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Good Roads Meeting Addressed by Experts

M. W. Eldredge and Judge Webster Give Practical Illustrations of the Value and Importance of Good Roads. How to Get Them

Notwithstanding the fact that good roads are something that should interest everybody in the valley, and have been discussed and brought to the attention of Hood River people at every opportunity by the papers and in other ways, an attendance of twenty was all that the meeting held last Thursday afternoon could muster. No member of the county court, none of the road supervisors and none of the members of the city council deemed the subject of sufficient importance to be present.

However, what the meeting lacked in attendance was made up by the enthusiasm of those who were present, who listened intently to the speakers and learned a great deal about road building and a plan to get good roads as soon as possible. The talks were made by M. W. Eldredge, a government expert who gave an illustrated lecture on all phases of good roads and an address by Judge Lionel Webster, who explained how the people of Hood River county, and other counties of the state, can get them now, and not have to wait, as he said, until they were traversing either the straight and narrow path or the crooked roads of the future.

In order to show the slides with which Mr. Eldredge illustrated his lecture, the meeting was held at the Oak moving picture establishment. By a series of these, accompanied by an interesting and valuable talk Mr. Eldredge illustrated good and bad roads all over the United States, and in many foreign countries. The illustrations showed that the latter were in most instances far in advance of American road building. Ancient and modern methods of constructing permanent highways were shown from the time of the Egyptians before the coming of Christ, until the present day. Modern road building in America commenced with the introduction of the process invented

by John Macadam which bears his name, and made it possible to construct permanent roads at a reasonable cost. The lecture demonstrated that good roads had doubled the value of farm property in many sections of the country and had effected a wonderful saving to the farmer in making it possible to haul heavier loads. One of the greatest economies, Mr. Eldredge said, in having good roads was in the fact that they were a great time saver. He stated that Hood River possessed the most abundant supply of material for road building of any section of Oregon he had visited, and believed that if it was made possible to take up the proposition here under the proposed bonding act Hood River county could have as fine highways in a short time as could be found in the United States. Contrary to the opinion prevailing here he said that the trap rock found here provided the best kind of material for permanent road building. He believed, however, that macadam should not be put down on a grade that was over 6 per cent where there was much heavy hauling.

Judge Webster defined the plan by which the state and counties could secure good roads through an amendment to the state constitution which now provided that counties could not go into debt to an amount exceeding \$5000. The proposed amendment would provide for counties to bond in whatever sum they saw fit to construct roads. The act would not be compulsory but permissive. By this plan permanent roads would be secured in the near future and would be paid for by the succeeding generation. Wherever he had been, he said he pointed out to the people of the state the enterprise of the Hood River people in making a start toward good roads and used them as a model to work from. He didn't believe it was necessary to attempt to convince the Hood River people of the necessity for good roads. He was satisfied from what he had seen that they were already convinced of their benefit, but he wanted them to keep it up and help themselves and the rest of the state in getting legislation that would make it possible to build twenty miles of road where they were now building one, and make it easier for them to do it. The campaign he had started, which was being conducted by some of the public spirited citizens of Portland who were bearing the expense would be continued all over the state; he intended to keep at it until the good roads proposition was a success. To do this he was organizing good roads associations in every county so that when the time came a concerted effort would be made to secure the adoption of the amendment allowing counties to bond and also the necessary cooperation of the legislature.

At the conclusion of Mr. Webster's talk, A. I. Mason, who was one of the members of the state good roads committee to frame a bill last year to go before the legislature spoke strongly in favor of active interest being taken in good roads here, but said he thought that any bill that was framed should make provision for the people of the counties to say where the money for the roads would be expended. He didn't believe, he said, in placing too much power in the hands of the county courts.

Accompanying Mr. Eldredge and Mr. Webster was Phillip S. Bates, president of the Oregon Threshermen's Association, who is taking an active interest in the good roads campaign. The party was taken for several rides over the valley before they left for Portland.

Church Anniversary
The second anniversary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of this city will be held at the Alliance Chapel at the corner of 8th and May Streets, beginning Tuesday May 31st and closing Sunday, June 5th, services each evening at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. C. H. Chrisman, district superintendent of Portland will be with you. Come out and bring your friends.

STATE'S POPULATION INCREASED 200,000

The census enumeration of the state of Oregon, so far as it can be confirmed by officers of the Census Bureau, according to the Oregonian, will show a population of 875,897. The net gain to the state will be 282,343.

While official figures are not obtainable, a comparison of the totals for each county, as gathered during the progress of the work, with the total school population, the votes cast for Judges of the Supreme Court since the census of 1900, and the vote on congressmen, warrants the belief that The Oregonian's figures are approximately correct.

An interesting feature of the result pertains to the total number of congressmen which will be awarded to the state, and the possibility that Multnomah county will be declared a separate congressional district.

Representation in the present congress is on a basis of one member for each 194,000. Congress is likely to be increased by the addition of 20 members on a total population of 90,000, 000 in the United States. On that ratio representation would be on a basis of one for each 215,000 people.

Oregon would then gain at least one member.

In both congressional districts the work of the field enumerators is still in progress and will probably not be concluded prior to June 1. At that time all the remaining records will be boxed and shipped to Washington for tabulation. Estimates furnished from Director Durand, of the Census Bureau, indicate that official figures as to the result of the count will not be available before October.

Immigration to Oregon appears to have held close to the lines of railroads and water routes, as it did prior to 1890. During the ten years preceding that date, 35,832 people came to make their homes in Oregon, and of the total population 183,642 lived in the 114 incorporated towns. Census supervisors have found their large work in the cities and towns during the present enumeration.

Widely scattered settlements in the interior counties of central, eastern and southern Oregon have consumed much time in efforts to reach each homesteader, but the net results to the total population have been relatively small.

Prof. O'Gara, Fruit Expert, Says No Blight Here

Rumors that fireblight had made its appearance in Hood River valley last week caused many orchardists a good deal of uneasiness until expert authority made an investigation and gave out the statement that the rumors were unfounded.

The examination was made by Prof. P. J. O'Gara assistant pathologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. O'Gara came here last Thursday and in company with E. H. Shepard of Better Fruit went over both sides of the valley. After a minute examination he stated that there was no evidence of this dread tree disease at Hood River and asked the News to so state in order to quiet the fears of growers.

In speaking of blight Prof. O'Gara said:

"You can say for me that there is no fireblight at Hood River and I am satisfied that there is not any here. After a thorough examination I found the trees for the most part in an exceedingly healthy condition. I believe though that the orchardists here did the right thing in seeking advice as soon as it was even

thought that the blight had hit the valley, as an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure with this disease. So far I have been unable to find any traces of blight north of Roseburg or east of Milton and Free-water. In the former case it has come up into Oregon from California and in the latter has, I think, gotten over into the Milton-Free-water district from Colorado. This tree disease is peculiar in its action as it attacks the pear trees first, and then extends to some varieties of apples. The Spitzenberg is particularly susceptible to it, while other varieties do not seem to be affected. The hardy varieties of pears also resist it for some time. The Bartlett and Comice varieties fall easy victims, while the Winter Nellis and D'Anjou do not become infected so easily. There are a number of varieties of apples that it affects easily, not many of which, however, are grown in the Hood River valley.

"I believe the isolation of Hood River is of considerable importance in protecting it against this disease as well as the excellent care that is taken here of the orchards."

Hood River Wins and Loses to The Dalles

The two games between Hood River and The Dalles Sunday and Monday resulted in an even break, the home team winning the first game and the Dalles the second. The keenest interest was manifested that has been shown in any of the games this year and there was a good attendance both days.

The score Sunday was 8 to 5 and Monday 7 to 2. In the former game Hood River won by superior batting and good pitching by Lake, Will

the big fellows from The Dalles but Hood River was unable to hit at the right time. Owing to a kick on part of The Dalles, the umpires were changed and The Dalles man who took his position back of the catcher allowed Emerich to umpire a good part of the game to suit himself. Johnny Grey was the particular star in hitting the ball for Hood River in the second game.



Emerich Pulling Them Over

Baker failed to show up and Chandler who replaced Bragg on first, played a good game. There was considerable jangling over the decisions of Murray and Grant, the umpires, but it looked to the spectators as if neither side got the worst of it. Pickett, of The Dalles, who was called out at first was inclined to be a little pugnacious but was forced to retire.

In the game Monday Ridell replaced Eagan as the slab artist and with Emerich to coach him succeeded in landing the game. Lake who again handled the sphere for Hood River, pitched a fine game against



Trying to Bunco the Umpire

Gessling also found it for two sacks. White Salmon who played Goldendale at the latter place was defeated in both games; Druhot, who pitched for Goldendale shutting out the boys across the river both days. The scores were 8 to 0 and 11 to 0.

Merry Race for Spokane Traffic
Geo. S. Taylor, district passenger agent of the Soo-Spokane-Portland line, whose headquarters are in Portland, was here Monday on a business visit. Mr. Taylor says the race between the O. R. & N. and the North Bank for the Spokane traffic will be a merry one.

Canby Post Honors Dead Soldier Comrades

Gather at Cemetery on Memorial Day and Keep Alive Memories of Men Who Helped Save Nation. Ceremonies Were Impressive

The memorial services held by Canby Post and the Woman's Relief Corps at Idlewild cemetery Monday brought out a large attendance of members of the post and corps. The exercises were also attended by a good many outside of these organizations.

The exercises were commenced at 1:30 with the special services of the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial day, participated in by both organizations after which a delegation of veterans decorated the graves of their comrades.

The old soldiers and their friends then assembled in one corner of the cemetery to participate in the exercises of the day. The first number on the program was the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address which was given by Miss Blanche Ford, Mrs. A. A. Jayne, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. N. Clarke, rendered several vocal selections very pleasingly, among them "Tenting on the old Camp Ground." M. P. Isenberg contributed some interesting reminiscences of soldier days that awoke

many memories in the hearts and minds of the nation's defenders, and caused them to live over their life of struggle and comradeship on the field of battle.

The address of the day was made by Rev. J. G. Tate who was eloquent and sympathetic in his appreciation of the sacrifices and devotion of the men of the Grand Army whose thinking ranks are each year becoming more noticeable and to whom history accords honor and esteem.

AMERICAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION

Mrs. J. W. Rigby, one of the delegates to the first convention of the American Woman's League at St. Louis June 9th to 11th, says the party is preparing for the trip.

"It will be an event," says Mrs. Rigby, "which will remain one of the most treasured in the memory of every one who is fortunate enough to be present."

"No organization has ever gone to greater pains and expense in order to make a convention a success and to provide for the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and guests."

"It will also present an opportunity for many of the members to see personally whether this nation-wide organization of American women has built wisely and well. Thousands of its members will go through the buildings of the Art Academy, see its magnificent equipment, meet the famous members of its faculty and examine the beautiful works of art being executed."

"The delegates from Hood River chapter are President Mrs. Martha W. Rigby, Secretary Mrs. Annette Entrican, Treasurer Mrs. A. A. Jayne, Organizer L. F. Grimm, Mrs. S. E. Bartness and Mrs. C. E. Markham."

"The delegates have been provided by Mr. Lewis, who has made good as we expected, instructing our ticket agent here to furnish us first class Pullman tickets, coach and berth, with stop off privileges on return trip. All are delighted and expect the 'time of our life' on this trip and are more enthusiastic than ever in praises of E. G. Lewis, founder of the American Woman's League."

Among those who will address the convention are E. G. Lewis, Mayor Kreismann, Gov. Hadley, Hon. Nathan Frank, J. Berg Esenwein (Lippincott's Magazine), Gov. Joseph H. Folk and Gov. Lon V. Stephens.

The dedication of the Academy of Fine Arts will be by Gov. David R. Francis.

GREEK WANTED COMPANION PUT IN COURT HOUSE

In a quarrel between a bunch of Greeks at Dec Sunday one of them was shot through the hand. It was first stated that he had been killed. Investigation, however, proved this report to be untrue. When the train came in from Dec Sunday the wounded man and a companion whom the former stated had done the shooting, arrived and an informal hearing was held before Judge Buck. The Greek who was hurt said he wanted his companion put in the court house because he had killed him through the hand. After endeavoring to get at the facts Sheriff Morse released the men on their own recognizances to appear Monday morning. When the time arrived for the hearing however, they failed to show up, much to the relief of the court.

Closed Evangelistic Services
The evangelistic services at the Methodist auditorium, which have been in progress for several weeks, were concluded Sunday evening when Prof. Stout sang to one of the largest audiences during his visit. A memorial service was held in the morning for the G. A. R. and W. R. C. addressed by Dr. Parker. The address was appropriate to the occasion and Prof. Stout pleased the old soldiers, as well as the large audience, by singing special songs of a patriotic nature. An afternoon service was also held which was well attended. Mr. Stout went over to White Salmon Monday, where he began a week's service in the evening.

BLEW OPEN SAFE BUT GOT NOTHING

Safe crackers who are thought to have been new at the work, blew the safe of Kinnard & Kinsey, the Heights grocermen, to pieces early Sunday morning but failed to secure any booty. It is thought that the big charge which they must have used to cause so much destruction frightened the burglars away. The door of the safe was completely blown from the hinges, the bottom blown out and the sides also wrecked, but the charge failed to open the cash drawer which contained a considerable sum of money. A desk, table and other furniture near the safe were wrecked and the pieces scattered all around the office.

The burglars obtained entrance by taking out one of the rear side windows which led into the office and it is believed that the job was done between two and three o'clock in the morning as several of the neighbors say they heard the report of an explosion about that time. Pieces of soap and a bottle containing an ounce of nitroglycerine were found just outside the window, when an investigation of the premises was made. The work of the safe crackers was not noticed until Sunday morning when a passerby noticed the open window and notified Mr. Kinnard and Mr. Kinsey.

It is believed the men are part of a gang who have been operating in the country towns of the state and last week blew open the safe of the White Salmon postoffice and secured \$400 in cash.

MARSHALBROOK FARM SELLS FOR \$50,000

One of the biggest and most important real estate sales of the season took place last week when the Marshallbrook ranch, belonging to R. W. Stebbins was sold to Mrs. Marton MacRae and a party of Portland capitalists for \$50,000.

The sale includes all the implements, household goods, stock and everything in connection with the place. The property consists of 45 acres, 30 of which is in bearing orchard and it is expected that the place will this year produce 10,000 boxes of apples. The Marshallbrook ranch is one of the most beautifully situated in the valley and was sold two years ago by C. K. Marshall to Mr. Stebbins for \$31,000. Mrs. MacRae will have the management of it and expects to spend part of her time there. Mr. Stebbins sold the property on account of a fine business opportunity offered him by his brother, who is located in Seattle, and is engaged in the building material and construction business on an extensive scale. He left for that city this week. While here he has made many friends who regret to see him leave Hood River.