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Jolly Uncle Joshua Lets His Coin Loose

A Real Live Hood River Romance--Great Generosity To a Newly Wedded Niece--Local Business Men Play Leading Parts

"Miss Summers--Polly--I--er--dare I--" But the speaker took a header over bashfulness, only to hear a sweet "Yes, Charley."

"Can I aspire to--er--to--that is-- Again a lapse into silence, followed by an encouraging "Yes, Charley."

"Oh, if I might only hope to--er--to--"

Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and might have been, only for a demure--

"Charley, I have said 'yes' twice, and if you mean it, I mean it, too, and--"

And to this day that young man will insist that he popped the question.

This happened away "down east," and it was 'till long before there was a wedding. Not much longer before there came a letter from Polly's Uncle Josh, out here in Hood River, who wrote effusively at his delight at her exhibition of what he called "grit," and he proposed that if the young people would locate at Hood River he would start them up in life, as a wedding gift.

Of course, they accepted, and were soon bidding their friends adieu.

The first of this week a travel-stained party arrived in Hood River. Our friend, Uncle Josh, was in charge, and he led the party straightway to a hotel. "The Mount Hood," said he, "is a typical American hotel of the best class. I have known C. A. Bell the proprietor for years, and he is mine host after mine own heart, endowed with that delightful intuition that makes a guest feel at home, contented, and in mighty good luck. While the cuisine is all that a superior chef and unlimited orders on the market can make it. I have engaged rooms here until your house is in readiness."

facts. They control a large list of desirable residences as well as orchard properties, and their judgment on the 'good things' is par excellence.

The party was not long in making a deker for a nice house in Hood River and a farm, which Charley considered a splendid investment.

"By the way," exclaimed Uncle Josh, with a paternal air, "the next thing to look after is the lumber for those improvements which are absolutely necessary. Come with me, and I'll introduce you to the Bridal Veil Lumbering Co., who are the principal dealers in that line here, and they have a well equipped planing mill in connection. They carry the most complete line of building material in the country--everything from the sills for the foundation to the shingles for the roof, including doors and windows, mouldings, etc. It is pleasant to deal with them, for their greatest aim is to give satisfaction to every customer. In a few minutes Uncle Josh had made all arrangements for the building material."

"Halt," commanded Uncle Josh, as the party came in front of Chas. N. Clarke's handsome drug store, "walk right in." "Why, Uncle, we're not sick, and--" "Guess I know that, but I suspect it won't be long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of peregric and--" "U-n-c-l-e!" "Well, go in, anyway; Polly may find some toilet articles she wants. Sure enough, before leaving she bought combs, brushes, face powders, and ounces upon ounces of fine imported perfumes. "Don't forget," added Uncle Josh, "to come here with your prescriptions, as Mr. Clarke and his clerks are competent pharmacists and use pure and reliable drugs."

"Oh, say, Uncle!" exclaimed Polly, "where can I go for dry goods?" "This dress is hardly suitable, I must admit."

"Well, my girl, if you want to select from one of the most popular establishments in the city, I will direct you to the Paris Fair, who carry a stock of dress goods that for variety and real value is seldom seen outside the largest metropolitan cities. The store carries all the latest wares in fashionable dress goods and ladies' suits, while you are sure to be guided right in your selections. You will find them pleasant to deal with, and their employes polite and expert, while the prices cannot be duplicated. This store shows the latest shades in ladies' kid gloves and ribbons. Beauties, I tell you what."

"Let's see--I promised you a gold watch, didn't I?" queried Uncle Josh of Polly, "and Arthur Clarke is the man to sell us one cheap." Entering the popular jewelry store the old man gallantly acquitted himself of the promise and then directed Polly's attention to the superior stock of silverware carried by the house. "There is no other such house in town," said the old man, "and I will guarantee the quality to be the very best. Pick out your family clock, while here," he added. "Mr. Clarke carries a magnificent

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Commercial Club to Adopt Official Button For Valley

Increase in Valley's Wealth Co-incident With Tenth Anniversary of Butler Banking Co.--Interesting Local Bank History

A good meeting of the Commercial Club was held Monday night with E. H. Hartwig presiding. The main point of discussion was the adoption of a button representing Hood River's greatest interest, the apple industry. An active interest was taken in the matter through a design for a button submitted to the club by E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, consisting of a Spitz and Newtown in the proper colors, mounted on a gold background, and with the words "Hood River, Oregon" in blue enamel letters. The button is a handsome affair and was made for Mr. Shepard personally. The matter was debated by a good many of the members, all of whom liked the design, but some of whom thought the button too large. Others thought it too expensive, the price being given at \$2.25 and \$5. It was finally left to the directors to adopt an official button for the valley with the concurrence of the members of the club. At the request of a committee of

the American Woman's League who asked for the cooperation of the club in securing a chapter house, a committee of club members was appointed to investigate the proposition.

At the suggestion of Chas. T. Early the secretary was ordered to draft resolutions of condolence on the death of Harold B. Dickerson.

The matter of street paving in the downtown section was brought to the attention of the club by Leslie Butler, who stated that he believed that something should be done to pave where it would be of the most benefit to the city.

A subject that caused general discussion was that of providing a better fruit display for the exhibit booth and of keeping someone there during train time. It was the consensus of opinion that it was a difficult matter to maintain a good fruit display and sell fruit, while on the other hand it was thought desirable to have someone supply strangers with literature and information. Adjustment was left in the hands of the directors.

Home Team Opens Season With Victory

First Game In Columbia League at Hood River Results in Fine Contest, and Good Attendance--Score Hood River 2, Dalles 1

The Columbia League baseball season was opened at Hood River Sunday with one of the best and cleanest games played here in several years. Under the guidance of Tamp Osborn the local team won from The Dalles by the close score of 2 to 1. Owing to the threatening weather accompanied by spts of rain the attendance was not large but those who journeyed to the grounds were well repaid by the good exhibition of ball put up.

The Hood River band enlivened the occasion and put ginger into the hearts of the ball tusslers who were on their mettle to take the scalp of their old time rivals from The Dalles. The batteries were Osborn and Bucklin for Hood River and Fagan and Fench held down the point for The Dalles. The struggle was a pitcher's battle in which Osborn outshone his opponent holding the visitors down to three hits. The Apple City boys were unable to do much better with Fagan's delivery as they succeeded in getting but four.

The game was won for Hood River through the latter lurching their hits while The Dalles were scattered. The Dalles was the first to score

teams were as follows: Hood River--Samuels, cf, Gessling, ss, Hart, rf, Bucklin, c, Osborn, p, Eby, lb, Dunn, lf, Richardson, 3b, Van Laningham 2b. The Dalles--Ferguson, 3b, McInerney 2b, Street, ss, Colburn, lf, Pickett, c, McCoy, rf, Fagan, p, Emmerick, c, Wetle, lb.

Summary--Hits--Off Fagan 4, Osborn 3. Struck out--By Fagan, 10; Osborn, 5. Base on balls--Fagan 1, Emmerick 1, Ferguson 2, McInerney, McCoy. Double play--Fagan to Wetle. Hit by pitcher--Wetle, Osborn. Passed ball--Bucklin. Time of game--1:20. Umpire--Cramer.

The Dalles boys brought a goodly bunch of rooters down with them and stated that had the weather looked more promising a big crowd would have been in attendance from Wascos' metropolis. Among the bunch outside of the players was Editor Hopkins of The Dalles Chronicle and Harold Sexton. The visitors were all a likely lot of young fellows here in the interests of clean sport. If the games throughout the season are conducted on the basis of the one played Sunday the league should have a successful year and patrons be furnished good sport.



Osborn Winding Up a Hot One



McInerney Stealing Second

making a run in the third inning. As the game progressed after that until the eighth without either side scoring. The interest became keen in the last half of the seventh inning, Lanningham who was playing second for Hood River won the game by making a two-bagger and bringing in two runs. In the ninth Osborn held The Dalles aggregation safe and the Hood River boys started off the season with a victory.

Both teams had three errors. The

Bank Deposits Pass Million Dollar Mark

Increase in Valley's Wealth Co-incident With Tenth Anniversary of Butler Banking Co.--Interesting Local Bank History

A handsome little booklet being distributed this week by the Butler Banking Company in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of its business career contains some interesting figures not only of the bank's growth but of the growth of monetary wealth at Hood River.

From a tabulated statement it is shown that deposits in the Butler bank have grown from \$36,530.57 April 4th, 1901, to \$79,452.45 April 4th, 1910. The largest increase was during the past year when \$196,011.74 was added to the bank's deposits. The Butler bank was organized in 1900 and first had its quarters in the building now occupied by the Daventport Harness Company.

The building was especially erected for the bank and contained the first fire-proof vault in town. It was owned by S. J. LaFrance and was erected by James Langille. Mr. Langille was the first depositor to open an account with the Butler company for which distinction he warmly contested with Mr. LaFrance. The first certificate of deposit was issued to Fred Bell which is still held by him and has compounded into a snug sum. Previous to the coming of the Butler company banking at Hood River was done in an unofficial way by George Crowell who then conducted a general store on the corner the Hall building occupies and later occupied by R. B. Braug & Co. Mr. Crowell took charge of all the spare cash which was not by any means a tremendous sum according to old timers who state that if any body here was approached to pay a bill in cash of over two bits they had to fall back on the then customary saying "I haven't got that much but I will give you an order on George Crowell," which by the way was legal tender. In strawberry season it was necessary for growers to secure cash from the banks at The Dalles, most of which was obtained in silver as a lot of change was necessary to pay off in the exact amount. This was packed around on the person and is said to have been a great inconvenience as well as a considerable risk.

All this was done away with the coming of the bank whose business soon grew to such proportions that it moved into more commodious quarters in one of the first brick buildings to be erected here, now occupied by the postoffice and J. L. Henderson. Later to provide for its still increasing business it moved into its present roomy and modern apartments in the Hall block. Both Mr. Leslie and Truman Butler have been identified with the bank from its start.

The Butler bank was the only institution of this kind at Hood River until 1905 when the First National was organized. In that year the deposits in both institutions reached \$210,881.71, and business in both institutions continued to grow apace. In 1908 the Hood River Banking & Trust Company opened for business

and the three banks in that year showed deposits of \$613,636.89. On April 4th, 1910, the combined deposits of the three banks showed that Hood River had passed the million dollar mark with \$1,068,697.13. While rapid, the growth of bank deposits at Hood River has been healthy, and conservative operations has characterized their conduct.

The pamphlet issued by the Butler company contains handsome illustrations of its place of business, while the letterpress is of a nature that sets forth the advantages of the institution in terms suitable to the occasion, the opening paragraph of which quotes the following:

"If the prudence of reserve and decorum dictates silence in some circumstances, in others prudence of a higher order may justify us in speaking our thoughts."--Burke. To which is appended: Modesty, no doubt, "doth best become us all" but with the loyal support of our many friends we have just closed our tenth year in Hood River with a record which even the foregoing sentiment will permit us to publish with pardonable pride.

In connection with the growth of the banking business here it is interesting to note the increase in the postal receipts which were furnished the Butler company by Postmaster Yates. These it is seen have grown in accordance with the increase in cash, starting from the year 1900 with \$3,901.39 and totalling in 1909 \$17,164.79. In the same period the assessed valuation has increased from less than a million dollars to \$7,527,335 which were the figures in 1909

METHODISTS PLAN NEW BUILDING

A banquet of the men of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church was held at the Mt. Hood hotel Monday evening. The purposes were good fellowship and the discussion of better equipment for church work. Every preparation for the convenience and pleasure of guests was made and the dinner served thoroughly satisfied both appetite and good taste.

Prof. L. B. Gibson presided, and after dinner made a telling speech on the necessity of better church work in Hood River. He was followed by Rev. T. B. Ford who explained the plan for larger quarters. A motion was unanimously adopted requesting the trustees to take steps at once to move the church back to make room for an auditorium. The new edifice is to be of stone or brick, and is to be modern in every particular with a full basement. It will contain kitchen, dining room, parlors and club room for young men and guild room for young women.

The plan is to put in the foundation of the permanent building at once, and erect a tabernacle for the Stout meetings which are to begin early in May.

WILLOW FLAT LAND TAKES ACTIVE SPURT

Land sales during the week were not characterized by any deals at high prices, but nevertheless were active and considerable property moved. W. S. Nichol reports the greatest number of sales, having disposed of 40 acres of the Loeb place on the east side of Dr. Holman, president of Willamette University and 20 acres in Willow Flat belonging to C. A. Briggs to Wheeler & Sweeney, two young men who came here recently. Nichol also sold 5 acres of the Bentley tract to W. S. Chapin and son. Another 40 was sold by him to Mrs. Sylvester and son belonging to N. H. Ament in the Willow Flat country. Mrs. Sylvester recently disposed of her holdings on the west side near C. D. Thompson's place. She will improve the new property as soon as possible.

Willow Flat property in fact seems to have been in great demand during the past week, as G. Y. Edwards & Co. sold 20 acres there belonging to Kiyakuchi Nataunk, a Japanese, to Mrs. Carrie Schmick, who recently bought the Valhalla orchard. The place is partly improved with young orchard and will be further developed during the summer. The same company also reports a sale of 20 acres in the same neighborhood to Humphrey Barton, the St. Paul man who has bought three other properties here. This was owned by Charles Fuller, is partly improved also, and will be in charge of Mr. Fuller, who will develop it for Mr. Barton.

Outbank & Hubbard sold the G. W. Wunder place of 10 acres to W. W. Rodwell, an Iowa man, who was formerly division superintendent of schools at Laguna, Philippine Islands. Mr. Rodwell had been here for several weeks and the price is understood to have been \$13,500.

G. D. Woodworth made a transfer of property of interest, trading 15 acres west of town formerly belonging to his son Guy, for a fine home on Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. Consideration \$15,000.

UNION ELECTS NEW MANAGER

The board of directors of the Hood River Apple-Growers' Union organized Saturday by electing G. A. McCurdy president, E. H. Shepard vice president and treasurer and C. H. Sprout secretary. H. M. Huxley, manager of the union for three years, resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Sprout.

A report received from Steinhart & Kelly, of New York, who have bought the union apple for two years, said, in regard to the sale of California apples as Hood Rivers, that the firm guilty of the fraud was insignificant and that little if any harm was being done, on account of its limited operations.

Mr. Sprout, the new manager of the union, has been secretary of the organization for several years and is one of the largest apple-growers in the valley. He was empowered by the board to employ an assistant manager and any additional expert help he needed.

Mr. Huxley who has the good will and confidence of the members of the union and the board of directors retires with the regret of both. He expects to take up the active management of his fruit ranch at Mosier which he has been developing for several years.

COUNCIL REGULATES HONK-HONK WAGONS

An ordinance of interest to automobile owners was passed by the city council Monday night regulating their speed in the city limits and also providing that mufflers must not be taken from the machines. The limit of speed fixed by the council is ten miles an hour. When the measure came to a vote there was a division on its final passage, Councilmen Hall and Brosius voting against and Slocum and Huggins for it. As there were only four councilmen present Mayor McDonald had to cast the deciding vote and voted for its enactment.

An ordinance providing for weekly meetings of the council was introduced and passed the first reading and is expected to become effective next month. A verbal report from City Recorder Langille on the petition in regard to voting on the proposition to buy the city water plant was to the effect that it had been returned to him with the statement that the company was negotiating for its sale to other parties, and that the matter would be dropped.

Councilman Brosius, chairman of the committee to purchase road making machinery, reported in favor of a Buffalo-Pitts ten ton steam roller at a price of \$2,750 and a sprinkling apparatus at a price of \$135. The report of the committee was accepted and the apparatus which is considered necessary for use in improving streets was ordered purchased on approval.

Notice to Water Users
At a meeting of the stockholders of the Glacier Irrigating Company held Saturday afternoon, March 26, it was voted that after thirty days from date the price of stock be advanced to \$125 a share. HOMER A. ROGERS, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHURCHES SCORED AT OPEN FORUM

The subjects assigned the speakers for the open forum at the Methodist church Sunday evening attracted a large audience including most of the speakers who have spoken at previous meetings. "What is the Matter With the Churches" was handled by George R. Wilbur, while Attorney S. W. Stark wrestled with "What is the Matter With the Preachers." Mr. Wilbur handled his subject with mastery knowledge saying that he believed lack of interest in the churches was due to the insincerity of the doctrines advocated and an adherence to formalism and pulpit oratory instead of teaching the true word of God as exemplified in the teachings of Christ and the Bible. His address which he read was finished and eloquent of the subject and was listened to with rapt attention.

Mr. Stark bore down on the preachers pretty heavily saying that too many of them took up the profession for an easy living rather than from fitness, others because they couldn't do anything else, and still others on account of an ambition for personal aggrandizement with no thought of the good they should do or the ethics of the profession. His talk was offhand and contained many truisms that evidently pleased the audience.

A song service was also conducted by Prof. Gibson. The Asbury quartette rendered an anthem, Mr. Flint presiding at the organ, and Dr. C. W. Edmunds and Paul Hubbard sang. Will Chandler played a violin solo with Mrs. Wilbur as accompanist.

Next Sunday Rev. Ford, the pastor, will give his impressions of the addresses delivered, which will be preceded by a special musical program.

POPULAR LADY PIANO CONTSET

The Co-operative Ad. Co., through the Braug Mercantile Co., Carl A. Plath, druggist, and A. C. Staten, hardware, will give a piano to the most popular lady of Hood River. Votes 200 for \$1, redeemable in merchandise. The piano is a Werner, manufactured by the Werner Piano Co., the second largest piano manufacturer in that city. Each piano is accompanied with a 10-year guarantee to replace the same with a new one of the same make if there is any fault in material or workmanship. The following young ladies are hustling for this grand prize, the largest ever offered in this city: Misses Boorman, 300; Potter, 300; Breedlove, 300; Johnson, 200; Ford, 100; Ordway, 100; Carson, 30; Fernald, 20; Frisby, 20; Stevens, 20.

CENSUS TAKING BEGINS FRIDAY

Census enumerators for Hood River county will commence work Friday and will be allowed twenty-five days in which to complete the work. They ask that residents of Hood River extend every facility for assisting them in doing the work properly and helping to see that the city and valley gets a full count.