

PERMANENT FISHWAY IS GREAT SUCCESS

It is the Only Fishway of Its Kind in the State—Cost \$3000.

The new fishway at the Ament dam is practically finished and has been open off and on since last Friday, and the fish are taking to it like a duck to water and go up without any effort. It is the only fishway of its kind in the state and naturally there has been some anxiety as to how it would work, as it has cost considerable money and if it did not work it would have placed the officials in charge of the work in bad faith with the fish commission.

For some years there has been considerable complaint about the fishway at this dam to the effect that the fish had hard work to get over it, which was true. However, the owners of the dam were not to blame, for they constructed the fishway according to plans and instructions of a former master fish warden and had kept absolute faith with the state of Oregon. Consequently something had to be done, and as the owners of the dam could not be forced to put in a new fishway, it was up to the state to do it. The state had never spent any money on the upper Rogue river, and Master Fish Warden McAllister thought this would be a good place to begin, and after a consultation with Deputy Fish Warden Edward Clanton of this city the present plan was decided upon.

At first the plans called for a fishway that would cost about \$1500, but after a thorough investigation, and owing to the fact that the fishway was to be a permanent one, the plans were changed and the present fishway cost in the neighborhood of \$3000, most of this money being paid out in labor.

The fishway is in a half circle

around the south end of the dam. It is 300 feet long, ten deep at the head and 25 feet deep at the outlet, and is six feet wide. The bottom and sides are of concrete as are also the facings of the ground next to the river at the lower end, this work requiring 150 yards of concrete.

With the changing of the plans the fishway was made longer and deeper and all the excavating practically had to be done by hand through a heavy cement gravel that is worse than going through the hardest concrete. It was not practical to shoot the excavation, as the blasts might injure the embankment next the dam.

At the present time the bulkheads in the bottom of the channel are of wood, but these will shortly be replaced with concrete. Mr. Clanton deeming it would be better to make them of wood until he had a way they should be placed. All the concrete is reinforced with iron rods such as are used in concrete buildings, so that the construction of the fishway is as substantial as the rock of Gibraltar. After the work is all completed the whole will be covered with heavy timbers. Mr. Clanton has done a lot of hard work on this piece of construction and has done everything he could to keep down the cost to the state, and it is needless to state that when the gates were opened and he saw the fish going up like a drove of sheep, he felt pretty good. As soon as the gates were opened he counted 47 big fish go up in 50 minutes and of course the smaller fish he did not see. The fishway was badly needed, for the protection and propagation of fish in Rogue river and the state has done no more than right in building this fishway, and Master Fish Warden McAllister and his able assistant, Mr. Clanton, are to be commended for their efforts in this locality and for also constructing a work that will be permanent and practical, even though it did cost a little more than at first contemplated.

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CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

(The Herald.)

William Mayfield has added an addition to his residence and otherwise improved the property.

Mrs. Ella Stanley left Monday for Greeridge, Mo., where she expects to make her future home.

Benjamin Adyott, who has been suffering from an attack of typhoid at Medford, was in town yesterday. William Lewis and family, who recently sold their farm on the Jacksonville road, leave today for Los Angeles to spend the winter.

Councilman J. W. Jacobs is confined to his home this week with an attack of rheumatism.

Curtis Prock has purchased lot 3 in block 69 from S. A. Pattison and will erect a dwelling thereon at once.

Dr. Anderson was appointed city health officer at the last regular meeting of the council Monday evening.

Mrs. John Wright has lumber on the ground for a new dwelling on her lots on North Third street.

The remains of Thomas W. Stanley who met death by accident here several months ago, were exhumed last Saturday and taken to his former home at Greenridge, Mo., for final interment.

Mr. Warner is preparing to erect a dwelling on North Third street. Lumber is now on the ground for the dwelling.

C. J. Reed of Portland, United States marshal for the district of Oregon, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Hopkins Monday evening.

A. J. Dunlap has purchased lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in block 9, from J. V. Hale of Grants Pass, the consideration being \$400. Mr. Dunlap will improve the property this fall. The sale was made by W. E. Whiteside.

Mary Mee on Saturday purchased the residence property of Ed Lamme in the Pattison addition, the consideration being \$200. On the same day she also bought an adjoining vacant

lot from S. A. Pattison for a consideration of \$85.

E. F. Fordyce of Eureka, Cal., and Fred Surran of Lovelocks, Nev., were in Central Point Monday afternoon looking up old acquaintances. Both are former Jackson county boys and after an absence of several years have returned for a short visit. They marvel at the rapid development of Jackson county and say that in their travels they have not yet come across a place to beat it.

R. H. Campbell has sold his farm of 31 acres west of town to L. E. Wakeman, a recent arrival from Minnesota, the consideration being \$175 an acre. Campbell bought the place some six months ago and sold at a neat advance over the price he then paid. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell expect to go to Willamette valley for the winter to the regret of their many friends in this community.

Whiteside & Lawrence opened their Central Theater in the new Whiteside building Tuesday evening with a good audience. The show starts off with up-to-date moving pictures, etc., and it is the intention to add other attractions later. A series of Saturday evening dances will be given in the same hall during the winter, the initial dance being next Saturday evening. The Central promises to be a very popular place of amusement for the winter.



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