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HUME ESTATE IS SOLD; \$320,000

Vast Tract on Lower Rogue Is Bought by Portland Firm—Will Be Opened by New Owners to Settlers.

PORTLAND, Or., March 21.—Thousands of acres of land in the Rogue river valley, embracing an estate which has become historic in Oregon is the realm of the late R. D. Hume, "King of the Rogue river" and the "Laird of Wedderburn," yesterday passed into the hands of Portland men for a consideration of \$320,000.

Keasey, Humason & Jeffery, a real estate firm of this city, have purchased the holdings of the Hume estate, including the transfer of 15,000 acres of land, extensive fishing rights, salmon canneries, a wealth of water power, a part of the town of Wedderburn, a large tract of timber land, sawmills, fruit canneries, farm lands and a varied line of industries in the southern Oregon district.

Starting with practically nothing in the early days, Mr. Hume, who died a year ago, began fishing operations on the Rogue river and little by little increased his holdings. He developed his particular section of the country in a wonderful manner and only ceased his strenuous operations, which had earned for him the title of "King of the Rogue River" when he died.

How Hume Won Name of "King."
Much has been written of the eccentricities of the former owner and of his methods of building up his country. One anecdote which illustrates the character of the man is of his operations in developing a peashery and pea-raising industry along the Rogue river. He set out several hundred acres with peas and started a cannery.

His pea fields offered employment to thousands of pickers. One day he met with a strike. Arbitrate? Not at all. He simply shut up the plant, locked the doors, plowed up his pea fields and let the cannery rust, despite the money which was lost through its non-operation.

It was such operations as these which did much to earn for him the titles which he secretly loved, but affected to scorn.

The great wealth developed by Mr. Hume includes 15,000 acres of land. This is located along the Rogue river valley 18 miles from its mouth and also along the coast for a distance of five miles. The town of Wedderburn is located on the property and the sale includes the transfer of a general store supplying the surrounding country, a hotel, a big salmon cannery, two cold storage plants, one located at Wedderburn and the other at Port Orford, two salmon hatcheries, one at Trail creek on the upper Rogue river above Medford, and the other near the mouth of the river.

The government operates the hatchery at the upper river and the Hume people have been operating the lower one.

5000 Acres Set in Timber.
The sale also includes two sawmills located near Wedderburn, in the heart of heavy timber. 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, 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 8000 acres into five, ten and 20-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 that certain water rights be turned over, so jealous was the owner that he would lose his powerful hold on the river and vicinity.

There are other landmarks on the tract purchased, however, which bear witness to another side of the character of the big man who built up the fishing industry of southern Oregon.

At one time, just before a certain Fourth of July, the town of Wedderburn wished to celebrate, but had no place to hold a suitable carnival. Then the "Laird of Wedderburn" proved his right to the name by building a race track, grandstand, paddocks, etc., at a cost of \$16,000, turning it over to the citizens and saying, "There's your track, go ahead and celebrate."

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY IN GOTHAM INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK, March 21.—C. Case, former chairman of the laws committee of the New York board of underwriters, gave some sensational testimony as to expenditures today when Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss resumed the inquiry into the dealings of various life insurance companies with the New York state legislators to influence legislation in their favor.

Case declared that certain firms of lawyers were employed by the New York underwriters to examine all pending legislation in connection with insurance matters.

According to Case, Attorneys Sherman and Sterling of New York City presented a bill of \$37,500 for such work. The bill was paid. This was in 1905, Case explained. He stated further that the attorneys represented only bills affecting the insurance companies which came before the legislature that year.

One of the bills, Case said, was indorsed and paid on the representation that the sum was expended in "opposing inimical insurance legislation and for work done by legislative committees."

Case failed to explain why money should be paid for the work of legislative committees.

BATTLESHIP, THOUGH YOUNG, IS OUT OF DATE

LONDON, March 21.—As an example of the brief life of a battleship, naval mechanics today are overhauling the warship Niobe, which was recently the flagship of the third division of the home fleet at Devonport. The Niobe will be fitted for service as a training craft for the Canadian navy.

Aside from being inadequately armed and armored, the Niobe suffered from what naval men call "boileritis." She had a paper speed of 20 knots, but was not able to develop anything like this speed.

The Niobe's officers and petty officers will go to Canada with the ship to act as instructors in the colonial navy.

Haskins for Health.

JOY RIDE NEARLY ENDS IN DEATH

Steel Cable Catches Car, Suspending It in Midair—Party of Six Narrowly Escape Death

PORTLAND, Or., March 21.—Six alleged "joy-riders" are alive today because of the presence of a wire cable which held a big touring car suspended in the air over the reservoir in city park last night after the machine had leaped from the roadway and rolled down a 30-foot embankment.

All of the occupants jumped from the runaway car and escaped landing in the water by a narrow margin. Bessie Lambert and Inez Davy were painfully but not seriously injured. Violet Schaffer and Georgia Gregg, James Thurston and Louis Gossman, the other occupants of the machine, received a number of slight bruises and scratches.

Chauffeur Ben Newman pluckily remained at the wheel and escaped injury.

A defective steering gear was responsible for the antics of the car. When Newman attempted to swerve the car at a turn in the road, something gave away in the steering apparatus and the big machine hurtled down the steep embankment.

Its progress was suddenly checked when a half-inch cable stretched along the reservoir caught beneath the body of the car, and held it suspended in mid-air.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—Edward Browning, Davon, Pa.; G. G. Browning; J. H. Fitzgerald, Medford; W. G. Meyers, New York; J. R. Harvey, Galice; J. Forsythe, Portland; T. G. Thomson, W. Wyatt, Spokane; J. A. Waldmeier, New York; D. R. Waller, Seattle; C. Boyce, Portland; C. A. Shaw, Seattle; V. H. Wolf, New York; W. E. Brayton, Spokane; W. H. Reagan, Alameda; N. C. Olson, H. E. Smith, Portland; J. C. Pendleton, Table Rock; H. F. Shebick, C. L. Slagel, Seattle; J. G. Reddick, Portland; W. J. Kendrick, New York; G. H. Fitzgibbon, Portland; J. E. Fisherty, Philadelphia; D. A. McLenn, Portland.

The Moore—R. B. Manning, Central Point; E. J. Footes, Portland; M. Stephens and wife, city; H. J. Altman, Woodburn; F. B. Van Cleave, A. J. Moses, M. Freedberger, Portland; G. C. Scoysmith, Talent;

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DARBY RESIGNS HIS JOB OF REFORMING CITY

ROSEBURG, Or., March 21.—Thomas Darby Richardson, Roseburg's booster, has resigned. His resignation has been accepted by the publicity committee of the Commercial club.

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SUMMER EXCURSIONS EAST.

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PEOPLE ALARMED KING'S ILLNESS

Despite Favorable Reports Regarding Condition of Edward, His Majesty Did Not Leave His Rooms and People Worry.

LONDON, March 21.—Despite the favorable reports regarding the condition of King Edward, issued by his physicians today at Biarritz, the people are thoroughly alarmed owing to the fact that his majesty did not leave his rooms yesterday.

The king is reported to be suffering from bronchial trouble, brought on by a severe attack of influenza. Alarming reports are being circulated in London in connection with the king's condition.

To all the rumors the government officials merely have replied that Edward is showing some improvement.

This reply, however, has not tended to reassure the people.

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The opportunities awaiting the investor are certainly alluring. Come and we'll talk it over. Here are few of the many good buys on our list:

An Orchard Buy

Fine bottom land, west side of Bear creek, six miles north of Medford, two miles from Central Point; 90 acres, all under cultivation, 70 acres planted to trees, 1050 Bartlett's, 55 Comice and 250 Howell Pear trees, all 2 years old; 1100 Newtown, 300 Spitz, 300 King David apple trees, and 700 peach, all 2 years old; 20 acres in alfalfa; six-room house, barn three wells; all fenced and all buildings in good condition; \$30,000, half cash, balance one, two and three years.

Woodville Fruit Ranch

Forty-acre ranch at Woodville, on Evans creek; 400 Spitz and Newtowns, 2 years old; 950 Bartlett's, Bosc, Comice and Anjou pears, 2 years old; all can be irrigated, and a 20-inch perpetual water right; \$150 per acre, half cash.

A Platting Proposition

197 acres, close in, on main county road, two-thirds of a mile from postoffice; lays high and slightly; this is a Simon-pure bargain and one that any one can clean up on in a short time. Information as to terms and prices can be had from the undersigned. This proposition will not last long, so act quickly.

Orchard and Hay Ranch

Eighty acres of the best soil in the district, 78 acres under cultivation; 2000 Spitz and Newtown trees, 5 years old; 300 pear trees, 2 years old; two and one-half miles from Eagle Point; under Fish Lake ditch; can cut 50 tons of hay this year off the place; cash \$5000; balance easy terms, 6 per cent.

Two Acreage Snaps

680 acres, 550 acres bottom land, 580 acres can be planted now; 5 acres orchard, Siskiyou county, California; three miles from the county seat, Yreka. Price \$18,000, terms; a money-maker or a home, or both. Act quick to secure this.

Twenty-eight acres, close in, this won't last long; the price is only \$15,000; \$5000 cash, the balance on long time; this is the chance of a lifetime to secure one of the choicest small tracts in beautiful Rogue River valley.

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