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## Hood River Sprinter Makes New Record

Chester Huggins Wins First Place and  
Establishes New Record—Other Races  
Captured by Swift Hood River Athletes

Chester Huggins, of Hood River high school, in competition with college men from O. A. C. and U. of O., as well as other colleges and high schools throughout the state, won first place in the one-mile run at the indoor meet at Portland Saturday. Huggins has been a winner in smaller meets several times, and always a faithful trainer. Great things have been predicted for him and he bids fair to meet all expectations. In the meet Saturday he established a new state indoor record, making the mile in the time of 4:39 flat.

While Huggins was the only winner direct from Hood River the city

was well represented among the college men. Henderson, who won the shot-put, is a Hood River man, who is attending the state university and put the shot at 36 feet 11 1/2 inches. Johnson of Oregon who made first in the 440-yard sprint and second in the high jump is a former Hood River high school student.

Hood River high school students are taking a lively interest in athletics which is being endorsed by their instructors, and the near future will see Hood River high well represented in all meets throughout the state.

### Reception to New Minister

The members and friends of the Valley Christian church tendered a reception to their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Peart, Wednesday evening of last week. It was indeed a most brilliant affair, in fact it took the form of an ovation. Prof. Murphy was master of ceremonies. Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Revs. Tate, Wood, Ford, Gilmore, Adams, Davidson and Cash. Also a most pleasing address was made by Hon. Leslie Butler of the Butler Banking Company. The Barrett band boys played a number of selections to the delight of all. Mrs. Reavis, the choir leader, and her daughter, Miss Gladys sang a duet that was most pleasing. The master of ceremonies then announced that it was high time to give Rev. Peart a chance to defend himself, which he did in a most eloquent and impressive manner. Of the 500 persons who were present, not one would attempt to say that Rev. Peart is not competent to fill any pulpit in our large cities of today.

### Will Manage Mosier Union

At the annual meeting of the Mosier Fruitgrowers' Association the following directors were elected: A. P. Bateham, Amos Root, C. A. McCarger, J. M. Carroll and D. P. Harvey. These directors have chosen H. M. Huxley, of Hood River, as manager of the association.

## Reminiscences of Express Messenger In Early Days

BY CAPT. H. C. COE

### GOLD DUST STOLEN.

On one trip I fell under suspicion. A buckskin sack containing dust for the O. S. N. Co. had fallen short. It had passed through my hands and I, a new man, was the one suspected. All the other messengers were old hands and above and beyond such things, which was undoubtedly true. But to complicate matters, the very next trip Messenger Cann brought a sack for the company that had also fallen short, and it was discovered that a stitch had been cut in the corner, a small quantity of dust abstracted, the edges pushed back so it would not show, and several sacks were so treated before it was discovered how the gold was taken out. There was but one man who had the handling of all the sacks and he was an old and trusted negro porter who had served as messenger for the Navigation company for many years, and had never been suspected of dishonesty, but when charged with the theft he broke down and confessed all, returned the stolen dust and was discharged without prosecution.

MINE HOSTS OF THE UMATILLA HOUSE.

My headquarters, while in The Dalles, was at the Umatilla House, the best known and most popular hostelry in the state. The proprietors, Major Dennis Handly and Colonel N. B. Sinnott, were as well known as their hotel. The major, a son of Erin and a relic of the famous 600 of Balaklava, was the business head of the institution, while the

urbane and smiling Colonel Sinnott "welcomed the coming and sped the parting guest," and in a most tactful manner distributed out the rooms with proper number of "bugs" to the entire satisfaction of each and every one. They were whole souled, generous men, kindly hearted and no deserving unfortunate was ever turned away hungry or shelterless.

HANK VAUGHN.

About this time, a boy by the name of Vaughn began to show symptoms of the bad man type. I had known Hank some years previous. He was a hanger-on around stables, riding races, and doing little jobs around the barns at The Dalles. His first public appearance was, if I remember rightly, in conjunction with others in a horse-stealing scrape in Umatilla county, and a break was made to reach that "Hole in the Wall," Boise City. At Burnt River in Baker county he was overtaken by Sheriff Frank Maddox, of Umatilla county. A pistol duel ensued in which Hank succeeded in shooting Maddox through the mouth and making his escape. He was afterwards arrested and sent to the penitentiary for a term of years. After serving something over a year he was pardoned on account of his youth, and his career as a bad man went on. He was engaged in numerous shooting scrapes and made himself a general nuisance to all law-abiding people by his drunken

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## Hood River May Have \$10,000 Chapter House

Reception Given by American Woman's  
League a Success—One Hundred Guests  
Present and Many Apply for Membership

Mrs. T. J. Cuning opened her beautiful residence for the first reception given by the Hood River Chapter American Woman's League which was quite a success in every way.

One hundred guests were present which gave great satisfaction to those who are especially interested in increasing the membership and being able to qualify for a ten thousand dollar Chapter House.

New members were secured and great enthusiasm prevails in regard to the coming national convention to be held in May at University City, St. Louis, Mo. Our Chapter is entitled to one delegate whose expenses are paid—railroad fare, sleeper, meals and the best of care during the convention of three days.

Each member who secures ten new applications accompanied by five

### Woman's Club Meeting

The Woman's Club held a very interesting meeting at Odd Fellows hall last Wednesday afternoon. The topic was "Conservation of Our Natural Resources," and the program which was an excellent one, was in charge of Mrs. S. E. Bartness. The program was begun with a solo, "The Bird and The Rose," by Mrs. H. C. Sletten, Mrs. C. K. Marshall, accompanist. She was followed by an interesting address on "Forest Conservation," by S. E. Bartness. After a piano solo, "Butterfly," by Miss Gladys Reavis, Rev. Parker addressed the club on "Birds." His talk was instructive as well as very interesting, as indeed the entire program proved to be.

Committee reports and other matters of business were attended to, and several things pertaining to civic improvement and beautifying the city were discussed. After a social hour the members departed expressing their enjoyment. At the next meeting nominations will be made for officers of the club for the next term.

G. D. Woodworth was a passenger for Portland Monday.

dollars on each will also secure this delightful trip free of cost to her.

A round table was conducted on the benefits and privileges conferred by the League by Mr. Grimm which was very interesting and profitable.

Those present were delightedly entertained by the sweet music of the Mandolin Club and Orchestra, also solos by Misses Bryant and Vannett.

Dainty refreshments were served by the League and the reception closed with an informal social hour.

Meetings every Tuesday p. m. from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. All welcome.

## LAFAN BILL PUT TO SLEEP

A dispatch to the Oregonian says that satisfied from testimony recently submitted that the Lafan apple box and grading bill is both vicious and unwarranted, the House committee on agriculture, on motion of Representative Hawley, last week tabled that measure, thus rendering impossible its further consideration during this or the next session.

The committee discussed the bill for half an hour, reviewing the main features of the evidence on both sides and when the vote was taken the bill was defeated, 9 to 6.

Of three absent members two were opposed to the bill, so that in reality the committee stood 11 to 7 against the bill. The members who voted to table the bill were Chairman Scott and Messrs. Hawley, Haugen, Cole, Howell, Rucker, Hanna, Plumley and Lee.

A majority of the committee held that there was no occasion for adopting a standard box, especially such a box as the bill proposed, but they particularly objected to the unfairness of that section which undertook to establish grades.

The showing made by Representative Hawley and the Oregon and Washington growers who appeared before the committee were largely responsible for the action.

## CLOSING ADDRESS OPEN FORUM

The open forum series of services closed in a most fitting way Sunday evening. Dr. Ford, pastor of Asbury church, gave his impressions of the addresses delivered during the past few weeks. He said that the speakers had impressed him with their sincerity, their preparation of subjects assigned them and a general desire to state the truth as they saw it, without offense to anyone. He believes in truth and is not afraid of it nor for it.

Perhaps one of the best influences emanating from the meeting is a better understanding of the men of Hood River regarding each other, and also regarding the attitude of the church toward those it seeks to help. The "up-to-now" church has ceased to dogmatize about nonessentials and lay more stress on living and great life principles.

The Hood River Mandolin Club rendered several excellent numbers and Mrs. A. A. Jayne sang a most pleasing sacred solo. Asbury quartet and J. C. Skinner also rendered vocal numbers. A. A. Jayne presided and some of the former speakers of the open forum responded to Dr. Ford's excellent address.

## Letters AND Messages

### True American Citizenship

Editor of the News: The article entitled Woman Suffrage and Temperance which has recently appeared in the Harper's Bazaar gives much food for thought, even for those who believe in women's enfranchisement and who will always believe that permanent good will result through this channel.

It is true in those states where women have been allowed to vote, the prohibition wave has not been felt to any appreciable extent.

The women of these states have doubtless been in the minority and evidently have not been placed in touch with many ideas which tend to advancement along the lines of temperance reform. The privilege of voting was thrust upon them, so to speak, and they seem to have had no choice but to accept the situation. That they were given this privilege as a means to an end under a selfish motive may be true. This might have been a fact in Colorado, more especially where in times past the labor troubles have been closely associated with men who have influence and who were avowed enemies of prohibition, Samuel Gompers, the president of the federation of labor, furnishing the most conspicuous example.

Apparently the thought has never occurred to many of these women that they are in possession of an in-

strument that to use it wisely would transform things to such an extent that their influence for good would be felt all over the world.

Men who have voted for years have had to learn many important lessons in political, economy and are far from graduating yet. Until the majority of voters arrive at the point where an intelligent conception of their duties lead them to regard the growing boys and girls with more favor and of greater value to the world than the rum traffic with all of its wretchedness and wastefulness they will never be perfected in what constitutes true American citizenship.

### Sunday Desecration Without Excuse

Editor of the News: Pastor Davidson deserves the support of all the law-abiding people of the valley in his protest against the prevalent Sabbath desecration here. Some of the older residents say that a few years ago Sunday was well observed. If so, the valley has certainly degenerated of late. The amount of blasting, ordinary field work and heavy teaming on the roads for the last few Sundays particularly has been utterly without excuse. For the good name of Hood River valley, if for no higher motive, public sentiment ought to be roused against this sort of moral laxity. There is far less danger of our becoming too Puritanical in this regard than there is of our being entirely heathenish.

H. J. Wood,  
Pastor Belmont Church.

### Telephone to the Humane Society

Editor of the News: For the benefit of those who have not the moral courage to defend helpless, dumb creatures that are being cruelly treated, be it known that the Hood River Valley Humane

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BLOOMING APPLE TREES THE DELIGHT OF MANY VISITORS

## WHEN TO SEE HALLEY'S COMET

Speaking of the comet Prof. Campbell of the Mount Hamilton Observatory says:

"Until May 18 Halley's comet will be a morning object, becoming visible before the first rays of dawn, and after that time will be an evening object and fairly conspicuous during the last half of May."

"It is unsafe to predict the brightness of a comet and for that reason I do not care to say just when it will become visible to the naked eye, but I believe it will be possible for us at the observatory to see it without the aid of telescopes and a week or two later before it will be apparent to those in the valley. The people will have greater difficulty in seeing it on account of the glare of the electric lights of the city, and there is a possibility for that reason that it will not be visible from San Francisco at all. All depends upon its brightness, and that, as I said, is unsafe to predict."

"We will pass through the tail of the comet on the night of May 18, and will take several hours in so doing. I may say that no danger may be feared. There may be a glow in the sky and perhaps a meteoric dis-

play, but apart from this harmless and beautiful phenomenon nothing will occur to affect human lives on earth."

"Until May 18 the comet will be visible just before dawn, and those who intend to watch for it would do well to remember that the sun is rising earlier daily. After May 18 it will be west of the sun and will be visible after sunset."

### Chickens Mothered by Oil Stove

Twelve hundred fluffy little chicks one day old enclosed in a circular space twelve feet in diameter and mothered by a single oil stove, represents one of the peculiar features of an experiment which is now being carried on by Professor James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural College.

The chicks which are being used in this experiment were hatched in incubators. Twelve machines were used, the machines producing an average of 100 chicks each. This number of chickens were hatched from a total of 1350 eggs.

Joe Wilson went down to Portland to attend the opening of the ball season at that place Tuesday.

Michael Prendergast, who bought the Churchward place, arrived here last week, accompanied by his family from Fort Worth, Texas.

A new bicycle wheel racing cart arrived and was taken out Monday to Capt. McCann's race track, which he is building in the valley.

Laurel Rebekah Lodge held an interesting meeting last Monday night, followed by an ice cream social. An enjoyable time is reported.

While returning from town Monday morning Mrs. C. A. Hall became frightened and jumped from the buggy, breaking her ankle bone.

Next Sunday evening at the 5 o'clock service in the Unitarian church Charles Davidson will speak on "The Necessity for Unitarianism and Other Religious Associations." All are cordially invited.

Albert S. Hall, an expert electrician has taken the position of manager with the Hood River Electric Light, Power and Water Company. Mr. Hall arrived here Thursday and assumed charge of the company's business.

A large crowd witnessed the ball game between Hood River and White Salmon Sunday afternoon at Columbia park. The game was a close one, being a tie on the ninth inning. However, the Klickitat city carried off the honors, the score being 4 to 6 in their favor.

The National Life Insurance Company U. S. A., of Chicago, has just paid Mrs. T. W. DeBussey \$5,000, the amount of a policy written for Mr. DeBussey, but a few weeks before his death. The company paid the amount of the claim although the first premium had not yet been paid. Mr. DeBussey's death occurred March 27th and the money was paid April 4th.

The ladies of St. Mark's Guild will meet Friday afternoon of this week with Mrs. E. C. Young.

Miss Lucille Potter won the Werner piano offered the most popular young lady in Hood River.

Rev. Mr. Warren of The Dalles will hold services at St. Mark's church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton and son arrived from Omaha, Neb., Monday, and will make their home on their property in Paradise acreage. Mrs. Horton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Parkins.

Tuesday evening of last week a surprise party was given at the home of Judge J. L. Henderson, by the Misses Wilma Thompson and Mary Dabney. About twenty-five of the younger set were present and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The rooms and tables were prettily decorated and light refreshments served after an evening of games.

E. L. Scobee, the well known dentist, who has been located in Portland and has rooms in the Oregonian building, has rented the rooms formerly occupied by Arnold & Rupp and will commence practicing here May 1st. Mr. Scobee is said to rank high in all branches of his profession. Having become tired of the grind of city life he will make his home here.

The Thursday Musical Club held a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. H. Sletten, which was well attended and much interest shown. Mrs. Dumble, the club president, was present for the first time since her return from California. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. A. A. Jayne, when preparations will be made for a program for the open meeting to be given soon. All are invited to attend.