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## ROGUE RIVER FISHING.

The protected Hume salmon fishing monopoly at the mouth of the Rogue now enjoys the largest open season in the state, but two closed seasons in spring and fall of thirty-five days each being observed. The recent legislature again showed its partiality to this monopoly, which for thirty years has accumulated millions at the expense of all southern Oregon, and rejected the master fish warden's bill shortening the season.

Harmony now reigns on the Columbia, both states having agreed upon a law that provides the following closed seasons: Spring close, from 12 o'clock noon, March 1, to 12 o'clock noon, May 1. Fall close, from 12 o'clock noon, August 25, to 12 o'clock noon, September 10. A weekly close of 24 hours, beginning at 6 o'clock p. m. Saturday and extending to 6 o'clock p. m. Sunday, is also provided.

It is believed these closed seasons will give the salmon the protection they have long needed and will be the means of allowing a great percentage of them to reach the hatcheries and spawning grounds in the headwaters of the various streams.

But no such protection for salmon in the Rogue is granted. There is no closed Sunday, no two months' season in the spring. The Hume interests have 295 days in the year to fish. The Columbia river fishers have but 244 days. No wonder salmon are diminishing each year and steelhead becoming exterminated.

## MORE PAVING NEEDED.

Seventh street, or that portion of it paved, has served as a good object lesson to citizens of Medford as to the need of paving. The contrast between paved and unpaved need of paving. The contrast between paved and unpaved streets was never brought out sharper than it is here.

Already petitions are being circulated to extend the paved area. Paving costs money, but property owners have ten years to pay for it in, and the increase in the value of property due to the pavement amply justifies the expenditure.

Owners who object to paying for the cost of improvements that appreciate their property are shortsighted. They are in the same category with the grangers who killed the Johnson good roads bill in the house because good roads would increase taxes, forgetting that poor roads maroon the farmer at certain seasons, depreciate the value of his property and entail a far heavier burden upon him through inability to reach markets than taxes could possibly make.

The paved street area of Medford is the district in which property and property values will advance—the district that will improve—so see that your property gets in it.

## JACKSON EIGHTH IN VALUATION.

According to the new state tax apportionment Jackson county's assessed valuation is reduced from \$26,685,249 to \$17,944,018. The apportionment of taxes paid to the state is \$38,075.

Jackson now, under the equalized assessment, ranks eighth among the counties of the state. Multnomah leads with \$190,086,973; Marion is second with \$34,033,822; Umatilla third with \$30,803,899; Linn fourth with \$28,291,736; Lane fourth with \$26,203,032; Douglas fifth with \$21,473,009; Clackamas sixth with \$20,511,109, and Yamhill seventh with \$20,157,114.

Josephine's assessed valuation is \$5,981,339, and Klamath's \$9,450,516. Klamath was raised from the old valuation and Josephine lowered. Josephine pays in \$12,790 to the state and Klamath \$20,185.

## HEAD OF MISSING MAN FOUND NEAR HERMISTON

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 27.—M. Scarborough, a merchant of Hermiston, while driving across the Umatilla plain last night, discovered a man's head lying on the ground two miles north of Hermiston. Examination of the head leads to the belief that the head is that of H. H. Hobland of Chamberlain, who in August last disappeared. It is supposed that he met with foul play, and his relatives found no trace of his whereabouts. It is believed he was murdered for his money.

## URGES CHAMBERLAIN TO COME TO CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Bourne has telegraphed Senator Chamberlain, suggesting the advisability of his being here March 5 to be sworn in as senator, instead of waiting until March 15, the commencement of the special session, as Chamberlain should wait until March 15 all the senators entering March 5 would outrank him in seniority.

## SENATOR FULTON TO AID IN PROTECTING OUR FISH

Senator F. W. Fulton has introduced himself in the protection of Rogue river fish and the removal of government traps which block the progress of the fish upstream. He says in a recent letter to a Medford friend: "I have taken up the matter of trapping traps in the Rogue river and requesting the removal of the traps by the government. I will take pleasure in doing what I can to help you in this matter. The government has no right there in violation of the Oregon statute, for the stream is not a navigable one and the government has no right to place traps on private property."

## NEBRASKA LATEST TO TRY OREGON SENATORIAL PLAN

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—The state senate passed the bill providing for the election of United States senators on the Oregon plan. The measure has already passed the house and Governor Shelbyberger will approve it.

## FULTON WILL DESERT ASTORIA FOR PORTLAND

Senator Fulton intends to make Portland his home. He made an announcement to this effect. Soon after the adjournment of congress he will go to Astoria to close up his affairs and then move his residence and office to Portland.

## TAX COMMISSIONERS FOR STATE ARE APPOINTED

At a meeting of the state tax board C. V. Gallaway of McMinnville and J. R. Eaton of La Grande were appointed tax commissioners to serve with the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the governor, the latter three as ex-officio members, on the new tax commission provided by a bill which passed the 53rd legislature early in the session.

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