

FILIPINOS SUING CHINESE COMPANY

Dispute Over Commission for Supplying Labor for Salmon Cannery Crops Out in Su- perior Courts.

A contract for Filipino labor in a Chinese salmon cannery in Alaska is involved in the suit for \$3,049.90 filed in the superior court this morning by F. M. Serrano and Frank Avancera of the American Oriental Company against Chin Wing You, Ark Wing, Soon Ton, and others, members of the Wa Chong Company.

The American Oriental Company alleges that they contracted to supply Filipino laborers to the Wa Chong Company for service in the Shakan salmon cannery, and did so do. They are now suing for money alleged to be due them for supplying this labor.

The contract provided for a specified wage to be paid for each laborer for the season, with 15c per hour overtime. The laborers, however, were to forfeit 25c per hour for each hour of overtime demanded of them and which they refused to work. They were to "treat the Chinese foreman respectfully," and not to smoke about the cannery under penalty of a \$50 fine deducted from their wages.
