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Noise, Uproar, Accident Absent Here On Fourth

Day Spent Quietly—Hundreds Go to The Dalles, Parkdale and Grange Park—Stay At-Homes Gather to Hear Fight News

The Fourth at Hood River was the quietest ever known here both in point of noise and activity about town. The greatest excitement and largest crowd during the day was in front of the News office during the time the returns from the Jeffries-Johnson fight were being received.

Notices issued by Mayor McDonald and posted about town prohibiting the firing of firearms and crackers in the city evidently had its effect, as with the exception of an occasional exploding cracker the deafening roar of the old time Fourth was absent. The fireworks display was also limited being confined to small exhibitions here and there at the homes of those in the residence section.

During a greater part of the day the city was almost depopulated the several attractions out of the city taking hundreds away.

At 8:30 several hundred boarded The Dalles City for the Cherry City accompanied by the Hood River band which had charge of the excursion, and went to Wasco's county seat where they spent the day taking in the ball game and celebrating. The excursion returned to Hood River at midnight. A number also went to The Dalles by train.

At 8:30 300 left on the Mt. Hood railroad for Parkdale, the number being increased from all the stations along the line. The West Side band accompanied the Parkdale crowd and enlivened the ride, also furnishing music on the picnic grounds. At Parkdale the Hood River party found an immense crowd gathered from all parts of the upper valley and every effort was made to give the visitors a good time. Rev. W.L. VanNuy's delivered the oration of the day and made a most eloquent and impressive address. The Parkdale quartette sang, the band played and a big picnic dinner and athletic sports combined with other amusements gave the visitors amusement and excitement. Many of them took rides and strolls about the Parkdale country and were astonished at the development taking place in that section and other parts of the upper valley.

The biggest crowd of the day congregated at Park Grange where a celebration was held under the auspices of the Grange. It is estimated that 800 to 1,000 people were on the grounds during the afternoon.

The celebration was commenced with an automobile parade that formed in town and proceeded to the park. This was followed by the exercises which were opened by a prayer by Rev. H. J. Wood of the Belmont church. A patriotic song followed after which M. P. Isenberg president of the day delivered an address of welcome and the declaration

of independence was read by Arthur Moses. Hon. A. A. Jayne delivered an eloquent and forceful address suitable to the day followed by Attorney E. C. Smith who enthused his hearers in his references to the patriotism inspired by the nation's natal day.

At noon dinner was served, dozens of little parties dotting the grounds in picnic fashion. In the afternoon A. C. Staten one of the leaders in the grange addressed the assembly on the subject "Why We Celebrate." Part of Mr. Staten's talk was devoted to the history of Park Grange and the idea underlying the purchase of the grounds which he stated was for the purpose of providing the people of the valley with a public recreation park. The grounds comprise eight acres nicely wooded and when improved will furnish a fine park that is centrally located. The grange wanted it understood that the grounds were open to the public and it wanted the cooperation of the people of the valley in liquidating the indebtedness and in beautifying the grounds which would eventually be

News Fight Reports Attract Crowds to Witness Result

No event in the same space of time has attracted the widespread attention and interest of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, which was won Monday in the 15th round by the black man, and Hood River was not an exception in this respect to other sections of the world. Barring the San Francisco earthquake the press associations and telegraph lines handled more business in connection with the fight than for any other happening in the world's events. It is estimated that 750,000 words were sent out from Reno, telling of the fistie battle alone, to say nothing of the volume of words written and distributed previous to the fight. One hundred and fifty operators were taken to Reno to report the result of the encounter.

The great interest in the fight at Hood River centered at the News office on account of the fact that the News had arranged to get the returns direct from the ringside and for two hours men in all walks of life crowded around the bulletin board waiting with breathless interest for the bit of yellow paper that would announce the triumph of the victor. Jeffries was far and away the favorite, although a few wise ones who follow fistie affairs closely touted Johnson to win. Business men, lawyers, doctors, loggers,

preachers and hoboes elbowed each other and discussed the merits of the two men, while inside the office telephone calls from all parts of the valley kept the News force busy answering inquiries. Many of these were women, some of whom courageously announced who they were while inquiring for the latest news, while others said it didn't matter who they were they wanted to know about the big fight. One young lady (presumably young from her voice) when told that the black man had won exclaimed "What!" in a faraway voice that sounded as if she was going to faint.

The bulletins received by the News were supplied by the Oregon Journal over leased wires from the ringside and the service was much more complete than any furnished by the evening papers received here. A flash received before the complete news of the fight was put on the wire gave Johnson as the victor, while the details came afterwards. The bulletin of the fifteenth round telling in grim detail the story of the big game white man being knocked down three times before he finally succumbed. A careful reading of the rounds showed that Johnson had the fight from the start and that Jeffries had gone to the mill once too often—his agility, strength and prowess had deserted him.

Plan Afoot to Organize Mutual Phone Company

F. H. Stow, Experienced Telephone Man Takes Initiative—Says Good Service Can Be Secured for Seventy-five Cts. a Month

Hood River may have a mutual telephone company in the near future if a movement that is being put on foot by F. H. Stow, an experienced telephone man, continues to get the support it has already been assured. Mr. Stow, who is promoting the company, secured the franchise in Portland for the Home company of that city and recently became interested in Hood River by buying a ranch here. He states that his interest in organizing the new company is to give the valley a cheaper and better service and that he was induced to take up the work on account of the poor service between his home in Portland and his ranch here.

To assist him in the work Mr. Stow has secured the services of J. H. Hardinger, formerly manager of the Home company here, and who has organized and constructed some of the largest systems in the United States. Mr. Hardinger entered into a contract with Mr. Stow Thursday for his services for three months to organize the new company. The procedure as outlined is to

organize the company on the mutual plan, which has been so successful in the middle west and east. The proposition is to get 1,000 phones at \$75 apiece, each phone subscriber to receive one share of stock and a vote in the affairs of the company. By cutting out the big salaries and operating the company on this basis it is stated by Mr. Stow that subscribers can be furnished with first-class service for 75 cents a month.

Application for a franchise has been made and it is said that members of the city council who have been approached on the subject have given it their favorable consideration.

Mr. Stow is in Portland preparing a statement to the people of the valley in the form of a circular letter which it is expected to mail out in a few days, giving some facts and figures. He says he believes that a mutual system can be operated in the Hood River district under the most favorable conditions and that the service can be as good as any in the United States at a great reduction in rates.



Hood River and Mt. Hood as Seen from White Salmon at This Time of the Year.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING SATURDAY

Meeting places for the republican precinct mass meetings which will be held Saturday at 7 p. m. have been designated and indications are that they will be well attended. According to the apportionment of the republican state central committee the number of delegates to the county assembly from the various precincts will be as follows:

Baldwin, 9 delegates, meeting at Gribble's hall; Falls, 6, meeting at Leven's hall; Odell, 7, meeting at school house; South Hood River, 10, meeting at Barrett school house; East Hood River, 13; meeting at Commercial Club rooms; West Hood River, 16, meeting at court house; Center Hood River, 16, meeting at Park street school. The chairman of the precincts will call the meetings to order which are open to all republicans. The county assembly will be held Saturday, June 18th, in this city when delegates to the state assembly which will be held in Portland July 21st will be elected. The apportionment of delegates to the state assembly from Hood River county is a total of 15 distributed as follows: Baldwin, 2; Falls, 1; Odell, 1; East Hood River, 3; South Hood River, 2; West Hood River, 3; Hood River Center, 3.

dedicated to the people.

The afternoon was enlivened by dancing and also by the fight returns which were telephoned out from the city.

A number of Hood River people went to Portland to spend the day while many from the big city came to Hood River. Numerous small picnic parties went out into the valley to sequestered spots and some also across the Columbia to Washington.

In the evening the moving picture shows were well patronized and a crowd assembled at the depot to get the news of the big fight in the first editions of the evening papers.

No accident is reported to mar the day which although quiet was an enjoyable one.

Wants Thistles Removed

Hans Lage, supervisor of road district No. 6 on the east side, states that he wishes to notify all property holders to remove the thistles from the roads adjoining their places as they are becoming a menace to the valley. Mr. Lage calls attention to the fact that the law gives road supervisors authority to remove the thistles and charge the cost to the property owners where they neglect or refuse to do it.

Will Consider Telephone Situation

A meeting of the Hood River Merchant's Association will be held Friday evening in conjunction with residents of the valley to consider the telephone situation. The meeting will take place in the Commercial Club rooms at 8 o'clock. All residents of the valley interested in the question are requested by the association to be present.

Young Safe Cracker Former Resident Here

Residents Recognize Roy Jones as Roy Slack—Was Here June 20th and Believed To Have Wrecked Safe in Heights Store

Former schoolmates here of the young burglar who gave his name to the Portland police as Roy Jones, and who is charged with three safe cracking jobs, say Jones' real name is Roy Slack. Slack's parents at one time lived at Hood River and he and his brother attended school here. His father formerly carried the mail between here and White Salmon.

The young safe cracker was here about the first of June and it is now believed that he and his companions were responsible for wrecking the safe in Kinnaird & Kinsey's grocery store on the night of May 29th, or about ten days after the robbery at the White Salmon postoffice.

About June 20th young Slack again showed up in town with a companion and told a young man working in a livery stable here who knew him that he had been camping at Mount Hood and asked the liveryman to send a package that he said contained a tent, to his father who lived at Brook Landing, above Blagen on the Columbia river. Slack meets a number of his former acquaintances

here that night with whom he talked telling them that before coming to Hood River he had been working in a hotel in San Francisco. He and his companion, who is thought to have been Rels, left the next day for Portland where they were arrested Tuesday by Detectives Snow and Coleman, with four others.

Conclusive evidence against the men was gained when Coleman and Snow gained possession at the Alder street dock of a valise filled with nitro-glycerine and burglar tools and consigned from White Salmon to Frank Trafton, one of the men in the city jail. The valise had been sent down as freight and deckhands had knocked and kicked it about in the ordinary way, unconscious of the fact that it contained a pint of nitro-glycerine, enough to blow the dock into the air.

Later Slack and Rels confessed to robbing the White Salmon postoffice and Nichols' store at Mosier. Coleman and Snow had been on the trail of the gang ever since the perpetration of a safe-cracking job in

Albina. That occurred on June 6. A safe, which was unlocked and contained no money, and on which a large card was hung announcing those facts, was blown open, the building being wrecked. The officers had the notion that the thieves were not far away and a careful watch of the vicinity led them to a small shack at Russell and Borthwick streets, where four were taken. Two others were picked up on the street. Among the men arrested were George Waters, William Rels, Frank Trafton, Harry Reed and Roy Jones. Waters is 60 years old and is said to be the glycerine expert and Fagin of the gang, instructing the younger members in the mysteries of his art.

The job at White Salmon, of which the gang is accused, is the biggest achievement in this section. The safe was blown open in what Postal Inspector Riches declares to have been a very neat manner and \$400 in money was taken. No stamps or other loot which could be identified was disturbed. W. H. Myers, a drug clerk living at White Salmon, was arrested in Portland a few days later and sent back to White Salmon to answer, but has been released.

The job at Mosier was a small affair, nothing of value being taken. The thieves escaped after a pistol battle in the river, in which no one was hurt.

The whereabouts of the thieves was discovered through the trailing of a boy supposed to be a son of Waters.

\$35,000 THEATRE FOR HOOD RIVER

It is now announced definitely that Captain Chas. P. McCan will begin immediately on the construction of a \$35,000 theatre for Hood River, which will be adapted to many uses and furnish a place to hold the annual apple fair, as well as attract the best theatrical attractions. Plans are completed in the office of Architect R. R. Bartlett for the building, which will cover half of the block bounded by Third, Columbia and Fourth streets. The new theatre will be named The Melburn, in honor of Mrs. McCan, who was a few years ago prominent on the vaudeville stage. The main floor of the auditorium will be 35 by 100 feet, and will accommodate 1000 persons. The raised seats of the auditorium will be convertible, so that the level floor may be used for exhibitions or large social gatherings of any sort. The stage will be 30 by 60 feet and equipped to properly stage any production which may be brought to the coast. An effort will be made to get the new building under cover by fall, in time for the apple fair, and it is estimated that by using the stage and corridor space 10 carloads of apples may be exhibited. The theatre will probably be opened during the holidays, and the playhouse, which will have all modern comforts, will cater only to the highest class patronage.—Telegram.