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High School Graduates Hold Sway For Week

Start Commencement Exercises by Giving Play Friday. Attend Baccalaureate Services Sunday and Listen to Class Address Tuesday

The first of a series of commencement exercises by the Hood River high school was given Friday evening, when a number of the members of the senior class gave the four act comedy, "Christopher Jr.," at Pine Grove grange hall.

The play was a big success from all points of view, and highly delighted the big audience. Its selection was a happy one as its requirements were not too ambitious for amateurs, while it left plenty of room for displays of histrionic talent of no mean order.

The presentation of the play was characterized by a general excellence that is usually difficult to obtain in amateur theatricals.

As Christopher Jedbury, Sr., the successful business man and stern parent, Roger Moe left nothing to be desired, while Miss Hester Harbison as Mrs. Jedbury was equal to the occasion and would not be sneaked by her spouse. Herbert Phillips, who played the lead as Christopher Jedbury, Jr., the wayward son, displayed rare talent. Mr. Phillips was as self possessed on the stage as a professional and his delineation of the character's many quips and turns called for a versatility that he met on all occasions and that delighted his audience. Miss Eva Brock as Nelly, the daughter of the Jedburys, won the hearts of the auditors by her unselfish devotion and affection to her brother as well as by her delightful personality and clever acting. Major Hedway, in the person of Harry Clapp, was the ideal, bluff retired soldier, while Miss Lella Radford, who took the part of Dora, his niece, and who was the undiscovered wife and also the sweetheart of the erring Christopher—and incidentally the cause of many of the complications and troubles of the young man—not only essayed the character with distinction but with grace and ability that charmed Christopher and the audience alike. As Mr. Glibb Chester Huggins was dumb as an oyster, but Miss Helen Orr displayed a volubility as his wife that left no room for anybody else to get a word in edgewise and held the Major captive.

Tom Bellaby, a young lawyer and

BERRY SHIPMENTS OVER NORTH BANK

On account of the fact that the American Express company, which recently absorbed the Pacific company on the Harriman lines, was caught napping, Hood River strawberries were shipped in carloads this year over the North Bank railroad for the first time. The berries were loaded across to White Salmon, where they were loaded into the refrigerator cars of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The change in route is said to be due to the neglect of the Pacific company to provide a rate for berries in advance of the season and because it billed them out at the merchandise rate, making an extra expense of about \$1 a hundred.

To establish a rate it was necessary for the express company to notify the Interstate Commerce Commission 30 days prior to the time shipments were commenced. This the company failed to do. The matter was then taken up by the Davidson Fruit company, the Apple Growers' Union and the Commercial Club, with the result that the Commission waived the 30 days' notice and cut it down to five days from May 14.

On May 19th the rate of the Pacific company formerly in use, was put into effect and shipments are now going out over the O. R. & N. The berries shipped over the Hill line reached Butte and other Montana points 24 hours earlier than they do by being shipped from this side. The first carload shipment of berries went out of here this year May 17th, which is said by veteran fruitmen to be six days sooner than in previous years.

Mrs. John Leland Henderson is spending the week in Portland, accompanied by Mr. Henderson's young son,

friend of Christopher, who in every day life is Merrill Gessling, was cleverly portrayed by that young man, who was also fortunate enough to win Nelly, his friend's sister. John Copper handled the part of Mr. Simpson, the unscrupulous manager of Mr. Jedbury's Bombay establishment, so admirably that his delinquencies were forgiven, while Whitmer, man servant to the Jedbury's, in the person of Walter Kresse, and Job, valet to Christopher, taken by Steve Eby, filled in the details of the cast with a cleverness that made the performance complete.

Before the opening of the play and during the acts the local orchestra rendered some selections that added greatly to the evening's entertainment and were also a revelation to Hood River people of the organization's progress in the musical line. For the accommodation of city people the Mount Hood railroad ran a special train in charge of Supt. C. T. Early that gave excellent service and made it possible for the many friends of the students and their parents to reach the hall with safety and dispatch. Many drove from here in automobiles and carriages and also from the surrounding country, a large part of the audience being made up of Pine Grove residents.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church a baccalaureate service was held for the class which was attended by an audience that filled the enlarged auditorium and at which the graduates occupied seats of honor.

The principle address was delivered by Rev. W. C. Gilmore, who gave the young class much excellent advice. His talk was earnest and appropriate. The program was as follows: Voluntary—Miss Otis. Hymn—No. 180, Hymnal. Prayer—Rev. Howard MacDonald. Scripture reading—Rev. J. R. Parker. Violin Solo—Lella L. Radford. Offertory—Miss Otis. Vocal Solo—Prof. B. P. Stout. Address Rev. W. C. Gilmore. Vocal Solo—Prof. B. P. Stout. Benediction—J. R. Hargreaves.

The graduation exercises proper, which were held Tuesday night, were marked by simplicity. The program being a brief one in which the principal part was the address to the class delivered by Prof. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University. In eloquent and forceful language Prof. Homan impressed not only the class but the large audience who heard him with the duties that life's responsibilities bring with it. Other features on the program was a song by Paul Hubbard, violin solo William Chandler, song by Mrs. P. S. Davidson and the presentation of diplomas.

The graduating class was as follows:

- REGULAR GRADUATES
 LOTTIE OLIVIA KINNAIRD
 KETTY IRENE BRAGO
 RAYMOND EDWARD NICHOLSON
 ETTA IONE BRAGO
 GRACE ELLEN STEWART
 STEVE MILLS EBY
 HELEN OWB
 EVA LENORE BROCK
 ROGER WALDO MOE
 HESTER ELIZABETH HARRISON
 HERBERT PHILLIPS
 JOHN HENRI COOPER
 MERRILL CORNELL GESSLING
 HARRY ARNOLD CLAPP
 WALTER ALBERT KRESSE
 SHERMAN ELI BUCK
 WILLIAM AVERY CARR
 CARRIE SPARRS
 GEORGE CHESTER HUGGINS
 LELLA LINCOLN RADFORD
- SPECIAL GRADUATES
 SUZIE MELBRO VAUGHAN
 MARY VIRGINIA JOHNSON

The scholarship offered by the University of Oregon was awarded to Miss Lella Radford.

The class is the largest that has ever graduated from Hood River high school.

Under the direction of Mr. Coad and the corps of teachers under him the city schools have attained during the year the highest efficiency in their history. The pupils have excelled not only in their studies but athletics, debates and other attributes that go to make strong mental and physical characteristics. This has been made possible by the cooperation of the school board, which has given a progressive administration, and allowed for the growing needs of the city.

White Salmon Ball Tossers Hand Hood River Goose Egg

Accompanied by a band of vociferous rooters and with blood in their eye the White Salmon ball team came to Hood River Sunday and trimmed the local outfit to the tune of 3 to 0.

Notwithstanding this the game was a good one and closely played, with the exception of an inning or two and was lost to Hood River through its inability to hit at the crucial time. The largest crowd that has assembled at Columbia Park this season was present and interest in the game was keyed to a high pitch. The batteries was the same as in the previous game between the two teams, Lake and Shea for Hood River and Troeb and Sutherland for White Salmon. Lake pitched a good game, and with better support the score should have told another story. The Hood River team was weakened by the loss of Castner, who was unable to play on account of being spiked by VanVorst in the game at White Salmon. Baker who played with the home team for the first time this season, put up a good game.

The visitors started the ball rolling

by securing a run in the first inning. After this, however, no scoring was done until the eighth when a couple of hits and errors allowed two more White Salmonites to cross the plate. In one inning the visitors had three men on bases with one man out and it looked squally for a procession but a neat catch of a bunt by Shea and a putout at first retired the side and hushed the rooting brigade. Hood River had men on third several times and in the last half of the ninth stirred the hopes of their followers by getting on the sacks, but Troeb held the game steady and handed the local boys a goose egg.

Next Sunday the home team will play The Dalles and also Monday, the latter being Memorial day. It is expected that these will be two of the most interesting contests of the season as The Dalles now leads the league and will make a hard fight to retain the leadership. Hood River is now tied with White Salmon for second place. The record is as follows:

The Dalles	5	2	714
White Salmon	4	3	571
Hood River	4	3	571
Goldendale	1	6	143

\$25,000 FIRE CAUSES DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Hood River experienced the most destructive fire in its history last Wednesday, when half a block of buildings was destroyed and a young machinist named Ray Utter, was burned to death.

His companion, Ernest Boggess, who attempted to rescue Utter, was so badly burned that it was at first feared he would die, but it is now stated that he will recover. Paul Hubbard and several others in attempting to get automobiles and other property out of the burning buildings were quite painfully but not seriously burned.

As near as can be ascertained the fire was the result of an explosion of a brazer being used by Utter in the machine shop of the Hood River Manufacturing and Engineering company, in connection with a vulcanizing machine, used in repairing tires. The explosion ignited a two gallon can of gasoline that immediately burst into flames enveloping the unfortunate man's body and communicating to all parts of the building instantly. Boggess tried to rescue Utter, but was forced from his task by the intense heat and only succeeded in saving his own life by a narrow margin. As soon as possible he was removed to the Cottage hospital.

The firemen responded promptly to

the alarm which was sounded, and together with several hundred others who rushed to the scene of the conflagration worked heroically to stay the flames. Unable to save the buildings of the Engineering company, the garage or the dwelling back of it belonging to D. A. Turner, attention was turned to the houses of J. B. Hunt, W. F. Laraway and Carl Vaughn. With a good head of water and long continued efforts the latter were kept from burning with the exception of Mr. Hunts kitchen, which was badly damaged.

The blacksmith and machine shop of the Engineering company were totally destroyed with \$15,000 worth of almost new machinery. The garage was gutted, nothing but the walls being left standing and the house belonging to D. A. Turner and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coolidge and Mr. and Mrs. Boggess was destroyed.

The total loss is estimated at about \$25,000 with insurance amounting to \$3,500. The engine of Fred Howe's automobile was destroyed, although the car and one belonging to the Hood River Realty Company were gotten out of the burning building.

Young Utter's body, after being prepared for burial, was taken to Portland Friday by a relative, where his mother, who is a widow, resides.

CONTRACT LET FOR HEILBRONNER BRICK BLOCK

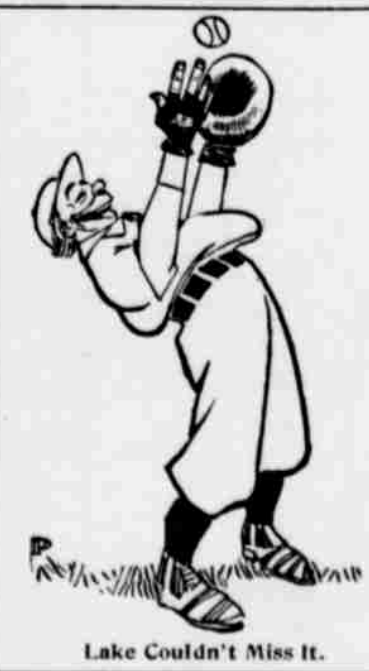
This week will see work commenced on another big brick block at Hood River, when excavation is started on the building to be erected by J. H. Heilbronner, at the corner of Third and Cascade avenue.

The new structure will be two stories high, 50 x 100 feet, the longer dimension fronting on Third street and will be built of brick and stone.

The first floor which will be divided into four store rooms will be entirely of steel and glass. Under this will be a half basement. According to the plans which are in the hands of Architect, R. B. Bartlett, the second floor will have two entrances one on Third street near the new bank building and the other at the west end of the building on Cascade avenue. The second story will be divided into office apartments, which it is stated, will be the most commodious in the city. The rooms will be equipped with running water, toilets and other conveniences provided.

The contract for the building, which has been let to L. D. Boyd, includes cement sidewalks on both streets, and a vacuum steam heating plant will be installed. A feature of the building, which is handsomely designed, will include walls of sufficient thickness to provide another story and also a party wall at the back.

Base Ball Stars as Seen by the News Cartoonist



Lake Couldn't Miss It.



Kent in Action.

Light and Power Co. Offers Plant to City

Files Option With City Recorder Offering Water System For Forty Thousand Dollars Cash or Will Take Bonds to That Amount

Believing that a settlement of the water question at the earliest possible moment is of the greatest benefit to Hood River people the Hood River Light & Power company has prepared an option on its property, accompanied by a description, schedules, estimates and summaries which it intended to submit for the action of the city council Monday night.

It was expected that some action would be taken on the proposition at that time, but the meeting failed to materialize, because there was no quorum. In order to explain the provisions of the offer of the company, J. D. Wilcox, its president, was here from Portland and A. S. Hall, the company's general manager, was also present.

The document states that the company deems it desirable to sell the water system to the city, and that in pursuance with this idea it offers to convey and give title to all the property of the said water company and specifies the proposal in the following paragraphs:

"The purchase price to be paid by said city of Hood River, in case option is exercised, shall be Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) cash, or in lieu of cash said Hood River Light & Power Company agrees to accept the twenty-year five or six per cent bonds of said city of Hood River, at par, provided there is not a higher bidder for same upon sale thereof.

"It is made an express condition of this option that the transaction herein proposed shall be completed, and all conveyances, transfers, etc., made within ninety days from date:

PROF. STOUT WILL SING FOR VETERANS

Interest in the services of the singing evangelist, Prof. B. P. Stout, which have been held throughout the past week at the Methodist auditorium has been unabated. Large audiences have nightly been present and on Sunday Prof. Stout sang to the graduating class. In the afternoon a service for men was held and another in the evening for all.

The services will be continued throughout this week, including Sunday, when a special service will be held for the old soldiers in the evening. On that day songs appropriate to the occasion will be sung by the professor. An all day service will also be given Sunday and members of the church and their friends are invited to bring their lunches and enjoy a social time.

NATURE ASSISTS APPLE GROWERS

We learn from one of the prominent orchardists in the valley, that nature is lending a helping hand in the apple orchards this spring. The apples are thinning themselves very nicely, saving much labor and expense. The apples remaining on the trees are firm, perfectly shaped and clear of blemish, making the prospects for a fine crop perfect.

So far no fungus generally has appeared, and as compared with last year, no brown aphids. There is occasionally some aphids seen, but the appearance of pests of any kind is normal. It is expected that the apple harvest, like the berries, will begin early this year, and be of unusual quality as well as quantity.

Attended District Conference

The District Conference of the Methodist church, held at Heppner last week, proved both delightful and inspiring. The pastors came home with new enthusiasm, and incidentally with a new stock of humorous stories. Those in attendance from this vicinity were: F. R. Spaulding, of Pine Grove; H. J. Wood, of Belmont; H. C. Clark, of White Salmon, and B. H. Chaffee, of Mosler. The Dalles District, which this conference represented, extends from Cascade Locks on the west to the Big Bend country on the east, and from Prineville on the south to the Wenatchee mountains on the north, and includes 34 pastoral charges.

the said Hood River Light & Power Company also expressly reserves the right to revoke this option, and the same shall be revoked without further notice in writing, unless such proceedings are had in reference hereto as will make it reasonably certain that the transaction shall be completed within said time."

According to the summary which accompanies the option and which is carried out in detail the plant shows a business valuation of \$58,000 and a physical valuation of something over \$52,000. The summary says:

"The physical valuation on June 31, 1907, including depreciation, was \$40,054.52. Since that time improvements and extensions to the amount of \$12,314.24 have been made, making a total of \$52,368.76. Included in this is the item of 6 blocks of 10-inch cast iron main, 3 blocks of 6-inch cast iron, 2 blocks of 6-inch steel pipe and 1,100 feet of 2 inch steel pipe, also the item of 241 services added since that date, making a total of 651 services. Also included in this is the item of one-half acre of land on Belmont road where upper reservoir stands.

"During the three years since 1907, labor has advanced 20 per cent., all classes of material at least 15 per cent., and the real estate has increased 50 per cent., therefore, the net depreciation of the entire system, which is normally about 4 per cent. per year, is more than overbalanced by the increased cost of replacement at the present time.

"The total revenues of the plant during the year 1908 were, \$8,215.58, net profit, \$4,384.01; 1909 were, \$9,738.80, net profit, \$5,848.63.

"Based upon 6 per cent interest and 4 per cent. depreciation, the profits for 1909 would indicate a business valuation of something near \$58,000.00, the physical valuation being about \$52,368.76."

Mr. Wilcox in explaining the action of the company in taking up the matter, states that it is anxious to let the people of the city secure ownership of the water system and to go on with the improvements in the water system it contemplates as soon as possible. Also that it is further actuated to settle the matter in order that the light and power company can take up the improvements it contemplates in the light and power service and also to commence work on the electric railway contemplated. Its offer to sell the plant for \$40,000 he believes is a liberal one as shown by the actual resources and earnings of the water system. He also says that it will not be sold for less than \$40,000 as the bondholders would refuse to release it for less and that in purchasing it from the old company it was agreed that it should be offered to the city for that amount. In case the offer is not accepted it is intimated that the company will feel no longer bound to sell it for that price.

The document has been filed with City Recorder Langille and it is expected that it will come before the council at its next meeting.

HOOD RIVER LUNATIC WAS PREACHER, CHOIR, SEXTON

Residents of Maple Lane were aroused at a late hour Sunday night at Oregon City, by the pealing of the school bell. Investigation revealed an insane man holding services in the school building. After ringing the bell he would pray and then play the organ and sing.

He kept this up until 12 o'clock, when August Splinter, residing nearby, notified Sheriff Beatie, who left in company with F. A. Miles. As the officers entered the rooms, the man exclaimed, "The room is full of people, get out." He fought the officers, scratching, biting and yelling, but was finally handcuffed.

A letter in his pocket showed the insane man to be Joseph Gerking, of Hood River, and that he had escaped from the Dr. William Sanitarium, in Portland. Attendees were notified, and the patient returned to Portland.

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