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Ten Acres Orchard Sells For \$19,000

Desirable Acreage of Eight Year Old Trees Hits High Mark for Hood River Orchard Land--Property Has Interesting History

The highest price for Hood River orchard property was paid Saturday when Felix von Hake Vonnegut, a former resident of Indianapolis, bought ten acres on the east side owned by L. W. Hills and paid \$19,000 for it. The sale was made through J. H. Hellbronner & Co., and is believed to be an indication that the \$2,000 mark for bearing orchards is not far away.

Mr. Vonnegut who owns property at Sutherlin, in southern Oregon left here Sunday to close up his interests there and will then come to Hood River with his family to live.

The orchard bought by Mr. Vonnegut is a solid block of Newtowns

and Spitzenbergs and has an interesting history. Originally it was owned by Chris Dethman and was part of twenty acres sold by him to F. W. Radford for \$20,000. It was the first orchard property in the valley to bring \$1,000 an acre. Mr. Radford kept it until last fall when he sold it to L. W. Hills for \$17,000 the highest price that had been paid at that time. In selling for \$1,900 an acre Saturday it maintains the record for the highest price piece of dirt in the valley.

A sale of interest in the Upper Valley Saturday was the place of J. W. Blossom consisting of 40 acres which was purchased by Dr. A. C. Harvey of Spokane. The sale was made by G. D. Woodworth. Mr. Harvey will develop ten acres of it at once.

G. Y. Edwards & Co. report the sale of two forty acre tracts, both closed this week. Henry T. Parr of Chicago, one of the purchasers bought 40 acres of the Carl Elrek tract one mile south-west of Odell. Half of this is cleared and will be set to trees this spring, the balance will be cleared and planted as soon as possible. Mr. Parr will build and move onto the place as soon as the house is completed.

E. A. Baker of Hood River also bought forty acres of uncleared land in the upper valley through the Edwards Co.

ACTIVE MEETINGS OF WOMAN'S CLUB

An article prepared for publication last week did not appear owing to the late hour it was presented.

Mrs. Gibbons had charge of the afternoon, Mar. 9th; her program was most interesting and instructive, the theme being "The American Girl at College." The exercises were interspersed with music, a solo by Mrs. Huxley and three selections on the violin by Mr. Weiss of Odell, Miss Carter accompanying.

The afternoon of Mar. 16, owing to the absence of Mrs. Batchelder, our president, was presided over by Miss McLaren, our vice president, and Mrs. Castner, secretary, both of whom we were glad to welcome home after their long absence. Mrs. Castner had charge of the afternoon. The subject being "Cleanup Day," which was thoroughly discussed by the club and many good and practical ideas were presented by different members for making Hood River clean, healthful and beautiful, and all members were requested to wage war on the household. A committee was appointed to arrange for an old fashioned spelling bee between the Woman's Club and the Commercial Club, the proceeds to go toward furnishing the new Commercial Club rooms. After the business was finished we had the pleasure of listening to an interesting talk on the best plan of securing a library for Hood River by Prof. McLaughlin of the High School. His ideas covered the ground thoroughly and concluded with a pleasing tribute to the American Woman's League.

A chapter house is greatly needed here for our library; for the Woman's Club, the Relief Corps, the W. C. T. U. and other organizations. It requires 200 members, 150 of which must be fully paid up to build a ten thousand dollar chapter house. We have now a membership of sixty, twenty-three of whom are strong, active members of the Woman's Club.

The only expense we will have, besides \$52 for membership is to buy the lot. The committee is ready to negotiate for one, so just put your shoulder to the wheel, good citizen of Hood River, and help us to buy this lot. We need the Chapter house for our young folks and are working with a determination to succeed. E

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Had Faith In Hood River Despite Evil Prophecies

M. V. Rand last week furnished J. C. Skinner, secretary of the Commercial Club, with a very interesting old picture which was taken many years ago. The photo will be used to show how Hood River looked before and after. Mr. Rand, in telling about the early days to the News man, said:

"In November, 1884, I came with my family to Hood River and located on 160 acres shown in the pictures. It was wild and rough. We found our way to the place by a cow trail, and moved our household goods by means of a hand sled and pack. Mrs. Rand with babe in her arms was sure that God did not intend that land for civilized man, yet we were never homesick. The climate, the scenery, the freedom and the very wildness of it all brought content and we found happiness in the task before us. Settlers on the low, bear-erid land declared again and again that we would starve to death on our homestead. It required considerable hard work to clear enough land for a strawberry patch and a small orchard. The strawberries of course did much better after we got the irrigating ditch some ten years later. Wild game and fish in abundance provided provender that sustained us. I have killed deer within ten rods of my house, and I have caught trout in my strawberry patch that came in with the ditch water."

"I believe I may justly claim to be one of the pioneers of apple culture in Hood River valley. I secured a few scraggly three-year-old apple and peach trees at White Salmon and planted them on my place in the fall of '84, and I have been identified with the development of this industry ever since. Fruit from those trees I first planted are now taking first prizes at apple shows. One of these trees now spreads 42 feet from branch to branch and yields \$75 worth of fruit each year. An acre of such trees would yield \$3,500 to \$4,000 worth per acre a year. I furnished the bulk of the first carload of fruit shipped from Hood River. It went to Cincinnati. The peach trees are now 29 years old. They have borne fruit each year since 1885, and are still bearing.

"Portions of my homestead have been sold from time to time and now there are six families besides mine occupying the land that once looked so desolate, and it is producing sufficient to sustain fifty or more families in comfort.

"Twenty-five years of vigorous work will accomplish wonders, as I have seen, but only the beginning is yet made. What changes the coming 25 years will bring to my old homestead and to Hood River valley I cannot foresee, but am sure it will be a paradise as well as a treasure house of untold practical inexhaustible wealth."

UNIQUE FAREWELL TO NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Keating, says a communication from the east, left Montclair today for their new home in the Hood River Valley, Oregon. A large number of friends met at the railroad station in Jersey City to bid them bon voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Keating have been very highly respected residents of Montclair for a good many years where they had a host of warm friends who now mourn their departure and who wish them much happiness and success in the far famed western state to which they have gone. They were very popular members of the community here, and their many neighbors who knew them so well felt that Montclair is loser and Oregon is gainer by their departure.

The esteem in which they were held was amply verified by a very unique "progressive surprise party" which was given them on the evening of Mar. 20. They had been invited out to supper to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon and when they were called into the dining room for supper they were greatly surprised to find surrounding the table a large company of their nearest friends.

The decorations on the supper table were executed by Miss Shannon, who is an amateur artist of much talent, and were original and appropriate, consisting of a very real representation of Hood River valley, showing Mt. Hood, the river, pine trees, orchards, the animals, etc., and a miniature reproduction of the new house which Mr. Keating expects to build on his fruit farm.

After having partaken of soup the company were then invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steers where fish were served in a most delightful style. The meat course was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Patton; the salad was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Redmond and the pleasant surprise of the evening wound up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Specht where the dessert and coffee were served and where a most enjoyable musical program was rendered. Speeches were made recounting the many excellent qualities of the two honored guests and expressing the good wishes of the company for their future welfare and prosperity. A most original poem was read by Mr. Shannon, the poet laureate of Holland Terrace, descriptive of the departure from Montclair, the journey on the trains and the reception in Hood River of the two friends who have so endeared themselves to every member of the community.

All of the tables were beautifully decorated in a most original manner, suggestive of the new life Mr. and Mrs. Keating are about to enter upon in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keating arrived here last Thursday and will make their home in the upper valley.

OPERA HOUSE WILL BE FURNITURE STORE

Lack of room has forced O. P. Dabney, the furniture man, to rent the Hood River opera house. This will prohibit any further theatrical entertainments here for a year unless a new theater is built. The property in which Mr. Dabney has been doing business has just been sold and will be torn down to make room for a brick block. As no other place was available, he leased the opera house for a year and will turn it into a furniture store.

Mr. Dabney, who had just completed some extensive improvements to his present quarters, expects to vacate them about the 1st of April.

JOINT MEETING OF CIVIC BODIES

A joint meeting of representatives of the Commercial Club, Woman's Club, Civic Improvement League, Heights Improvement League and the Ministerial Association was held last evening at Bartness' store and committees appointed to co-operate with the city council in cleaning up. Committees were appointed for each section the city to oversee the work contemplated. Also to visit the schools and interest the pupils in taking an active part. Another was chosen to visit the residence section and interest householders.

Willamette Glee Club

To those who enjoy a good musical program with just enough spice to make it palatable, the coming of the Willamette University Glee Club at the opera house the evening of March 29th will be a pleasing surprise. As a musical organization the W. U. Glee Club enjoys a distinction attained by few other schools of the northwest. The membership as it stands today is practically the same as that of last year and under the efficient direction of Frederick S. Mendenhall, dean of the college of music, the club, for its two years of practice has reached a point where it can interpret numbers with nice degrees of shade and coloring.

Open Forum Continues to Interest.

The Asbury Methodist church was crowded last Sunday evening to hear the addresses of Dr. Jesse Edgington and Dr. C. W. Edmunds on "Christianity as Seen by the Physician." Both doctors acquitted themselves well and at the close received hearty congratulations. The singing was lively. The Asbury quartet rendered an anthem with pleasing effect. C. J. Skinner sang a beautiful solo. Wm. Chandler favored the audience with a violin solo indicating a high degree of genius. Mrs. J. E. Wilbur accompanied. The spirit of the meeting was good, and the people seemed pleased with the entire program.

Takes Prompt Action To Clean and Polish

City Council Adopts Resolution to Co-Operate With Woman's Club For Cleaner Town and Will Act Officially Otherwise

The council meeting Monday night although characterized by a slim attendance of the members, was a busy session. Councilman Wright being sick and Councilman Huggings out of town Councilmen Hall, Brosius, Arnold and Slocum transacted the business. Mayor McDonald, Recorder Langille and City Attorney Derby were also present.

Attorney E. C. Smith appeared as a petitioner for J. H. Hellbronner and others as owners of the property occupied by O. P. Dabney and asked for permission to move the building onto the lot corner of 4th and Cascade indefinitely. This was refused, but a motion was passed referring the matter to the fire and water committee giving it power to allow the building to be moved to the site mentioned until the new building contemplated on 3rd street was finished.

A petition from citizens containing about 50 names was presented to the council, accompanied by an option on the water system of the Hood River Electric Light, Power and Water Company, placing the purchase price at \$40,000 and asking that a special election be called to buy the plant. On motion of Councilman Brosius the proposition was referred to the city attorney to pass on the legality of the option.

Mrs. J. F. Batchelder, as president of the Woman's Club, appeared before the council and asked for its co-operation in cleaning up the city, requesting it to name April 5th as the day for concerted effort in this respect. Mrs. Batchelder asked the city to provide four teams for use on clean up day and that the morning be devoted to cleaning up the residence section and the afternoon to the business sections. She asked also for the placing of a dozen public garbage cans about town to be emptied regularly and further asked the council to provide a new dumping ground on motion of Councilman Hall the requests of the Woman's Club were granted.

To make the movement for a cleaner and more sanitary city more effective Councilman Brosius moved that the city health board make a tour of inspection on April 4th and warn all residents whose premises were not in a sanitary condition to clean up and on April 6th to make another accompanied by the city marshal and arrest those who had not complied. The motion carried.

Permits were granted to allow J. Otten and J. H. Ferguson to build on their respective properties on Oak street. An ordinance providing for the building of a new sewer passed the first reading and bids for the contracts for the new water system were ordered advertised. City Marshall Lewis reported that he had served notice on the popcorn man that he was maintaining a public nuisance by locating a tent with a wooden flooring and sides in the fire limits and ordered him to vacate. The matter was referred to the fire and water committee. A report was received from Chairman Slocum of the finance committee in regard to auditing the city accounts. Council adjourned to meet Monday evening March 28th.

PLANS READY FOR FERGUSON BLOCK

Plans being completed, work on the new Ferguson block which will be located on Oak street between the First National Bank building and Perigo's store will be commenced shortly. Mr. Ferguson has made arrangements to have the present buildings on the site removed in a few days.

The new structure will be 50x100 feet, fronting on Oak, and will be three stories high with basement. The latter will be utilized for two bowling alleys. On the ground floor there will be two stores about 23 feet wide by 100 feet deep, and the second story it is expected will be occupied by the athletic club with an archway cut between the rooms and the new Commercial Club quarters. The plans, which are in the hands of Frederick & Arnold call for a pressed brick front and substantial and modern structure throughout. Mr. Nason will do the brick work.

One of the stores will be rented by Ross & Richards for a cigar store and billiard parlor, and they will also have the bowling alley in the basement.

REAL ESTATE FIRMS CHANGE LOCATIONS

The Devlin & Firebaugh company will have the store room in the Hotel Oregon on the Cascade avenue side and will move their office there as soon as it is ready for occupancy. O. J. Tillotson and C. L. Wheeler, two enterprising young men, have positions with the Devlin & Firebaugh company and will assist in the office work and showing the country to visitors. L. D. Firebaugh has moved to Hood River with his family and will take an active interest in the company's affairs here.

G. Y. Edwards & Co. has taken the upper business rooms in the Hotel Oregon and moved therein last week. Mr. Edwards will have with him in business this summer George Hascall, who owns a ranch here and is well known to Hood River people. In assisting in showing visitors the valley, Mr. Edwards has purchased an automobile in addition to his horse and buggy.

Wm. Kennedy, who sold his ranch on the east side last year for \$21,000, and went to Rainier, Or., has disposed of his holdings there and bought a place a few miles out of Portland. Mr. Kennedy was here last week visiting friends for a day or two.

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START PUBLICITY FUND WITH \$3200

The Commercial Club's publicity fund was started Monday and met with instant and generous response. Out of a limited number solicited for subscriptions, twelve individuals and firms subscribed \$3,200. The board of directors of the club, who had the matter in charge, found that residents in general were satisfied with the good work accomplished by the publicity money last year and that they were willing to continue the work by subscribing liberally. Just as soon as possible the work of making a thorough campaign for funds will be continued and everybody interested in the welfare of the community will be asked to contribute.

WALKOVER SHOE PICTURES.

A feature at the Oak this week will be a thousand feet of film depicting the manufacture of the Walkover shoe. The film was sent here by the Walkover Company to J. G. Vogt, who has the agency for this fine make of shoes here. It is one of the best industrial films ever seen at Hood River and its portrayal of the making of shoes in this big establishment from start to finish is decidedly interesting.

VALHALLA ORCHARD BRINGS \$45,000

The largest sale of the season was made yesterday by John Leland Henderson, Inc., in the purchase by a Cleveland company of the Valhalla orchard consisting of thirty acres from Oscar Vanderbilt. The consideration was \$45,000.

Pedagogues Will Speak Sunday

Next Sunday evening Prof. E. E. Coad and Prof. L. B. Gibson will speak in the open forum at the Methodist church on "Christianity from the view point of the teacher." This discussion will attract a large attendance as the people want to know what our schools think of christianity. Extra seats will be provided for the accommodation of the crowd. The High school quartet will sing.