

"The Lure of the Mask," a story of the most alluring character in fiction, is proving popular

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Chicago Takes Off Hat To Hood River Apples

Display at Land and Irrigation Exposition Viewed By Thousands Who Stand In Awe and Admiration In Front of Display

Word from the big exposition being held in Chicago is to the effect that the Hood River apple exhibit is creating a sensation and that thousands who daily throng the building stand in front of it in awe and admiration. "No apples like these were ever seen in Chicago before" was the verdict of hundreds of the visitors. Joe Wilson and Sam Campbell who are looking after the display are kept busy for many hours a day handing out literature and telling enquiring strangers about the apples and the Hood River country and growers from other sections are taking off their hats to the Hood River fruit as the acme of all apple displays at the exposition. The Chicago Tribune in its story about the exposition and which prints a cartoon of Joe Wilson as the exponent of the famous Hood River Valley says:

"Former Congressman John F. Lacey of Iowa, for sixteen years chairman of the public lands committee in congress, spent yesterday afternoon at the Land and Irrigation show in the Coliseum, and then gave expression to some emphatic conclusions with reference to the big display of offerings from the western states."

Standing in front of the Hood River exhibit he said: "This is the greatest exposition of the second most beautiful thing in the world that I have ever seen."

"That needs a little explanation," he added. "I've concluded—and a lot of other men feel as I do—that the most beautiful thing the Lord ever created was woman. But after you have settled woman's place it's a contentious problem to pick the runner up. I did it years ago."

"The second most beautiful thing in the world is a ripe apple. That's been my belief since the first day that I climbed a tree in my father's orchard, pulled a luscious morsel of goodness from a stem and ate even the seeds."

"If you'll agree with me that the apple is the second most beautiful thing—you know that most beautiful woman Eve must have had that sort of a fancy, too, because she looked around for something pretty; she evidently didn't have a mirror in which to picture herself, and picked out an apple—if, as I say, you'll agree with me, then I'll declare that this is the most remarkable exhibition of apples ever collected."

"The exposition as a whole is magnificent, and during sixteen years in congress, when I was closely associated with the government's interests in such things, I do not remember having attended such a show where things were so completely and so beautifully arranged."

"But I do not feel that people of this country pay the attention to or show the gratitude that they should for this God given fruit, the apple. It is the greatest fruit on earth, I say that advisedly."

"Do you know that if a man or a woman will eat an apple a day, and particularly such apples as these, they will be as strong and hearty as"

ESCAPED DEATH BY NARROW MARGIN

John Kelsay, an O. R. & N. passenger flagman, escaped death Saturday night by a narrow margin when he fell from the rear of east-bound train No. 6 into Eagle Creek and was washed out into the Columbia River.

Kelsay was getting off the train, which had stopped with the rear car on the Eagle Creek bridge, a short distance below Bonneville, and missed his footing. He fell 30 feet into the rushing current, which carried him out into the river, but being a good swimmer, he managed to get ashore.

The engineer whistled for the flagman to come in, and he did not appear. An investigation was made and he was found crawling up the embankment. His leg and arm were injured, and he was put to bed in a sleeper, and taken on to his home in Pendleton.

80 years of age as they are at 50? It is true. No man who uses apples as a part of his regular diet ever is bothered with rheumatism. No man ever has trouble with his digestive system if he eats an apple a day."

The big apple of the exposition, continues the Tribune, arrived today. It came from Hood River, packed in tissue paper and cotton. A pedestal has been erected for this apple kug in the Hood River exhibit on the second floor of the Coliseum building, and there it will be on exhibition during the remainder of the exposition.

The apple is of the Wolf River variety. It weighs thirty-seven and one-half ounces and is eighteen inches in circumference.

The Hood River exhibit has been decorated with the Oregon grapevine the state flower.

"We feel at home now, for we were a bit lonely without it," said Joseph A. Wilson.

"I'm here about eighteen hours every day, and I don't feel that I am so far away from home with that grapevine."

Some Local Pulpit Utterances
It is in the perversion of the truth that we have the most dangerous errors.

It is in the misconceptions of the Christian life that we have the grossest perversions of that life.

It is in the misapplication of the precepts of Jesus Christ that we have the worst abuses of the Christian life, and of life itself.

The life of Christ in his human relations, associations, obligations and responsibilities and works is the best interpretation of the truths he taught.

Christ announced no truth higher and greater than the life he lived, and his life among men in calm and service is the best and truest illustration of the Christian life.

The Christian life is not simply a creed, or confession, though faith and confession are necessary; it is not an enthusiastic profession although it is a profession which should be characterized by enthusiasm.

The Christian life is not an effervescent manifestation of exuberancy of the soul, but an abiding principle within, the real life of Christ, working out along the lines of our activity: it is the life of Christ lived over again by men.

RED CROSS STAMPS ARE NOW READY

The sale of Red Cross stamps for Christmas packages has been taken up this year at Hood River by the Woman's Club and it is expected that they will prove even more popular than they did last year, when Hood River had the distinction of selling more stamps than any place in the state except Portland.

As was the case last year the money from the stamps will be contributed to the fund for the fight against the great white plague. To create interest and place the stamps on sale throughout the city and valley Mrs. J. F. Batchelder, president of the Woman's Club has appointed committees. They are on sale at the drug and other stores, and Postmaster Yates has kindly allowed the ladies to place a table in the lobby of the post office for their sale. Mrs. A. J. Graham has been appointed chairman of the central committee, Mrs. Wm. Kerr chairman of the east side committee, Mrs. W. J. Ingalls chairman of the west side committee and Mrs. Chas. Costner will act in this capacity on the heights. These ladies will distribute the stamps and look after the collections of sales.

Death of Charles Gabriel

Charles Gabriel, a well known resident of Hood River, died Thursday morning at the residence of his son in Portland. Death was caused by paralysis from which Mr. Gabriel had been a sufferer for some time.

The body was brought here for burial, the funeral being held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church, Rev. C. A. Nutley conducting the services. Interment was in Idlewild cemetery.

Assembly Movement Meets With Favor

At an informal meeting held under the auspices of the Union Republican Club in Portland last Wednesday evening to consider the Republican assembly movement a resolution was adopted the purport of which is to have the voters in every precinct elect delegates to the county assemblies and the county assemblies select delegates to the state convention. This is the solution to a difficult question which has been debated by politicians for the past six months. In addition to making this suggestion, the meeting also passed resolutions upholding the direct primary law. The principal speaker of the evening was former Senator C. W. Fulton, who made an impromptu address on the need of an assembly. Judge Henry E. McGinn was invited to speak, and the Judge strongly opposed the assembly plan.

Other speakers who favored the calling of assemblies were Prof. John Gregg of Portland, J. H. Withycomb and J. H. Ackerman.

Mr. Fulton explained that there was no foundation for the charge that the men who are advocating an assembly are attempting to undermine the primary law. He declared that conventions were necessary and that instead of depriving the people of power, they enable the voters to exercise this power. The charge has been made that the assembly would be controlled by a few men. To this the senator asserted

that if the assembly did not recommend good men for the nominations the people have the privilege of nominating others and that, in any event the men recommended by the assembly have to file individual petitions the same as other candidates. That all important achievements can only be brought about through organization was the assertion of Mr. Fulton, and he illustrated this point. Preservation of the party was urged by the speaker and this preservation was recommended through the assembly system. He advocated the holding of elections in precincts so that the voters could elect the delegates to the assemblies and all have a free voice. If three or four men can meet on a street corner and agree to support a number of candidates, Fulton declared that 500 or 1000 men can meet and agree to support a list of nominees. The former senator declared that it was only through organization that the labor people had been able to accomplish anything and that since their organization their progress had been rapid.

Judge McGinn outlined the old political conditions under the convention system and expressed himself as fearful that they would be repeated.

Concerning the assembly, he declared he was opposed to it, for he believed it would fall into the hands of one man. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and attended by a number of prominent men from Portland and throughout the state.

Fruit Land Sales Again Are Humming

If Outsiders Get Cold Feet Local Men Beat Them To It--Tracts All Over Valley Go at Rising Prices Despite Bad Weather

Notwithstanding the bad weather during the past month land sales have gone a humming. The demand for Hood River fruit land shows no let up and prices on the average are soaring. Ten acres more of the Lake & Bolton tract in young trees was sold yesterday by C. A. Cass to Norm Young for \$10,000 after a prospective Iowa purchaser to whom it had been offered for \$9,500 got cold feet. This is the second sale at \$1,000 an acre from the Lake & Bolton tract, C. A. Mosely having recently paid \$10,000 for ten acres.

Another instance that local men know a good thing when they see it, when outsiders get weak in the knees, was the purchase of ten acres of the Radford place by L. W. Hills for \$17,000 after it had been turned down by a Chicago man who had made a payment on it.

One of the important sales during the month was the purchase by J. R. Shelton for a friend, of the fine twenty acre place of G. C. Kinsman, for which he paid \$21,000. This is Mr. Shelton's second purchase. The sale was made by J. H. Hellbronner & Co. Another sale by the Hellbronner Company was the purchase by G. J. Watson, the young attorney who recently came here from New York, of a ten acre orchard of young trees located near Hood River at \$10,000 or \$1000 an acre.

Among the lands which were transferred last week was 160 acres

DESCHUTES RIVER CLEANS OUT CAMPS

The Deschutes river broke away from its traditional evenness of temper and became a raging torrent last week getting out of its embankment and making things interesting in general for the contractors of the Deschutes Railway and the Oregon Trunk Line. The stream rose 10 feet in 24 hours.

Two camps belonging to Twohy Brothers were swept away with tents, bunk houses, supplies, in fact, the camps were cleaned out. One of the Porter Brothers' camps which is situated upon a higher piece of ground was entirely surrounded by water and deserted owing to the inability to get supplies to the men.

At one of Tony Scarpelli's camps, near the government dam site, the river was out of its banks and a rushing torrent.

of raw land located at Hood River which brought \$16,000 or \$100 an acre. This land was bought by Charles and J. E. Hall from W. H. Marshall of Dee. A tract of undeveloped land in the Upper Valley of similar size was sold by G. D. Woodworth last week to C. A. Stone for \$16,000 and several other sales of smaller magnitude are reported from that section.

Through Devlin & Firebaugh Henry L. Colvin, a capitalist of Portland has purchased the L. J. Goodenough tract of 22.43 acres for \$19,000. The place is all under cultivation and five acres are in bearing orchard.

The same firm also reports the sale of the Frank Jones Sacre place located 2 1/2 miles out on the Belmont road, to W. G. Banks, formerly one of the leading citizens of Redwood Falls, Minnesota. After having spent several months investigating all the leading fruit producing districts of the northwest Mr. Banks chose the Hood River valley.

RAINFALL HEAVY, BUT STILL SHY

Although the rainfall at Hood River during November was the heaviest in 20 years, figures for the year given out by H. L. Hasbrouck, the local weather man, show that we are shy about 1 1/2 inches according to the average of previous years. During the past month 11.60 inches of rain fell, five of which was precipitated during the past week. Up to Saturday we have had 25.30 inches. The average for Hood River is about 36 inches

G. A. R. TO HOLD BIG INDOOR PICNIC

An all day picnic will be held in the K. of P. hall by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a. m. All Canby post and Corps members and every soldier of the Civil War residing in Hood River are invited to eat with us. Canby Corps ladies are invited to bring lunch baskets with a view of having a hot dinner at 12 o'clock. A program will be rendered spiced with stories by the Grand Army veterans. Comrade Buak will make out the pension vouchers and the fourth day of the months of December, March, June and September, it is hoped will be known as Pension Day in the future.

Boat Lines Are Hot Foot After Business

Establish New Landing and Wharftoat, and Inaugurate Quick Service--Permanent Road and Plank Walk Will Be Feature

After several weeks of persistent effort with the help of the Business men's Association Commodore Dean announces that Hood River will have an adequate landing and better boat shipping service than it has ever before enjoyed.

The new service commenced Monday when the big wharftoat, 150x40 feet, that has been doing service at Lyle was brought to Hood River and placed at a landing back of the old mill, a quarter of a mile nearer town. The new wharftoat is amply large enough to take care of thousands of tons of freight where it will be taken care of under cover and goods of a perishable nature will be properly housed in all kinds of weather. It is the intention of the boat lines to make a specialty of handling apple, other fruit and vegetable shipments by a quick service.

Goods from Portland will be given a 24 hour service and the cartage rate has been reduced to the same figure that is charged from the railway freight station. It is the expectation that the new wharf will be used by all the boats in the near future, giving business men and other patrons a quick, convenient and cheap freight and passenger rate to all points reached by the boats.

As soon as possible the plank walk which has been built to within a

short distance of the new landing will be extended and the money subscribed to put in a permanent road is expected to put it in such good condition that heavy loads can be hauled to town with little difficulty. The managers of the boat lines say that they will do everything in their power to give Hood River a first class service if they are encouraged by receiving sufficient traffic.

BOILER EXPLODES ENGINEER UNHURT

The boiler of a big O. R. & N. freight engine exploded Friday morning, hurling the engineer, George Curl, over the railroad embankment, demolishing the firebox and causing other damage. The fireman, who stood on the ground beside the engine, escaped unhurt.

The explosion took place in the railroad yard and many were awakened by the terrific noise. Curl was getting ready to dismount from the engine and was between the cab and the tender. To this is probably due the fact that he wasn't killed or badly injured as the force of the explosion blew out the boiler into the firebox, smashing the latter into fragments and driving bricks, metal, hot coals and steam into the cab. The concussion struck the engineer in the back lifted him 20 feet over a side track and dropped him down a 10 foot embankment. With the exception of a few bruises he was unhurt.

The damaged engine which was part of a double header was left here for temporary repairs and the train taken on by the other locomotive.

HIGH SCHOOL SELECTS DEBATERS

At a class election of the High School students held Friday debating teams were chosen to represent Hood River in the Inter-Scholastic debates to be held this month at Astoria and The Dalles. The debaters are Chester Huggins, Herbert Phillips, Eva Brock, Helen Orr, Earl Spaulding and Leila Radford. Bert Jayne and Elsie McLucas were chosen alternates. Three of the debaters will go to Astoria and the other three to The Dalles. As yet the selection of the teams who will go to the respective cities has not been made.

HORTICULTURISTS LOOK FOR LIVELY MEETING

An interesting program has been prepared for the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society which will be held in Portland from the 6th to the 9th of December. The prizes for the fruit display this year are the most attractive that the society has ever offered and comprise over \$1000 in cash and many handsome cups and medals. Among the speakers Hood River will be represented by A. I. Mason, whose subject is "Improvement of Rural Conditions," and J. L. Carter who will talk on "The Apple of the West." Included in the list of speakers are many of the old timers and a good meeting is expected.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who extended their aid and sympathy in the sickness and death of our loving husband and father.

MRS. HARRIET GABRIEL AND FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Davies wish to express their appreciation of the kind assistance and sympathy of their friends and neighbors during their recent bereavement caused by the death of their son DeForest.

Mrs. A. L. Davies.

Tax Meeting

The special school meeting of this school district for voting the school district tax for this year will be held at the High School building on next Tuesday at 8:30 p. m.

MOSIER FRUITLAND SELLING HIGHER

Mosier fruitlands are moving along in the procession to higher prices, and this district bids fair to soon get into the \$1000 an acre class. Through B. E. Duncan & Co, ten acres of two year old trees were sold last week to Edward M. Strauss, a wealthy clothier of Ripon, Wis., for \$50 per acre. Mr. Strauss also bought another tract at Mosier and will commence to develop his holdings immediately.

Another tract of 20 acres in the same locality was bought by O. L. Craton, of Hood River, from the Davenport heirs for \$2000. This is raw fruit land and will be developed at once. The sale was made through the agency of Devlin & Firebaugh. Through the same agency Homer L. Mumford purchased a ten acre tract of developed fruit land located three-quarters of a mile southwest of Mosier in what is known as the Mosier orchard belt. This land is all set out with standard varieties of commercial apples.

The sale price of \$4000, or \$400 an acre, indicates the great difference in the price of raw lands in this vicinity and young developed orchard lands.

\$4,000 SUBSCRIBED FOR AUTO ROAD

In a twenty minute canvass of Hood River Monday A. J. Epling one of the committee on the Portland-Hood River automobile road secured subscriptions to the amount of \$4,000. He reports that the proposition met with the greatest enthusiasm and expects to secure \$10,000 in Portland for which place he took train Monday afternoon.

PICTURE LECTURE HERE UNDER DIRECTION O. R. & N.

J. H. O'Neil traveling passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, was in Hood River Saturday and extended an invitation to the Commercial Club to be the guests of the advertising department of the Harriman lines in attending a stereopticon and moving picture lecture. Several thousand feet of western scenery will be shown in addition to a large number of slides representing the resources of the west. The lecture will be given Friday evening. The Commercial club has secured the opera house and extended an invitation to the members to attend. It is the purpose of the railroad east company to send the lecturer east shortly where the resources of the west will be seen in moving pictures.