

# THE MYOPY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON ROGUE RIVER

## The Lord of the Rogue Answers Mr. Kelly at Some Length and to the Point

By R. D. HUME.

The lord of the Rogue, who for 40 years fished on the stream and built the hatchery at Elk Creek, now operated by Mr. Kelly for the government.)

The Southern Oregonian, a journal published at Medford, Jackson County, Or., in its issue of the 19th ut., contains an article from the pen of H. L. Kelly, Jr., who is acting as superintendent of the Elk Creek hatchery owned by R. D. Hume and operated by U. S. Fisheries department of the bureau of labor. In the same issue the editor of that journal makes some intelligent comments regarding the statements of Mr. Kelly, and comes much nearer the root of the evil than does his correspondent. It is true that steelheads of some sort can be found in Rogue river at any season of the year, but the main run of large fish of the species enter the river about November 10 of each year and continue until the following month of March, while the run of small steelheads come in August and continue coming through September and October following each run of chinooks and silverides to the spawning grounds to feed on the eggs deposited by them. The reason for the shortage of fish in the waters of Jackson county can be found at the dams which blockade the river in Josephine county. On this point why art thou silent, Mr. Kelly, Jr.? These dams permit but a moiety of mature fish to reach their natural spawning grounds and a large proportion of the fry produced by them drift down over the dams or into the mining and irrigating ditches from whence but few return.

Rogue river and its tributaries furnish the greatest breeding grounds for steelheads of any waters in the world, as every little stream that puts in from its source to its mouth is a natural spawning ground for them. Many of these tributaries are located in such rough country that can never be settled to any extent, and if remain unobstructed can never be depleted as the fish come during the time of higher stages of water when they cannot be taken by the river fishermen. While Mr. Kelly states facts regarding questions he considers, he dodges the main issue and we fear since locating at Gindlay Eddy he has had an attack of strabismus which prevents the discovery of anything wrong with the dams near Grants Pass. Mr. Kelly is convinced that the dietum of myopia afflicted scientists settles the question regarding everything relating to the salmon species. The days are past when the dietum of gentlemen will be accepted, who after a casual examination of the streams air the views they have absorbed from books written by men of their own kind in times when knowledge was slightly diffused. Years ago when the world was wrapped in a shroud of ignorance such dietum might be taken as the natural law, but today the intelligent querist "desires to be shown." If Mr. Kelly or the scientists whose views he favors desire to make good the theory they advance, let them turn loose a few hundred marked salmon near the sea to determine their condition if any are caught returning, or Mr. Kelly can mark some at Gindlay Eddy just before the racks go out with the freshest and we will catch them on their return next summer if any survive, and he can determine whether a salmon spawns more than once. While it is true that in streams of great length salmon become too much exhausted to reach the sea, on shorter streams many do, as all fishermen know, having seen them working their way down the estuaries towards the sea. More than 30 years ago I turned salmon from

which spawn had been stripped, into the estuary of Rogue river in the month of December, and five months later my fishermen caught the same salmon, which had become restored to its natural condition as should be in coming fresh from the sea. I had marked and turned out that year 150 adult salmon which had been stripped. We caught, the following fishing season, more than half the number and the next year there after nearly enough of the same lot to make up the full number.

We do not agree that the fish at Gindlay Eddy should be killed, nor do we favor taking eggs at that place, as those taken are from fish which have come there during the close season, and while the laws remain as at present such stocking will benefit nobody. The fish are arrested short of their natural spawning grounds, consequently are not naturally matured, therefore there is a large percentage of loss in eggs and fry besides the whole product being much weaker and inferior to those taken earlier in the season. Of the 1,000,000 shipped here under the supervision of Mr. Kelly only about 1,000,000 survived to be turned out, and many of them were weaklings.

While Mr. Herian was in charge of the Elk Creek station the eggs were taken above the dams and properly packed for shipment, they arrived here and were developed with small loss and produced strong, healthy fry. The trouble with the fish propagation in Oregon has been a plethora of would-be scientists and fish catologists who desired to see something affixed to their names and to operate at towns where respectable fish of good quality do not congregate. Whether Mr. Kelly is of this sort or not, it is evident that the proximity of Gindlay Eddy to Grants Pass might have caused him to forget the dams as one of the evils. Mr. Kelly also draws from fanciful realms in quoting figures stating that the female chinook salmon of Rogue river carry 2000 eggs. I have opened and counted hundreds before the eggs were loose from the roe and without fail found 2000 in each roe, or 4000 to each female, and I will pay for a suit of clothes for Mr. Kelly if he will find me a female salmon taken from Rogue river that carries 2000 eggs. Unless the fish-eries department of the state and nation can find some way of allowing the fish to ascend to their natural spawning grounds they might as well suspend operations on Rogue river. No good is being accomplished under present supervision. There is little prospect of any benefits being derived from officials whose duty it is to provide ways, who are appointed by the head of the commission for political benefits that may accrue and who are expected to use the influence of their position to the favor of the political kite tail of him who gave them the appointment. Mr. McAllister selects and appoints a deputy warden from Grants Pass and writes that the fishways operate all right and salmon passing freely. Mr. Kelly says nothing but only gets a moiety of eggs above the dams, while the people of Jackson county say there is no fish in the upper waters. Where is the remedy? While the administration of the laws are in the power of an unscrupulous political demagogue to be used to land the prize he covets there will be little chance for a change for the better unless the scales can be lifted from the eyes of a sufficient number who will by their votes dethrone such an unfaithful servant and take the question of manipulating the favors of the God given natural resources which have been so bountifully provided out of the political slush tub.

### RAILROAD WILL REACH WATER IN THIRTY DAYS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 7.—The railroad will reach navigable water in 30 days, is the latest announcement from the California Northeastern engineers. If this is accomplished, November 1 will see the days of stinging into the Klamath country at an end.

The present plan is to make Hol-land, the station where the grade over the marsh intersects the channel into the Klamath river, the terminus until the road is completed to this city.

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### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Otto R. Fouts and Leilah G. Kinyon.

Christian Church News.

Splendid audiences were in attendance at both services last Sunday. The large chorus of 25 voices under the leadership of Mr. Edmonds rendered several soul inspiring hymns. Mr. Edmonds rendered two solos in a very effective manner. No doubt the Christian church will be the church home of many music lovers during the entire year.

The Whiston Longman meeting begins at the Christian church the first week in November. There will be a large chorus of 50 voices during the meeting. Sixty-two added at Ashland to date.

Prayer meeting and choir practice Thursday night, beginning at 7:30. Every member is earnestly requested to be present.

The losers in the Bible school contest entertained the winners at the church Friday night. Welcome to all visitors.

Official board meeting at the church Friday at 7 p. m.

# LOCAL PEARS GET BIG RETURNS

## Perry Advised Regarding Sale of Mixed Car of Rogue River Valley Pears

J. A. Perry received last evening a report from New York giving the prices received for a car of mixed pears shipped by the Rogue River Fruit Growers' union. As usual Rogue River pears commanded the highest figures brought in the east. According to Mr. Perry's advices Comice pears in half boxes brought \$2.75; Rose pears in half boxes brought \$1.88, and d'Anjou pears brought \$2.50 in full boxes. The car sold gross for \$2600.

The prices paid come to local growers rather as a surprise, for prices this year have been low. It is pleasing news to realize that Rogue River pears are always at the top whether the market be dull or brisk.

### STRIKERS SCRAMBLE FOR THEIR OLD POSITIONS

WINNIPEG, Man., October 7.—Following the announcement of the settlement of the differences that led to the strike of the mechanics of the Canadian Pacific railroad three months ago the strikers are today participating in a lively scramble to get their old positions back.

Both parties are extremely reticent and beyond the fact that the men will go back to work in the morning, nothing definite is known regarding the terms beyond that it is generally understood here that the powerful interests engaged during the past ten days in bringing the parties together have succeeded in arranging a compromise acceptable to both.

# City Business Directory

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### WOULD STOP BETTING ON RACES IN JAPAN

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