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HUME ESTATE SOLD TO PORTLAND PEOPLE

Much of the 15,000 Acres Will Be Cut into Small Tracts and Put on the Market.

The real estate firm of Keasey, Humason & Jeffery, of Portland, have purchased the Hume estate at the mouth of the Rogue river for which they paid \$350,000. The purchase includes 15,000 acres of land, extensive fishing rights, salmon canneries, numerous water powers, a part of the town of Wedderburn, a large tract of timber land, saw mills and a varied line of industries in that section. The new owners of the property will cut it up into small holdings and distribute it among a large number of purchasers and by this means will introduce enterprises of great moment at the mouth of the Rogue River valley.

There are about 5000 acres of timber land, a part of which is the celebrated Port Orford cedar and the remainder is Oregon fir. The timber is all heavy and will be retained by the new owners.

Of the 10,000 acres, in addition to the timber land, there are 5000 acres of tillable land, well supplied with water and which is a rich land, well adapted for agricultural purposes. It is the intention of the new owners to open the territory of the lower Rogue river, long shut off from the rest of the world, by platting 5000 acres into five, ten and twenty acre tracts. This will mean an awakening of

the entire district. When the lands were owned by Mr. Hume nothing could be bought, and instead of inviting settlers to locate in his district he spent every effort in bottling up the immense resources of the country and river by buying every inch of land along the river from the mouth far back towards its headwaters and keeping the itinerant visitor away with great signs bearing the placard, "No Trespass."

The water power of the river, which is immense, was never utilized but was allowed to go to waste, and no others were allowed to encroach or even to make a proposition to certain water rights be turned over, so jealous was the owner that he would lose his powerful hold on the river and vicinity.

This is one of the most important moves made in Southern Oregon for a long time. It would seem unkind to say that the death of R. D. Hume, which occurred a year ago, will bring prosperity to the Rogue River valley, and yet such is the case. He selfishly acquired large holdings and kept better men out of the country. His trespass notices appeared at regular intervals along the river from its very mouth for a distance of fully 15 miles up that stream. Could a man of enterprise and public spirit have had his opportunities a great city would have been founded not far from the mouth of the river and thousands of settlers would have been invited to occupy the rich surrounding territory; a railroad would have been built and the Rogue River valley its entire length would have been benefited. The question arises how a man could honestly acquire title to 15,000 acres of virgin land

at that point. This was done, of course, in the days when a little money would go a good ways in proving up land.

SAVAGE CREEK NEWS.

Charles Smith and Walter Rick took a trip to the caves on Fetch mountain Sunday. After exploring and searching the large and curious rocks they went to the top of the mountain. The scenery is beautiful and they were able to see Mt. Pitt, Table Rock, Gold Ray, Gold Hill, Rock Point, Woodville, Grants Pass, Merlin, Applegate and farms for miles up and down Rogue river.

L. M. J. Rick returned home for a few days and was much pleased with the improvements on his ranch during his absence. He returned to Hornbrook, Cal., Wednesday, where he is with the Southern division bridge gang.

The old Savage homestead has been sold to a Mr. Coburn, who arrived Monday and has six men busy setting out fruit trees.

Frank Hall has his young orchard planted in time to get the benefit of the first spring rain.

The school on Savage creek opened Monday, with Miss Ada Dittsworth as teacher.

John Kinkle is setting out four acres in strawberries this spring.

Walter Rick and Geo. Hendrickson, while cutting down a tree on the hillside this week, found a notebook in a wood rats nest, with Thomas A. Galvin's address on it.

Ernest Kinkle, who has been working above Gold Hill all winter, returned home Sunday and is helping

to set out fruit trees on Mr. Coburn's new place.

We have a new neighbor, name unknown so far, who has taken up 40 acres of government land above Mrs. Harren's place. He has also rented Mrs. Harren's ranch for five years.

Charles Kinkle has returned from Gold Hill, where he was employed as cook in a restaurant. He would rather set out fruit trees than cook.

Miss Susie Rick began teaching her spring term of school at Speaker, Ore., Monday.

The Next Great War.

The close reader of the world's doings will come to the conclusion that there will be a war in which Russia and several other nations, including the United States, will be engaged within the next four or five years. There are preparations going forward for the inevitable which is likely to occur in the Orient and possibly in Pacific waters. Modern warships of great tonnage and heavy guns will play a conspicuous part in the great struggle that is likely to be inaugurated. The United States will try to avoid entanglement, but will at last take part in the struggle to protect its island possessions, including Hawaii and the Philippines. A late dispatch from New York gives a pointer from a high source. It says that Jacob H. Schiff, the banker who helped finance Japan in her war with Russia, says the world's peace is threatened by the recent union of Japan and Russia with England in the background. He thinks the people of the United States should arouse themselves and be prepared to meet the situation.

Many Orchard Heaters Sold.

Geo. Parker, of this place, received at Roseburg Monday a car loaded with 30,000 orchard heaters from the factory at Wheeling, West Virginia. The heaters are distributed from Roseburg by local freight to all points in the Umpqua and Rogue River valleys as far south as Ashland. Eight thousand heaters were sold in Grants Pass, 4000 being in the car shipment and another 4000 being shipped local, the company having a factory now on the coast.

Orchards of this section have placed orders for two cars of crude oil for use in the pots, and they are now busy providing storage tanks or pits in which to keep the oil until needed for use.

The efficiency of the oil pots in raising the temperature in orchards during frosty nights was thoroughly demonstrated in the Shank and other orchards last season, and wherever tried they have proven a success.

Proven Eczema Cure.

Many eczema sufferers have failed so utterly with salves and other "discoveries" that even the assurance of the best physician or druggist can not induce them to invest another dollar in any remedy.

It is to these discouraged sufferers in particular that we now offer, at only 25 cents, a trial bottle of the accepted standard eczema remedy, a simple wash of oil of wintergreen, thymol and glycerine, as compounded in D. D. D. Prescription.

Hundreds of cures have convinced us and we know you can prove instantly with the first application that it takes away the itch at once. M. Clemens, Ph. G., Sixth St.

PEARY'S LITTLENES EXPOSED BY FRANK

Exactd \$10,000 Worth of Dr. Cook's Skins to Take Sick Man Back Home on Steamer.

Dr. Cook's only white companion in the Arctic regions last year, Rudolf Franke, arrived in Copenhagen Monday from Hamburg. He said:

"Dr. Cook is the greatest martyr of modern times, and Peary has flished his glory. I followed Dr. Cook to Anatoook, saw his preparations for the Polar trip and ventured the opinion that the chances were 100 to 1 that he would reach the Pole. I was taken sick and had to return on one of Peary's ships.

Commander Peary consented to take me home on the steamer Eric, if I gave him 200 blue Arctic fox skins belonging to Dr. Cook, which I carried with me. I was compelled to accept the terms to save my life. The skins were worth 40,000 kroner (\$10,000).

"Peary presented them to prominent Americans, ex-President Roosevelt receiving one of them. Dr. Cook never mentioned the loss of the skins during the recent campaign in which he fought with Peary for honors of Arctic discovery.

Dr. Cook is not as strong as Peary, and he is utterly broken down as a result of the terrible attacks upon him."

Did you speak for the couch that M. E. Moore is giving away? Only a couple of weeks more to secure your tickets. He will tell you all about it. 409 Front St. 3-18-22