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City Council Puts Lid On Pool Rooms

Must Close On Sundays and Be Good On Other Days--Soft Drink Establishments Not Affected--Ordinance Passed 5 to 1

The feature of the session of the city council held Monday evening was the passing of the ordinance providing for the closing of the pool rooms, card rooms and bowling alleys Sunday and at midnight Saturday. The ordinance originally included soft drink establishments, but was amended before its final passage to allow them to remain open. Believing that the lid was being put on too tight Councilman Brosius moved to strike out the clause providing for Sunday closing, but on being put to a vote the amendment failed to carry. The ordinance carries with it the other provisions prohibiting minors from loitering in pool and card rooms and fixes a penalty for its violation.

Frank Chandler appeared before the council in regard to the strip of property which it is proposed by the city to take in widening Sherman avenue and stated that he would compromise by giving the city ten feet off the lot for \$500. If it wanted more than that he intimated that he ought to receive the full value of the lot which he placed at \$1,500. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

A proposition to extend Sherman avenue through to the Paradise Farm tract was discussed but no action taken.

Estimates from the city engineer on the complete improvement of the east side grade gave the amount necessary as \$6,500. As the city's revenue would not permit of such an expenditure, on motion of Councilman Brosius, the superintendent of streets was ordered to make such improvements as the city funds would warrant.

An ordinance providing for a sewer in the Cascade and Columbia avenue district and allotting the assessments was passed. At the expiration of the legal time of notice bids will be received.

On motion of Councilman Hall the judges and clerks who served at the December election were allowed

WANTS HELP IN GETTING DATA

Secretary Skinner of the Commercial Club has issued a circular letter to residents of the valley asking them to fill out a form accompanying it. He expects in this way to get a lot of interesting and valuable information and earnestly requests everybody receiving one of these blanks to return it filled out.

In regard to the matter Secretary Skinner says:

"Inasmuch as this is to be the greatest year in the history of Oregon, the Commercial Club is endeavoring to have Hood River take as prominent a part as means and labor will permit.

"To do this work intelligently we need the help of every rancher and fruit grower. We intend to prove to you that it is to your interest more than to any of the people of the town and valley. Do you realize that every word of advertising that goes is making your apples better known?"

"Bringing more people into the valley means bringing more money. You share in this in an indirect way if not in a direct way. It puts a higher value on your land. It does not mean that you have to sell to have that value. If you were asked your financial worth would you answer that you paid \$200 an acre and had 10 acres, or were worth \$2000? No, you would not. You would say, 'Jim Jones sold his place last week at \$500 per acre and mine is as good as his so I am worth \$5000.' The work we are doing puts the extra value on your place and it is there when you want it.

"We want to impress every fruit grower with this idea. It is necessary that we have your help to make your place more valuable. The questions we are asking are for the purpose of compiling records and to do this we need the answer of every man in the valley. If your name is left from the mailing list by some mistake send us a postal card and we will mail you an appeal."

proper compensation for their services and other bills against the city submitted were also approved.

C. D. Nickelsen addressed the council in a brief talk asking for the early completion of the sewer in the district in which his property is situated. On motion it was voted that when the council adjourned it was to meet Tuesday, February 15th at noon at the city hall to receive bids for the water bonds. A representative of a machinery house in Portland was given a few minutes by the council to furnish information in regard to street rollers and advocated the purchase by the city of a gasoline seven or ten ton roller. The gasoline machine he stated had been found to be the most economical and efficient. The cost of a seven ton roller was \$2,700 and a ten ton \$3,200.

On motion of Councilman Wright the city Recorder was directed to notify the Farmers' Irrigating Company to supply pipes for their water in the city limits.

NEIGHBORS CLUB

HEARS HUMORIST

The Get Acquainted Neighbor Trust had another happy meeting with usual exercises. Some new neighbors and the old bunch exerted themselves in getting better acquainted. Rev. Gilmore broke in at a late hour attracted by the hilarity, music and—as he admitted—the aroma of coffee and was made an honorary member after pledging his fealty to the objects of the trust.

Mrs. Campbell gave a reading of personal experience of wood shed memories in which father's whippings always hurt. Mr. Onthank read Hans Britman, chief constructor of the vegetable garden under Mrs. Britman as board of directors, that was appreciated as real by the men. Mr. Langille was so interrupted by applause that he had difficulty in doing full justice to Pat and Bridget's argument as to whether it was a rat or a mouse. Happily there was no need for a peace officer. Mr. Day, the newly wed, gave some good advice intended mostly for the benefit of Mr. Colby who run the phonograph—a really fine one—that was a challenge to dance. Recitations by Blanche Campbell and the Bailey boys, guitar music by Miss Howe closed one of the best meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey did the host and hostess act nicely. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mary Vannett. T. J. Canning addressed the club as follows:

Neighbors, much against my wishes I have been pressed into saying something to get the machinery of this meeting going because, as usual, I have nothing to say. Can't even reveal the blank in my mentality. Whatever comes will be an evolution like creation—something out of nothing. Talleyrand said that speech was given to conceal thought, but for ordinary honest people, speech is used to say what they mean. The Talleyrand idea might do for those skilled fencers whose vocabulary is a shield to obscure their meaning, but we can say with great safety that Talleyrand lies—because he has been dead quite a while. The answer of the man to his family physician's question, "How is your wife?" was "Oh, she is dead I thank you," and "Oh, she is sarcasm or gratitude. Words are funny things and must not always be taken too literally. The dutch farmer's remark to his neighbor, "You got a calf ust like me," didn't mean that he was a young bovine, but it hit our funny bone. But this is not getting this meeting going. The weather conditions put an embargo on the neighborly visits across the back yard fences and that made the formation of the "get acquainted trust." This does not prohibit the back fence gossips as a stimulant to sociability, but enlarges the sphere. They were more select probably on account of greater intimacy, but by the present formation an enlarged intimacy can be established, recipes for the culinary department and cure-alls for all the ills that fall to our lot exchanged and

Mrs. MacRae Gives Valley Boom In East

Accompanied by a picture an interview with Mrs. Marion MacRae which appeared in the New York American of January 28th will interest our readers. It says:

Out in the West, from the Hood Valley country in Oregon, where strawberries grow nearly every month in the year and the sunset-tinted apples burden the trees, comes Mrs. Marion MacRae, formerly of Virginia. She went into the region a decade ago a neurotic newspaper writer with assets of \$25. Now she is worth \$40,000, is healthy, and although a widow and under forty, is not in the matrimonial market, she says.

"It was a struggle, she told a reporter for The American who saw her at the Hotel Astor last night. "I went West from Washington because of my husband's illness. But we had to live, and I did newspaper work. Seven years ago the Hood River country began developing. With a little cash, much determination and courage, I bought some land, planted it in apple trees, continued writing and nursing my husband. An evil day came and I was alone.

"But the whole country seemed to give me company, and now my trees are paying me more in one year than I could have made in ten at writing.

much good done. Of course those cure-alls were not adopted by the medical profession but faith in their potency acted with magical effect, "according to your faith so be it." I remember once writing to my mother from the army for her recipe for making pancakes, which I thought would be an agreeable change from the hard tack and salt bacon. I got the formula with an explanation of the duties of the ingredients, flour, milk, lard, eggs, soda and salt, but before the letter came I had nosed around—something like the back fence gossip—and learned all about making hot cakes army style. I delayed thanking my mother for her information but truth compelled me to inform her that her recipe was no good, as army mules did not give milk and soda was barred by the war department as dangerous to our tender stomachs and that chickens didn't live long enough to lay eggs, but that I had succeeded nicely with the salt and flour to make them long and bacon fryings to make them short, and any kind of water we could get to mix the stuff using as a vessel for this purpose a hole in the ground, in which was carefully spread a rubber blanket which we washed before it got dry and it didn't hurt the blanket a bit.

There it goes again. Oh the subject as usual. If nothing plus nothing would only equal something I might be able to evolve an idea without trailing you all over the United States and part of Germany. I have received some jars in the changes of the past 70 years with benefit, but this neighborhood social touches a true note. That great teacher, Plato, taught that to free ourselves from prejudice against persons, places, races or creeds, to get closer to them and study them with care, would cause our dislike to change into respect. There are many differences in our features and temperaments but we will find so much real goodness and worth that it will not be impossible to follow the Lord's command "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Joaquin Miller hesitates to "draw a line where God has not." Saint Paul, the philosopher of the apostles, would restrain his personal desires rather than cause a brother to offend. This neighborhood, however, does not need precepts. We seem to meet so informally that we do not need constitutions and by-laws. No officers, no committees, though at this time Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are lending the glad hand and hearty welcome. Each one shows the spirit of host and hostess to all the rest and I can safely assure you that the exercises will tend to a better acquaintance. I will close with a couplet revised from Holmes.

"Then here's to our neighborhood, its gold and its grey,
The stars of its winter, the dew of its May,
And when we are done with work and with play,
Dear father take care of our neighbors away."

American Woman's League
The ladies interested in the American Woman's League met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Rigby, February 3d. Mr. J. F. Grimm, the organizer, met

I have a home, a servant, men to trim and spray the orchard, to gather the fruit, to pack it, ship it, collect for it and bank the money. I wish all my women friends in New York and elsewhere could come there and revel in the magnificence of nature, invest a little money, wait patiently for four or five years and then be able to enjoy life.

"Our marketing is done in the East. But strangely enough Russia is the first buyer. Her agents are there in great numbers, and they buy liberally. We send more apples to Siberia than we do to the Atlantic seaboard.

"We have no labor troubles. Out of Yale and Harvard and Princeton and the other big colleges come young men eager for the air and the experience of planting and growing. In my little town of Hood City, containing a population of less than 3,000, there is a University Club with a membership of 115. I think that a world's record breaker."

Mrs. MacRae spent last week in Chicago, where she sold 1,020 acres of Oregon land to an Illinois syndicate. Then she came to New York, where, for a while, she purposes to see all the best shows, dodge automobiles, revel in lobster salads and sleep until ten in the morning. In Oregon she is up at six. She will visit Washington before her return West.

with them who explained in detail the workings of the league and its peculiar benefits, which created great enthusiasm. Its financial and literary merits, as well as the prospect of obtaining a beautiful chapter house, claimed the attention of all. Many new applicants for the Founders Chapter were received. An application for a chapter was signed, and in our vision we see the beautiful edifice belonging to the Woman's League standing as an ornament on the streets of the great apple city. Hood River adjourned to meet at Mrs. Rigby's, February 10, at 2:30 p. m. All ladies invited.

IS BANNER TOWN FOR STAMP SALES

According to the report of the stamp committee of the Visiting Nurses Association of Portland Hood River is again the banner town in the State outside of Portland in the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps. Its sales amounted to over \$185. The town next to Hood River was The Dalles, with sales of \$162.50. The report shows that \$10,000 was raised in Oregon. Most of this amount was realized from the sale of stamps in Portland. A percentage of this \$10,000 goes to the National Red Cross Society and will be used toward a National tubercular work. This will extend far beyond the scope of any local work.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Portland received \$1,000,000 stamps and 15,000 postcards from the National Red Cross Society, of which it sold 915,912 stamps and 13,162 postcards. On the sale of the stamps and with added donations, the Visiting Nurse Association realized \$10,072. The expenses of the sale were \$49.45, and this, added to the percentage due the Red Cross Society, a matter of \$1,898.04, leaves a fund of \$8,124.51 in the treasury.

WELL DRILLING OUTFIT STRIKES VEIN OF ORE

Frank Davidson, in charge of the well drilling outfit of the Apple Land & Orchard Company, exhibited some samples of high grade iron ore which was taken from a boring for a well in the Willow Flat district last week. The well is being drilled on the place of Frank Massee, and the vein of ore was struck at a depth of 146 feet. So far it has been penetrated 7 feet, and continues to show ore containing 25 per cent iron. The ore is found in live rock that contains no lava formation, and those who know of the incident are considerably interested in knowing how thick the vein is.

As far as is known this is the only mineral deposit of any proportions ever found in the valley, notwithstanding the oft repeated tale of the gold mine which is supposed to exist in the Mount Hood country and which, under the name of the Lost Cabin Mine, has been the cause of wearing out much shoe leather.

Local Debaters Again Defeat Visiting Team

Hood River High School Students Given Decision In Contest With Wranglers From Park Place--Contests Developing Talent

The debating team of the Hood River High School again established its supremacy in a contest with a team from Park Place, Ore., by winning the decision on the question "Resolved that life imprisonment with restricted power of pardon should be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon." The home team, which consisted of Eva Brock, Helen Orr and Merrill Gessling, had the affirmative, and the visiting team, who were Olga Hansen, Fay French and Leland Hendricks the negative. The judges were: Attorney Charles Hall, of Vancouver; Professor Galloway, of Lincoln High School of Portland, and J. Velt, of California.

The arguments of the affirmative were based on the humanitarian standpoint, and on statistics, which showed that the death penalty did not lessen the number of crimes for which it is enforced. The points were well sustained. The visiting debaters presented their side of the debate with considerable ability, and the contest was the most interesting one that has taken place here. The decision was two to one in favor of the affirmative.

The debating contests are stimulating a good deal of interest among the students and are helping to de-

ADDRESSED ROLL TOP APPLE GROWERS' ASSO

To a large audience A. I. Mason delivered what is said by the Oregonian to have been an interesting address to the Portland Apple Growers' Association at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening. His subject was "The Apple from Start to Finish."

Perhaps the most interesting part of Mr. Mason's address, says the Oregonian, was that in which he gave exact figures on the proceeds from an Oregon apple orchard. In his Hood River orchard he has just two varieties, Newtown Pippin and Spitzenberg. In 1906 his receipts from the Spitzenbergs were \$835 an acre and from the Newtons \$750 an acre. This was the only year, he said, in which the Spitzenbergs brought larger returns than the other variety. In 1907 the average returns were \$250 an acre; in 1908, \$1200 an acre, and in 1909, \$50 an acre. This year his trees are 13 years old. "These figures are exact and not colored in any particular," said Mr. Mason. "It will be seen that my orchard has brought me in gross receipts of \$700 an acre as an average for five years. All expenses of maintenance amounted to about \$200 an acre, leaving a net profit of \$500 an acre.

"This, of course, is paying 10 per cent on a valuation of \$5000 an acre. It looks big, but it is nothing more than any young man who gets hold of a good piece of Oregon apple land can do. If you will only select the right land, plant the best varieties and give them proper attention.

"You will notice that my orchard brought in only \$50 an acre last year. This, I believe, was because the crop was so heavy the year before. The extraordinary cold snap of last winter also contributed to it. But I want to say right now that this year gives every indication of being one of the best that Hood River has ever experienced. I believe confidently that my orchard will again bring in at least \$1200 an acre.

"In raising apples it must be borne in mind that it takes time before the trees begin to pay. You will get a small crop in five years, and a better yield each subsequent year. But all that time you are being paid out with nothing coming in. It will take the crops of the seventh and eighth years to bring you out even. Then you are in clover. It's all velvet after that.

"It's just the life for a man to get into. Why, when I was a mail carrier in Portland I didn't dare to say my soul was my own for fear some one would tell the postal authorities. Now I'm free. I can even talk against the assembly, if I want to. To any man who wants to lead a healthful, independent life, I can recommend fruit raising."

velop considerable talent in this direction.

A Hood River High School team, composed of Herbert Phillips, Burton Jayne and Earle Spaulding, will debate the negative side of the question against the Park place team at that place next Saturday.

FRUITLAND SALES CONTINUE ACTIVE

Real estate sales were again active last week. The biggest movement, as usual, was in valley property, although several transfers in city property are also recorded.

The largest sale was that of the F. G. Church place in the Belmont district, which was sold by W. S. Nichol to Wilson R. McCready for \$11,000. The purchaser is a brother of Copeland McCready, who bought the Niel & Slade ranches. Another sale, made by Mr. Nichol, was a tract in the Upper Valley, which was sold to C. E. Coons for \$4,000.

Sales, aggregating over \$13,000, were made through the John Leland Henderson Company by A. T. Allen in the Upper Valley. They include 20 acres belonging to Mrs. Martha Allen, which was bought by Florence Twelves Winter, an electrical engineer, for some time connected with the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City. Mr. Twelves, a brother of Mrs. Winter, is associated with Mr. Winter in developing the property. It was sold for \$5,500. The other sales made by the Henderson company were 20 acres belonging to G. D. Woodworth to Wm. H. Tobey for \$4,000, and 8 acres, L. C. Weygant, to Wm. H. Tobey, \$4,000. Mr. Tobey came here direct from Mexico, where he had been engaged in the occupation of mining engineer.

The sale of 10 acres on the East side to Mrs. Delano, of Marion, Ohio, is reported by G. D. Culbertson & Co., who also sold a house and lot in town to Mrs. M. Scobee.

NIAGARA LIME-SULPHUR SPRAY READY FOR USE

The Hood River Spray Manufacturing Company announces that it is now ready to make deliveries of the Niagara lime and sulphur spray in carload and smaller lots. As the spraying season is near at hand the company is making preparations to take care of all orders and growers desiring spray can get it through the office of the local company.

Pine Grove Grange

About 10 a. m. Saturday men and women could be seen in all directions wending their way toward the Grange Hall to spend the day in business and pleasure. In the forenoon orchard and home questions were discussed for a time, after which three candidates were made full fledged Patrons of Husbandry. About this time some one passed the magic word "dinner," and we descended to the dining room, where the tables were found loaded with good things to eat. After dinner our lecturer entertained us with a good program of music, songs, recitations, etc. Such questions as "The Budget," "Postal Deficit," "The Assembly," "The House Fly," etc., were ably discussed.

Our postal committee is doing some good work, and an addition of two was made to the same. They will be heard from later.

Several attractions are promised the public in the near future.

The "District School" by the Ladies Aid will probably come first. Watch for date, to be announced later. Five applicants are to come into our order at our next meeting, February 19, and all members are requested to be present. M. J. H.

Books were opened yesterday at the sheriff's office for the collection of taxes which are now due, and notices to taxpayers have been sent out. By the payment of the entire amount on or before March 15th you will get a discount of three per cent. If one-half the amount is paid by April 1st you will avoid a penalty of ten per cent with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum added.