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The Weather

Weather report for week ending
December 26, 1909, furnished by H. L.
Hasbrouck, local observer:

Date	Temperature High-Low	Clear days	Rainfall
Dec. 20	34-12	12	.00
21	28-8	8	.00
22	28-15	15	.00
23	26-15	15	.00
24	25-22	22	.05
25	32-24	24	.15
26	32-24	24	T
Average			
29	17		.20

PROSPECTS FOR 1910

Hood River has never entered on a new year, which is now approaching, with brighter prospects. Its wares were never known so well as now, nor has their standard ever been so high in the public eye. Placed before the American public on their merits by the leading periodicals on this continent, and also in several abroad, the demand for them will increase many fold during the coming year. This has naturally stimulated interest in the district where they are grown, and it will turn the steps of many to invest here. Nineteen hundred and ten, we believe, will eclipse all former years in the development and progress of the Hood River country.

THE MIDDLEMAN

The disastrous attempt of a number of growers at Cashmere to market their apples through the hands of a glib tongued stranger, who promised them big returns by cutting out the middleman's profit is an object lesson that other fruit men will do well to remember. As in other things it takes experience, large capital and a knowledge of the trade to successfully market fruit and to get it into the hands of the consumer at a successful figure through reliable channels it must pay its toll to foresight and shrewdness.

METHOD TO ITS MADNESS

A story of the apple industry in the northwest appears in the current number of Harper's Weekly, headed "Oregon Apple Mad." The story, while mentioning other districts, is largely devoted to Hood River, which it holds up as the acme of all that is desired in the growing, packing and marketing of apples. While indicating that Hood River is apple mad, the article demonstrates that there is a very profitable method to its madness.

AN EXPLANATION

Unintentionally the News last week incorrectly reported the city tax levy as fixed by the city council. The levy should have been placed at seven instead of seven and one-half mills, no portion of which goes to the county, as was proposed. The error was due to the fact that the News man lost his notes and his memory served him ill.

THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW

Sunday school attendance is now expected to take a slump.

We had ideal Christmas weather particularly for diminishing the wood pile.

Cheer up friends, countrymen and fellow sufferers, Christmas won't come again for another year.

Wonder where Cook hung his stocking. The Copenhagen professors had a package for him. Evidently he didn't want it.

We had an innovation for dinner Christmas. Roast goose stuffed with fire crackers. This is quite a novelty, saves carving. You light the fire crackers and they do the rest.

Congress was generous in its Christmas offering, as per the new tariff. Everything we don't want and can't get is as free as the air we breathe. Things we must have are "protected" from our

gluttonous desires by duties a mile high—equally as thick, just as wide, and then some.

Before Christmas the metropolitan press was filled with advertisements of "How to Solve the Problem of Giving." We'd be obliged if they would now give us a tip on "getting."

An Indiana editor, says an exchange, has taken time, despite his heavy duties as a "moulder of public opinion," to keep track of his material and mental progress and offers the following summary of his gains and losses during the year: Been broke, 300 times; had money, 65; praised by the public, 8; damned by the same public, 249; asked to drink, 18; refused 0; missed prayer meeting, 52; rosated by others, 52; washed the office towel, 3; missed my meals, 0; taken for a preacher, 11; taken for a capitalist, 0; found money, 0; taken baths, 1; delinquent subscribers paid, 57; delinquents did not pay, 436; got whipped, 0; whipped other fellows, 8; cash on hand beginning of year, \$1.67; cash on hand now, 47 cents.

ALL OREGON NEWS

Portland, Oregon December 28—Much work on the rivers and harbors of the Pacific Northwest will be accomplished during the coming year provided the recommendations of Major McIndoe, corps of United States Engineers, in charge of this

not include large shipments of wheat from California. This tonnage is very heavy each year.

The fine new steamship Bear for the run between Portland and San Francisco will start west from Newport News, Virginia, January 9, and her sister ship the Beaver, will come soon after. Both will go into commission at once upon arrival. These boats are the new Harriman liners built for the Coast route and are the finest ever in commission between here and the south.

Blooded chickens and cats from various parts of the Pacific Northwest have had their innings during the past week at the show of the Oregon Poultry & Pet Association. A splendid show was held, many of the prize fowls having been on exhibition at the recent Seattle Exposition. The exhibit of pure blood poultry shows the advance in this industry in the Northwest within the past few years.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah will attend the convention of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association which will meet in Portland February 14, 15 and 16. Lavish entertainment of the visitors by the manufacturers of this district will be a feature of the convention and plans to give the delegates a good time are already under way. A committee, headed by W. B. Mackay, has this feature in charge. An elaborate banquet is on the program and trips to the sawmill plants near the city, excursions on the harbor, and probably a jaunt to a logging camp in the timber far from Portland are promised. The gathering will be an important one in lumber circles and it is expected there will be 400 delegates in attendance.

NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.

Seattle, Washington, December 28—Every county in the state is to send its commissioners to the meeting of the Good Roads movement to be held in Aberdeen, January 20 and 21st. From 300 to 500 delegates are expected to be present to discuss the expenditure of the \$1,500,000 appropriation and to formulate general plans for the permanent development of trunk lines. Samuel Hill is expected back from Europe in time to participate, talks of great value will be given by City Engineer R. H. Thomson, of Seattle, who will illustrate with stereopticon practical methods to be employed, S. C. Lancaster, the Government good expert, and Col. Harvey Scott, the veteran editor of the Oregonian.

Governor L. E. Hay's appointment of Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, President of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, as a delegate to the National Divorce Congress, called by President Taft to meet at Washington, D. C., January 14th to 17th to formulate legislation on the question, is a graceful tribute to the part voting women have played in remedying the divorce evil. Since women were granted the ballot in New Zealand, it is pointed out to the governor, divorces have been reduced 77 per cent, while Wyoming, which has had equal suffrage longer than any other state has the smallest percentage of divorces of any state in the Union.

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ton. This is a reversal of his former construction of the local option law. The latest opinion was given on a question submitted by Stevens county, which recently voted to abolish saloons. As common carriers are forbidden from carrying liquors into a dry county, it is further held that a warehouse may deliver its stock it has on hand but is unable to replenish its stock. The defeat of the local option forces in Walla Walla is the first important reversal they have met. To date, they have won in 35 special elections and met defeat in 19. In this state

According to the report made by the National Monetary Commission, the banks of the Pacific Coast stand third in the United States during the past year. It places the Middle Eastern or Atlantic States at the head of the list, the resource per capita being the largest. The New England States are next and then follow the Pacific Coast States. Thereafter, the Middle Western, Far Western and Southern groups are ranked in the order named. Washington stands third in the Pacific group being headed by Nevada and California.

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