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ROGUE RIVER WAR SETTLED.

If the late agreement entered into by the Macleay Estate company and the sportsmen of upper Rogue river is as it has been reported, and both sides abide by it, the notorious Rogue river fishing war is at an end. The time of the legislature, which has cost the state many thousands of dollars, need no longer be consumed in wrangling over the question.

In the settling of this controversy, which has continued through many years, R. L. Macleay is entitled to much credit for consenting to the abolition of the seine. As the TRIBUNE has stated in the past, the seine has been the red flag that kept the up-river element fighting mad. On the other hand, it was a privilege that benefitted the Macleay company alone because of its control of all seining grounds, and in voluntarily giving it up, Mr. Macleay has shown a commendable spirit that is evidence of a real desire to settle the controversy.

One thing that caused set nets to fall under disfavor was that in many places they were put where they interfered with drift nets, and of later years, since so much water is taken out of the upper river for irrigation, it is only during the early part of the season that the set nets catch any salmon to speak of. However, it would be a big help to many families living along the river had drifting been allowed to continue 26 mile up the stream instead of 12 miles.

In agreeing to the abolition of commercial fishing at Grants Pass, the up-river section made a big concession. As a whole, this compromise is undoubtedly the best thing that has ever happened for the propagation of the salmon fishing industry on Rogue river.

SALARIES TOO LOW.

In another column of this issue will be found the announcement of W. M. Kent for nomination as School Superintendent. Mr. Kent is a candidate to succeed himself on the Republican ticket, and his record as an efficient public officer will do doubt send him to the polls without opposition.

Mr. Kent is coming out squarely on a platform asking for a raise in his salary. And this is something the taxpayers of the county might as well make up their minds to meet. It is not the School Superintendent's office alone, but every office in the county, that is underpaid, and salaries must be raised or else it will soon be impossible to get competent persons to serve the county.

The TRIBUNE believes, however, that moderation should be used in the increase of salaries. Each county official is entitled to a substantial increase in pay, but it would be unwise to make too big a jump. Abnormal conditions are now prevailing, but it will not be long ere a dollar will go much farther than at present, and it is for the future that the salary basis should be figured.

From present indications, candidates seeking office in Curry are fairly safe in assuming that their salaries will be increased at the next session of the legislature.

CONSOLIDATION MEANS BETTER SCHOOLS.

The upper Sixes school district has decided not to ask for consolidation at this time with the lower Sixes, Elk river and Port Orford districts, but expects to do so later when better roads make it easier for children from there to come in here to school.

If the court grants the petitions presented, which it undoubtedly will, the three latter districts will vote upon consolidation at the annual school election in June.

The consolidation of school districts is being effected all over the land, and everywhere has the endorsement of leading educators. Its advantages are many. It permits better school buildings, better equipment, a higher class of teachers with less grades in a room hence much better result. It also brings to every child in the community, however poor, the opportunity of an education beyond the 8th grade.

In this instance, with a public truck in the Elk and Sixes districts, a consolidation will in reality bring a high school closer to the children than the common school now is, at little, if any, additional expense.

The more the parents of these three districts affected will consider the welfare of their children, the more strongly they will favor this consolidation.

The Salvation Army Rescue week campaign is set for May 1st to 10th. Be ready to "do your bit" in this great humanitarian work when the time comes, and do it cheerfully and as generously as you can.

42 Years In The Service.

Referring to a story in the Port land Journal about the remarkable long service of an eastern lighthouse keeper, who had held a position of that kind for forty years says the Coquille Sentinel, T. J. Thistle says we have a keeper on this coast who beats that record. James Langlois was connected with the Cape Blanco light house for 42 years and six months, and was keeper nearly the whole time. He is now 72 years of age and has been out of the service for a year, receiving the allowance in pension the government gives lighthouse men who grow old in the service. It is recalled that at one time when there was a fight between the first and second assistants at Cape Blanco, and one of them was killed, Langlois remained on duty for 20 consecutive nights. The story of the sea he could tell ought to make an interesting volume.

Denmark Farm Sold.

Last week's Western World gives the following account of the sale of another of northern Curry's splendid dairy farms:

Kenneth Perkins has closed a deal for the F. T. McMullen dairy farm at Denmark, Curry county, and this week took possession of his new ranch.

The consideration was \$30,000. The farm consists of 160 acres of good land, of which more than 100 acres is bottom land. It has a fine house and other buildings, and also included in the deal were 40 head of Guernsey cattle, and a Guernsey bull valued at \$500. The dairy barn is equipped with 2 double unit Perfection milking machines, and a large amount of ranch machinery was also included with the place.

Mr. Perkins had been farming his father's place on upper Two Mile for several years. The latter, F. N. Perkins had taken charge of their home ranch.

Smith Mine Cuts The Gold.

A miner's gold pan containing about \$250 worth of gold and platinum in rich black sand concentrates was displayed in Bandon this week by John R. Smith, veteran miner and black sand operator, who has a successful separating plant near the mouth of Cut creek, north of Bandon.

Mr. Smith has just begun working some of his richer ground and the concentrates displayed in the pan were the results of one day's operations. A clean up had been made Friday and on Saturday, Mr. Smith states, he and his assistants decided to make a test run to see just what could be accomplished during the hours of one regular working day.

About 100 yards of raw material was put through the plant and it averaged approximately \$2.50 in gold and platinum to the yard. There is still richer ground in the Smith holdings and altogether there are millions of yards of sands that can be worked profitably by the method employed by Mr. Smith.

"There is no further question about saving the values in the black sands in commercial quantities," declared Mr. Smith to a World man, "and I am willing to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the most skeptical, if they will only come out to the plant."

Mr. Smith is very enthusiastic over the success of his undertaking and is anxious to have the local public investigate in order that they might have a better understanding of the wonderful opportunity in mining lying dormant at their very door.

He states that some big interests are becoming interested in his work and that in his opinion there will be many outside people here to investigate the proposition during the coming summer.

The plant will suspend operations next week for the purpose of installing a "haul back." This is a new method of bringing the sand to the plant. A gas engine in the plant will furnish the power. A long cable will be used to draw a scraper. In this way the sand will be drawn into the dump from which place it is sucked into the plant with large suction pumps. With the aid of the haul back the plant will take care of about 200 yards of sand a day.—Western World.

Political Announcements.

The announcement of candidates seeking nomination to office will be published in this column until after primary election in May for 1921.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

I herewith respectfully announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Joint Representative, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Coos and Curry counties, and should I be nominated and elected to that office I pledge a faithful discharge of its duties to the best of my ability.
Respectfully,
J. F. HOPKINS.

FOR SHERIFF.

I herewith respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Curry county, Ore., subject to the will of the majority of the republican voters as expressed at the Primary Election to be held in May. Should I be nominated and elected I will use my best efforts and judgment in law enforcement in the future as I have in the past.
Respectfully Yours,
Wm. Tolman.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

My name as candidate for the office of County School Superintendent of Curry county is hereby submitted to the legal Republican voters, subject to their decision at the Primaries to be held in May. Should I be nominated and elected I promise to render the same efficient service as in the past.
Yours respectfully
W. M. KENT.

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