officials...

PELICANS SNATCH FISH FROM RIVER – In the past week flocks of big, snowy, black-tipped pelicans have been seen flying up and down the Humboldt river on their annual pilgrimage to this county, living off the fish in the river... [Long article]

September 5, 1935 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING STREAMS IN COUNTY WILL CLOSE SEPT. 10 – The board of county commissioners... made an order closing all streams throughout the county on September 10th... [Couple of exception noted]

1936

May 29, 1936 – Elko Daily Free Press

BIG FISH ARE CAUGHT IN S.F. - ...many other big fish caught, weighing from two to three pounds, all of them being caught low down the stream, all being rainbow...

June 10, 1936 – Elko Daily Free Press

HE CATCHES BIG FISH - ...caught a native cut throat which measured 23 inches weighing four and a quarter pounds. It was caught in the South Fork, where Dixie creek flows into the river... largest fish caught so far this year.

June 22, 1936 – Elko Daily Free Press

IRRIGATION DITCHES YIELD LARGE FISH – ...lower Reinhart ranch [South Fork]... big trout, some of them measuring 20 inches. I turned the water out of the ditch from the upper to the lower end of the alfalfa field, and as the water went down followed along the ditch and picked up all the big trout I could carry. This water is taken from the dam above the Twin bridges, four miles away, and with the end of the spawning season the rainbow trout are headed down stream... no screen on the big ditch...

July 21, 1936 – Elko Daily Free Press

RECORD TROUT 27 INCHES LONG - ...largest trout taken in Elko County this season... cutthroat trout... over six pounds. It was caught at the mouth of the canyon... Another nice catch was taken from the waters of the Lamoille creek yesterday... displayed a limit of 25 eastern brook and rainbow, averaging 10 inches...

September 17, 1936 – Elko Daily Free Press

E.T. Butler went to Battle Mountain yesterday on a bass fishing expedition. He reported splendid success and says that the bass are biting freely, some of them weighing up to four pounds.

1937

January 4, 1937 – Elko Independent

GAME WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT – [Complete report presented in the paper]

For the 1936 planting the Elko county hatchery had 400,000 eastern brook trout eggs and 200,000 rainbow trout eggs... and the fish so hatched were planted in the following streams:

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| <i>Jack Creek</i> | <i>Smith Creek</i> | <i>Soldier Creek</i> | <i>Columbia Creek</i> |
| <i>Seitz Creek</i> | <i>Secret Creek</i> | <i>Bruneau River</i> | <i>Kleckner Creek</i> |
| <i>Sun Creek</i> | <i>Lamoille Creek</i> | <i>Long Canyon</i> | <i>Capwin Creek</i> |
| <i>Jarbidge River</i> | <i>Rattlesnake Creek</i> | <i>Timber Creek</i> | <i>Deer Creek</i> |
| <i>Talbot Creek</i> | <i>Woodhouse Creek</i> | <i>North Fork</i> | <i>Thorpe Creek</i> |
| <i>Birch Creek</i> | <i>Lutts Creek</i> | <i>Moore Creek</i> | <i>Wines Creek</i> |
| <i>Steel Creek</i> | <i>McCutchen Creek</i> | <i>Ackler Creek</i> | <i>Herder Creek</i> |
| <i>Angel Creek</i> | <i>K.C. Creek</i> | <i>Boulder Creek</i> | <i>Starr Creek</i> |
| <i>Cold Creek</i> | <i>Martin Creek</i> | <i>Owyhee River</i> | <i>Van Duzer Creek</i> |
| <i>Trail Creek</i> | <i>Blue Jacket</i> | <i>Dorsey Creek</i> | <i>Taber Creek</i> |
| <i>Warm Creek</i> | <i>South Fork</i> | <i>Humboldt River</i> | <i>Crittenden Creek</i> |
| <i>Goose Creek</i> | <i>Little Goose Creek</i> | <i>Maggie Creek</i> | <i>Coyote Creek</i> |
| <i>Marys River</i> | | | |

August 6, 1937 – Elko Independent

RESTOCKING OF STREAMS UNDERWAY - ...Dan Olin, county game warden, was busily engaged in hauling trout from the federal hatchery at Hagerman, Idaho, to the various streams... Olin made five trips from the federal hatchery, bringing in slightly more than 10,000 fish on each trip. Two loads went into the South Fork while the remainder of the fish were divided between the East Fork of the Jarbidge river, the Jarbidge river itself, Salmon river and tributaries, Jack Creek, Bull Run and Columbia creeks. Approximately 30,000 of the fish received were eastern brook variety while the rest were rainbow trout. The fish average between three and four inches in length and are received by the county through the forest service.

1938

January 8, 1938 – Elko Daily Free Press

OLIN RECOMMENDS CLOSING OF SAGEHEN SEASON IN 1938 - ...annual report to the county commissioners... BEAVER – 16 trapped and moved to other waters, including McAfee and North Fork. [Represents a summary of the report only]

May 9, 1938 – Elko Daily Free Press

RECORD FISH IS CAUGHT IN S.F. – ...the South Fork by Ralph Stewart. It measured 27 inches long and weighed better than six pounds after it was dressed. It was a female cut throat trout...

May 16, 1938 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHERMEN ARE OUT OF LUCK - ...Dan Olin... upper South Fork, above Lee, and some nice limits were taken of brook trout. This stream is heavily planted each year with rainbow and brook trout, and as is usually known the brook trout migrate to the upper reaches, as they will live only in the coldest water, while the rainbows are to be found all along the stream lower down...

July 15, 1938 – Elko Daily Free Press

TROUT PLANTED NEAR KEDDIE RANCH – County Game Warden Dan Olin passed through Elko this forenoon en route from the county hatchery in the upper end of Starr Valley with a truck load of fingerling trout that he will plant in the North Fork stream below the Keddie ranch. These rainbow trout, raised in the county hatchery, will average five inches in length... This load contained 10,000 rainbow fingerlings and are part of the 70,000 rainbow fingerlings that are in the rearing ponds. Of this number, 55,000 have already been planted in the various streams. These do not include the eastern brook and cutthroat trout that are in the rearing ponds and which will be planted later. In addition to the above Elko County will get many thousands of fingerlings from the federal government through the forest service, and these will be planted shortly.

December 16, 1938 – Elko Daily Free Press

4,000 HUNGRY MOSQUITO FISH PLANTED IN HUMBOLDT - ...technically known as gambusia affinis, were planted in the Humboldt river near this city during the past few days. Part of them were put in the river near Elko swimming pool and part near the Fifth street bridge... The fish were sent here through W.W. White, state sanitary engineer...

1939

January 6, 1939 – Elko Independent

[From the annual report of Dan Olin, county game warden]

The Elko county hatchery carried over from 1937 78,295 rainbow trout which by planting time this spring had

obtained the average length of six inches. Our hatchery also produced 54,040 eastern brook trout two inches long and 100,000 rainbow trout two inches long. Including the fish received from the government hatcheries 348,135 trout were planted in the streams and lakes of Elko county during 1938 which is an increase of 75,335 over 1937... These fish were planted in the following streams and lakes:

Lamoille Creek	South Fork	Talbot Creek	Corral Creek
Pearl Creek	Kleckner Creek	Long Canyon	Maggie Creek
Coyote Creek	Owyhee River	Crittenden Creek	Little Goose Ck.
Taber Creek	Canyon Creek	Loomis Creek	Angel Creek
Shore Creek	Tea Creek	Deep Creek	Water Canyon
Gantz Creek	North Fork	Martin Creek	Merritt Creek
Pattani Creek	Jack Creek	Columbia Creek	Trail Creek
Robinson Lake	Island Lake	Hidden Lake	Lamoille Lake
Favre Lake			

[ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELKO COUNTY GAME WARDEN]

BEAVER – The value of the beaver has been recognized by the people of Elko County to be of more value than just for fur alone. They are showing a splendid increase in the past year on lands where they were objected to by ranchers. I succeeded in live-trapping 23 beaver and moved them to other waters; they were liberated in Cold Creek and Lamoille Creek. Any expense or cost involved by moving beaver is well worth while, the department of interior claims that one beaver has a value of three hundred dollars for the work done in one season on streams where soil erosion is taking place. In streams that are well stocked with beaver only a small amount of fish need be planted as the beaver conditions are such that fish nearly become self stocking with fish and for that reason should be protected faithfully by all fishermen.

December 29, 1939 – Elko Daily Free Press

BEAVER WILL BE REESTABLISHED IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – Long recognized that the headwaters of the Humboldt river contain some of the natural homes for beaver, and in the belief, by many, that beaver dams, which disappeared when the beaver were trapped, did much toward controlling stream flow by holding back flood waters in the early season run-off, steps were recently taken to reestablish beaver in several areas...

Humboldt county is one of these areas, and during the last year the county commissioners through the aid of the biological survey and Forest Service secured some beaver from Idaho and on September 29 made two plantings – one on Little Humboldt and one on Martin creek... in less than three months have built several dams and houses... They predict the reestablishing of beaver on these streams.

1940

January 6, 1940 – Elko Daily Free Press

GAME WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT - ...Through the efforts of the forest service officials at Elko, we were able to obtain 162,000 trout from the government hatcheries at Hagerman, Idaho and Springville, Utah. These fish were planted in the following streams and lakes on the forest in Elko County: Jack creek, Secret, North Fork, Slide creek, Jarbidge river, Starr creek, Columbia creek, Seitz creek, Owyhee river, Beaver creek, Sun creek, Taber creek, Lamoille creek, Merritt creek, Bruneau river, Badger creek, Canyon creek, Herder creek, Robinson lake, Lamoille lake, Liberty lake, Island lake.

August 26, 1940 – Elko Daily Free Press

BEAVER MOVED IN ELKO COUNTY – The work of trapping and transporting beaver from one section to another throughout the county is being successfully pursued... They have trapped 35 of the animals on the Petan ranch, formerly the Garat ranch, in northern Elko County, and these beaver have been taken to other streams throughout the county... This work has been going on for several years with the result that beaver

dams can now be found on practically all the streams throughout the county.

September 12, 1940 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING REPORTED GOOD IN HUMBOLDT - ...in the valley below where the South Fork comes in... brought home a big four pound cut throat trout, with a smaller one of three pounds. In addition he reports a lot of sport landing a seven and a half pound carp... The main attraction for the line-and-pole anglers are the catfish that are biting freely, and which seem more plentiful this year than for some time.

November 29, 1940 – Elko Independent

ELKO COUNTY IS BECOMING BEAVER PRODUCER, REPORTED - ...Olin reports that 132 beaver were trapped and transplanted this year. The beaver were planted in pairs... At present, the county has no control over the beavers, other than to protect them and to live trap and transplant them...

1941

January 7, 1941 – Elko Daily Free Press

[GAME WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT] – Through the efforts of the forest reserve officials at Elko, we were able to obtain 238,240 trout from the government hatcheries at Hagerman, Idaho and Springville, Utah... They were planted in the following streams and lakes... Jack creek, Long canyon, North Fork, Merritt creek, Columbia creek, Canyon creek, Jarbidge river, Lamoille creek, Bruneau river, Tea creek, Owyhee river, Kleckner creek, Sun creek, Secret creek, Talbot creek, Seltz creek, Boulder creek, Soldier creek, Marys river, Slide creek, Curran creek, Taber creek... Hidden lake, Robinson lake, Island lake, Lamoille lake, Liberty lake, Favre lake.

May 23, 1941 – Elko Independent

MIDAS MEN FINED \$50 EACH FOR “SNAGGING TROUT” - ...arrested Sunday on Lewis Creek, one of the tributaries of Willow Creek and were snagging the big cutthroat trout, also known as native trout, that come up out of Willow Creek reservoir each spring to spawn...

June 6, 1941 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISH HATCHERY - ...There are about 600,000 trout at the hatchery at the present time and a good portion of these, maybe all of them, will be planted in the fall. Most of them are eastern brook, but many are rainbows. The rainbows will be planted in different streams, but a great many will be placed in the South Fork, as it is the opinion of Game Warden Dan Olin that rainbows should be planted there...

June 19, 1941 – Elko Daily Free Press

...DANGEROUS FIRE HAZARD IN HEAVY “CHEAT” GRASS GROWTH – The greatest growth of “cheat” grass in the history of Elko county and surrounding territory during this spring, due to the heavy moisture, today brought a warning from Lee Perry, district grazier, and A.R. Torgerson, supervisor of the Humboldt National Forest, for Elko county residents to exercise extreme caution... The grazing service and forest service officials stated that the grass is especially heavy in areas which were burned over in 1940, when fires raced through the grass, and destroyed many thousands of acres of range and forest...

July 10, 1941 – Elko Daily Free Press

FIRE BREAK BUILT TO PROTECT CITY FROM CHEAT GRASS – With the hills surrounding Elko covered with cheat grass... steps have been taken by the Elko officials for the city's protection... consisting of a broad swath scraped bare of inflammable grasses... These hills for several miles north of the city were swept by fire last year, and all this area has grown up in cheat grass...

1942

February 7, 1942 – Elko Daily Free Press

GAME WARDEN ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT - [Complete report presented] ...Warden Olin reported that a total of 641,238 fish were planted in Elko County in 1941... The Humboldt National forest at Elko obtained 254,800 trout from the Government hatcheries, for planting upon the forest in Elko County. These fish were from 2 ½ inches to 6 inches in length... The Elko County hatchery produced 386,438 trout this past season... [Complete list of streams and lakes planted during the year is included in the report]

May 22, 1942 – Elko Daily Free Press

5-POUND TROUT IS HOOKED BY ELKO WOMAN - ...Mrs. Neil Bryant... in the South Fork, near Twin Bridges... native cutthroat measured 23 inches in length and weighed five pounds...

July 6, 1942 – Elko Daily Free Press

BEAVER TROUBLE – Beaver are causing considerable trouble and the county commissioners intend to petition the state fish and game commission to secure permission to destroy some of the animals. In some instances the beaver have built so many dams that they backed the water into meadows, ruining hay in the stacks.

1943

July 6, 1943 – Elko Daily Free Press

Supervisor C.W. Paul reported that the spraying of oil on all stagnant pools in the vicinity of the city by the street department for the extermination of mosquitoes has been completed. Frank Batchelder, street foreman, reports that 900 gallons of waste oil has been sprayed on these pools.

October 15, 1943 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISH DYNAMITED IN HUMBOLDT RIVER – Hundreds of dead fish can be seen on a dam in the Humboldt river, on the former Griswold ranch, just west of Elko, which is now owned by Roy Young. Someone dynamited the fish, apparently in search of trout and catfish. The fish on the dam, and in the vicinity are carp and suckers.

1944

February 9, 1944 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING SEASON – The board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Saturday, officially set the opening of the fishing season for this year, selecting the 7th of May... with the exception of the lakes and two streams, the Lamoille creek, starting at the ranger station, up to its source, and McDonald creek, starting at the road crossing on Sunflower flat, down to the Bruneau river. These two creeks are set aside as spawning grounds for trout. The lakes throughout the county will be opened on July 1.

October 5, 1944 – Elko Daily Free Press

AMBITIOUS BEAVER – [Reference to beaver from the Humboldt River cutting down trees within the city limits of Elko and requests to have them removed]

1945

March 7, 1945 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING STREAMS WILL BE OPENED ON MAY 6TH - ...Harry Elliott, game warden, told the members of the board that 300,000 fingerling trout have been received from the Hagerman, Idaho fish hatchery. They will be planted in Elko County streams in the fall. They are rainbow and brook trout.

April 6, 1945 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING REMAINS CLOSED ON SOUTH FORK TO JUNE 3 - ...to protect early spawners... The native cutthroat trout does well in the South Fork and sportsmen feel it was for this reason that the request was made...

May 21, 1945 – Elko Daily Free Press

FROGS OF ELKO - ...The frog we want is brownish with a few black spots on back and yellow, orange or even scarlet along sides of belly or even over most of belly... [Request from Cornell University for samples]

June 18, 1945 – Elko Daily Free Press

ELKO FROG... - Elko went over the top today in its drive to get at least one frog suitable to make a leap across the country... sent by airmail, alive and kicking, to Cornell University... caught the distinguished creature in Taylor Canyon Sunday ... [Based on the previous article, a young boy captured a sample for shipment]

August 3, 1945 – Elko Daily Free Press

200,000 NEW FISH FOR ELKO COUNTY STREAMS SOON... - Despite the fact that the Elko county fish hatchery has not been in operation for the past year, fish are being planted in the streams of Elko County and 200,000 more will be added shortly... Elliott recently planted 42,000 fish in Penrod and Foreman creeks. These fish were brought from the Hagerman fish hatchery in Idaho, where Elko County has gotten many fish in the past.

Additional fish will be brought to Nevada from this hatchery in the near future and Elko County will get an allotment of 200,000... Streams which will be planted include the South Fork, Starr, Secret, Owyhee river, Jack creek, Little Goose creek and the East Fork of the Jarbidge river.

Rainbow and eastern brook trout will be brought in from Hagerman, and in addition Elliott plans to bring a shipment of cutthroats from Idaho for planting in the South Fork. This is the first time that cutthroats have ever been planted in the South Fork, he says. Elliott believes that these trout should do extremely well as they have multiplied in past without being planted and seem a natural fish for this stream...

1946

February 7, 1946 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISHING DATES SET - ...open to fishing on May 5th, with the following exceptions...

1947

February 7, 1947 – Elko Daily Free Press

FISH SEASON DATES ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSIONERS - ...All waters including reservoirs in Elko

County will be open to fishing Mat 4. The following exceptions were set forth however.

April 15, 1947 – Elko Daily Free Press

GAME WARDEN TO PLANT 1000 TROUT IN STREAMS – Game Warden Harry Elliott stopped in Elko today on his way to the North Fork with a load of trout. He had about 1000 in the fish truck and they averaged about 10 inches in length. He had deposited a similar number in the South Fork yesterday...

1950

February 7, 1950 – Elko Daily Free Press

SOUTH FORK WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JUNE 4 - ...The U.S. Forest Service is going to cooperate this year in planting of fish. They will furnish horses so that fish can be taken to inaccessible places for planting...

April 27, 1950 – Elko Independent

1700 BEAVER PELTS TAKEN BY STATE OF NEVADA PAST SEASON – With the trapping and pelting season at an end, Harry Elliott, State beaver superintendent, reported that a total of 1700 beaver were pelted in Nevada during the 1949-50 season... of the total beaver taken, 927 came from the Humboldt and its tributaries, mostly in Elko County, and 310 were caught along the Salmon river drainage in Nevada... Elliott is now engaged in live-trapping beaver and transplanting them to other areas... [Long article]