

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

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Hood River Exhibitors Capture Thirty Prizes

Sweep the Deck at Horticultural Meeting--Local Men Read Interesting Papers--A. I. Mason's Hot Shot Causes Comment

The State Horticultural meeting was brought to a successful close Thursday. All the old officers were re-elected and a number of valuable papers read followed by interesting discussions. Hood River won the majority of the prizes in the fruit exhibits, about thirty in all being awarded to growers here. Of these J. L. Carter, the veteran prizewinner, received the most, L. E. Clark, being a close second.

Mr. Carter is stated to have made a very good address on his subject "The Apple of the West." A. I. Mason read a lengthy and interesting paper on "The Improvement of Rural Conditions," which was commented on favorably by the metropolitan press, the Journal giving the portion of it devoted to an attack on the movement to hold assemblies in the state by the Republicans, a position on the front page and upholding him in this attitude. Other features of his address that caused interest were his handling of the good roads question and improved mail delivery service for the rural districts. In speaking on this question he said in part:

"I would ask of our federal government, in order to improve rural conditions, that it give us parcels post delivery on all rural mail routes. I believe the least objectionable parcels post bill, thus far proposed, is the one changing our postal laws, so that a package, not exceeding eleven pounds, will be delivered for twelve cents per pound, to any part of the United States, and a package of the same weight mailed from a postoffice on a rural route, shall be charged, at the rate of five cents, for the first pound, and two cents for each additional pound; or twenty-five cents for a package weighing eleven pounds. This would give our local merchants an advantage, on an eleven pound package, of a dollar and seven cents, over the mail order houses."

He also made a strong plea for better salaries for rural carriers and retrenchments in other branches of the postal service, which he said were being handled too extravagantly.

He went after the legislature with-out gloves for not passing a good roads bill at its last session saying: "One of the blackest spots, upon the legislative history of Oregon, is the failure of our legislatures, since the organization of our state, to give us a road law, that will make it possible for a rural district to successfully build a permanent macadam road. Under our present law, only densely populated districts, like Multnomah County, can hope to raise a sufficient road tax to build permanent roads, as they should be built."

"When our last legislature chopped to pieces and finally killed the Johnson Good Road bill, without offering any substitute to relieve the oppressed rural conditions of our state, they did, what I consider, to say at an inexcusable act."

Mr. Mason urged the members of the horticultural society to oppose the movement to hold assemblies for the recommendation of candidates by the political parties of the state as he believed the move was for the purpose of destroying the direct primary law and substituting machine politics.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President--H. C. Atwell, Forest Grove.
Vice-President--J. R. Shepard, of Salem.
Second Vice-President--E. H. Shepard of Hood River.
Secretary-Treasurer--F. W. Power, of Portland.
Corresponding Secretary--L. T. Reynolds of Salem.

Dr. J. R. Cardwell, of this city, continues as honorary president of the society.

The Hood River prizewinners are: Best box of Spitzenbergs from Hood River County--F. C. Dethman. Best county exhibits of 15 boxes--First J. L. Carter, second B. E. Van Voorhis.

Best box Yellow Newtons--J. P. Naumes.

Best box of Spitzenbergs--Peter Mohr.
Best box Baldwins--J. L. Carter.
Best box of Arkansas Blacks--Lawrence & Smith.
Best box Swans--John Hakel.
Best box Red-Cheek Pippins--L. E. Clark.
Best box Hyde's King--Lawrence & Smith.
Best box of Winesaps--L. E. Clark.
Best three boxes apples from Hood River County--F. L. Davidson.
Best two boxes Newtons--J. L. Carter.
Best box Red-Cheek Pippins--J. L. Carter.
Best three boxes of Ortleys--Peter Mohr.

Best box of Baldwins from east of the Cascades--F. C. Dethman.
Best box Wagners--John Hakel.
Best box Newtons from east of the Cascades--J. L. Carter.
Best box Delicious apples--P. M. Jackson.
Best box D'Anjou pears--J. L. Carter.
Best box Ortleys--L. E. Clark.
Best plate Yellow Newtons--L. E. Clark.
Best plate Jonathans--J. L. Carter.
Best plate of Arkansas Blacks--J. L. Carter.
Best plate Red-Cheek Pippins--L. E. Clark.
Best collection apples on plates--First, J. L. Carter.
Best plate D'Anjou--J. L. Carter.
Best five boxes apples--J. L. Carter.
Best box Spitzenbergs--J. L. Carter.

Best five boxes Spitzenbergs--F. C. Dethman.
Best five boxes of Spitzenbergs, Wasco County--E. L. Howe, Mosier.

Marries Popular Dalles Girl

W. E. Hanson and Miss Harriet Marden were united in marriage at The Dalles Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marden on Fourth street, Rev. D. V. Poling officiating. Only immediate members of the family were present at the ceremony.

A delicious wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left on the North Bank for Spokane and other Washington cities, afterward coming to Hood River where they will make their home.

Mr. Hanson is deputy county clerk of Hood River county and Miss Marden is a most accomplished young lady, who is very popular with her many friends. The groom is also well and favorably known here.

Wants Hammer to Suspend

G. P. Schlosser, late of Green River, Utah, but who is now an enthusiastic Hood River admirer, received a letter this week from his former home stating that some one from here had written "knocking" the Hood River climate and saying that we are experiencing weather 24 below zero. Mr. Schlosser remarks that he has a number of friends at Green River who contemplate coming here in the spring and would like to have the hammer suspend operations until he can get a few words to the prospective additions to our population.

Hood River School Tax 12 Mills.

The special school tax levy for school district No. 3 of Hood River, County, was fixed at 12 mills at the school meeting last Monday. This will almost double the taxes here for school purposes. The valuation of property in the district is about \$2,500,000, and will bring about \$30,000 into the school fund. Last year the levy was two cents. The valuation is three times as high this year. Other school districts of the county average about 4 mills levy.

University Club Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the Hood River University Club Saturday new officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

President, E. H. Shepard; vice president, F. H. Carroll; secretary and treasurer, E. O. Hall; board of governors, R. H. Wallace, R. W. Kelley, A. J. Derby, J. F. Watt, C. D. Thompson.

The reports of the retiring secretary showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition. December 20 was decided as the date for the club's annual ball.

Death Places Icy Hand At Home and Abroad

George Allen Wright
George Allen Wright, one of Hood River's most loyal and highly esteemed residents, died Monday morning at his home in this city aged 95 years.

Mr. Wright was born in Warrick county, Indiana, December 29, 1843, and came to Oregon in 1880 first locating at Wasco. Eight years ago he came to Hood River where he has since resided. He is survived by an only daughter, Miss Ida Wright of this city, his wife having died in 1887. Early in life Mr. Wright identified himself with the church and was a member of 44 years standing. He was a man of a singularly kindly character and his death is sincerely mourned by all who knew him. The funeral, which was largely attended and the services were conducted by Rev. T. B. Ford of the Methodist church. Interment was in Hillside cemetery. The pall bearers were A. D. Moe, H. H. Bailey, J. Otten, J. K. Carson, W. J. Baker and Truman Butler.

Elected Commandery Officers.

At the annual meeting of Hood River Commandery K. T. No. 12 held Dec. 7 the following officers were elected:

H. L. Hasbrook--Emminent Commander.
C. K. Marshall--Generalissimo.
R. W. Pratt--Captain General.
A. C. Staten--Prelate.
J. Otten--Treasurer.
A. D. Moe--Recorder.
G. R. Castner, H. H. Bailey, J. K. Carson--Standard Bearer.
D. McDonald--Sword Bearer.
H. L. Dumble--Warder.
Truman Butler--Captain of the Guard.
W. L. Clark--Third Guard.
C. H. Stranahan--second Guard.
E. P. Michell--First Guard.
D. McDonald, G. R. Castner, J. M. Wright--Trustees.

C. E. Hemman
C. E. Hemman, at one time a resident of Hood River, died at Yuma, Arizona, Monday evening, December 13, after an illness of some duration. Ten days before his death he went from Los Angeles to Yuma in hopes of being benefited. The body was taken to Milwaukee, Wis., for burial.

Mr. Hemman was married while here to Bertha Prather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Prather, who survives him with a daughter. He was a member of the local lodge of K. of P., his death being the first to occur in its membership in twenty years.

Mrs. Alice Dean.

Alice Dean, a well-known resident of Hood River, died Sunday, December 5, in Watsonville, Cal., at the home of Mrs. Hughes, where she was spending the winter. Mrs. Dean was 57 years old, and had been ill before she left here for California, three weeks ago. Besides her daughter, she leaves a son, Roy Dean, the well known business man of this city, who was with her in the south.

Christmas Sale and Parish Tea.

The Ladies Guild of St. Mark's Church will hold its annual sale of Christmas things to-morrow afternoon at the millinery store of the Misses J. & L. Hawley. Appropriate gifts, of a dainty and useful nature of all kinds will be offered and the public in general is invited to the sale.

A Parish Tea under the auspices of the Ladies of the Guild will also be given to-morrow evening at the home of Mrs. K. S. Walton from 8 to 10. A general invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Elected Directors.

At the new annual meeting of the Hood River Commercial Club held Tuesday night A. J. Derby, Charles T. Early, E. H. Hartwig, J. H. Osburn, Charles Hall, E. O. Blanchard and E. C. Smith were elected to serve as directors for the coming year.

Valley's Famous Apples Attract and Amaze

S. G. Campbell Tells of Exhibit at Chicago--Viewed by 250,000 Visitors Who Pronounced It Unsurpassed--Sold in Chicago

Sam G. Campbell, who returned Sunday from Chicago where he and Joe Wilson placed and exhibited the car of apples at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, believes that the publicity secured for the Hood River district accomplished great things for the products of the valley and will result in bringing many prospective investors here.

Mr. Campbell estimates that 250,000 visitors saw the exhibit, among whom were included hundreds of growers, Chicago commission men and retail fruit dealers, who paid tribute to it as the finest exhibit of apples ever seen in the big metropolis of the middle west. From day to day hundreds of the visitors wanted to buy some of the apples at any price and the entire exhibit which was turned over to the Gibson Fruit Company at the direction of Steinhart & Kelley, to whom it belonged had been resold to the retailers of fancy fruit before it left the building.

The Hood River exhibit at Chicago, which is said to have originated with E. H. Shepard, Mr. Campbell says was the largest in the exposition, being 45 feet long on the sides, 20 on the ends and six boxes high, with Oregon grape tastefully placed around it. On one side a beautiful effect was produced by having the entire display consist of red fruit, with the exception of six boxes of deep yellow Ortleys in the center.

The fact that visitors could not buy any of the fruit is believed by

Mr. Campbell to have made their interest much more keen to obtain some of it whenever it is placed in the Chicago markets and also stimulated their interests in the Hood River country.

No effort was made on the part of either Mr. Campbell or Mr. Wilson to interest the thousands who inquired about the valley by telling them anything but facts. They found, he says, hundreds of professional and business men with capital who were contemplating investing in the west and who admitted that the exhibit and literature given them had strengthened their purpose to visit Hood River.

For fifteen hours a day Mr. Campbell was kept busy handing out literature, explaining why the fruit had such a wonderful color, denying that it was made of wax and in telling about the country it was grown in, while every day of the exposition the big building which covers several blocks was thronged with sight-seers. Yakima and Wenatchee, Mr. Campbell says, had good small exhibits of the varieties of apples for which these districts are noted and Michigan and Illinois had good sized displays of barrel apples. One Illinois grower asked if he could exhibit a few specimens of apples from that state in a small space alongside the Hood River exhibit. On being told by Mr. Campbell that he could he dug all kinds of lop-sided and inferior looking apples from his pockets, but after he had placed them and stood back for a minute making comparisons he pocketed his apples, remarking that he was ashamed to have them shown with the Hood River products.

Many visitors after seeing the other apple exhibits took the trouble to come back and tell the custodians of the Hood River exhibit that there was nothing like it in the building, and some of them hung around it for hours, apparently marveling that anything so perfect could be produced.

When turned over to the Gibson Fruit Company the apples are said by Mr. Campbell to have been in fine condition, while many of the others were so affected by the heat and dust that they were practically ruined.

In Wyoming

Much of the interest attached to the coming engagement of Willard Mack's play, "In Wyoming," that will appear in Hood River Dec. 17th, is due to the fact that it is one of the largest and most expensive shows of the country and is carried intact. "In Wyoming" is a stage-told story of the lives and loves of men and women living in that picturesque section of the national domain. Dalby, who dominates the Big Horn valley; his peppery wife; Bob Richards, a big hearted cow-puncher; Hank Jones, who is always sampling wet goods; Willie Settle, the fresh young drummer, and cow-boys as seen on the frontier, are the principal types that move and live in a play said to be one of the best contributions to the American stage. Seats on sale at Clarke's drug store.

Fire Destroys Height's Home.

A house belonging to J. W. Culp and occupied by J. Biddlek and family on the heights was totally destroyed with most of its contents early Wednesday morning. Presence of mind and quick action on the part of neighbors saved Mrs. J. Biddlek and her week-old baby. The mother and infant were carried to the house of a neighbor where they were cared for. When discovered the fire, which is of an unknown origin, had gained such headway that very little of the furniture was saved. The loss was about \$1,000 with no insurance.

Elected Without Opposition

Only 115 ballots were cast at the city election last Tuesday as against nearly 400 at the last regular election. J. M. Wright, Charles Hall and S. W. Arnold were re-elected to the city council. H. B. Langille and E. O. Blanchard were re-elected recorder and treasurer respectively. Little interest or opposition and had weather was thought to have caused the light vote.

Banners Hung in New York Streets Advertise Famous Apples to Trade



Visitors who have just returned from New York say that Hood River fruit is receiving a greater amount of publicity in the big city this year than ever before, and that in many sections of the wholesale district banners are hung advertising its unexcelled apples.

On inquiry at the office of the Apple Growers' Union this is found to be due to the extensive advertising which Steinhart & Kelly have inaugurated in the wholesale districts of the big city where they have supplied banners to dealers who are handling the Hood River product.

In a letter to the Union the big apple handling concern tells why the visitors from Hood River and other parts of Oregon are agreeably surprised to find the apple products of the valley exhibited and advertised by many dealers.

"We are sending you by mail today two sets of photographs we had taken of a number of scenes in the wholesale district. You will notice that on every one of these large banners which we had made specially are just the words Hood River Apples and really if you went through this market you would think it was an exhibition of Hood River apples. We have about 30 of these banners now throughout the wholesale district and we shall send you a few more photographs within a few days showing you some other scenes. We are quite sure that if any of your folks came to the New York market now you would think you were really in Hood River."

