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King Apple Supplants Upper Valley Timber

Forest Giants Fall Before Axe of Progressive Ranchers--Railroad Extension and New Irrigation System Cause Rapid Development

With the development work completed and now under way it is claimed by Hood River orchardists that Hood River will have the greatest acreage under cultivation to fruit by fall of any section in the state. By fall planting time it is estimated that fifteen thousand acres will be set to orchards. The largest part of the big activity is taking place in the upper valley where one company is developing 1,500 acres. The property belongs to the Boneboro Orchard company which has this summer cleared 100 acres and planted half of it. The work is being done by a new department in land clearing, a big donkey engine of enormous power being used instead of powder. With the aid of the engine the stumps are pulled and piled in mammoth piles and set fire to.

It is the intention of the company in which C. R. Bone and Myron Bruner have interests to clear and plant tracts for buyers and also to care for it until it reaches the bearing age if so desired. The tract is situated a short distance from the new extension to the Mt. Hood railroad which will establish a station there adjacent to it. The location of the land and soil is considered as fine as any in the entire valley and already a number of people are negotiating to take tracts ranging from twenty to 80 acres. Water for irrigating the tracts has been secured and it is expected to clear up 1,000 acres of it during the next year. The timber is being taken by the Oregon Lumber company which has established a big camp on the extension of the Mt. Hood railroad in the heart of several thousand acres of fruit and timberland.

In this district a record was made in clearing land during the past ten days by A. S. Stone, a former Buffalo, N. Y., attorney who cleared and set ten acres to trees in ten days after the timber was cut. Mr. Stone says he will have twenty more cleared in the next thirty days. His method is to have a big gang of men follow the loggers with powder galore. Stumps fly into the air in all directions which are hauled into piles as soon as they are out of the ground and burned.

The ten acres cleared up by Mr. Stone in such record time was cleared, plowed, set and fenced. It is opposite the Tomlinson place and

MICHELL PRINTERY AND NEWS COMBINE

A change in the affairs of the Hood River News Company took place Monday when E. P. Michell, who has for some time been conducting a job printing office in the Hall block, bought an interest in the company. Mr. Michell secures one-third of the stock of the company, the other two-thirds being held equally by W. H. Walton and C. P. Sunnicksen.

In addition to selling Mr. Michell an interest in the business the News has purchased the printing plant owned by him, which will be consolidated with its already complete outfit, making it one of the best equipped country newspaper and printing establishments in the state. The work of moving the plant to the News office will be commenced immediately.

Mr. Michell, who is an experienced printer and newspaperman, will become a working partner in the business and transfer all his interests to the News office.

The consolidation was made by both parties with the idea that the growing needs of the city and valley demand a printing outfit that will give it the best facilities it can get. The News office, through the change, will be equipped for handling anything in the printing business and to do a much greater volume of business.

The company appreciates the large patronage it has enjoyed in the past, enabling it to maintain a payroll that is a benefit to the town and hopes that it will be as liberally treated in the future.

near the new depot which has been erected by the railroad at that point. The railroad company is also preparing to start work at the new station at Marshall's, a mile and a half from Dee. The new railroad is laid with heavy steel, the ties being placed close together and has few curves and a light grade.

In other districts of this section newcomers are clearing hundreds of acres.

A new irrigating ditch owned by the Dee Irrigating and Power company which takes water from the west fork of the Hood River, five and a half miles from Dee, has just been completed and will water 2,000 acres of land belonging to the Oregon Lumber Co. The land is situated near Dee and 300 acres of it have been cleared and set. A number of Portland people are developing large tracts of it, among them F. A. Jones who has put out the largest pear orchard in the valley, having set 40 acres to Barre d'Anjous. This pear orchard was set a year ago this month and the tree are a revelation to everybody who sees them. Located in one of the most sightly spots in the valley, not a weed in sight, carefully pruned and symmetrical to a wonderful degree they cause great astonishment. As yet they have never been irrigated, but the tract will have water from the new ditch. Mr. Jones has left space on which he will build a handsome country home. A five acre orchard belonging to C. T. Early, adjoining that of Mr. Jones and planted to Newtowns also, shows remarkable growth. A number of other tracts are in this district which is on the new county road extending over the east fork just opposite Dee.

For the first time in its history strawberries by the carload are being shipped out of the Upper Valley this year, which is now largely supplying the market with Hood River berries. Eight hundred to 1,000 people are now engaged in the work of cutting timber and developing land in the Upper Valley. It is expected that increased passenger transportation will be put on by the railroad as soon as its new stations are completed and the track properly ballasted.

O. R. & N. PUTS ON CHICAGO LIMITED

A new time card on the O. R. & N. that went into effect Sunday, June 12th, makes important changes. Trains 7 and 8 which are known as the Oregon and Washington Limited commencing Sunday became strictly limited trains on which there is no accommodation for coach passengers. The equipment electric lighted throughout will be the same as before with the exception that no coaches or chair cars of any description will be carried in these trains. All passengers for points east of Baker city are instructed to take No. 6, which will be the only train at present having accommodations for this class of passengers beyond Baker City. There will be no change in the time or equipment of trains 5 and 6, which is designated the Oregon Express.

Trains 1 and 2, formerly known as the Pendleton local and operating between Portland and Pendleton will be extended to Baker City with the equipment the same as now, coaches and chair cars. There is no change of any consequence in the time of No. 2 which leaves Portland at 7:40 in the morning and arrives at Baker City at 11 p. m. Going west No. 1 leaves Baker City at 5:30 a. m. and arrives at Portland at 7 p. m. Its time here is 4:30 instead of 3:40. Passengers taking No. 2 take dinner at the eating station at Biggs and supper at Pendleton.

Those leaving Baker City on No. 1 the westbound train will take breakfast at Pendleton where a stop of twenty minutes is made.

A number of important changes have also been made on the branch line trains which it will be well for passengers to look up by securing a time card.

Rev. Dr. Ford Denies Charge of Conspiracy

Says He Has Made No Effort to Dislodge Dr. Euster Nor to Get Hollingshead's Position--Wants to Finish Work Here

Troubles of Rev. W. T. Euster and the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church are said by the Oregonian to be the result of a deep-laid conspiracy to make Rev. T. B. Ford, of Hood River, superintendent of the Portland district.

The action of the official board of the Sunnyside church in refusing to pay Mr. Euster's salary after June 15 is said to be a part of this plot. Mr. Euster contends that this action of the board is illegal and in defiance of the rules and discipline of the Methodist Church, besides being in open rebellion to the bishop and the Oregon Conference.

The conspiracy is alleged to be directed against both Mr. Euster and Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, the present district superintendent. The plan, it is said, is to land Mr. Ford in Mr. Hollingshead's place at the end of his term, which will come at the meeting of the Oregon Conference in September. It is asserted a great many letters have been written by the so-called conspirators, which confirm the existence of a plot on the

part of Mr. Ford and his friends and show that the issue is not so much against Mr. Euster personally. Letters covering 400 pages are said to have fallen into the hands of those affected, proving the existence of Mr. Ford's ambition.

Mr. Ford, who was interviewed by the News says that there is no truth in the charges and that he knew nothing about the matter until he saw the story in the Oregonian. He was formerly pastor of the Sunnyside Church but says that he has made no effort to get the pastorate of the church again and has not tried to obtain the position of superintendent of the district. Mr. Ford when the story came out was visiting in Portland. When he learned of the charges he says he went to the Oregonian office and denied them and stated that he had nothing to say for publication at this time. He says he is interested in building up the church here and would not leave his work until it is finished. Later he says he may have something to say in regard to the matter for publication.

Hood River Apple Growers' Fellowship Perfects Organization to Secure Expert

The committee appointed by the Hood River Apple Growers Fellowship to draft by-laws and articles of association, met Saturday in the University Club rooms and perfected the work. After they were read and accepted by the committee it was decided to submit them to a general meeting of the members of the association which will be held Tuesday, June 21st.

The objects of the organization are set forth in the articles of association as follows:

"Articles of Association of the Hood River Apple Growers' Fellowship.

"Know all men by these presents, That we, the undersigned, do hereby make and execute the following Articles of Agreement:

"I. The name by which this association shall be known is the Hood River Apple Growers' Fellowship.

"II. The object for which this association is formed, is for the purpose of maintaining a competent specialist for research work in Hood River county, for the purpose of studying prevalent tree diseases, such as winter killing and such other orchard problems as this association sees fit to take up, with the views of bettering orcharding conditions in Hood River county.

"This work is to be carried on under the supervision of a board of trustees elected by this association. The principal office of this association shall be at Hood River, Oregon.

"The control of this association shall be vested in a board of eleven

(11) trustees to be elected by the members of this association from among their numbers.

"In order to provide the funds that will be necessary to carry on the work of this association, we, the undersigned, agree to pay a sum each year not to exceed one dollar (\$1) per acre for each and every acre owned by us at the time of the annual meeting, that is set to trees, during the life of this association, and to pay the same in the manner following:

"(a) One dollar to be paid upon the signing of this agreement, and the balance to be paid at such times and in such manner as the body in control of this association may deem necessary, provided that not more than one-fourth of each member's assessment be called for at one time.

"(b) It being agreed that only such portion of the said one dollar (\$1) per acre will be asked for, as may be needed for the defraying of necessary expenses of this association.

"(c) This agreement to extend over a period of three years, beginning with this present year, 1910. The assessment to be made each year not to exceed the one dollar (\$1) per acre per year."

In accordance with the above the committee will canvass the valley Friday to solicit subscriptions for this important undertaking.

The by-laws follow the usual course defining the duties of the officers and trustees, time of meeting, and rules governing the association.

Citizens Petition City Council To Call Special Water Bond Election

A petition signed by 80 residents of the city asking the council to call an election to vote on the proposition to buy the water system was presented to the city's lawmakers Monday night. After being read action on it was deferred until the other business before the council was transacted. During the interim a communication was read from the mayor advising the council to prepare for calling an election to vote \$20,000 in bonds to purchase the plant which he stated in his opinion was more than it was worth. The mayor also advised the council that it should look into the legality of the title to the property before taking action. Later when the petition was brought up a motion was carried to refer it to the fire and water committee with instructions to investigate it and also the option recently offered the city by the water company. The petition was made the subject for a special meeting Tuesday night. It is stated by the manager of the water company that the plant will not be sold for \$20,000 or anything less than \$40,000.

Wm. Ganger, chief of the fire department, appeared before the council and asked it to purchase 400 feet of new hose stating that several lengths had been destroyed at the recent fire. On motion of Councilman Brosius the fire and water committee was instructed to purchase what the firemen needed in the way of hose.

The city engineer was instructed to furnish grades for all streets in the fire limits not already provided for. The ordinance in regard to the State street improvement was also passed.

At the request of a committee of residents on State street who said the taxpayers between Sixth and Ninth would pay the expense of furnishing oil the council voted to secure an attachment to the city's sprinkling cart at a small expense and apply the oil.

Claiming that the grade furnished him for the sidewalk he is having laid in front of Gram's store would ruin his property John Otten appeared before the council and asked that it be slightly changed. After

Prohis Open State-Wide Fight For Total Drouth

Nominate Full Slate at Convention and Outline Campaign--Take Slap at Hotel Men--Slogan, Oregon Dry in Nineteen-Ten

The Prohibition state convention closed its labors and adjourned at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after nominating a full state ticket, and organizing the central committee for the campaign, which, leaders of the party say, will be the hottest fight in the history of the anti-liquor movement in Oregon.

The nominations were made by acclamation, the report of the nominating committee being accepted without debate. There was a noticeable dearth of candidates, and it was with some reluctance that the candidate for governor allowed his name to be used.

The state central committee will be composed of F. McKeercher, W. E. Critchlow, V. G. Henshaw, B. Lee Paget, T. S. McDaniel, I. H. Amos, Geo. B. Pratt, E. T. Johnson, Portland; C. J. Bright, The Dalles; Hiram Gould, Forest Grove; Leslie Butler, Hood River; H. E. Badger, Ashland; N. A. Davis, Milton; A. M. Wright, Morrow county; M. D. L. French, Heppner; John McAllister, LaGrande; A. E. Tully, Wallowa county; W. W. Warren, Astoria; C. V. White, Newberg; W. P. Elmore, Brownsville and all county chairmen.

The platform indorses the last national platform, equal suffrage, election of senators by direct vote, postal savings banks, conservation of the natural resources, and other national reforms, and unqualifiedly stands for strict prohibition in Oregon.

The resolutions take a slap at the hotel men of the state by setting out the fact that the Prohibition party realizes the great danger to the people from the higher class of saloons

JURY ACQUITS PAUL HUBBARD

Paul Hubbard who was tried by jury Thursday on a charge of violating the city ordinance in relation to carrying passengers in the city limits for hire without a license was acquitted.

The trial took place in the city hall before Recorder Langille with City Attorney Derby as prosecutor and A. A. Jayne as attorney for the defendant. The witnesses examined were special officer Krelsler, Officer Hickox, Norm Young, E. S. Olinger and the defendant. The case against Mr. Hubbard consisted in the fact that he brought a number of people down town from the ball game on Memorial day some of whom handed him some money. It was stated by Mr. Hubbard that he asked nothing for his services but as two or three of the passengers insisted on giving him the money he took it. It was also shown that the car had been granted a license when it was owned by the Transfer & Livery Co. The license had been given to Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Nickelsen when they bought the car and it was stated by Mr. Hubbard that he believed if he cared to do so he could carry passengers. City Attorney Derby argued that there was nothing to show that the license had been transferred and that therefore the new owners of the car could not operate under it. Also that it was proven that the defendant had accepted money for hauling passengers in direct violation of the ordinance.

Attorney Jayne brought out the fact that the defendant had never made a business of hauling passengers, that on the day in question he had allowed the passengers to ride without expecting anything from them and that Hubbard believed that he had a right under the license to carry passengers for hire if he so desired. That there was no intention on his part to violate the law and that he ought to be acquitted.

The jury which consisted of C. E. Hayward, A. J. Graham, R. D. Perigo, J. M. Wood, J. H. Ferguson and J. L. Blount after hearing the evidence and arguments returned a verdict of not guilty.

hearing his complaint the councilmen decided to meet with Mr. Otten Tuesday morning and attempt to adjust the difficulty.

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At the close of the business of the convention Mrs. Adah Wallace Unruh, president of the state W. C. T. U., spoke briefly on the prospects for state-wide prohibition, and Clinton N. Howard of New York, delivered an address on the cause of temperance and the need for nation-wide prohibition.

The state ticket is as follows: For governor, A. E. Eaton, Union. For secretary of state, N. A. Davis, Milton.

For treasurer, Leslie Butler, Hood River.

For state printer, Wm. Rickson, Portland.

For superintendent of schools, R. R. Steele, Portland.

For supreme judge, C. J. Bright, The Dalles.

For congressman, first district, W. P. Elmore, Brownsville.

For congressman, second district, Geo. B. Pratt, Portland.

For joint representative, A. W. Funkhauser, Lents.

EASTERN BUYERS INVEST \$62,500

By paying \$45,000 for 25 acres of orchard land Friday, R. Elliott a New York Capitalist hit the high mark for fruitland at Hood River.

The property was bought from H. M. Vannier on the east side through the agency of the Hood River Realty Company. For the twenty acres of bearing orchard, which is estimated to have a crop of 4000 boxes of apples on it, Mr. Elliott paid approximately \$2150 an acre, the balance being for five acres of land in young trees and used for other purposes.

Another sale was made by the same company to Mrs. Mary Lamonte, a wealthy New York woman who bought a ten-acre orchard from R. Jarvis, in the Oak Grove district, for \$14,000. Mrs. Lamonte recently bought a winter home in Los Angeles and bought the Hood River property for a summer residence. Mrs. Lamonte says that before leaving New York she had shipped a carload of furniture here, although she had not purchased, but was determined to buy an apple orchard at Hood River if money would obtain it.

The Realty company also sold a five acre tract on the west side to Kenneth Campbell, employed by the Stewart Hardware company, for \$3,500. Its sales during the week aggregated \$62,500.

MERRICK NOMINATED PORTLAND'S POSTMASTER

C. B. Merrick who is well known at Hood River where he has visited a number of times and who organized the Merchants Association here has been nominated by President Taft for postmaster of Portland.

Mr. Merrick's appointment was recommended to President Taft by Senator Jonathan Bourne. He now holds the office of receiver of the Portland land office through the patronage of Senator Bourne. It is suggested that Senator Bourne would not have taken steps to vacate this latter important office unless he was confident of his ability to fill it with another appointee.

Mr. Merrick came to Portland five years ago from Michigan, after graduating from the Detroit College of Law. He has been admitted to the state and supreme court bar of Oregon. In Portland he became quickly identified with important commercial interests. He is now secretary of the Retail Grocers' association, editor of the Grocers' Magazine, secretary of the Portland Civic league, besides holding his position as receiver in the land office. He is 37 years old.

"I shall certainly accept the appointment if given me," said Mr. Merrick. "It comes altogether as a surprise, but I appreciate the honor none the less."

If Mr. Merrick's appointment is confirmed, he will succeed as postmaster John C. Young, lately deceased.