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THE COLONEL MADE GOOD

Restored the Fish Record to the City Hall Where It Belongs.

In yesterday's issue was a story of the record fish caught in Salt River this year by an Alhambra man. It was mentioned at the time that Colonel Robert M. Hudson who earned his military title keeping people off the grass at the city hall, was out in the brush trying to start something. He was advised to represent at the earliest possible hour if he wanted to keep in the running and he has done so.

The colonel failed to land anything of startling importance on his Sunday expedition, but early yesterday morning he started out for another try. This time he took Fred Gardner along for a mascot. Fred also served as a sort of a pattern to go by. The colonel wanted something as near Fred’s size as Salt river could produce and he got it. But not without a fight.

Last evening when the party returned the colonel was proudly exhibiting a huge salmon with a body like a family butcher bill and a head like a congressman. Subjected to the scale test the fish was given a rating of seventeen and a quarter pounds and the colonel was given fifteen minutes in which to congratulate himself. Fred Gardner says the fish is a fine thing to look at and though he lost his life he was an adversary worthy of the colonel's steel. In trying to land the monster the colonel lost his balance and was pulled into the water, but he hung on to the line and saved himself by a toe hold until Fred could come to his assistance.

ANOTHER STORY.

Honest John Morris, another colored man, who has some aspirations as a fisherman and who inclines to the Robert's school of angling rather than the Hudson-Gardener cult came to town last night and relates a different story. He says Bob Hudson didn't catch any fish yesterday but that he bought his so-called record breaker of a Mexican for seventy-five cents. He claims to have seen the transaction and that there was a deal of scratching round down there in the brush to make change. Honest John says he did not intend to give the thing away but Bob had made him sore for he was there when the Hudson party came up and disturbed him in his meditations. He says Bob and Fred had a Mexican to do their fishing with a pitchfork and that no hook and line was used. Furthermore he says the real big fish of the day was caught by this Mexican and turned over to a countryman who was with him without Gardner or Hudson ever seeing him. Honest John says he must have weighed thirty pounds, John says he likes to see fair play and since Bob put him out of the running by scaring away the fish he determined to see that Robert's is not imposed upon.

THE REAL RECORD

But the man who holds the real record for big fishing is Geo. McCarty, the night watchman. With his son Ed he drove down to the river last evening just before sundown and brought back a salmon that measured thirty inches long and tipped the scales at twenty pounds flat. It was 11:20 this morning when the head was placed on exhibition in The Republican office and it was then too late to change the headlines. But these facts are published for the reason that The Republican is now the recognized organ of the Salt river fishermen and they are entitled to know the latest. Honest John will have to show something tangible before his thirty pound story will be given official recognition.
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