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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1908.

We have been promised an article or two on the subject of rose culture by Mr. J. H. Nolta, an expert rose culturist at North Astoria and expect to receive it next week. This is a subject we should all study carefully and remember that we are in competition with all Portland in the growing of roses. Hood River grows her apples, the Rogue river country, its pears, southern Oregon, the Dalles, their grapes; but Portland and St. Johns their roses. No where do they grow finer roses than they do right here, and they grow them without any special effort finer than anything we have ever seen anywhere. Let us see then what earnest effort on our part will do to perfect the production of roses here in St. Johns. We believe that the location here is favorable for their growing because of their being less strong winds here than anywhere else about Portland or the Peninsula. We are better sheltered here than they are elsewhere and in a year or two we should make a reputation that would put us in the very lead in the growing of these beautiful flowers. In addition to the prominence this reputation would give us, the pleasure the roses would give in the beautifying of the home, their delightful fragrance, their bright colors will all add to the enjoyment of just living. It certainly is a strong incentive to make of every citizen an enthusiastic rose culturist.

Mrs Robinson Entertains.

Mrs. E. W. Robinson and sister Mrs. Henry Gamble entertained in a delightful manner, at the latter's home on Greenham street, Friday evening, Oct. 16. Progressive Four was indulged in until a late hour, when a bounteous repast was served.

After summing up it was found that Mrs. Henry Hewitt and Ed Monahan had won the first prize, while Mrs. Kate McKinney and Chas. Muck received the consolation.

The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated in autumn leaves.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Muck, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Monahan, Mrs. Richard Dorman, of Canas, Wash., Mrs. Reuben McKinnis, Chas. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gamble and the Misses Hazel and Nellie Robinson.

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Rebekahs Give a Reception.

There were big doings at the L. O. O. F. hall Wednesday night of last week. The Rebekahs, who are always trying to do the right thing, tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaney a most delightful reception. After games and music, refreshments were served, after which Brother Chaney was requested to bring his bride face east, when the Noble Grand tendered them a beautiful set of pillows, composed of, knives, forks, dessert and teaspoons. Presented by Laurel and Laurelwood lodges.

Brother Chaney responded in a very able manner.

After wishing the bride and groom many years of wedded bliss, they adjourned until the next Rebekah gets married.

Have you met Mr. Merritt and talked over the Special Edition project with him? If not, give him close attention for this is a proposition worthy of the liberal support of every citizen in St. Johns. We want St. Johns to make the very best possible showing in this publication that she can. These magazines will be ready for the visitors who come to the Seattle exposition next summer. They should all be contributed in time to induce them to see St. Johns before they return home.

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THE HOOD RIVER APPLE FAIR

taken by M. M. Hill, who recently sold ten acres of his orchard for \$1600 per acre. Mr. Hill captured five prizes, massive silver cups, for different exhibits. Five going to one man would indicate that his orchard and methods must be at a high standard. These things would indicate that the man who paid \$1600 per acre for a part of this orchard got the worth of his money.

The general appearance of the exhibit was much improved over that of any previous fair. They were better graded, more evenly packed, the better varieties are becoming more general, the inferior varieties being dropped very generally by the growers, either by budding, top-grafting or digging up and replacing with the standard varieties.

The exhibit from the upper Hood River Valley has shown the greatest improvement of any of the exhibits. Heretofore their exhibits were insignificant and of an inferior order, but this year they had one of the finest exhibits in the big pavilion. Mosley and White Salmon exhibits were also an improvement over former exhibits, particularly that of White Salmon, which was next to the upper valley in point of advancement.

Another interesting feature of the fair was the grape exhibit from The Dalles, which was the finest we have ever seen, being of such superior quality as to successfully compete with California's best products. We spent six months in the grape districts of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, at the time of the year when the grapes were about their best, but we never saw such splendid bunches, with the berries so closely set and so large and even in size there, as were those on exhibition from The Dalles. Hood River has the reputation for apples and we believe it will never be equalled in the production of high class apples; but The Dalles, if they will adopt Hood River's methods in the handling and growing of their grapes will within a few years enjoy just as good a reputation for their superior grapes. We have never seen such beautiful Tokaya and Muscatelles anywhere as were on exhibition there.

There is a project on foot to ship the entire exhibit on to Seattle for the Exposition there next year. The people there can do no better than to do this and it will mean hundreds of thousands of dollars for that little county if they do. It was thought a foolish thing when the citizens there put up so much money to send a car load of their fine apples to St. Louis at the exposition there, but they have since reaped a thousand fold from what they spent in that advertisement. Then land was selling from \$300 to \$800 per acre for improved property. Now it is selling from \$500 to \$1600 per acre, why? Because the fruit on exhibition there gave to the people of the east, who have money an idea of the splendid conditions here in the west and they have been coming and giving every man his price for the land they have selected. The building operations during that time have reached over \$250,000 and more than 50 substantial and beautiful structures have been erected. This is certainly a fine record for a little place like that. It is the direct result of the advertising this people have done, and what has been accomplished there can be done here. What they have done in a horticultural way, for that is their only source of growth practically, we can do here commercially and in manufacture. There are hundreds of sites here for factories and homes and stores, where successful operations may be carried on in the finest locality on earth. What we need to do is to tell it. There is no use in talking, Hood River cannot touch us with a ten-foot pole as a place for a home. While there they are improving their streets as fast as they can, we will cost them ten dollars to our one and

it will not be half so well done nor last half so long afterward, because of the hilly condition of the country. Another thing during the long summer they have such high winds that it is very disagreeable to say the least; while here, we have the quietest kind of weather the year round, no snow, no severe cold, the finest, levellest streets in the world, that may be improved at a minimum of cost. Hood River boasts of her beautiful scenery, and she has the finest on earth, without doubt, but it reaches clear down to St. Johns, growing grander, and more extensive as it comes. Take a trip over on Whitwood Court and from a hundred view points in that splendid tract you may scan as pretty a scene as any in Hood River county. We have not a hard word to say about Hood River, it is a lovely valley. We believe the finest fruit section in the world, it has some of the finest people on earth, a delightful climate; we love every inch of her territory and every man, woman and child that lives there; but with the exception of the fruit we think St. Johns has it skinned to a fare-you-well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following semi-annual report of the city treasurer will make interesting reading for our people:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand April 1	\$10,338.64
Special tax	3,513.04
Liquor license	2,000.00
Dog tax	96.00
Dray license	44.66
Bicycle license	21.00
Miscellaneous licenses	411.43
Street imp. bond sinking fund	719.76
Street imp. bond interest	150.49
Fines	333.00
Building permits	45.00
Street improvements	3,033.07
City engineer, 5 per cent	138.09
Impounding fees	89.50
Sale of dock bonds	60,000.00
Premium on same	4,287.00
Accrued interest	1,230.00
Miscellaneous receipts	12.90
Total	\$86,463.58

EXPENDITURES.

Refunded, liquor license	3,775.58
City Hall fund paid	741.78
City lot	68.86
Ornamental protection of fir tree on lot	196.44
Fountain	9.20
Street improvements	2,978.47
Street lights	790.05
Street repairing and cleaning	115.21
Int. street imp. bonds	155.00
Int. city hall bonds	300.00
Retired Nos. 1 and 2, street imp. bonds	1,000.00
Water hydrants	377.00
Loan from city hall fund	188.22
Salaries	2,528.09
City Printing	482.42
Fire department	117.99
Philadelphia street imp. from general fund	352.64
Rock quarry, 1st paym't	200.00
machinery, etc.	572.42
labor, mat., etc.	871.07
Payment on road roller	600.00
Janitor	202.52
City engineer assistant	131.50
Engineer's supplies	22.25
Police supplies	62.70
Janitor supplies	24.84
Office supplies	44.00
Office fixtures	57.41
Insurance premiums	75.00
Ad for dock bonds	30.00
Richmond street dock	54.43
City dock site	23,501.29
Clerks and judges city election	7.75
Meals for prisoners	9.60
Incidental expenses	126.51
Total	\$40,831.30

Bal. on hand Oct. 1, 45,632.28

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THE VOGUE

Opp. Calif Bros. Furniture Store. Next door to P. O.

The Hood River apple fair this year was conceded by all the experts to have been by far the best that has ever been held, both as to the attendance, and quality of the fruit and the condition of the same. The big day, Saturday last, was an ideal one for a fair. There had been rain enough to put the streets and roads in the finest possible condition and the day was fine, clear and pleasant. There was a good attendance from the home section, but there were a number of the most prominent growers who were getting their immense crop of fine apples gathered and could not spare the time to attend the fair, even after having placed some fine exhibits. We have not the space to give a detailed account of the medals, but we cannot fail to mention the prizes,