

PEOPLES RIGHTS BARTERED AWAY DECLARES REAMES

To the Public: The Tribune of Saturday, March 27, contains a contract of March 21, settling the Rogue River fish controversy. This publication is the first intimation given the public that the rights of the people were being bartered away. What is a newspaper for? Why wasn't the contract published before it was signed? Why does the editor assume to bind the people in a matter that he knows nothing about? Why was the contract suppressed from the twenty-first of March until the twenty-seventh?

Under the present statute, obnoxious as it is, the river is open from August 25 to September 10, and always from 6 p. m. Saturday until 6 p. m. the following Sunday. Under this contract the canneries can drag the river continuously from April 15 to September 10, with the exception of the 24-hour period from Saturday evening until Sunday evening. Last summer the steelhead caught in the upper river prior to August 25 were the little ones weighing from two to two and one-half pounds, such as could get through an eight and one-half inch mesh. The open season from August 25 to September 10 let a few of the larger ones by. By the contract the fishing area is cut down from thirty-six miles to twelve. This means nothing, as very little more than twelve miles was ever fished. A steelhead travels from ten to twelve miles in twenty-four hours in Rogue river. So that the fish that are let by on a Saturday evening are easily headed off Sunday night by the fisherman at the 12-mile limit. By this agreement McCleay gave up nothing. The way the Rogue River is impounded at its narrow mouth enables the canneries to take out every salmon and steelhead of commercial size with drift nets. The canneries have already depleted the stream so that set nets mean nothing to them. They can take everything by drifting.

Sorethroat? SCHOOL MEETING AT RUCH OREGON SATURDAY APRIL 3



Don't neglect it. Rub Turpo, the only Turpentine ointment, on throat and chest. Cover with flannel cloth. Repeat night and morning.

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McCleay Recognized The contract also recognizes the importance of the McCleay investments at the mouth of the river. This is likewise misleading. When McCleay bought the cannery, commercial fishing had been closed by law. He took an option on the cannery and over the protest of Southern Oregon lobbied a bill through, which enabled him to do commercial fishing at the mouth of the river, and after doing this, purchased the cannery.

McCleay Threatened In my office on the 23rd day of November, 1915, Mr. McCleay endeavored to retain me, and when I told him that I took no secret retainers against the public interest he made the threat that if we undertook to stop his fishing he would spend a hundred thousand dollars and subsidize every newspaper in Oregon, and take the steelhead as well as the salmon. I told him that his threat had forfeited any respect that I had for his so-called industry and that the public good demanded that the river be protected. The amount of money that has been spent in Rogue River valley in the way of public and private improvements and which would not have been spent if the Rogue river had not been the attractive stream which it is, greatly exceeds any money ever spent on the Rogue river in the cannery interests. It means everything for the people in this country to have the finest fishing stream in the world. And this stream furnishes the principal recreation and incentive for outdoor life available to our people. It is a crime to allow this wonderful asset to be bartered and sold over to a single institution. If you had a lot of wonderful shade trees about your premises, you would strenuously object to some law which gave a private corporation the right to cut them down because they might be valuable commercially for wood and the country needed the wood.

If Honest, Ill Advised Now Mr. Thomas and some of the other parties to the contract knew of Mr. McCleay's threat to me, because I put the exact conversation in a telegram to Mr. Thomas during the 1917 session of the legislature. And why, with the suspicion which would naturally follow the putting over of a secret contract under these circumstances, these gentlemen would presume to thus contract away the rights of the people without taking the public into their confidence is a matter that is very difficult to understand. The contract may have been honestly entered into, but it certainly is not well advised, and all those interested have confidently expected the ballot would this year contain an enactment that would do away with commercial fishing in the Rogue river permanently.

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Come prepared to take part in the discussions, whether your name appears on the program or not. If you wish any other subjects brought up for consideration, kindly phone or write them to your superintendent or supervisor.

The law provides that the chairman of the board shall be a delegate to such a convention. If he is unable to attend he shall appoint a member of the board or the clerk to represent the district. Each delegate attending the convention during the entire session shall be entitled to receive two dollars out of the general fund of the county.

The following program has been arranged: 10:30—Music by local talent. 10:45—"Physical Education," a discussion. (a) "The Requirements," R. E. Morris. (b) "Some Benefits From Training," V. A. Davis. (c) "Methods of Presenting the Work," Edna Gore. 11:15—Talk, "A Square Deal to the Child," Mrs. Florence Lee. 11:30—"The Fundamentals in Arithmetic," Ruth York. (a) "The Need and Tools Suitable for Drill," Chester Cook. (b) "Methods Used in Presenting the Same," Ruth York. 12:00—Lunch. Arrangements will be made to serve lunch at Ruch for those who care for such service. 1:00—Music. Under management of Miss Ruth York. 1:20—Standardization of Schools. A discussion. (a) "What it Means to the High School," Mrs. Laurie James. (b) "What it Means to the Rural School," George Herriot. (c) "As an Aid to the Teacher," Christina Heekman. 2:00—The Educational Program Relative to Taxation. A discussion. (a) "The Situation and Proposed Remedies," G. W. Ager. (b) "A Taxpayer's View of the Program," Miles Central. (c) "Plans for Carrying on the Program," Applegate School Board. 2:50 to 3:00—Business session. G. W. AGER, School Superintendent.

DR. REBEC TO TALK AT WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

The regular weekly luncheon of the members of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday at noon at the Hotel Medford, after which the former members of the board of directors will meet and consider a recommendation which has been called to their attention. All who have signed membership blanks under the reorganization plan are especially urged to attend. Dr. George Rebec of the University of Oregon, extension department of Portland will give the address, which in all probability will be upon a subject of vital interest to the state at large.

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THE GLORIOUS LADY IS AN ATTRACTION AT LIBERTY It is not frequent that theatre audiences are furnished the tit-bit of seeing society people play roles in a picture play, but this is the case in Olive Thomas' picture, "The Glorious Lady," which comes to the Liberty theatre today for three days. A feature of the play is an old-time steeplechase, known as a "point to point" race, an English classic that is foremost among the events of each year. After an exhaustive search the Fairfax and Westchester club, near the Rockefeller estate at Greenwich, Conn., was secured for the scene. The action of the play is laid in England and the running course at the club fitted perfectly into the picture. There is no spot more characteristically English in all this country. The club's grounds include lake, hills and a rolling country, as if they were providentially transplanted from Yorkshire itself. Should a Woman Tell "Should a Woman Tell?" An important question is decided in a remarkable picture scheduled to be shown at the Rialto four days beginning tomorrow. It presents one of the most perplexing and at the same time most human, vital problems a woman is called upon to face; the question of whether or not to reveal to the man she is to marry an incident of her youth which may rob her of him! But this is not all. There is a great anti-climax and a tremendous climax.

EASTER PROGRAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

It is expected that Sunday will be a red letter day in the Christian church. The day will begin with a sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a. m., followed by an Easter breakfast, the Christian Endeavors in charge. This will be followed by the big Sunday school hour at 9:45. An orchestra will open the programme and other numbers will follow. The climax is reached when many will unite with the church as a fitting close to the "Everyone Win One Campaign," which is on. Mr. Millard, the pastor, will give an illustrated talk with the use of candles. The preaching services will be of special interest. There has been prepared a large number of special songs, solos, quartettes, octets by the choir. At 6:30 p. m. there will be a Baptismal service, followed by our happy evening service at 7:30 p. m. You will enjoy the special music. A short, terse, right to the point sermon by the pastor will be the fitting close of the day. Help make this a great day of rejoicing with your presence at some church Easter morning.

ENLISTMENTS ARE OPEN FOR THE 4TH ENGINEERS

The 4th Engineers, now stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, was organized to a large extent from men now in the states of the Pacific northwest. In view of that fact, some men may now desire to enlist for that organization and advantage should be taken of that fact by recruiting officers to secure enlistments therefor. These enlistments may be made for a period of one year regardless of whether or not the applicant has had previous service.

RATS COST AMERICA BILLION EACH YEAR

As an agent of destruction and a carrier of diseases, the rat is classed among man's most dangerous enemy. Estimates show that rats cost this country more than \$1,000,000,000 every year. This is a staggering sum considerable of which would be saved if people would only make a determined effort to get rid of these pests. Some of the larger cities are spending thousands of dollars to exterminate the rat and the results are easily seen in the decrease in deaths from contagious diseases.

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