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The Weather

Weather report for week ending
January 3, 1910, furnished by H. L.
Hasbrouck, local observer:

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, Clear days, Rainfall. Rows for Dec 28-31 and Jan 1-3.

VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

It is always a right time to talk
and work for good roads, says the
Oregon Journal. There are times
—during a spell of heavy rains, in
particular—when little or no good
road building can actually be done;

The cost of bad roads and the
value of good roads have been dis-
cussed so much, set forth so often,
that the subject may seem "stale,
flat and unprofitable," yet the pro-
gressive, enlightening press must
keep hammering away on it fre-
quently, insistently, if peradventure
it may thereby influence even a
little more effort, energy and ac-
tion toward securing good roads.

It has been ascertained that it
costs about 25 cents per ton per
mile to haul loads over the average
American road, while the cost on
the average road throughout Euro-
pe is but 12 cents a mile. So
every ton hauled by the American
farmer—taking the average of the
whole—costs 13 cents per ton per
mile more to get it to railroad or
river than it costs the farmer in
Europe, because of the difference
in roads. What this amounts to
in a year is not easy to determine
accurately, but it is an immense
amount, enough to build thousands
of miles of even expensive roads.

Now suppose the producers, with
good roads, could positively save
in hauling \$300,000,000 a year; any
one can see that in various ways
this vast saving would redound
to the benefit of the business men
and consumers of the cities.

But this direct gain is not all,
nor the greatest, that would accrue
to the farmers, and indirectly to
the city people, from good roads.
They immediately and very ap-
preciably increase the value of all
farm lands in their vicinity. This
increase may run anywhere from
\$2 to \$20 an acre. Good roads
make the farmers just that much
richer, minus the cost of the roads.
This gain, imagining that good
roads could be built throughout
the whole country in a short time,
would run into a vast sum, to be
expressed only in billions. But

what follows? A long train of
better things; better schools, better
society, better living, closer ac-
quaintance between city and coun-
try, greater intelligence, more
comfort, satisfaction and happiness
for millions, aye, tens of millions
of American people.

So the good roads subject, though
it seems stale and dull, is one of
not only very great importance,
but of much real "human inter-
est," after all.

SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that we will attend
church as regularly as we did last
year.

Resolved that cordwood, hot air
or salve wont be legal tender for
subscriptions this year.

Resolved that we wont say any-
thing more about Hood River ap-
ples this year—until next week.

Resolved that we didn't know
that pulling a United States sena-
tor's whiskers was tabooed by the
grange.

Resolved that we wont say any-
thing about moving the county
seat until the movers get busy,
and then—x-y-z-w-q-r-t-23.

Resolved that we wont open our
face again in regard to that story
about picking roses in the front
door yard on Christmas Eve.

Resolved that we wont buy an
automobile or steam yacht unless

ets of the most elaborate hand-
carved design. The grain of the
wood is shown to splendid advan-
tage and is stained with an oak
finish.

Preparations are being made
for the annual convention of the
Northwest Retail Harnessmakers'
Association of the Northwest, which
will be held in Portland January 10
and 11. The sessions will be held in
the auditorium of the Portland Com-
mercial Club and delegates will be
in attendance from the states of
Oregon, Washington and Idaho.
About 200 harness men from the
three states are expected. The big
attraction of the convention is an
elaborate banquet that will be held
on the closing night.

Loggers of the Columbia River ex-
pect the new year will see more raw
material handled in their camps than
ever before in the history of the in-
dustry within a similar period. The
lumber trade is said to be booming
and the coming year promises great
activity. Many mills in the Colum-
bia River districts have drawn heav-
ily upon log supply until it is less
than usual at this season of the year.
Mills are said to be filled up with
orders that will keep them busy for
the coming three months.

A general revision of rates on the
North Bank road that is favorable
to the shippers of the Northwest has
been announced and will go into ef-
fect February 1. The new rates will
apply between points of the road in
Washington and between all sta-
tions and Portland. New and more
favorable rates will be made on
packing house products and fresh
meat in carloads. These concessions
by the Hill line will add to the busi-

NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.
Seattle, Wn., Jan. 4.—As a direct
result of the so-called Ballinger-Pin-
chot controversy, the northwest is
getting more widespread publicity
than ever before. The contention
over waterpower sites in Washing-
ton, Oregon, Montana and Idaho has
given the whole country food for
thought. Knowledge of Alaska has
always been vague away from the
Pacific Coast, but the present differ-
ence of opinion as to the best way to
conserve the natural resources of
that vast storehouse is making it
known in every home. This form of
magazine and newspaper publicity
for Alaska and the northwest will
continue through the winter, in view
of the congressional investigation
soon to start. So that in the end
good is sure to come out of a regret-
table episode.

Eight of the staple crops netted the
farmers of the state of Washington a
total of \$54,513,000 last year, or an
average of \$24 an acre for the cul-
tivated area. This is far ahead of the
general average in the country at
large. This does not include the or-
chard or dairy industries, which are
large wealth producers, but mainly
refers to cereals, hay, potatoes and
such products as are common to the
whole country.

Cooperating with other western
cities, Seattle and Tacoma have
joined in the movement to persuade
Theodore Roosevelt to return from
his African hunting trip by the way
of the Pacific coast. Several large
newspapers have banded together
to send a messenger to Khartoum in
February to lay the matter before
the former president. If he accepts

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT
OWN YOUR HOME OR AT LEAST A LOT

There will be more building in 1910 than in any previous year on record. During 1908 and 1909 hundreds of new houses were built, also a few handsome business blocks. This was only a starter. You will witness real progress this year.

Now is the time to get busy and buy some of these bargains that are available. Don't wait until the other fellow buys the property you wanted, but INVESTIGATE TODAY. Here are a few splendid bargains in city property:

Lot 50x100 on south side of State street, with beautiful view of the Columbia river and Mt. Adams, 5-room house, running water, electric light and sewer connections. For two weeks at present price—\$1,200. Cash.

100x150 corner lot on south side of State street, with beautiful view. Several handsome shade trees. \$1,500. Terms.

100x100 on south side of State street. Good residences on both sides. Fine view of the Columbia and Mt. Adams. \$1,500. Terms.

100x100 corner for business property on Cascade avenue, with good 7-room house. A fine bargain. \$5,500. Terms.

100x100 corner on Oak street. Good business corner. A fine bargain. \$9,000. Terms.

We have a number of residences that are real bargains.

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tions for cancelled postage stamps.

Resolved that that story of Shel-
ley's in the News this week about
drinking toasts in water in Cali-
fornia don't look good from Ore-
gon.

Resolved that we'll believe that
story about the new depot here
when we see it—not the story, but
the depot, or "daypot" if you're
from Boston.

Resolved that the next fellow
we see running around this winter
in his shirt sleeves trying to make
us believe that it's summertime
will get a wallop on the proper
place.

ALL OREGON NEWS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4.—Splendid
examples of fir finishing, said to be
the most elaborate ever sent from
the Northwest, will be shipped this
week to Washington, D. C., where
they will enter into the new building
being erected by the Bureau of Amer-
ican Republics, under the direction
of John Barrett. The wood will be
used in the reception room of the
building, which will be completely
finished in fir. This will result in a
big advertisement for this wood as
finishing material.

The wood has been prepared for
shipment East and goes as a gift
from the Oregon and Washington
Lumber Manufacturers Association.
The finishing consists of panels,
scrolls, medallions, desks and brack-

ness of Portland live stock packing
plants and increase the prestige of
Portland as a packing house center.

One big fruit growers' union for
the entire Rogue River Valley district
is planned by orchardists of Southern
Oregon. A movement is under way
for merging the Medford, Ashland
and Grants Pass fruit growers'
unions into one organization and it
is proposed to give over to this body
the packing and shipping of all fruit
grown in the valley and also the
buying of packing, spraying and
other orchard materials direct from
the factory in carload lots. The
formation of such an organization
will insure the uniformity of the pack
and maintain the reputation of Rogue
River fruit. The proposed union is
to be incorporated and its affairs
will be handled by a board of direc-
tors and a manager.

Notice

Hood River, Ore., January 3rd, 1910.
To the Stockholders of the Home
Telephone Company of Hood River
Oregon.

The regular annual meeting of the
stockholders of the Home Telephone
Company at Hood River, Oregon,
will be held in the rooms of the Hood
River Commercial Club in the city of
Hood River, Oregon, at the hour of
1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Mon-
day the tenth (10th) day of January,
1910 for the purpose of electing a
board of five (5) directors to serve
for the ensuing year, and for the
transaction of such other business as
may regularly come before the meet-
ing.

Signed,
E. L. SMITH, President.
P. S. DAVIDSON, Secretary

large preparations will be made to
give him such an ovation as no
home coming traveller has ever re-
ceived.

One of the speakers at the Wash-
ington Educational Association con-
vention in Tacoma recently declared
that school teachers are the poorest
paid of any of the brain working
class. This was attributed to the
fact that they are too apathetic to
make any concerted effort to change
their condition. The speaker said he
had sent interrogatories to 4000
teachers on the subject and only 13
per cent of them replied. The answers
received showed that many Wash-
ington teachers are obliged to sup-
plement teaching with other work
in order to make a living.

As a part of the movement to at-
tract tourist travel to the northwest
one of the finest hotels in America is
to be built at Saldue Hot Springs in
the Olympic mountains, at a cost of
\$150,000. It will be the first hotel in
this country in which all the cooking
and heating, as well as the lighting,
will be done by electricity. The
Swiss chalet style of architecture, ap-
propriate because of the strong simi-
larity between the Olympics and the
Alps, will be used. All of the timber
will be hauled in, as the beauty of
the surrounding forest is to be pre-
served. The Olympic Lumber is au-
thority for the statement that 50,000
feet of lumber have already been
taken in as far as Lake Crescent so
that work can begin as soon as the
spring season arrives.

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