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R. D. HUME DIED AT HOME IN WEDEEBURN THIS MORNING

Prominent Oregon Pioneer Succumbs After Long Illness.

LONG AN EXPERT IN SALMON INDUSTRY

Owned More Than 15,000 Acres of Land In Curry County.

(Special to The Times.)

WEDDERBURN, Ore., Nov. 25.—R. D. Hume, the Rogue River salmon king, died at his home here at 5:30 this morning after a lingering illness of kidney trouble and a complication of ills. The end was not unexpected as he had been rapidly growing weaker the last few days and hope was given up Monday. Dr. E. Mings of Marshfield, Mrs. Hume and other members of the household were at the bedside at the end.

Mr. Hume was one of the greatest authorities on the salmon industry—both the propagation of the fish and the packing of it. He had made it a life long study and was generally regarded as one of the leading experts in that business.

Mr. Hume was one of the wealthiest men in Oregon, the million or so dollars at which he is generally rated, having been accumulated entirely by his own efforts. He was twice a member of the Oregon legislature as the joint representative from Coos and Curry counties and had been a candidate for other political honors but was unsuccessful.

Mr. Hume was born in Augusta, Maine, October 31, 1845. When quite young, he came to the Pacific coast and was one of the first salmon packers on the Columbia river, locating there and engaging in the business in the early sixties. There were but a few landings on the Columbia then, the entire coast being practically unsettled but he remained there and built up a big business. Of Scotch descent, he saw the possibilities of the salmon trade abroad and put out a special brand known as "Crown Grand Salmon." In 1875, he disposed of his Columbia river business, receiving a large sum and \$250,000 for the "Crown Brand" alone.

In 1876, he moved to the Rogue river in Curry county and engaged in the salmon business again. He built a cannery at Gold Beach and rapidly developed the business. He soon found that the natural increase of salmon would not be sufficient and he set to work to propagate the fish. The result is the numerous hatcheries along the coast. In 1893, the cannery at Gold Beach burned and he then moved across the river, built the present plant in Wedderburn.

Mr. Hume was twice married, his first wife being Ocella A. Bryant, a relative of William Cullen Bryant, the poet. Two children were born to them but they and Mrs. Hume died while the family home was on the Columbia in the early seventies. Several years later, he married Mary A. Duncan who survives him.

Mrs. Hume is a native of Australia and was just leaving to visit her old home when Mr. Hume was taken ill. Her father was engaged in shipping and Dr. Hume first met her on the Mary Duncan, a schooner named in her honor and owned by her father.

Besides Mr. Hume, a brother, George Hume, lives in San Francisco. Several other brothers and half-brothers preceded him to the Great Beyond. Herbert, John and Joseph Hume, three nephews, who have been associated with him in the business in Wedderburn, also survive.

Besides about 15,000 acres of land in Curry county, mostly along the Rogue river, Mr. Hume owned the town of Wedderburn, practically, the big cannery plant here, property at Port Orford, winter homes in San Francisco and Oakland, etc.

Being of a rather eccentric nature, he made and kept few intimate friends. Of a grim determination, he would fight to the last ditch for

NORTH BEND CAUCUS HELD

Threatened "Hot Time" Avoided By Selection of W. C. Evans As Chairman.

For mayor—L. J. Simpson.
For councilmen—August Hoeling, L. A. Frey, Peter Loggie, A. Van Zile, F. W. Bode and A. H. McKay.
For recorder—Ed. Brennan and A. H. Derbyshire.
For treasurer—J. H. Gardner and C. H. Winsor.

This summarizes the result of the North Bend caucus last evening. The caucus was not quite as animated as expected from the campaign of the last few days and, that it wasn't was probably due to the selection of W. P. Evans, a man desired by all factions, for chairman.

With the exception of Wm. Smith and J. V. Pugh for councilmen and C. E. Maybee and Andrew Hoben for recorder, the names of all candidates presented to the caucus will go on the ticket to be voted on December 8.

The only question raised in the caucus was that of interpreting the provision of the new charter governing the nominations. It was finally interpreted to mean that the two candidates receiving the highest vote on each ballot should be declared nominees.

This resulted in the nomination of August Hoeling and L. A. Frey on the first ballot. Peter Loggie and A. Van Zile were nominated on the second and F. W. Bode and A. H. McKay on the third.

For recorder, the first ballot settled it.

Mayor L. J. Simpson was given a high tribute, high nomination for re-election being by acclamation.

For treasurer, only the names of Messrs. Winsor and Gardner were presented.

Archie Whisnant was chosen secretary of the caucus and R. B. Miller, Elmer Russell and John Grout, tellers. The greatest number of votes cast was 252.

Messrs. Van Zile and McKay are said to represent the Law and Order League choice for councilmen and that organization is expected to make a hard campaign for them.

Messrs. Gardner and Winsor, the two candidates for treasurer, represent the new Commercial National bank and the Bank of Oregon, respectively and an animated campaign is likely to be put up by them.

FIRE OUSTS LARGE NUMBER

Flames Make Sad Thanksgiving For Forty Families In Chicago Apartments.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Forty families were driven from their homes today into a chilling rain by a fire which destroyed three 4-story buildings on North Winchester avenue and occasioned a loss of \$75,000.

any thing he thought was right. A suit over the fishing rights on Rogue river in which he was defeated gained him considerable notoriety a few years ago.

The funeral will be held in Wedderburn Friday and burial will take place there.

LADIES COATS, tailor suits and party gowns at LADIES' EMPORIUM SALE beginning Saturday, November 28.

APPROPRIATION FOR COOS BAY

Senator C. W. Fulton Says That Special Recommendation of Col. Roessler For \$50,000 Has Not Been Lost Sight of.

That the omission of Coos Bay from the budget of estimates prepared by the United States Engineering Department for the Rivers and Harbors bill for the coming congress, does not mean that no appropriation will be made for this port is the gist of a telegram from Senator C. W. Fulton received by Walter Lyon. The telegram is as follows:

"Boyd has approved recommendation of Roessler, namely appropriating five hundred thousand for dredge and sixty thousand for operating."

Who Boyd is, no one here appears to know. Mr. Lyon, upon request of the Chamber of Commerce, wired Senator Fulton to ascertain if the recommendations of Col. Roessler, forwarded to congress last June, had been lost sight of or was in danger of being passed over.

A letter giving more details will

probably be forthcoming from Senator Fulton. The matter will be taken up with Senator Bourne also and the other members of Congress from Oregon. In addition to this, the delegation will be urged to secure additional appropriations for the harbor.

In addition to Senator Fulton's telegram, Mr. Lyon today received the following letter from Major J. F. McIndoe, head of the Oregon Department of United States engineers: "Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 19, 1908, inclosing a clipping from a local paper giving estimates recommended by the chief of engineers for river and harbor work in Oregon and Washington for the next fiscal year. You are advised that the estimates referred to are merely those for the works that were in progress during the past fiscal year. Estimates for new works such as that at Coos Bay would not be included in the list given, for the reason that such estimates go to congress as separate papers.

"As requested by you there is inclosed herewith a copy of the report on the improvement of Coos Bay which will go to congress when it meets in December."

CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER ARKANSAS

Large Number Reported Killed, Many Towns In Ruins and Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Damage.

(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 25.—Relief is being hastened to the Arkansas towns reported destroyed by a tornado. Late reports confirm the statements that the damage will amount to hundreds of thousands of

dollars and the loss of life will probably exceed forty.

One of the tornadoes almost totally destroyed Bixley, Murray, Low Gap, Ozark, Dale, Boston, Judeau, Trath, Omega, Dryfork, Dinamore, Oarthenon, Messville, Limestone, Redford and other hamlets.

The largest loss of life was at Piney, Knoxville and London.

Another tornado coming from the direction of Louisiana damaged Lewisville, Lodi, Ozan, Murphboro and other towns with a scattering loss of life.

NEW REVOLT AT PORT AU PRINCE

Revolution Against President Nord Alexis Spreads Over Island—Many Executed

(By Associated Press.)

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Nov. 25.—The revolutionary movement against President Nord Alexis is spreading. The gunboat Croyant has fallen into the hands of the rebels. It encountered the gunboat Centenaire off Jeremie and several shots were exchanged. General Lecomte, minister of the interior, who went out against the rebels has been taken prisoner and rumor is current that he has been executed.

Several Are Executed. The report that General Lecomte, the Haytian minister of interior, was killed at Jeremie was confirmed later today. On arriving at Jeremie, Lecomte found the government gunboat Croyant ashore. He accused the commander, Captain Ostema of treason and had him executed. Lecomte later had two prominent citizens of Jeremie executed. The outrages wrought the people up and they armed themselves and took Lecomte prisoner and executed him.

HENEY IS BETTER.

San Francisco Graft Prosecutors Condition Improved.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—Francis J. Heney spent a comfortable night. He is feeling somewhat improved today.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, at 2 P. M.

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GOV. CUMMINS NEW SENATOR

Elected By Iowa Legislature to Succeed Late Wm. B. Allison—Garst Now Governor.

(By Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 25.—Gov. A. B. Cummins was elected United States Senator by the Iowa legislature to succeed the late William B. Allison, the vote being Cummins 106 and Porter, democrat, 35. Three republicans did not vote. Warren Garst, the lieutenant governor, will become governor until Auditor Carroll, who was elected this month, takes the oath of office in January.

LABOR RIOT IN NEW JERSEY

Deputy Sheriffs Fire On Crowd of Strikers Near Perth Amboy.

(By Associated Press.)

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Nov. 25.—A crowd of strikers of the National Fire Proofing Company at Keasby, who struck for higher wages last week, was fired upon by a squad of fifty deputy sheriffs in that village. Several were wounded, two seriously.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 25.—Governor Fort was requested by Prosecutor Bernline of Middlesex county, to send troops to Perth Amboy to quell riot there. Governor Fort refused as he said the request must come from the sheriff, but he notified Colonel Dugan to hold the Trenton battalion in readiness.

SPECIAL SALE of Children's FURSETS at Ladies' Emporium.

ABOUT 200 LOSE LIVES IN BURNING SHIP OFF MALTA

WANT COUNTY TO DO WORK

City Council Thinks It Should Spend More of Road Tax In This District.

The Marshfield city council last night determined to take steps to have this city's portion of the road tax expended for the improvement of roads in this district. The matter was brought up in connection with the discussion of the condition of the Seventh street bridge near Glen Gardens. The bridge needs repairs. In fact is said to be in a dangerous condition. Councilman Sacchi wanted to know whether the city or the county should pay for it. Mayor Straw and City Attorney Farrin said that it had been built by the county and was only used in connection with the county road and consequently the county court should look after it. While the bridge is within the city limits, Mr. Farrin said that the county court had been attending to bridges within the limits of other cities.

Mayor Straw said that he would like to know what the county does with the road tax collected from Marshfield citizens. Mr. Farrin said that he didn't know but that it was supposed to be expended on the road in this district which takes in the territory from the summit on the Coquille road to about midway between Marshfield and Empire. Mayor Straw said that this district ought to have some good roads then.

It was agreed that the matter should be called to the attention of the county court.

Open Street to School.

Mayor Straw advocated the opening of Washington avenue to the new High School grounds. He said that he had promised Dr. McCormac of the school board to bring this matter before the council. He said that it was only about a half a block and would enable the pupils living west of the school to reach it without going several blocks around the way the streets are now opened.

Councilman Sacchi opposed it, saying that he didn't know that conditions warranted it.

Mayor Straw said that it was peculiar that the school board could spend \$45,000 or \$50,000 in a building if the city council couldn't open streets to it. In fact, he considered a shame if the council would not order the street opened and he said that he would personally apologize to the school board for the council if the street was not opened.

After considerable debate, the matter was referred to a committee to investigate.

Storm Signal Tower.

The request of the United States Weather Bureau for a ten years lease of a site on Knob Hill for a storm signal tower was taken up. The council decided that it could not give the right to anyone to occupy a street for so long a time but that it would not object to the tower being erected there.

Contractor Bachman was ordered paid \$2,000 more on his 'C' street work. The henlock plank question is bobbing up again in this contract. City Engineer Sandberg said the street could not be accepted until the unit planks were removed.

Contractor Bachman said that it seemed that all the planks out there are turning to hemlock. He said that he had taken up a lot and put down fir planks but it seemed as though he would have to take all of them up. It was agreed that Mr. Sandberg would mark all the hemlock planks and that Mr. Bachman would remove them and put in fir ones.

CRIBBS & MASON photo studio will be OPEN THANKSGIVING Day from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m.

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Oil Explosion On Sardinia Within Mile of Port Causes Holocaust.

ROUGH SEA AND WIND PREVENT RESCUE

Majority of Victims Were Arab Pilgrims and But Eleven Europeans.

(By Associated Press.)

RECOVER FIFTY BODIES. VALETTA, Nov. 25.—Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon, fifty bodies had been brought ashore. The flames originated in the forehold where a quantity of naphtha was stored.

Later—Seventy persons have been rescued. The dead include 100 Arabs, five Europeans passengers and eighteen of the crew. It is not impossible that others may be saved as it is believed that some are drifting about the sea. A large fleet of small vessels is patrolling the vicinity.

VALETTA, Island of Malta, Nov. 25.—Nearly 200 passengers and crew of the Ellerman line steamer Sardinia, are believed to have perished today when the steamer was destroyed by fire just after she sailed for Alexandria Egypt.

The Sardinia was scarcely a mile off Grand Harbor when the first sign of fire appeared but with a strong wind to fan the flames, the whole ship was soon ablaze and the passengers and crew had but little chance to save themselves.

There were wild scenes on board as the flames drove the passengers to the rails and many excited ones jumped into the sea before the boats could be lowered. Others were trapped in the fire roasted to death or smothered without a chance to save their life.

Several tugs and other small vessels went to their assistance but owing to the heavy sea and gale, it was impossible for them to approach and they could do little in the way of aid.

The Sardinia left Liverpool on November 14 with general merchandise for Mediterranean ports with a crew of 44 and 20 first and six second class passengers. Most of the other passengers were taken on here and were Levantines, Maltese and Egyptians.

The captain and crew stuck nobly to their posts serving life-saving belts and doing everything possible to help the panic-stricken passengers, most of whom were Arab pilgrims. There were only eleven Europeans on board. The total passenger list was 151.

RELIEF SAFE BUT DAMAGED

Hospital Ship Has Narrow Escape In Typhoon En Route to Guam.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Nov. 25.—Admiral Sperry has received a telegram from the hospital ship, Relief, five days overdue at Guam for which port she sailed from this harbor on November 15, the message coming by way of Sorsogon, Southern Luzon, stating the ship was badly damaged in a typhoon, November 18. The engine was disabled and fire broke out, but was promptly got under control. The Relief is proceeding to Manila under her own steam, repairs to the engines having been made by the crew.

Turkey Dinner BLANCO HOTEL, 35 and 50 cents.