

VAST AREA UNDER ONE OWNERSHIP ON LOWER ROGUE RIVER

Town, Ranches, Cannery, Timber Stands and Stock Ranges Included.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

As Future Settlement Warrants, Systematic Scheme of Upbuilding Will Be Carried Out.

(Special to The Journal.)—Marshfield, Or., Oct. 10.—Down in Curry county, in the beautiful valley of the Rogue river, one of the most attractive localities on the Oregon coast, is a little empire of its own. Under one ownership are town, school, hotel, store, fishing rights, salmon cannery, lumber mill, big herds of cattle and sheep, extensive stock ranges, fertile fields under cultivation and vast timber resources. The property is that of the Wedderburn Trading company, owned by the Macleay estate of Portland of which Roderick Macleay of that city is the president.

The Wedderburn Trading company at the present time is one of the most important business institutions in Curry county and promises in the immediate future to be one of the most valuable factors in the settlement of that richly wooded but as yet undeveloped and thinly settled county of Oregon.

While the estate is a property which stands by itself and could exist alone and independent of the rest of the county within the bounds of its own fences and waterways, that is not the policy of the present owners. The whole property was formerly owned by the late R. D. Hume who was known as "The King of Rogue River." The estate was purchased by the Macleay interests of Portland in March, 1910. Mr. Hume devoted many years in adding to his holdings and acquiring additional lands and rights. But the present owners are developing and have started to open the lands for settlement.

The property was purchased as an investment. Mr. Macleay has faith in the future of Curry county and realizes that settlement by people who will become prosperous and bring about a higher and more intense development of the land constitute the greatest need not only of his property but of the county. There are few people in Curry county, fewer than 3000, while the resources are great. Mr. Macleay wants to develop his land and the locality and with this end in view has done much to help and cooperate with all the people of the Rogue river district of the county.

The holdings of the Wedderburn Trading company are valuable from a business standpoint. It is an unique property as it incorporates several different lines of resources and industries, requiring different departments of management. There are the salmon fishing rights and the salmon cannery, the general store which is itself a large concern, the farming and stock raising and the lumber mill with behind it an almost endless supply of timber.

George Johnson, an experienced fishery and cannery man has charge of the cannery; Will White is foreman of the farms and stock ranges; Thomas Carey is manager of the store and Attorney W. H. Meredith, the district attorney of Curry county, is lawyer and general business manager for the company.

Mr. Macleay himself spends much of his time during the summer months and during the winter at Wedderburn. He has for his residence a large bachelors hall, equipped with modern conveniences and in charge of the Chinese servants and house catered on a point overlooking the town, the river and the ocean. Here Mr. Macleay can entertain 12 of his friends in comfort and on many occasions acquaintances from Portland and other places have visited the place and enjoyed Mr. Macleay's hospitality.

16,000 Acres in Tract

The property consists of about 16,000 acres, about 5000 of which are farming and grazing lands. It extends from the ocean up Rogue river for about 12 miles, the estate owning both sides of the river for practically the entire distance. Along the river there are fertile bottom lands backed by rolling hills rich in grass and used for grazing. Farther up the river are timbered lands. On the estate there are about 175,000,000 feet of standing timber but in addition there is a large amount of timber which is on adjoining lands and which must eventually find its way through the Rogue river. The saw mill in Wedderburn can cut 50,000 feet of lumber a day. It has so far only been used for furnishing lumber for the estate and the local demand but when the lumber market warrants it could be operated regularly. Mr. Macleay plans that he can build boats which can cross the bar of the river and carry 200,000 feet of lumber economically.

Many claim for the lower Rogue river that it is one of the most picturesque parts of Oregon. There is one place on the Macleay property which Mr. Macleay claims affords as fine a view as can be enjoyed in the state. On the top of a hill at an elevation of 800 feet one can, without moving more than turning the head, look in one direction over cultivated fields, over the timbered lands and town, and grazing lands dotted with sheep and cattle; in another direction at mountains 3500 feet high; while in still another direction

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CURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY RICH IN MANY RESOURCES AWAITS DEVELOPMENT



Top—A group of Curry county cattle. Bottom—Rogue river salmon.

one can view miles of the ocean beach and expanse. The farm management of the estate is quite a big business. Many hundred acres of land have been plowed and placed under cultivation, sheep by the thousands are herded over the hills and hundreds of cattle are grazed. It is the intention of the owners to cut down the number of sheep to perhaps 1000 or 2000 and go more into the cattle business to save the pastures from the close forcing of sheep which may in a few years past been raised in Curry county. There are several separate ranches which are numbered but there is one main ranch about three miles from the town which is the headquarters of the farming. Here are located the foreman's house, quarters for the farm employes, big barns, harness shop, blacksmith shop, chicken houses, piggeries and every kind of building needed on a farm, numbering 15 or 20 in all.

There is a first class slaughter house and a sheep shearing establishment. Every kind of machinery needed for modern farming is to be found.

In addition to the sheep, wool and cattle produced, hogs are raised on a large scale. When ready for market they can be shipped to any port on the small gasoline ocean going schooners which regularly make the port. Grain crops and general farming are important factors. After Mr. Hume's death and before the present owners took possession of the property the buildings were much run down. Mr. Macleay has expended many thousands of dollars repairing the buildings, putting up new ones where needed and building fences. There are now 26 miles of fences on the farms. More land has been put under cultivation than ever before. As a farm the whole place has been put in a workable condition and pending the time of settlement the property is operated as one big farm.

Improvements in Wedderburn

Improvements have likewise been made in the town of Wedderburn, which is opposite Gold Beach, the county seat, and connected by means of a ferry across Rogue river. Mr. Macleay had the hotel opened so there would be accommodations for the fishermen who wanted the board or for transient and new houses for employes and other needed buildings have been erected. When conditions of settlement warrant the expansion of the town is to be on the level land for quite a large place, a portion having been chosen to hold as an additional townsite.

From a business standpoint the salmon canning and packing is the most important feature of the big estate. In fact it affords the only big payroll for that part of the county and each year it keeps much in giving employment to the people and circulating cash. As high as \$100,000 is paid out by the company in a fishing season.

The Rogue river salmon are famous for their quality and the Wedderburn Trading company has every facility for catching and packing the fish. The fishermen are paid 50 cents each for Chinook salmon and the company furnishes the fishing gear. In enormous warehouses are kept everything that may be needed in fishing. The company owns about 250 big nets. The cannery has been equipped with the most modern machinery. Experts are in charge of the departments and Chinamen are imported for much of the work in the cannery. The plant is built along big wharves and consists of a number of buildings including a modern cold storage plant.

The salmon is put up in attractive shape in cans and also a large amount is mild cured and packed in barrels. All through the season fishermen are at work on the river and receive money for their fish up to the cannery. It is a busy place taking care of the catch and shipping out on schooners the finished product. Later on in October silverfishes are caught and canned. On account of the existing laws of the state the Rogue river salmon fishing is conducted under disadvantages not suffered at other fishing places on the coast. There are two closed days each week on Rogue river while at other harbors of Oregon there is but one day in the week when the fishermen can not catch the salmon. This of course, limits the season. The season for catching Chinook salmon on Rogue river is from April 15 until August 5. Then there is a closed season until September 1 when the cannery is to start again. This makes a closed season of 25 days while it is claimed that it should be only two weeks. After September the fish are not as good and do not bring as good a price as earlier in the year. Until that time only gill nets can be used. Seines can only be used after September 1 when the fish are not so good.

Fishing Restrictions Annoying

There are also restrictions regarding steelheads. They cannot be caught during the summer. This is because of the fish up the river and they are wanted to protect the game fish. It is held on the lower river that only the large fish would be caught and that those which go to the waters of the upper river are only small fish, four pounds at the most, and are of a size passed by for commercial purposes. It is claimed that because of this law thousands of big fish are lost. It is probable that at the next legislative effort will be made to have changed the laws which, it is claimed, are unfair for Rogue river fishing, which means so much as an industry in that part of the state. The catch and pack of salmon this year will be large and it will be a good year for the people living in the locality. Mr. Macleay hopes that it will not be many years before a coast railroad

GYPSY PROPHECY IS RECALLED IN VIEW OF CRITICAL EVENTS

Germany Prepares For Over 40 Years

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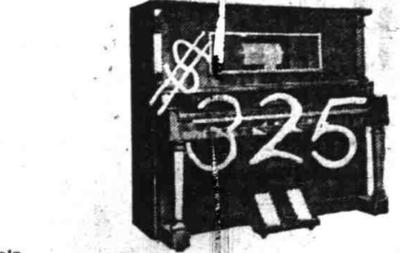
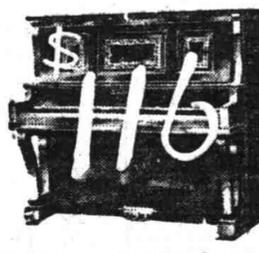
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