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R. D. HUME'S WIDOW TO CONTEST WILL OF ROGUE RIVER KING

Reported That She Was Cut Off With About One-Sixth Interest.

TESTAMENT TO BE FILED FOR PROBATE

Property Divided Up Among Many Heirs With Few Gifts For Philanthropy.

(Special to The Times.)
WEDDERBURN, Ore., Dec. 15.—The last will and testament of the late R. D. Hume, "the Rogue River salmon king," will be filed for probate at Gold Beach this week, unless something unexpected interferes. The will, according to well authenticated reports here, will contain many surprises.

According to a well-authenticated report, Mrs. Hume, the widow, is cut off with what amounts to about one-sixth of the property. It is understood that Mrs. Hume has retained J. S. Ceike of Marshfield, to represent her and to contest the will if necessary to secure her dower right to one-third.

The remaining five-sixths of the property is parcelled out among many relatives of the deceased with a few bequests for philanthropic purposes, one of which is said to be for the purpose of advancing the salmon and fishing industry by enabling the necessary research and study in this direction.

The will, according to the understanding here, will mean the breaking up of the immense estate, which is valued near the million-dollar mark. The estate is the foundation of one of the most valuable properties in Oregon if it could be preserved intact. The immense holdings along lower Rogue river, which practically gives a monopoly of the salmon industry here is so valuable that few can properly estimate it.

Some of the property is bequeathed outright to various heirs so that it will be difficult to ascertain the amount in dollars and cents that each one will receive. For instance, Mrs. Hume's bequest instead of specifying a sixth or a third interest in the estate provides that she shall receive certain California property and other holdings without naming the value of it.

If the will is contested, report here has it that an effort will be made to show that Mr. Hume wanted to make a new will or change the old one during his last illness. He is said to have expressed the wish several times shortly prior to his death but parties in attendance told him that if he changed the will, it might mean that it would be set aside as the courts would probably hold that he was not rational when he made the changes.

DROPS MATCH; EIGHT HURT

Foreigner Lets It Fall Into Powder Can With Dire Result In Newburg, Pa.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Eight foreigners were injured, two fatally, three houses burned and four others dynamited to prevent further loss as a result of a powder explosion late last night. One of the foreigners accidentally dropped a match into a can of powder.

Fancy Lamps at MILNER'S.
All kinds of MECHANICAL TOYS at the Coos Bay Cash Store.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, at 7 a. m.

ALLIANCE OUT FOR PORTLAND

Steamship Sails This Afternoon For Columbia River Port With Many.

The Alliance sailed at noon today for Portland, carrying a large number of passengers and a good cargo of freight. The members of the crew left Captain Olson, who has been with them for years, but who will shortly assume command of the Nann Smith, behind with regret as this is the first trip they have sailed without him in a long, long time. However, Captain Parsons promises to be just as popular with the men as well as with the passengers as was Captain Olson.

The Alliance's outgoing passenger list was as follows:

Mrs. C. Cheiberg, Mrs. Eddy L. Denny and wife, Miss Martha Denny, E. C. Nutler, Otto Kilson, D. E. Spencer, H. D. Spencer, E. H. Stewart, Mrs. J. Dougert, Joe Orloff, F. A. Ford, Garfield Cooney, N. C. Dingman, D. L. Avery, E. W. Helmsberg, J. Barloge, Nellie Brown, F. W. Traver and wife, O. J. Gilbertson, R. R. Coster, J. W. Lelsman, John Dougert, V. Denney, Al. Swift, J. Nagoso, Fred. Kee and C. V. Heinderth.

M. F. Plant Sails.
The M. F. Plant sailed this afternoon for San Francisco. A number of Evergreens were taken from here to Frisco where they will do service as Christmas trees next week. Among those who sailed on the Plant were the following:

H. Young, B. L. Taylor, H. Frank, R. S. Wright, A. B. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Phobe Larsen, John Swanton, Mr. Miller, Sol. Israel, Mr. J. F. Hobson, Mrs. J. F. Hobson, J. M. Blake, W. J. Rohrer, Jas. Baines, Marian Feyton, Mrs. J. M. Blake, Mrs. Frodsham, Mrs. Rohrer, E. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Earl Taylor, Mr. Smitive, Alec Burns, Frank Hancock, Otto Deminger, John Semy, Ed. Bigham, A. H. Knudson, Thos. McCarthy, W. Kochl, Matt Strand, John Skooper, G. Bodaigla, L. Collins, Oscar Profano, Thos. Bekky.

MAKE BIG HAUL IN OKLAHOMA

Robbers Dynamite Safe at Eufaula and Escape With \$15,000.

(By Associated Press.)
MCLESTER, Okla., Dec. 15.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the First National Bank at Eufaula, Okla., twenty miles north of here, and escaped with about \$15,000. Posses and United States marshals are on the trail. There is no definite clue to their identity.

LAUNCH ON FIRE

Marshfield Quite Badly Damaged at O'Kelly's Boat House.

The launch Marshfield was quite badly damaged by a fire of unknown origin this afternoon. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is presumed that some one dropped a match or a lighted cigar or cigarette near the gasoline. The boat was lying at its dock near the O'Kelly boat house at the time. The fire department was called out and the blaze was extinguished without sinking the boat as was first feared would have to be done. The extent of the damage is not known exactly but may reach several hundred dollars.

Xmas presents—Try the GUNNERY.

ANOTHER VESSEL IS CAPTURED

Dutch Warships Take Second Coast Ship From Venezuela—Castro Calls On German Officials Today.

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—The Dutch warships operating along the coast of Venezuela, have captured another coast guard vessel known as "No. 23, De Mayo," and are proceeding to Curacao in charge of the prize.

(By Associated Press.)
WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 15.—The battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck arrived this morning towing the prize coast guard vessel, "No. 23, De Mayo." The "No. 23, De Mayo" was captured December 13, near Point Little, north of Cumana, on the gulf of Curacao. The "No. 23, De Mayo" while classed as a coast guard vessel is a unit of the Venezuela navy but his size and strength is insignificant.

CASTRO IN GERMANY.

President of Venezuela Calls On Officials.
(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 15.—President Castro called this morning upon Chancellor Von Buelow and Foreign Secretary Von Schoen, leaving his card. The Foreign Secretary later sent Councillor Goetz who acted on the German indemnity commission in Caracas in 1903, to return the call and inquire about Castro's health.

CHIEF BIGGY'S BODY IS FOUND

Remains of San Francisco's Head of Police Found Floating In Bay Near Goat Island Today.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was drowned from the police launch "Patrol," opposite Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, November 30, was found today by the crew of the freight ferry boat "Transit" off Goat Island. The body was face upwards with the arms outstretched. The face was very much disfigured but the body was fully identified as that of Biggy. There were no marks of violence on Biggy's body but an autopsy will be held to assist in clearing up the manner of death.

OVER \$100,000,000 FOR SMOKE

French Nation Consumed That Much Tobacco Last Year, a Decided Increase Over Previous Years.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The report of the state tobacco monopoly filed today shows that the French nation last year consumed \$100,000,000 worth of tobacco upon which the government received a profit of \$85,000,000. The figures show a big increase in the consumption of tobacco in France. The greatest increase was in the use of the cigarette. The increased use of tobacco is declared to be reducing the consumption of liquor here.

COOS BAY IN SECOND PLACE

J. N. Teal of Portland, Says It Should Receive First Attention After Columbia.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Governor Chamberlain, Joe Teal andlinger Eiernann, accompanied by the Oregon Congressmen, had a conference with Chairman Burton, of the river and harbor committee. Mr. Teal said that Oregon wanted a 30-foot channel from Portland to the sea. Mr. Burton said he could not see the advantage of a channel of this depth until there is a permanent depth of 30 feet on the bar at the mouth of the river. Mr. Teal also said that Oregon wanted a liberal appropriation for the Columbia River and coast harbors. He said that as between Coos Bay and Tillamook harbor, appropriations should be given to Coos Bay if but one project was to be recognized. Mr. Eiernann said he was here to represent the towns on the Coquille River and asked for the full amount recommended by the engineers for that stream. Mr. Burton told the Oregon men that it was by no means certain there would be a river and harbor bill this year, as he questioned whether the conditions of the treasury would stand it. Senator Fulton will endeavor before the holiday recess to secure the adoption in the House of his resolution calling on the War Department for an estimate of the expenditure necessary to acquire and repair the Willamette locks at Oregon City. Anticipating the resolution, the War Department has prepared estimates showing that about \$800,000 will be required.

Don't miss GOODRUM'S ad.
Buy your Boy a Shot Gun or Rifle at MILNER'S.

TOBACCO TRUST HIT BY COURT

Is Declared to Be a Monopoly Engaged in Illegal Combination.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The decree of the United States Circuit Court in the government suit against the American Tobacco Company and others, was filed late today and declared the American Tobacco Company, the American Snuff Company, the R. J. Reynolds Company, the Pierre-Lorillard and Blackwell-Durham Company, a monopoly engaged in illegal combination.

SMALL SHORTAGE FOUND.

Ex-Douglas County Officials Will Make Losses Good, It Is Said.
ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 15.—The work of experimenting the books of Sheriff, Clerk and Treasurer of Douglas County was completed by A. C. McRae. The books of Treasurer Sawyer were found correct, while the books of ex-Sheriff H. T. McClallen disclosed one small error for the sum of \$17.80, that amount being promptly tendered by Mr. McClallen, who is confident of recovering the amount when he finds the lost paper which represents the sum. The books of ex-County Clerk Z. N. Agge were found to be short in the sum of \$512, \$412 of which represents fees collected from various departments, while the \$100 represents a single fine. Mr. Agge is traveling at present, but no one doubts he will be able to account for the sum in a manner satisfactory to all upon his return. The poor system of bookkeeping in vogue is thought to be the reason for the shortage.

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ROOSEVELT SCORES CRITICS OF PANAMA CANAL PURCHASE

WAGE WAR ON COYOTES SOON

Wool Growers of Eastern Oregon Plan to Exterminate Sheep's Foes.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 15.—Wool-growers of the state have again set aside January to wage a systematic war upon the pestiferous coyote, which causes more damage to the sheep industry in this state than disease. Poison, gun and trap will be brought into requisition, and while the sheepmen and ranchers generally are waging a continuous warfare against this pest, an especial concerted action is to be taken by the flockmasters during the coming month. The custom was inaugurated last year at the suggestion of the officers of the state woolgrowers' association and resulted in the killing of many hundreds of the destructive animals. A book of directions as to the best manner in which to hunt them with dogs as well as trap and poison them has been prepared by the state association and the state sheep commission and is being sent to every sheepman in the state. A new plan has been tried successfully by one of the local sheepmen, and this will be used more extensively during the coming month. It is to impregnate an apple with arsenic, then place it where the coyote will find it. It is said the arsenic is quickly absorbed by the juices of the apple and that the fruit thus baited is relished by the coyotes, whereas if strychnine is used they will not touch the apple. The principal advantage of the apple, however, is due to the fact that dogs will not bother them and that they can be placed in bushes where they will not be reached by hogs or chickens.

President Sends Special Message to Senate Concerning Deal.
WANTS PULITZER PUNISHED FOR IT
Says New York World Editor Is Responsible For the "Lying Libel."

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language the charges that there was anything wrong in the acquisition of the canal. President Roosevelt says his attention was brought to the matter through articles published in the Indianapolis News edited by a Mr. Smith, and copied from the New York World. President Roosevelt severely arraigns Editor Pulitzer of the World and his papers and says that thousands of persons "believe the statements they see printed and even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer."

President Roosevelt says the wickedness of the slanders published in reference to the canal are only surpassed by their fatuity and says, "so utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes, and in part stories, and says they are partly libels upon Mr. W. H. Taft and Mr. Douglas Robinson," but they are, in fact, in form partly a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents, or articles in the news columns."

President Roosevelt reiterates the responsibility of Editor Pulitzer and says he should be prosecuted by the government authorities and says the attorney general has under consideration the form under which the proceedings against Pulitzer shall be brought.

President Roosevelt then reviewed the act congress authorizing the expenditure of \$40,000,000 and says "It is no concern of the President what the canal company did with the money," and that he directed or approved every action and is responsible for all that was done in carrying out the will of congress. President Roosevelt says the matter was finally closed by the then attorney general Knox through the then Secretary of State Hay and the then Secretary of War Root who was cognizant of all the essential details. "If, as a matter of fact," President Roosevelt explains, "the canal company, either or both, had been owned by American citizens or by citizens of any other nationality, it would not have mattered the slightest degree the action taken by this government. Our concern was to get the canal, which was owned by the French company and to see that the title was clear."

The President states that the money was paid through the New York banking house of J. P. Morgan and Company, acting as financial agents of this government, into the Bank of France of Paris.

Repeated peals of laughter greeted the reading of the opening paragraph of Roosevelt's message to congress on the Panama Canal charges today. As the secretary read the statement that the charges "Pulitzer in every particular," Senator Bailey laughed outright. Other senators on both sides joined him and when the reader reached the statement that a statement in a newspaper, which he mentioned would not be believed, there was a general merriment. The reading was hurried through, the papers accompanying the message not being read. The message elicited the greatest interest in the house. Ripples of laughter greeted the President's arraignment of Pulitzer. The message was referred to a committee.

EMMA GOLDMAN UNDER ARREST

Noted Leader of Anarchists Released In Bellingham After Night In Jail.

(By Associated Press.)
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 15.—Emma Goldman, who was arrested last night, was released today and was put on board a train for Canada. She was arrested for inciting an unlawful assemblage.

LOVE CRAZES MAN.
ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 14.—After being twice run down in the woods, and after hiding his personal effects, where they cannot be found, Curtis Ball, aged 40 years, a homesteader of North Myrtle Creek, was committed to the State Asylum for the Insane from this city. His unsound mental condition is believed to be due to a love affair, of which he invariably spoke in connection with declarations to kill himself. Ball's mother and other relatives live at Whitehall, Mont., from which place he came to Myrtle Creek about one month ago. He is a Royal Arch Mason.