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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 Association and residents of the valley held Friday evening at the Commercial Club rooms to discuss the raise in telephone rates was largely attended and keen interest manifested in the discussions. C. H. Vaughan, president of the association, was chairman of the meeting. Most of the talking was done by out of town residents, the members of the association having little to say.

The phone company was represented by Chas. and Everett Hall, J. H. Hardinger, who is interested in organizing the mutual company under the direction of F. H. Stow, was also present, as were also a good many of the representative business men and a number of ranchers from both sides of the valley.

The discussion was led by A. I. Mason, who stated that he had been appointed one of a committee of three from Pine Grove grange to meet with the association to protest against the increased rates and inefficient service. He said he believed that the raise in rates was unwarranted on account of the poor service and also from the standpoint of what other cities in the state were paying for telephone service. Before he had anything further to say, however, he would like to hear from others and to have a statement made by Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall stated that he was present in the capacity of a listener and would like to hear more on the subject before saying anything.

Lee Morse was called on to give his views and stated that he had no particular kick coming. He knew the service was good for every time he took down the receiver the line was busy. As far as the raise in rates was concerned the people in his section had no fault to find, inasmuch as their rates had not been raised on account of the fact that when the Home company absorbed the farmers' company the subscribers of the latter made a contract for three years with the Home company which stated that they could not be raised. Mr. Morse remarked that if the farmers' line had been properly supported it would be worth many thousands of dollars to the people of the valley at the present time in opposing the advance in rates or toward the formation of a mutual company.

## LOCAL FIRM MAKES MANY LAND SALES

Devlin & Firebaugh took the lead in selling land and securing new residents for Hood River last week by successfully negotiating a number of important sales. The largest was 25 acres of the fine C. E. Markham place in the Oak Grove district which was purchased by E. L. Hall, manager 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 Portland, 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 Denver 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 \$6250 by the same company, while K. Inaba 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. Klemmer place to Fordham B. Kimball, a Boston broker, for which the latter paid \$19,000. Smaller sales were five acres W. T. Gardner to Harry LaVain and five acres Chas. Wallace to J. T. Moriarity.

## HOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION BEST SAYS EXPERT

G. H. Powell and E. C. Chilcott, noted experts connected with the United States Agricultural Department, were here last week looking the valley over. Mr. Powell is the head of the executive department of the horticultural bureau and one of the best known horticulturists in the country. Through his several years ago the citrus fruit business of California was saved many thousands of dollars by an investigation into packing and shipping oranges. Mr. Powell found the reason for such a large percentage of decay in oranges was on account of the rough handling they were subjected to while being packed. Means were devised by him to do away with this and instead of fifteen per cent of the fruit decaying enroute now less than 2 per cent arrives at its destination unfit for sale.

After a ride around the valley with

C. H. Sproat Mr. Powell told the News man that Hood River was the finest apple growing district in the country and that the association here was the most successfully managed in the world. He stated this after making an investigation of the cooperative associations of the United States for the Agricultural Department.

Mr. Chilcott is chief of the dry land farming bureau and in one district of the west has under his immediate supervision 16 stations. He has made a life study of the subject and the results accomplished in the arid sections of Utah and other states as related by him are astonishing to the uninformed. Mr. Powell and Mr. Chilcott left here Saturday for a trip through the eastern Oregon fruit and dry land farming sections and will not return to Washington for several months.

## Local "Fans" Getting the Fight News



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 fistie 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 in evidence and sprinkled around are several laddies.

## COUNTRY RESIDENTS BUY GAS MACHINES

The Automatic Gas Light Company which is demonstrating its lighting, heating and cooking plant at the plumbing shop of Gould & Snyder at Hood River has recently sold several machines here and those who have seen the apparatus are astonished at its efficiency and economy.

The machine can be placed underground outside and furnishes a complete lighting system of high grade character. It is also used for heating and cooking. For suburban residences or farmhouses and outbuildings it gives all the conveniences of a city gas plant and a number of residents in the valley will install the machines. The apparatus is odorless, clean, safe and requires very little care and is automatic. While it can be used anywhere its great convenience to residents in the country 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 it.

## DISOWNED DAUGHTER INHERITS ESTATE

Mrs. Margaret Benson, only child of Peter Kopke, arrived here last week in connection with her father's estate. For a long time Mrs. Benson could not be located and it was thought that the estate might revert to heirs in Germany. Through notices inserted in the California papers by John Leland Henderson she was finally located and came on to claim the estate.

Mr. Kopke failed to make any provision for Mrs. Benson in his will stating that he denied the existence of his daughter. The fact that he failed 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 here.

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## Republicans Elect County Delegates

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

In accordance with the call of County Chairman Dethman of the Republican county central committee, precinct primaries to elect delegates to the county assembly, which will be held next Saturday, were held Saturday night. A complete set of delegates was chosen in all the precincts except at Cascade Locks, where the precinct meeting was held Monday. In most instances the primaries were well attended, notwithstanding the hot weather and the fact that Saturday is an inconvenient day to hold meetings.

The primaries were characterized by warm enthusiasm both for the assembly movement and also for the successful effort that has been made in re-organizing the party in the state and county.

Reports received from all over the state show that the movement was general and that the state assembly will be attended by the largest number of delegates ever gotten together to consider party candidates.

In the east precinct the primary meeting was held in the Commercial Club rooms. C. Dethman was elected chairman and C. H. Sproat, secretary. The delegates elected are S. G. Campbell, C. Dethman, Hans Lage, J. B. Hunt, J. L. Carter, J. C. Porter, Miles Carter, C. A. Reed, F. C. Dethman, M. F. Shaw, F. Button, Capt. J. H. Dukes and Martin Dragseth.

The west precinct held its meeting

at the county court house. P. S. Davidson was chairman and J. M. Schmeitler, secretary. The following were elected: Hon. E. L. Smith, P. S. Davidson, J. M. Schmeitler, C. T. Early, W. H. Walton, M. P. Isenberg, Newton Clark, Wm. J. Davidson, James Stranahan, A. A. Jayne, J. B. Nunnaker, D. McDonald, John W. Hinrichs, Edgar Locke, Geo. Parker and C. P. Ross.

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The assembly will be held next Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows hall and will be called to order at 2 o'clock. It is requested by the chairman of the county central committee that delegates be in attendance promptly at that hour.

The representative way in which the delegates have been chosen has caused increased interest and enthusiasm in the county assembly and a keen interest is being manifested in having it successfully carried out for the good of the party in the county and in securing a good delegation to attend the state assembly, where it will meet with some of the most prominent and influential Republicans and business men of the state.

## Getting Funds For Mail Man

In order to keep the rural mail man working on Route No. 3 patrons on that route are having a subscription paper circulated. The amount that it is necessary to obtain is \$300. Col. S. F. Blythe is canvassing for subscriptions and would be pleased to have those who will donate communicate with him. The money, when collected will be placed in the bank and one twelfth of it paid to the mail man each month.

## 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 others are invited to attend. As soon as the excavation is commenced it is expected to push the erection of the church rapidly in order to complete it before fall.

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## 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 Weckham 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. Schmeitler are pushing him for the position of county treasurer. George Dimmick states that he is in the race for sheriff. O. H. Rhoades 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 picnic at Mount Vernon Wednesday, July 20. All members of the school are urged to be in their classrooms 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 S. Sherman's wife is recovering from her illness at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore. The possibilities 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. 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.

Porter Charlton, who confessed to murder of wife in Italy, is fighting extradition.