

WARM BATTLE ABOUT ROGUE

Macleay Estate Center of a Storm About Fishing Law—Charges.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—Ugly rumors of pressure brought to bear on legislators to influence their action in regard to certain features of the present bill to open lower Rogue river to commercial fishing, were partly aired in the house.

For some time there has been talk that there might be "something in it" for the legislator who could get inserted in the bill a provision that seining should be permitted through the entire open season under the proposed law. This went so far that one member of the fisheries committee was approached in an indirect way and given to understand that it might be worth his while if the seining clause could be retained in the measure.

This legislator in answer, refused to have anything to do with the proposal. He was one of those responsible for having inserted in a substitute bill, which was reported back to the house by the fisheries committee, a provision prohibiting seining in the Chinook salmon seasons, and permitting it only from September 1 to November 15 each year, when silversides are running.

Upton and the Steam Roller.
A hot skirmish on the bill was precipitated when Representative Belland of Clatsop in a minority report, recommended that the whole bill be defeated because it permitted seining at all.

"I realize that it is very dangerous at this time to vote against the steam roller," said Belland. Referring to Upton of Multnomah, a member of the committee who has been insistent that everything asked by the Roderick Macleay interests, who have been lobbying strenuously for the seining privilege, be granted, Belland continued:

"The roller is in charge of one of the best engineers and it has its safety valve tied down. To go up against it means to be crushed. But I am opposed to this measure, because it is framed wholly in favor of the millionaire fishing interests. It is not in the interests of the people at all."

Belland charged that the Macleay interests own all the land on both sides of the river for at least 15 miles from the mouth. He declared that if seining were permitted the Macleay interests would be absolutely in control of the river, because no one could seine except on their land, and that fishermen would be compelled to bring all their fish to them.

Nicholas of Douglas, declares the bill was framed in the interests of the Macleay people, successors of the Hume estate. If the bill was passed, he said, it would leave the river bottled up as in old days.

Peirce of Curry, who fought in committee to prohibit seining during the Chinook salmon season, and succeeded in getting the substitute bill amended to permit seining only from September 1 to November 15, explained this feature of the measure.

Upton defended the Macleay interests. He said that Belland was opposed to seining on general principles, and denied that the Macleay interests have exclusive control of the river. A large industry and many persons are affected, he said.

The majority report, submitting the substitute bill, was adopted. One feature of this bill opens the Rogue to the people of Josephine county from half a mile below the steel bridge at Grants Pass to the mouth of Jump-off Joe Creek, about 12 miles, but only from April 15 to May 15 of each year. This concession was obtained by Gill of Clackamas. There is sure to be a fight by the Josephine county representatives to lengthen this open season.

Ex-United States Senator C. W. Fulton and Jay Bowerman have been attorneys for the Macleay interests, and Macleay himself has appeared before the committee. Before last Sunday, Sanderson Reed of Portland was also one of Macleay's legal representatives. His efforts to force the committee to include the seining provision, however, are said to have been construed by members as an attempt to bulldoze them. It is known that one of the committee had the intimation conveyed to Reed that his presence was not desirable and he has not appeared here since.

In the senate a resolution was introduced by Senator Kellaher to repeal the present initiative measure passed by the people in 1910, which closes the Rogue to all commercial fishing and substituting a bill for vote in 1914.

SMITH TELLS STAND.

Protests About Committee's Act on Anti-Merger Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—Senator Smith of Coos, who has been unfortunate in having his bills declared "unconstitutional" by lawyers of the organization side, protested loudly when Senator Burgess, from the committee on railroads, returned an unfavorable report on the bill to prevent mergers and combinations of railroads and public utilities.

This was a bill drawn by the attorney general in an effort to meet such situations as those presented by the purchase of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone lines by the Bell interests. The committee on railroads, Smith excepted, is against it.

Upon Smith declaring that he wants further opportunity to confer with the attorney general and that he was not receiving fair treatment the bill was laid on the table.

ROGUE RIVER FISHING LAW

Joint Resolution Introduced to Settle It—Mothers' Pension Bill Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—Senator Kellaher has introduced a joint resolution to prevent further bickering over the Rogue River fishing situation. He wants the repeal of the present act put up to the people through the initiative in 1914. Senator Smith of Josephine, introduced a bill making an open season for commercial fishing on Rogue River between certain points and closing the stream at other seasons to all but anglers.

Home Rule Bill.
The resolution to re-submit the "Home-Rule" measure to a vote of the people of Oregon at an election to be held a year hence was defeated by a majority of three votes in the house. The bill originated in the senate and its death in the house means that the law will remain intact. The Home Rule bill was originally passed with a view to giving to incorporated town the right to regulate liquor traffic.

Mother's Pension Law.
With no member but Dimick voting in the negative, H. B. 169, the widow's pension measure, introduced by the committee on health and public morals by request of the Oregon Congress of mothers, passed Senate, and on being enrolled will be sent to the governor.

Some New Bills.
H. B. 557, by Barton—Regulating fishing in Coquille River.
H. B. 558, by Barton—Reinstating discharged militia officers.
H. B. 562, by Peirce—Providing for levying of County school tax.
H. B. 565, by Peirce—Regulating fishing in Sixes and Elk Rivers.
H. B. 566, by Peirce—Regulating fishing in Rogue River.

TO CONDEMN LAND.

The Eugene Guard says: "The Willamette Pacific Railroad Company has begun suit in the circuit court against Thomas A. Tripp and his wife, Frances M., to condemn right of way through their land in section 2, township 18 south of range 10 west. The estimated value of the land desired by the company is \$2600 and the company asks that the court allow the defendants that sum and declare the plaintiff the owner of the property."

a compulsory compensation act, proposed in the senate an amendment to the constitution to make certain that such a law will be constitutional. He wants the legislature to submit this amendment in 1914.

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Along the Waterfront.

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He will have his headquarters at the S. S. Jennings store in North Bend, Phone 1151, and at Hillyer's Cigar Store in Marshfield, Telephone 18-J. The service will connect with all boat and train schedules. The regular schedule is as follows:

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7:10	3:15	7:45	4:40
7:45	3:45	8:15	5:15
8:15	4:10	8:45	5:45
8:45	4:45	9:15	6:10
9:15	5:15	9:45	6:45
9:45	5:40	10:15	7:15
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11:15	7:15	11:45	8:45
11:40	7:45	12:10 p. m.	9:15
12:15 p. m.	8:15	12:45	9:45
12:45	8:45	1:15	10:15
1:10	9:15	1:40	10:45
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