

HUME ON VAN DUSEN

ROGUE RIVER MAN SUPPLEMENTS REPORTS.

Bristling Array of Statements on Salmon Culture, Dam Sites, Etc.

Wedderburn, Curry County, Oregon, June 19th, 1902.

Editor Astorian:—The monthly report of the Master Fish Warden, Mr. H. G. Van Dusen, is so short of the facts regarding the hatcheries on conception of the existing law governing the different parts of that stream. I am moved to add there to, for the benefit of your readers and the Oregon Fish Commission. For their information will say that I own a hatchery on the upper waters of the Rogue River, which is operated by the U. S. Fish Commission, Mr. J. W. Berrian in charge, whose report I enclose, which please publish. I also have a hatchery at Bagnells, about four miles from the mouth of the Rogue River, which has eighty feeding tanks, besides a large pond at present. One and a quarter million of Chinook fry were fed here and turned into the various creeks along the river. About half a million were reared at the Klamath River, and turned into the stream.

These were the product of the eggs of which Mr. Berrian writes of having sent me. Those sent me were hatched 30 miles from the hatchery to Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, and sent by rail to San Francisco, were placed in cold storage until the sailing of the steamer Crescent City for Crescent City, California, and upon arrival at that place, were hatched in light wagons 60 miles to the hatchery at Bagnells, this way being taken as there is no means of bringing them down the river or across the mountains of the Coast Range.

As to Mr. Van Dusen's conception of the law governing the fishing of the upper waters of Rogue River, I call attention to the Fish Laws of Oregon, compiled and published by the Hon. Secretary of State, 1901, page 22, L. B. 167. This Act provides the protection desired by the people of Medford and other parts of Rogue River Valley, originated with them, introduced by their senator, and still in force, but never enforced by the Master Fish Warden. Dividing this parricide in the month of May, the Master Fish Warden visited various dam-sites where it is proposed to shut off the supply of salmon from the best hatcheries in the state. Hatcheries that have cost the state and individuals many thousands of dollars, and instead of prohibiting the erection of these dams, he very complacently suggests that the projectors of these dams shall attach thereto a useless contrivance—a thing which has never been a success in any salmon stream. Of course the projectors—nice agreeable fellows—will promise to put in the thing but who will watch its operation, and, if a failure, compel the company to take out its dam? It is the duty of the Warden to prevent the construction of any dam which obstructs the passage of salmon. The idea that a person or corporation can place dams in any stream at their own pleasure is a mistake. As this applies to Rogue River, it is well to note that the proposed dam of the Golden Drift Mining Company is for the prosecution of an unlawful business. Rogue River being a navigable stream, they have no right to deposit their debris in the stream. This makes it a peculiar aggravated case. When I came here 26 years ago the supply of salmon of Rogue River was nearly exhausted, having been destroyed by the hydraulic mining. I started a hatchery and managed to increase the supply up to the destruction of the hatchery by fire, since which time the mining has got the start again. I have, however, had new and better hatcheries in operation for the past three years, and should soon have a fair crop again. Now in addition to the mining I am confronted by dam-sites, which, if allowed will absolutely shut off the opportunity of getting the seed to plant. I have borne the dam-

age for years, although they have filled up the bay here until where there was 40 foot depth of water 25 years ago, one at low water can wade across and not have water knee deep. All the seining grounds are nearly ruined, and more than a thousand acres of land washed away by the filling up of the bed and spreading of the stream. The tide, which formerly extended miles up the river, is now shortened more than one-third its length, and a riffle formed within two miles of its mouth that at low water is almost impassible to ascend. A small stern-wheel steamer, the "Rogue River," had to wait for the flood tide in order to get over only a few days ago. Mr. Van Dusen has not visited that part of Rogue River which passes through Curry county, during the springtime of 1902, probably being desirous of visiting the more densely populated sections of the interior before the weather became too hot, and now that election is over we may reasonably expect a visit about the close of the fishing season. He has not appointed a Water Bailiff for that part of the river in which salmon fishing with nets is allowed by law. Whether he has appointed one for the upper portion of the river where there are more people and no fishing except with hook, line and spear, I am not informed. Trusting that this communication may jog the memory of the Hon. Warden so that his reports in the future will not be so brief as to convey a wrong impression, will bid the subject adieu.

R. D. HUME.

Following is the report of Superintendent Berrian, referred to by Mr. Hume:

U. S. Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, Trail, Oregon, May 26th, 1902.

Hon. R. D. Hume, Wedderburn, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 7th inst. has been before me for some time, but as I have been very busy with the distribution of the Chinook fry, and shipping steelhead eggs, I have failed to answer it promptly. All the fry were liberated on the 22nd inst. and as I have said in a former letter, they were very fine fish. The total number planted here this season (Chinook) was 3,071,000, and with those sent to you I feel that Rogue River is for once well stocked with this species of fish. The number of Silver salmon planted was nearly 500,000 and they were good sized fish before they were planted. We secured here this spring, 617,000 steelhead eggs the most of which have been forwarded to the Eastern Stations. This makes a total of all three species of 6,718,000 eggs for the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1902.

The saw mill has arrived and I will have it hauled out and set up as soon as possible. The mill seems to be a good one, and it will, no doubt, be a valuable addition to the station. It will, no doubt, be well to secure an additional 40 acres of the river from the station for timber. I have secured the 40 acres of Chinook prospects from the railroad company, but as I have not the numbers at present I cannot tell you which it is.

I have secured a leave of absence for the month of June, and I intend to visit my old home in Illinois, and will also go to Washington. I will be back in time to take up the work July 5th. I have been here two years in which time I have not been farther from the station than Ashland, and I feel the need of a rest. Trusting that I may see you this summer, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. N. BERRIAN.

GIFT TO THE COLLEGE.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 19.—At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Rutgers College it was announced that Ralph Voorhes, of Trenton, uncle of former Governor Foster M. Voorhes, has given \$50,000 to the college to build a library.

CONTRADICTION STORY.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—The story published yesterday in this city of the alleged solution of the mystery surrounding Charles Hill, who died here recently, leaving a fortune of \$142,000 in cash, in which one George Hayes, who claimed to have known Hill in Mystic, Conn., stated that he had seen and conversed with the old man a few days before he died, is declared to be without foundation. Hayes has said since the publication of the story that he was mistaken.

NEWS FROM THE ORIENT

LI HUNG CHANG'S BODY MOVED.

Famine Kills Thousands—Plague Increases—Three Coolies Die in Cave.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 19.—Oriental advices to June 9 were received here yesterday. They contain the information that the remains of the late Li Hung Chang have been removed to his native village for interment. Li Hung Chang have been removed to his native village for interment.

BODIES OF SOLDIERS FOUND.—All the bodies of the officers and soldiers lost in the terrible snow storm in Awamori, Japan, last winter, have been found and grand religious services will be held during the present month. The sum of 183,289 yen has been collected for the relief of the maimed survivors and families of the deceased.

FAMINE IN KOREA.—The state of the famine districts of the Province of Whang Ha, Korea, is deplorable. In Yunan out of 5000 houses two thousand are empty and scores of drowsy sufferers are lying by the roadside on the verge of starvation. In the Lao Ha district conditions are even worse. The people have been driven by hunger to tear bark off trees to eat and under one tree five dead bodies were found. In the town of Im Chin a family suffering from starvation were driven to eating the bodies of two of their younger children.

REBELS ARE KILLED.—On May 25 the rebels in the Tachiu district of Formosa had promised to lay down their arms and the Japanese arranged for celebrations of the event in three different places. While the celebrations were in progress the rebels attacked the Japanese guards, shooting seven of them. The rebels were, however, routed and 189 of them, including several leaders, were killed. A week later a hamlet held by the rebels was taken and the leader, Lu, was taken. The rebels when they saw that there was no escape, killed their women and children.

LESS THAN EXPECTED.—The severity of the Boxer rising in Chi Li seems to have been exaggerated. Instead of there being 30,000 Boxers in the field, there were but 10,000 and they were twice severely defeated by the troops of the Viceroy. Among the slain was Kim, the Boxer leader, who killed his wife and family before taking the field at the head of the rebels.

PLAGUE IS INCREASING.—Plague is on the increase in Formosa. On May 26 nine fresh cases and seven deaths occurred in Tarphe, one case and one death at Kelung and one case and a death at Eshukou and seven cases with two deaths at Tainai. Since January 1 there has been 1250 cases and 991 deaths in Formosa.

ANOTHER FIRE IN HONG KONG.—A second big fire has occurred in Hong Kong last month causing the destruction of sixteen houses and occasioning a loss of \$200,000.

CAVE KILLS THREE.—An accident of a shocking description occurred at the South Fort. Taku coolies were engaged in digging deep down in order to raise the piles that had been driven by the Chinese in the construction of the fort. When a sufficiently deep hole had been made, three men went down to help lift the piles away. While they were doing so the earth being of a loose sandy nature and the hole deep, and abrupt, the ground caved in and buried the three coolies up to their necks. It being flood tide, the water rose and rapidly closed in over the three unfortunate in sight of the others who were unable to extricate them in time. They died a terrible death, hopelessly watching the water come up till they were drowned inch by inch. The men were employed by a Chinese contractor who is leveling the south fort under the direction of the French.

WINTER PROLONGED IN RUSSIA.—ST. PETERSBURG, June 19.—The winter has been remarkably prolonged throughout European Russia. The weather is now unseasonable and the temperature at noon today in St. Petersburg was 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The extreme cold is very depressing in Russia, where abundant summer sunshine is required to repair the winter's waste. The cold has wrought much damage in the vineyards and crops are backward in all provinces, but if summer weather sets in soon there will be prospects of good harvests.

IN CORONATION DRESS.—LONDON, June 19.—After being almost hermetically closed to the public and press for two months, Westminster Abbey in its coronation dress is described in the London Times as being externally as perfectly in color and architecture with the old structure as to deceive the experienced eye. The correspondent says the abbey inside has the appearance of a vast hall, with a timbered roof supported on square pillars and carved arcades. Upon the walls are costly tapestries and a magnificent collection

of old armor and lances from the Tower. The stands in the abbey itself are so placed that the architectural beauty of the ancient building is by no means marred. Throughout there is evidence of good taste, and the arrangements have approached such a stage of completion that there is no doubt that everything will be perfectly ready for the coronation ceremonies.

INNOCULATES TUBERCULOSIS.—PARIS, June 19.—Dr. Garnault of this city who challenged Prof. Koch's announcement at the London tuberculosis congress last year that it was impossible for human beings to catch tuberculosis from cattle in order to prove his contention went to the day and inoculated himself with consumption matter taken from a diseased cow which had been seized and ordered destroyed. If the disease attacked itself, Dr. Garnault will be treated by Dr. Theodore Smith, of Boston, who has been exposed to the dangers of the contagion of bovine tuberculosis.

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