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Apple Union Will Try New Labor Solution

Establishes Employment Bureau to Supply Berry Pickers and Apple Thinners—Ask Cooperation of Growers for Success

Realizing the importance of providing help for the strawberry growers and orchardmen the Apple Growers Union has authorized the establishment of a labor bureau in connection with the union and urges all who need laborers to apply to the office of the union as soon as possible.

The labor bureau was established at the suggestion of the labor committee who met last Saturday with the directors of the union and talked over the problem of supplying labor to pick berries and thin apples. The situation was admitted by the committee and the directors to be serious and the plan outlined was adopted.

C. H. Sprout, secretary of the union, who has charge of the work, said Monday that advertisements inserted in the Sunday papers had already brought a large number of applications and many others had applied in person. He showed the representative of the News a big bunch of letters and stated that many others asking for work were arriving daily.

Mr. Sprout states that the union will do everything it can to provide help but wants the active cooperation of residents of the valley in carrying out the plan. It is suggested by him that those in need of help

APPLE CITY MEN BECOME ELKS

With visiting brothers present from many lodges in all parts of the country including one from Alaska, the local Elks held one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable sessions in the history of The Dalles lodge Thursday night says The Dalles Chronicle.

The big doings started early Thursday evening, the occasion being the arrival of 50 Hood River and Portland Elks on the 7 o'clock train, with 17 candidates for the Apple City who were later initiated and made members of the antlered herd.

A large crowd of local members of the order gathered at the train to welcome the visitors. The candidates were blindfolded and tied to a rope and were then lead around the city to the hilarious accompaniment of tom toms, cow bells, drums and various musical instruments, though classical numbers were not rendered with the aid of the same. The procession was nearly two blocks long and furnished much amusement for Elks and outsiders, who were on the streets, alike.

After the business meeting and initiation the Elks marched into the small K. of P. hall where a sumptuous buffet lunch had been prepared by John Hall, the White House grill chef. The feast consisted of olives, radishes, salads, stuffed eggs, roast beef, roast suckling pig, and coffee.

The Hood River men who joined the lodge Thursday night are E. O. Blanchard, C. E. Copple, Charles T. Early, Charles A. Bell, J. B. Hunt, J. E. Robertson, F. E. Newby, A. Whitehead, Charles H. Castner, W. L. Clarke, Charles Hall, P. S. Davidson, C. F. Morse, R. D. Gould, L. E. Morse, Ernest C. Smith and Truman Butler.

WITHDRAWS BIG ACREAGE FROM SALE

Believing that conditions in the fruit business point to one of the most successful seasons here this year and that weather conditions in the east and middle west are demonstrating each year superiority of the Oregon climate for growing apples, H. F. Davidson Monday withdrew 180 acres of orchard, he had listed for sale, from the market.

Mr. Davidson states that crop conditions in all sections of the valley both for berries and apples never looked more promising than at present and is making arrangement to care for a much larger berry crop than in several years. News of the destruction of fruit in the middle west will result he believes in a very successful season for all Hood River fruits.

notify the union at once of the number of laborers they desire, the facilities they have for taking care of them, whether board will be provided, advantages for camping near the place of employment, and to consider the matter carefully and to notify the union as soon as possible. If possible he would like to have the growers call in person with a written statement of their wants stating when they expect to put the help to work and to assist in conducting the bureau in a systematic manner that will avoid confusion and bring the best results.

It has been suggested for several years that a plan of this kind be put into operation and if sufficient interest and cooperation is shown it is expected that it will largely solve the problem of securing transient labor that must be obtained and which will increase from year to year.

OFFERS 64,000,000 ACRES FOR POOR

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, in a spirit of humor recently sent a telegram to George T. Jackson, of St. Louis, who is working on the enterprise of providing free lands to be settled by the poor, announcing that 64,000,000 acres of free government land lie in the Northwest territory tributary to St. Paul, ready for any people who will settle and develop them.

Mr. Jackson has announced that he will give 4,000 acres of Arkansas farm land to the unemployed of St. Louis and vicinity. Since making his announcement he has received nearly 1,000 letters from other wealthy philanthropists offering in all about 50,000 acres from Manitoba to Texas for this enterprise. This land is to be divided into small farms to be worked on the community plan. The enterprise is being conducted by the St. Louis Welfare association, organized by James Eads Howe.

Mr. Hill's telegram to Mr. Jackson reads as follows:

"We have always been interested in getting people upon the farms. We are much interested in the newspaper report that you have been able to find 50,000 acres of free land available for this purpose extending from Manitoba to Texas. We have for many years been locating persons on the free government lands of the West and herewith submit you 64,000,000 acres of government land available for your purpose. For tables as to counties and classification, see government report, department of the interior, on the unappropriated lands of the United States, last issue, showing Minnesota, one and one-half million acres; Montana forty million; North Dakota, one and one-half million; Oregon, eighteen million; Washington state, three million."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

FEARS HER SON WILL NOT RETURN

Fearful that her 15-year-old son Earnest, who disappeared from Hood River February 12 has met death, Mrs. Isaac Ford Monday asked the News to aid in locating him. Young Ford left Hood River as the result of a difference with his family and as far as known went into eastern Oregon just previous to one of the most severe storms of the winter.

For weeks his mother has patiently awaited some news of him, but as yet has heard nothing. He was large for his age, with dark hair and blue eyes. His mother is near a breakdown and any news of him will be gratefully received by her.

First Berries of Season
A. L. Newton receives the honors this year at Hood River for showing the first ripe berries, having brought several fine specimens into the News office Monday. Mr. Newton was but a few moments ahead of C. A. Shorter of White Salmon, who brought in a half dozen fine berries for examination.

School Consolidation Discussed By Prof. E. E. Coad

To the Editor:—The discussions, both pro and con, concerning the unification of the schools of Hood River have failed to bring out all that may be said on either side of the question. Transportation seems to have come in for more than its share in the discussion. Yet we have a number of students from the outlying districts who are attending school at Hood River and seem to be solving the problem of transportation very satisfactorily. I have noted this winter that four of the five boys who made the basket ball team are boys from Barrett and Frankton. These boys seem to have abundant energy left after walking or driving to school to go in for athletics. With the permanent road improvement that is to be rapidly extended, and the fact that rail transportation looping the valley must be a future certainty, it seems to me that too much emphasis is being placed upon this feature of the question and the really important considerations are thereby crowded from mind. While I am on this phase of the matter I want to call attention to the criticism from the pen of Prof. McCoy in the Odell items five weeks ago. The average parent, I am sure, will give this point consideration for it is the most important criticism that has been made so far in the discussion. But I am also sure that Prof. McCoy will agree with me that the same criticism (that it will throw the immoral and the moral together) may be lodged against the entire public school system. It must be remembered that drivers of school wagons are placed under heavy bonds binding them in the matter of personal conduct and requiring that they shall report any misbehavior to the proper authorities. Then in a school wagon there certainly would be some boy or girl with the manhood or womanhood to report to parents any act of moral turpitude; then such pupil could be excluded from the wagon. I feel con-

vinced that the opportunity for mischief is greater in the school room, the outbuildings and the school grounds during the intermissions than while the students are going to and from school under supervision. Pupils have to go to and from school in any case and usually without supervision at all. What about the opportunities for moral contamination at this time? It seems to me that this criticism is rather far wide of the mark; at least it could easily be met and does not prove a factor in actual transportation of pupils.

Now then as to the results to the student from the contemplated union of forces. From the standpoint of the state, schools are justified in that they prepare youth for citizenship and leadership. When a boy or girl has reached high school age it means a great deal to be placed in contact with people. Students of this age are ready for team work, for organization, for concentrated effort. Thus the high school that can undertake a number of student enterprises offers training in leadership and constructive citizenship that the small school cannot give its students. Such a school can develop a spirit that will stand for something in the lives of every student that comes under its influence. In the small school conditions change with teachers. I will admit that outside the school work which requires expensive laboratory apparatus the small high school can do just as effective work in the text books as the large school—in some cases better. It depends upon the instructor here. Yet even in this case with two or three students in the class the recitation of necessity must fall to stimulate the interest that would result from the mingled view points of twenty-five students. School work is for the purpose of mind development largely, and contact with a number of mature minds and a large number of students must of necessity be an important factor in the educa-

Says Old Boat Line Trying "Hog" Game

Agent of Open River Transportation Co. Complains That Regulator Line Is Trying To Keep Teal Away From City Landing

According to information secured from Capt. W. S. Buchanan who was here Monday, an effort is being made by the Regulator Line to crowd the Open River Line of boats off the river by prohibiting them from landing at the high water landing in Hood River.

The efforts of the Regulator people is said to have culminated this week when the big wharf boat which the company brought down from Lyle some time ago was towed down to the high water landing and placed in such a position that the boats of the Open River company could not land here. It is stated that the position occupied by the wharf boat is not owned by the Regulator company and that in refusing to allow a line to be put across it by the boats of the other company it is attempting to "hog" the business. Heretofore when the small wharf was used the Teal and other boats of the Open

tion of the youth.

It would be well worth the time of any person who has a child to place in high school to go to Portland and visit either the Washington or Jefferson high schools of that city. The equipment in either of these schools is equal to that to be found in any college in the land. Of course it is not the same. But the tools for the shop, the laboratories for chemistry, physics, botany, physiology, physical geography, etc., are the best that money can secure. The demands of the times will make it more and more necessary that high schools spend more money for equipment. The demand for manual training, domestic science courses, music and art and industrial training all tend toward the unification of interests in high school work in order to meet the demand with the least expense. I think that a student of Hood River valley should have just as good opportunities for a thorough high school education as a student in Portland. Such will be the result in time if the people concerned can get together and work out the problems involved.

We have reached a period of transition apparently in our school work. There will probably be a readjustment of our state course of study in a short time. The opinion of leading educators of the state is that the new course will consist of four parts, requiring three years to complete each part. These divisions of the work will be primary, intermediate, preparatory high school and high school proper. The preparatory high school will of necessity be a community school in connection with the grammar grades. Here the pupil will be studied more carefully than at present. It will be expected that the student will have determined his life work by the time he has entered the high school proper. The high school proper will be a central school meeting all the needs of several communities. It will have to be dual in nature. It will have to fit students for the college and university on the one hand and it will have to prepare for trades and occupations of life those students who cannot, or who do not desire to, get a college education. In Hood River valley such a school would have to have a very strong course in horticulture. The trouble with all our school work at the present time is that we are attempting to grind all through the same mill. It does not matter whether a student wishes to go to college or not he must take the course of work laid down by the colleges for entrance to their institutions. There is a certain amount of value in the course for the student who does not go on to college, but not as much as would result if the student felt that he was preparing for his life work. At Los Angeles last winter students stood in line all night in order to enter the new technical high school that could not accommodate all who wished to enter. This certainly indicates the tendency of the times. Under the circumstances, it seems to me that the only logical thing that can be done is to get together at once and work out a solution to the common problem. Such must be the ultimate result.

Will Have Lyceum Attractions
At the solicitation of Mrs. C. A. Shaw of Seattle, who is representing the Chicago Lyceum Company on the coast, the Hood River Commercial Club takes the auspices of a course of entertainments for the coming winter. The Lyceum, as is well known furnishes the best attractions of this character that are brought to the coast, and the course decided upon by the directors of the club is a fine one. It includes a lecture by Jas. W. Folk, the Dunbar Quartet, a sketch entitled "Music and Magic" and Chas. R. Ratto, one of the cleverest impersonators before the public. The dates for the appearance of the various features will be announced later.

Woman's League Mass Meeting
The mass meeting of the Woman's League held last Friday evening brought together an enthusiastic set of workers interested in the organization. Talks were made that indicated a good deal of interest in the movement. Among the speakers were Prof. McLaughlin, Dr. F. C. Brostus, Rev. T. B. Ford and Rev. H. A. McDonald. Mr. Bartness read an extract from Success Magazine showing the great interest being taken in the work throughout the country.

River Company have run up to the bank and discharged their freight, but this is now made impossible by the shallow landing and the big wharf boat which keeps them from the shore.

Capt. Buchanan asks that the Open River company receive fair treatment at the hands of Hood River residents as his company has been a great benefit in the transportation of river traffic and in regulating rates.

The matter has been taken up by Secretary Skinner of the Commercial Club and Secretary Hartwig of the Merchants' Association and it is expected that protests against the action of the Regulator Company will be forwarded to headquarters by the organizations they represent. It is also expected that the business men who believe in a square deal and open competition for all the freight lines, will take steps individually to show their disapproval of the bottling up of the landing and ask that provision be made to allow all boats to land at the high water landing.

HELP HOOD RIVER GET A FULL COUNT

Lloyd Catterlin census enumerator for the center precinct requests the News to say that he is anxious to secure a full count for Hood River and asks anyone living in this precinct who is not enumerated by Wednesday May 11th to telephone to the News office and he will see that they are.

As the News is also interested in a full count for Hood River it urges any one in the valley who has not been enumerated to telephone to this office. Everybody should take a live interest in seeing that the city and valley gets a full population in the official census. Our telephone number is 81. Don't put it off. Remember if you are not enumerated by May 11th telephone to the News.

MAY ENLARGE FREIGHT DEPOT

With the improvements contemplated by the city council in Railroad street near the depot it is believed that the O. R. & N. Company will shortly get busy and enlarge the freight station. Surveyors have been employed during the last week estimating the cost of a 60-foot extension to the freight depot and it is expected that the railroad company will shortly authorize the work.

The need of much larger quarters for receiving freight here has been known by the company for a long time, but has been delayed on account of the fact that the company has other improvements under advisement. It is stated that one of these is the straightening of the main line.

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B. P. STOUT, SWEET SONG EVANGELIST.

Prof. B. P. Stout, of Pasadena, California, will arrive in Hood River next Saturday to assist Dr. T. B. Ford, in a series of evangelistic services. He closes a very successful meeting at Red Bluff, Cal., Thursday evening, and leaves at once to fill his engagement here. Professor Stout has held great meetings in leading churches in different parts of the country, and comes with highest recommendations as a Christian gentleman, a man of kindly spirit and winning manners, an earnest and efficient worker, and a great singer—a master in song. Some of his songs are new and especially pleasing to old soldiers, thrilling them anew with the spirit of patriotism. He always attracts great crowds and moves the people with the great melody of his songs.

Mr. Stout held meetings recently in the Taylor street church, Portland, and the big church was crowded nightly to hear him sing the gospel. Overflow meetings were held in the Sunday school room and it is stated to be a rare opportunity for the people of Hood River to hear Mr. Stout. Every arrangement possible will be made to accommodate the crowds that are expected to throng the church.

Dr. Ford invites the cooperation of the pastors of the churches and of the Christian people of Hood River. The first service is Sunday morning.