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FISH ARE NOT OBSTRUCTED

A Meeting of Representative Citizens Passes Resolutions Endorsing the Means Provided for the Passage of Salmon Over the Ray Dam.

A meeting of considerable importance to the people of Jackson county was held on Saturday, August 20, 1904, at Gold Ray. At the invitation of Dr. Ray a large number of representative citizens of the county, from Medford, Jacksonville and Gold Hill, met at Gold Ray for the purpose of investigating the conditions existing there in relation to the provision made for the passage of fish over the dam at that point. The invitation was extended on account of the protest made by some of the people of Gold Hill, and was intended to afford an opportunity to all to see the actual state of affairs, and to enable these people to make an unbiased report as to the existing conditions and to settle once for all the question as to whether adequate provision had been made for this purpose or not.

After a careful inspection of the fishways provided by Dr. Ray, the entire number, consisting of about a hundred of the representative members of the county, met for consideration of the question, and after the election of Dr. Adkins as chairman and J. L. Hammersly as secretary of the meeting, Master Fish Warden Van Dusen was invited to address the meeting, and responded with a complete explanation of the conditions existing at the dam.

He stated that the problem to be solved at that point was a serious one, and one which occurred whenever such an improvement was contemplated, but which presented a totally different aspect in each case, the conditions varying on every salmon stream in the state. He volunteered the information that all of his suggestions had been cheerfully complied with by Dr. Ray, but that the doctor had, and he thought with justice, asked that such provision be made that he should be enabled to make the necessary provisions once for all, and should be relieved of further disturbance on this account. Mr. Van Dusen further stated that better provision than he required had been made, and that further improvement was in progress, and would be soon completed, and that there would then be as complete provision made for the passage of the fish as could be demanded, or as could be devised, according to the latest theories relating to such matters.

After this statement by Mr. Van Dusen of the conditions existing, Dr. Ray made a brief statement of his position, saying that he was only desirous of having his duties in the matter settled, and was entirely willing to do what ever should be found proper. He further outlined the extent of the new work in progress, showing that he was constructing a new fish way of concrete, much better than the one required by the authorities, and much better equipped to take care of the salmon, than the original way provided or the temporary one now in use. He further explained that every available means had been used to prevent damage done this season, and that he was open to suggestions as to how to better the situation.

Mr. D. H. Miller, treasurer of Jackson county, then explained that he had taken considerable interest in this matter from the beginning, and had on several occasions made careful inspection of the situation, with a view at first of suggesting improvements, but that at the present time, his suggestions had been carried out in large part, and that the present condition of affairs was satisfactory. He compared, with considerable detail, the state of affairs before the present improvements had been made, and the present, and showed that the improvement consisted of a change from total stoppage of the fish to a comparatively uninterrupted passage over the dam. He substantiated his remarks by giving figures which he had obtained by personal observation. He also explained several of the characteristics of the salmon which operated to relieve the situation as soon as the fish should become familiar with the existence of the dam. The most interesting of his remarks, however, consisted of his explanation of the abandonment of the proposed hatch-

ery at the dam. He explained that the representatives of the U. S. Fish Commission had contemplated the establishment of a hatchery at the dam, and to that end had ordered the fish ways closed, and racks erected at that point, but that, realizing that the operation of a hatchery at that point would result in thousands of dead fish being sent down the river from that place, he suggested to Dr. Ray that such a course would result in great hardship for every one living on the river for miles below the dam, and Dr. Ray had thereupon refused to allow the establishment of the hatchery, and had re-opened the fishways and compelled the hatchery to be abandoned at that point. His explanation of this matter met with great applause, particularly from the people of Gold Hill, who were present.

On behalf of Gold Hill, Mr. J. H. Beeman, a capitalist of that place, informed the meeting that he had been considerably interested in the matter, as he had financial interests in the city, and made his home there, and was therefore concerned in all that affected its welfare. He announced that he had been interested in the presentation of Gold Hill's protest to the Governor, and had signed the same, and stated that he had done so with the idea that the situation was very different from what he found on his arrival at Gold Ray. He explained that the facts as to the completion of a permanent fishway at the corner of the dam were not known to him, or to the others in Gold Hill at the time of the circulation of the protest, and that the conditions actually existing were a great surprise to him and to his associates. He further announced that on behalf of himself and those who had been associated with him in the forwarding of the protest to the Governor, he had no hesitation in saying that the arrangements made in course of construction at the dam would be satisfactory to any who were fully conversant with the true state of affairs. His remarks were freely endorsed by others from Gold Hill, among whom were C. F. Young, J. L. Hammersly and H. A. Meers, and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to formulate resolutions to be acted upon by the meeting. Mr. D. H. Miller then asked the attention of the meeting while he gave them a few additional figures as to the passage of fish over the dam, saying that he had carefully counted the fish going through the fishways, at the hour when the movement was lightest, and had found by actual count that the fish were passing over the temporary fishway at the corner of the dam at the rate of 140 per hour and over the original fishway at the rate of 260 per hour, or 2500 per day of ten hours, this estimate being based on the passage of the fish during the heat of the day when the movement was at its lowest point. In connection with the number of fish killed at this point, he stated that he had made eighteen visits to the dam for the purpose of inspection, and had at no time found more than a few dead fish, and never had he found more than had always been found in the river in various places this season.

He was followed by Mr. Hammersly, who stated that he was a resident of Gold Hill, was postmaster there, and had the interests of the place at heart, and had followed this matter with interest, but that the majorities of the signers of the Gold Hill protest had never visited the dam, and were not familiar with conditions there, and that practically none of them were aware that the upper fishway was but a temporary structure, but that all imagined it to be a permanent improvement, and that no further provision for the fish was to be made. He further stated that the inspector made in the afternoon had satisfied all of them that the complaint was ill advised, and that all were satisfied with the arrangements made and in course of construction.

The matter of adoption of resolutions was then considered, and upon motion, seconded by many of those present, the chair appointed a committee of seven, consisting of D. H. Miller, A. A. Davis and J. S. Howard, of Medford; J. H. Beeman and C. F. Young, of Gold Hill; John Miller and T. J. Kenney, of Jacksonville, to draft such resolutions and submit them to the meeting for approval.

The committee shortly reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting, and signed by a majority of those present at the meeting, the balance having already left for home. After the signing of the resolutions, the meeting adjourned, all of those present saying that they greatly appreciated the opportunity given them to see for themselves what the state of affairs really were, and expressing complete satisfaction with conditions as they found them.

WHEREAS, certain complaints have been made in regard to the condition of affairs at Gold Ray, in Jackson county, Oregon, in respect to the passage of fish over the dam at that place, and

WHEREAS, such complaints have been made under a misapprehension of the facts, and the parties making the same, and others, including the undersigned, have, at the invitation of Dr. Ray, made a thorough investigation of the situation, and have found the facts to warrant the following resolutions, now therefore, be it

of the facts and without thorough knowledge of the situation.

- Signed:
- J. H. Beeman, capitalist, Gold Hill.
 - C. F. Young, merchant, " "
 - J. L. Hammersly, postmaster, " "
 - H. A. Meers, mining operator, " "
 - W. A. Carter, ex representative and merchant, " "
 - L. A. Duffell, merchant, " "
 - E. E. W. Lulejran, mining expert, " "
 - A. A. Davis, " " "
 - W. C. Gross, " " "
 - W. C. Brass, " " "
 - W. J. Vawter, President Jackson County Bank, Medford.
 - B. F. Adkins, vice president Jackson County Bank, " "
 - D. E. B. Pickett, member State Board of Health and Mayor, " "
 - Dr. W. L. Cameron, coroner, " "
 - Dr. H. F. H. Sprague, Co. physician, " "
 - D. H. Miller, county treasurer and merchant, " "
 - A. S. Bliton, editor Medford Mail, " "
 - J. S. Howard, U. S. mineral surveyor, " "
 - Holbrook Withington, attorney, " "
 - E. N. Warner, merchant, " "
 - Geo. F. King, " " "
 - T. E. Postteuger, " " "
 - L. B. Brown, " " "
 - J. E. Babcock, " " "
 - Capt. J. T. C. Nash, capitalist, " "
 - A. A. Davis, " " "
 - L. C. Coleman, " " "
 - W. F. McSwain, " " "
 - W. J. Mahoney, R. E. agent, " "
 - P. W. Howell, archt. dist., Central Point, " "
 - E. Britt, capitalist and mayor, Jacksonville.
 - J. S. Orr, county clerk, " "
 - B. H. Low, county recorder, " "
 - J. H. Huff, capitalist, " "
 - J. F. Miller, merchant, " "
 - T. J. Kenney, " " "
 - J. C. Smider, " " "
 - W. H. Miller, " " "
 - G. E. Seuber, " " "
 - C. Wick, " " "
 - S. P. DeRoboam, U. S. Hotel, " "
 - W. M. Paul, barber, " "
 - Fred B. Jones, carpenter, Medford, " "
 - Will Piening, Medford, " "

JACKSON COUNTY.

The county court has authorized Judge Dunn to have a new roof put upon the court house at Jacksonville. Fred Ficke is doing the work.

Miss Ernestine Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Laura Edwards, postmistress at Talent, has accepted the year's scholarship in the State Normal offered to the pupil of the Jackson county public schools having the highest standing in the eighth grade examinations during the past year, and is preparing to enter at the opening of school next month.

Within the last week two farmers of the valley have lost their grain crops by fire. John McCallister, living on the William Taylor place, southeast of Ashland, lost about 900 bushels of grain—wheat and barley Saturday afternoon, which had been stacked in readiness for the thrasher. The fire was thought to have been started by hunters. At the Bybee place, north of Jacksonville, Friday evening L. Neidermeyer lost about 700 bushels of grain. A steam thrasher was at work at the stacks when they caught, presumably from the engine. The threshing outfit was saved with difficulty.

As to the much mooted point as to whether the famous Briggs discovery is in Oregon or California, surveys have shown, E. T. Staples, who was in Ashland, yesterday from the property, which he has bonded and is developing, says that the ledge runs from southeast to northwest and that the property is partly in Oregon and partly in California. When he and his companions are gathered about the dinner table in their camp one of them is seated across the line in California, while the other three are eating in Oregon. The Wounded Back claim, which is a continuation of the Briggs discovery, is almost wholly over the state line.—Ashland Tidings.

Rogue River Claims Another Victim.

Wm. McKnight, a well-known citizen of Gold Hill, was drowned in Rogue river Sunday afternoon, while fishing at Dowden falls, on Rogue river, a few miles above Gold Hill. McKnight was alone, but a man on the opposite side of the stream saw him fishing, and says that he hooked a large salmon and in trying to land it became entangled in the line, was swept off his feet into the swift current and drowned. When the body was found the rod and line was still attached to it, the line being wrapped around the head of one of the unfortunate man's shoes. The indications were that when the slack line caught the shoe, a sudden dash of the fish pulled McKnight off his feet into the deep water. He was seen by the spectator above mentioned to attempt to swim ashore, but the salmon was evidently too strong for him and pulled him under.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Morning services will be held at the usual hour on Sunday. Young Peoples' meeting at 7 o'clock p. m.

—Beeson & Huger, Talent Nurserymen, are prepared to fill orders for fruit trees in any quantity, for commercial orchards.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

Jacob Walz:—"That item you printed last week, in which you said I had lost some horses with this peculiar disease which is going around, was all a mistake. I have lost no horses—your informant must have gotten my name mixed with some one else's."

Hon. W. S. Crowell:—"If I were you, Bliton, I would have that good roads proposition copyrighted. I do not presume, however, that other papers of the valley will take it up as there is seemingly no alarming disposition on their part to ape journalistic enterprise, however extensive some of them may plagiarize it. I admire THE MAIL'S enterprise and I am sure your scheme will put a great many dollars into good roads which would not otherwise get there."

A Subscriber:—"I hear all kinds of discussions touching upon automobiles. There are as many different opinions as to relative merits as there are different kinds of machines put out. Some prefer the hot air kind, others the gasoline, others the steam and there are some who prefer the toy kind, but from the best authority I can dig up the gas auto seem preferable. Jess Euyart prefers this kind—because they can be charged. Now, why this preference I don't know—unless he expects to charge the machine himself."

Mail Office Devil:—"Say, dere's gottor be more fly cops 'round dis man's burg dan a few, an' dey're 'ust like all dem kind o' people, dey never succeed in draggin' nobody. Couple dem amachure tecs went out tother day after Wilson an' Madison, an' dey was sure fixed for emergencies. Dey had two demijohns full of chafu lightnin' and a gun in de buggy, and I don't know much of de first named in dere skins. Dey come back de next day tellin' of how near dey come to captur' de bold, bad outlaw, but dere breat' smelled like de inside ur a distillery, and I think dey dreamed it."

H. C. Stoddard:—"I am a stranger in your town, but I hope to remain here. I like your good road proposition. There is manifest in it a spirit of 'something doing' which is commendable. I am of the opinion that the interest—substantial—which you have taken in the good roads matter will have a tendency to induce other business men of the valley to institute similar projects in connection with their business which will in the end materially improve our public thoroughfares. You may place my name on your list of new subscribers—and I will contribute my fifty cents to the Medford road district."

A Citizen:—"Some of these moonlight nights I'm going to act contrary to the peace and dignity of the city of Medford, and I don't care who knows the reason thereof. Every once in while the canine population of this man's burg takes a notion to have vocal exercises, and invariably they choose my neighborhood for a general rendezvous. They start something like the farmers' band that parades the streets before a performance of Joshua Whitcomb. Way in the distance a faint bark is heard, then another in a different direction, then more somewhere else. They keep getting closer and closer, until finally they converge as near as possible to my bed room window. Some of these times I'm going to load an old fashioned ten bore shot gun I know of with slugs, nails and any old thing I can get and take a pot shot at that canine orchestra. The old gun may kick hard enough to kill me, but if the supposition of the Indians is anywhere near right I'll be sure to have plenty of dogs with which to chase game in the 'happy hunting grounds.'"

City Council Proceedings.

A special meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Pickett, councilmen, Froehridge, Wilson, Mitchell, Kelly, Scott. Absent, Lay.

The primary object of the meeting was to extend the authority of the Light and Water committee in the matter of the purchase of a pump for the use of the city. At the regular August meeting the committee was authorized to purchase a pump with a capacity of 200 gallons per minute. It was found that this pump would be too small, so at the meeting Tuesday the committee were authorized to use

their own judgment as to the size and capacity of the pump to be bought and were also empowered to secure a motor suitable for operating it.

The bond of the Condor Water and Power Co., in the sum of \$5000, to secure the performance of its contract with the city, was presented. The final acceptance was postponed until the regular meeting. There was a technical error in the dating of the bond, in that it was dated August 2d, when the contract was made on August 3d. There was also a clause in the agreement which, in the opinion of the councilmen, had been violated by a representative of the company; or which was not being carried out as they understood it would be, hence it was thought best to have it modified to conform with its seeming intent before it was signed.

License to sell liquor was granted to Kaputiek & Kennedy.

EUROPEAN NOVELTIES.

Ringling Brothers' Circus Program This Year Brimful of Unique Foreign Acts.

There are more exclusive European novelties in the great program of Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Shows this season than ever before gathered in a circus performance in this country. It is the first appearance here of these artists, and the progressive spirit of this wonderful successful amusement firm was never better illustrated. The most sensational riding acts ever performed are to be seen at each performance in the unique feats of the four Eldreds. These riders have astonished all Europe by their extraordinary equestrianism. Four people jumping from the ground to a running horse's back at exactly the same time, jumping backward at the same instant to the same flying position, side somersaulting over two fleet horses, and executing difficult acrobatic feats while all four are on the back of a speeding horse, are several of the deeds that they accomplish that were never before. The four Eldreds are without a peer in the world on sensational bareback riding. The four Jeddins, Parisian Idols, are also in this high class, and make their first appearance here with Ringling Brothers. They introduce riding and leaping dogs in their novel and hazardous acts. The six Giltnerettes, who turn triple somersaults from shoulder to shoulder, are acrobats of European celebrity. The Tasmania troupe, the eight Colini-Clarens and the Dollard troupe present their specialties for the first time, and have created a sensation. To bring these artists to this country is another evidence of the progressive policy of Ringling Brothers, which separates their great shows from all others, both in public favor and exclusive, novel and expensive features. Ringling Brothers are leaders in the circus part of the amusement world, for which the public at large is appreciative, as may be seen in the wonderful crowds this show alone attracts.

Range War in Eastern Oregon.

The range war in Eastern Oregon, which was thought to have been settled, has broken out again. Last Friday a band of twenty men with blackened faces overpowered the herder in charge of a flock of over 1000 thoroughbred sheep at Little Summit Prairie, Crook county, bound and blindfolded him, and then proceeded to slaughter the sheep. The shooting continued for nearly two hours, when the sheep were all killed or scattered. The sheep belonged to Monow & Keenan, of Prineville, and this attack is the first that has been made on "home" sheep, the other slaughters being of sheep owned outside the districts in which they occurred.

In view of the compromise between the cattle and sheepmen made two months ago, it is thought that the killing last Friday was done by irresponsible parties, who had nothing in view except the wanton destruction of property.

Married—Musick-Macaulay.

A quiet home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Macaulay, in Crescent City, August 15th, when they gave their daughter, Miss Ethel, in marriage to Mr. E. L. Musick.

The bride, who was formerly a resident of this city, is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends here. She is a sister of Mrs. L. O. Howard. The groom is a member of one of the most prominent families in Crescent City, and is one of the successful school teachers of Del Norte county.

Mr. Musick is certainly to be congratulated upon his choice. They are residing at Smith River, where the groom is engaged in teaching school.

Union Services.

Union services will be held at the Christian church Sunday evening. Preaching by Rev. Goode.

PORT ARTHUR HAS FALLEN.

It is reported upon the authority of one of those ubiquitous Chinese junks, which have a faculty of appearing with startling news just about the time that the war correspondents are running out of something to write about, that Port Arthur has fallen, and that General Slossel, the Russian commander, had been killed. Like most of the reports from the seat of war this lacks confirmation, but seems likely to be true, judging from the situation of affairs around Port Arthur.

The report is to the effect that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antschan as well as another fort, probably Estehan, about a mile southwest of Antschan. They have driven the Russians from the parade ground, which lies about two miles north of the harbor; they have destroyed two forts at Chaochanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chaochanko. This news confirms information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe.

The junk heard firing until midnight of August 23d. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships, unable to fight, are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not yet conquered the Russian stronghold.

CHEFOO, Aug. 24.—2:30 p. m.—Information of undoubted authenticity states that the Japanese armored cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga have bombarded and silenced the Russian forts east of Golden Hill at the entrance of Port Arthur.

The forts referred to are probably the same or very close to Forts Tainpang and Chaochanko.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A telegram from Tokio to the Japanese Legation says the Russian battleship Sebastopol was bombarding the Japanese land positions yesterday from outside the harbor of Port Arthur when she struck a mine. Besides a list to starboard, the battleship's bows were submerged.

Time Limit Expires.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 23.—The time limit allowed by the Treaty of Shanghai for the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovi to disarm has passed without compliance with his order.

A meeting of the foreign consuls was held this afternoon, but the Russian Consul-General, M. Kladimennoff, was absent, and no definite course of action was decided upon.

The Treaty has requested Sir Pelm Warren, the British Consul-General, to order that the repairs to the Askold be stopped. The British Consul-General has taken no action as yet.

There is a Japanese squadron outside the harbor, awaiting developments.

A visit to the Askold shows that the hull is not in condition to go to sea. The repairs on the Russian cruiser's boilers and funnels have been rushed, but the replacing of damaged plates in her hull has been pursued in a desultory manner.

In view of the circumstances existing here, certain prominent American firms today made a request upon American Consul-General Goodnow for the protection of cargo on wharves near the Askold. This request was forwarded by Mr. Goodnow to Rear-Admiral Stirling, in command of the American fleet here, who has the matter under consideration.

No uneasiness is felt by the foreign residents of Shanghai, but the Chinese are excited.

Tile Factory Near Gold Hill.

Stieckel Bros., of Gold Hill, are making a fine grade of tile at a plant one mile south east of Gold Hill, where they have a large amount of first class clay for this purpose. They are turning out large quantities of excellent tile, and expect to build up a good trade. Stieckel Bros. are to be commended for their energy and enterprise in starting this new industry in the valley, and THE MAIL wishes them success. Samples of produce are on exhibition at D. H. Miller's hardware store, and is pronounced by experts to be first class in every respect.