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### Telephone Patrons Protest Vigorously

Mass Meeting Friday Night Hears Many Complaints. Ranchers Demur Against Raise in Rates. Committee to Investigate

The joint meeting of the Merchant's | A request being made on the part Association and residents of the val- of several for information in regard ley held Friday evening at the Com- to the proposed mutual company, mercial Club rooms to discuss the Mr. Hardinger stated that the matraise in telephone rates was largely ter had been taken up originally by attended and keen interest manifest- F. H. Stow, an experienced telephone ed in the discussions. C. H. Vaughan man of Portland, on account of the president of the association, was poor service he was receiving at his chairman of the meeting. Most of ranch here, and had engaged Mr. the talking was done by out of town | Hardinger for three months to see residents, the members of the associ- what could be done toward organization having little to say.

both sides of the valley.

meet with the association to protest Oregon in connection with some ranted on account of the poor ser- dents here, explaining the plan of orof what other cities in the state were paying for telephone service. Before gested the appointment of a commithe had anything further to say, how- tee to confer with the Home comever, he would like to hear from pany and also the advocates of the others and to have a statement made mutual company to report back to by Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall stated that the joint meeting. he was present in the capacity of a on the subject before saying any- other towns in the state and adjoin-

the service was good for every time in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. he took down the receiver the line when the Home company absorbed the line he was on, and many more the farmers' comyany the subscribers in the country, carried eight and ten. ward the formation of a mutual

#### LOCAL FIRM MAKES MANY LAND SALES

Devlin & Firebaugh took the lead himself. in selling land and securing new residents for Hood River last week by the gauntlet to the telephone comsuccessfully negotiating a number of pany and other corporations of the important sales. The largest was valley, saying that past history important sales. The largest was valley, saying that past history little care and is automatic. While 25 acres of the fine C. E. Markham showed that the people of Hood it can be used anywhere its great place in the Oak Grove district which River were peculiarly independent. was purchased by E. L. Hall, man-ager of the gas plant of the Portland Coke and Gas Company. The sale includes all the bearing orchard, house, implements and improvements. Mrs. Hall will come here to live on the place immediately and Mr. Hall will come as soon as his business affairs permit. The price paid was \$22,500.

Through the same company H. C. Coleman, a retired merchant of Port land, bought ten acres of improved fruitland from Fred T. Lisco, while Mr. Coleman sold 10 acres to A. L. Wheeler of Indianapolis for \$12,000, A. T. Schall sold 23 acres in two pieces, one of them, ten acres, being bought by Miss Bessie Henry of Penver and the other 13 acres by E. C. Mahany. 'The tract sold for \$12,100.

Thirty-five acres of the Frank S. Hammond estate was sold to E. P. Emery of Omaha for \$5250 by the same company, while K. Inaba and and M. Sotani, two gentlemen from the Orient, bought 35 acres of the Roy Woodworth property which they will improve at once and build a house on.

Another sale was 20 acres of the E. L. Klemer place to Fordham B Kimball, a Boston broker, for which the latter pald \$19,000. Smaller sales were five acres W. T. Gardner to Harry LaVeln and five acres Chas. Wallace to J. T. Moriarity.

The phone company was repre- give good service at a cheap rate. sented by Chas, and Everett Hall. The plan proposed was substantially J. H. Hardinger, who is interested in as has been outlined in a previous organizing the mutual company un- issue of the News, getting 800 to 1,000 der the direction of F. H. Stow, was subscribers to subscribe \$75 who also present, as were also a good would receive a phone and one share many of the representative business of stock. On this basis it is estimen and a number of ranchers from mated that the service can be given for 75 to 80 cents a month by cutting The discussion was led by A. I. out several of the higher salaries. Mason, who stated that he had been Mr. Stow, Mr. Hardinger said, could appointed one of a committee of not be present at the meeting on acthree from Pine Grove grange to count of his being called into eastern against the increased rates and in- land projects he has there. He had, efficient service. He said he believed however, prepared a circular letter, that the raise in rates was unwar- which would be mailed out to resivice and also from the standpoint ganization and estimates of cost and

Secretary Hartwig was then called listener and would like to hear more upon to give statistics of the rates in ing territory and read reports from Lee Morse was called on to give Eugene, Corvallis, Oregon City, Penhis views and stated that he had no dieton, Baker City, Salem, Medford, particular kick coming. He knew Astoria and a rumber of other cities

With few exceptions the rates were was busy. As far as the raise in lower than those put into effect by rates was concerned the people in his the local company. Mr. Mason called section had no fault to find, inas- attention to the fact that none of much as their rates had not been the reports gave rates on anything raised on account of the fact that greater than a four party line, while of the latter made a contract for He was willing, he said, to pay the three years with the Home company rates quoted in the reports. \$1.50 to which stated that they could not be \$1.75, for a four party line and good raised. Mr. Morse remarked that if service, but the present company the farmers' line had been properly was giving neither. As an illustrathousands of dollars to the people of leaving a package of meat in a conthe valley at the present time in op- veyance on his way home Saturday consequence he had no meat Sunday. its efficiency and economy. Mason mentioned this several times during the meeting in a humorous ground outside and furnishes a comway and Mr. Hall came back at him by stating that the next time this character. It is also used for heatgot his meat if he had to take it out idences or farmhouses and outbuild-

was satisfied they would do it again

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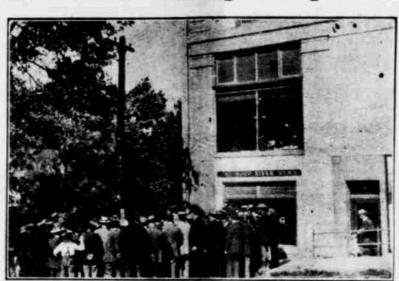
## HOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION BEST SAYS EXPERT Republicans Elect

ment, were here last week looking country and that the association the valley over. Mr. Powell is the here was the most successfully manhead of the executive department of aged in the world. He stated this the horticultural bureau and one of after making an investigation of the the best known horticulturists in the cooperative associations of the country. Through him several years United States for the Agricultural ago the citrus fruit business of Call- Department. ing a mutual company that would decaying enroute now less than 2 per trip through the eastern Oregon maries were well attended, notwith-

After a ride around the valley with for several months.

G. H. Powell and E. C. Chilcott, C. H. Sproat Mr. Powell told the noted experts connected with the News man that Hood River was the United States Agricultural Depart- finest apple growing district in the

#### Local "Fans" Getting the Fight News assembly movement and also for the G. B. Datson, E. E. Coad, T. J. Cun-



A picture taken by Harry Wood in front of the News office, while the returns from the Jeffries-Johnson fight were being received, portrays the keen interest shown in the fistic battle by local residents. The crowd is massed around the bulletin board listening to one of their number read the doleful news of Jeff's defeat. Attorney E. C. Smith and County Judge Derby on the edge of the crowd show that the bar was well represented, while the presence of Fred. Newby and J. T. Robertson indicate that the lumber camps were deserted. The small boy is in evidence and sprinkled around are several ladies.

# **BUY GAS MACHINES**

supported it would be worth many tion of the poor service he told about heating and cooking plant at the in connection with her father's eswhich is demonstrating its lighting. Peter Kopke, arrived here last week posing the advance in rates or toand of his fruitless endeavor to intermachines here and those who have
thought that the estate might revert tion paper circulated. The amount
prominent and influential Republicept the vehicle over the phone. In seen the apparatus are astonished at to heirs in Germany. Through no that it is necessary to obtain is \$300. cans and business men of the state.

> plete lighting system of high grade Continuing, Mason threw down city gas plant and a number of resiless, clean, safe and requires convenience to residents in the try is causing a big demand for it. John A. Robinson one of the officers of the company is showing the machine here and will be pleased to have the public generally investigate

### **DISOWNED DAUGHTER** INHERITS ESTATE

The Automatic Gas Light Company Mrs. Margaret Benson, only child of Empire capital. claim the estate.

stating that he denied the evistence the mail man each month. ings it gives all the conveniences of a of his daughter. The fact that he falled to do so now allows her according to law to inherit the entire estate which amounts to about \$7,000.

Mrs. Benson who is accompanied by her husband is renewing acquaintances with former friends others are invited to attend. As

Money to loan. Apply to Geo. D. Culbertson & Co.\*

# **County Delegates**

Precinct Meetings Saturday Enthusiastic and Full Representation Chosen to County Assembly. Party Reorganization Complete

fornia was saved many thousands of Mr. Chilcott is chief of the dry land County Chairman Dethman of the Davidson was chairman and J. M. packing and shipping oranges. Mr. the west has under his immediate tee, precinct primaries to elect dele- were elected: Hon. E. L. Smith, P. Powell found the reason for such a supervision 16 stations. He has gates to the county assembly, which S. Davidson, J. M. Schmeltzer, C. T. ling they were subjected to while be- sections of Utah and other states as delegates was chosen in all the pre- James Stranahan, A. A. Jayne, J. R. ing packed. Means were devised by related by him are astonishing to cincts except at Cascade Locks, Nunnamaker, D. McDonald, John W. stead of fifteen per cent of the fruit Mr. Chilcott left here Saturday for a | Monday. In most instances the pri- and C. P. Ross. cent arrives at its destination unfit fruit and dry land farming sections standing the hot weather and the met in the Park street school and and will not return to Washington fact that Saturday is an inconvenient after electing G. R. Castner chairman day to hold meetings.

by warm enthusiasm both for the berg, Geo. P. Crowell, John Wilson. successful effort that has been made ning, C. D. Nickelsen, Geo. Hascall, in re-organizing the party in the C. H. Sletten, F. H. Isenberg, G. R. state and county.

state show that the movement was son, general and that the state assembly to consider party candidates.

meeting was held in the Commercial G. A. McCurdy, Joe Hall, Roy D. Club rooms. C. Dethman was elected Smith, Rev. J. G. Tate, J. J. Gibbons chairman and C. H. Sproat, secre- Fred Miller, W. T. Forrey, Wm. Davtary. The delegates elected are S. Idson and C. D. Thompson. G. Campbell, C. Dethman, Hans The Odell delegation chosen is H. Lage, J. B. Hunt, J. L. Carter, J. C. S. Galligan, L. D. Boyed, C. A. Tucker Porter, Miles Carter, C. A. Reed, F. E. T. Hull, F. Cutler, Clint Wood C. Dethman, M. F. Shaw, F. Button, and W. L. Carnes. Capt. J. H. Dukes and Martin Drag-

Wants New Rating For Winesaps atchee Commercial club to negotiate John Goldsbury and P. L. Beals. with the management of the Nation- The assembly will be held next al Apple Show for the adjustment of Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows the rules on the judging of competi- hall and will be called to order at 2 tive exhibits, went to Spokane Tues- o'clock. It is requested by the chairday to confer with the officers of the man of the county central committee Spokane apple show. He will ask that delegates be in attendance that Winesap apples be recognized promptly at that hour. as among the best grades; and if the The representative way in which exposition officials refuse to accede the delegates have been chosen has to his request the opinion prevails caused increased interest and enthusthat Wenatchee will decline to make lasm in the county assembly and a any display this year at the inland keen interest is being manifested in

Getting Funds For Mail Man

plumbing shop of Gould & Snyder at tate. For a long time Mrs. Benson man working on Route No. 3 patrons attend the state assembly, where it Hood River has recently sold several could not be located and it was on that route are having a subscrip- will meet with some of the most tices inserted in the California pa- Col. S. F. Blythe is canvassing for The machine can be placed under- pers by John Leland Henderson she subscriptions and would be pleased was finally located and came on to to have those who will donate communicate with him. The money, Mr. Kopke falled to make any pro- when collected will be placed in the occurred he would see that Mason ing and cooking. For suburban res- vision for Mrs. Benson in his will bank and one twelfth of it paid to

Break Ground For New Church

Ground will be broken Thursday evening at 7:30 for the new annex to the Methodist church, A program will be provided for the occasion which will take the form of a ceremony and friends of the church and soon as the excavation is commenced it is expected to push the erection of the church rapidly in order to complete it before fall.

In accordance with the call of in the county court house. P. S dollars by an investigation into farming bureau and in one district of Republican county central commit- Schmeitzer, secretary. The following large percentage of decay in oranges made a life study of the subject and will be held next Saturday, were held Early, W. H. Walton, M. P. Isenberg was on account of the rough hand- the results accomplished in the arid Saturday night. A complete set of Newton Clark, Wm. J. Davidson, him to do away with this and in- the uninformed. Mr. Powell and where the precinct meeting was held Hinrichs, Edgar Locke, Geo. Parker

> and C. D. Nickelsen secretary elected The primaries were characterized as delegates N. C. Evans, Wm. Isen-Castner, J. L. Hershner, E. N. Ben-Reports received from all over the son, Frank Chandler and L. B. Gib-

South Hood River precinct held its will be attended by the largest num- meeting in Barrett school house. C. ber of delegates ever gotten together D. Thompson was elected chairman and Fred Miller secretary. The dele-In the east precinct the primary gates chosen are: J. H. Shoemaker,

In Baldwin precinct a representative delegation was elected after The west precinct held its meeting electing A. M. Kelley chairman and W. H. Edick secretary. The delegates are: G. W. Dimmick, E. C. Mil-Ira D. Edwards, chairman of a ler, Wm. Smullin, A. M. Kelly, O. committee appointed by the Wen- Fredenberg, Ed Spencer, Wm. Edick,

having it successfully carried out for the good of the party in the county In order to keep the rural mail and in securing a good delegation to

### **COUNTY POLITICS BECOMING ACTIVE**

Candidates for county offices took on more definite shape during the past week and it is expected that several more will be named shortly. J. P. Lucas who was mentioned several weeks ago as a candidate for county clerk makes his formal announcement in another column, and Howard Isenberg is also an avowed candidate for this office.

Jesse Wickham is understood to be in the race for assessor. For county school superintendent L. B. Gibson is mentioned for the office in addition to C. D. Thompson, and friends of J. M. Schmeltzer are pushing him for the position of county treasurer. George Dimmick states that he is in the race for sheriff. O. H. Rhondes is being urged as a candidate for commissioner from the east side. It is said that the upper valley will also name a man for this office. G. A. McCurdy is still the choice, it is claimed, for a commissioner from the west side, while the county judgeship seems to be going begging. E. H. Hartwig who was mentioned as a candidate says the office has no charms for him.

Another office for which there is apparently no aspirant is that of county coroner. J. L. Henderson announces himself this week for county surveyor and it is stated that there will also be other candidates for this position.

The Methodist Sunday school is arranging for a river excursion and picule at Mount Vernon Wednesday, July 20. All members of the school are urged to be in their classes next Sunday when final arrangements will be announced.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Count Zeppelin's new passenger airship, with twenty newspaper men aboard, was wrecked in German forest. All escaped in jury. Vice President James 8. Sherman's wife is recovering from her illness at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimere. The possibillties are that Governor J. Y. Sanders of Louisiana will succeed the late Samuel D. McEnery in United States senate. Congressman Butler Ames of Massachusetts is a leader in the fight to dethrone Henry Cabot Lodge from his seat in the senate. Porter Chariton, who confessed to murder of wife in Italy, is fighting extradition. Senate appoints committee to investigate charges of Senator Gore that \$3,000,000 graft is at stake in Indian claims. Reno, the famous meeting place of Jeffries and Johnson, is one of Nevada's biggest towns,