

HOOD RIVER VOICES ITS JOY

C. H. Sproat Won the Coveted Prize For Finest Carload of Apples

SWEEPSTAKE PRIZE, \$1,000, GOLD MEDAL BANNER AND OTHER PRIZES

In This National Contest Hood River Proved to the World Her Supremacy to Grow the Finest Apples in the Land

Five hundred enthusiastic Hood River residents assembled at the railroad station here Friday to welcome the members of the Commercial Club returning from the National Apple Show at Spokane. The shrieking of locomotive whistles, exploding fire crackers, cow bells, tin horns and cheering greeted their arrival. In the height of the din a porter on the train ran over to Chas. T. Early, superintendent of the Mount Hood Railroad, and shouted: "Say, boss, what's all this noise for? Is the governor on the train?" "No; it's all on account of a few Hood River apples," replied Mr. Early.

When the noise subsided, the delegation was surrounded by eager questioners and the street corners were blocked by enthusiastic apple growers congratulating each other on the victory.

Among those who returned Friday were Charles Hall, president of the Commercial Club, under whose management the exhibits were placed at the show, and E. H. Shepard, who had charge of the decorations.

"The people of Hood River and the state at large do not yet know

the significance of the awards made to Oregon apples at the National Apple Show," said Mr. Hall, "as Hood River has received honors never before taken at an apple show in the United States. It not only took the grand sweepstakes prize, but first prize on the carload of Spitzbergers and first prize on the carload of Newtown Pippins. It also got first prize on the best three box exhibit.

"On all of these exhibits it received the awards by the highest number of points ever given by the judges at a National Apple Show. We are naturally highly pleased with the result locally, but even more so in that we have won for Oregon with an apple exhibit the highest honors that it or any other state has ever received. All of the Spokane exhibits will be sent to Chicago, where they will be displayed in conjunction with other features. Hood River people will be there to tell the crowds about the state, and a painting of the valley will be exhibited with the apples. We have nothing but good feeling for our treatment by the National Apple Show officials and the Spo-

kane people in general. The exhibit from Ashland, Wenatchee and other sections were fine, but according to the judges we had the best.

"Hood River will have an apple show of its own here this week that will not be anything like the National Apple Show in magnitude but in pack and quality will not be surpassed by any apple show on earth."

E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, considered an expert on apple culture, said that the exhibits at the Spokane show this year were of better quality and pack than at any preceding show, and that growers all over the northwest are improving vastly in both growing and packing fruit. The competition at the big show each year, he said, is proving an incentive to greater perfection.

Henry Avery, who grew the car of Newtowns that took first prize, and C. H. Sproat, the grower of the prize car of Spitzbergers, have given their permission to have the fruit exhibited in Chicago and have received offers from several big fruit houses to buy them at a large increase over the current price.

IOWANS GET CAR FANCY LOCAL APPLES

The distinction of selling the first car of Hood River fancy apples in Iowa is awarded to Chris Dethman, who recently made a visit to his home state. The car was sold to a big grocery house in Denison, where Mr. Dethman formerly lived.

To notify the people of Denison and the locality what they thought of the Hood River fruit, the firm inserted a quarter page advertisement in the Denison paper reading in part: "Hood River apples from the world-famous valley where rain and sunshine meet. Grown and packed by the Hood River Apple Growers' Union. Finest Box Apples in the World."

In commenting on the fruit, the paper says in a news article:

"Our readers will notice the advertisement of Hood River apples of The Halle-Broderson Co. In this issue. Some samples of these famous apples are shown in The Bulletin's show window, and they are wonderful. This is the first shipment of Hood River apples that has ever been brought to this city, as it has always been impossible to get them heretofore. This shipment came as the result of a talk with Claus Dethman, of northwest of Denison, whose brother, Chris, left here in 1879 and went to Hood River, where he is now a director in the apple raisers' organization and raises some of these famous apples. The apples are packed in boxes and sell at a higher price than other apples, but they are worth more."

FRUIT FAIR CUPS NOW ON DISPLAY

The cups which will be given for prizes at the Annual Fruit Fair are on display in the show window of Laraway's jewelry store. They are up to the usual high standard furnished by this firm, are beautiful and will be prized by the winners. All prizes are now ready with the exception of the engraving of a few of the medals, which will be completed in a few days. The cups range in size, but each one is its neighbor's rival in beauty.

ASBURY METHODISTS SING THE DOXOLOGY

The Methodist church for some weeks has been planning for a Rally Day November 20th, when an attempt should be made to provide for the new church building fund. The day came dark and dreary. No day this season has the rain fallen so profusely and continuously, but in spite of the inclement weather the planned-for Rally Day was a decided success. The Sunday School led out with an offering of \$100, and then, after a sermon by the pastor, on the "Secret of Power," the congregation, with deliberate determination, got their shoulders under their burden and in a few minutes 39 persons had contributed over \$5,000. Seldom, if ever, have we seen such magnificent giving. Not one of the 39 persons contributing gave less than \$50. With such a noble start, and with that spirit of thrift which has made Hood River famous, the Methodist church is sure to realize her ideal.

Work on the building will be resumed at once, and next summer a handsome and spacious church will add to the homelike appearance of beautiful State street.

REAL ESTATE MEN FORM REALTY BOARD

Hood River's real estate men got together Wednesday night and took the preliminary steps toward organizing a realty board. A committee on organization was appointed, consisting of C. D. Nickelson, J. F. Batchelder and J. L. Firebaugh. The by-laws of the Portland organization will be secured and the rules for the conduct of the local board made to conform to them as nearly as possible. J. A. Epping was chosen chairman and Louis Henderson secretary of the temporary organization. The firms represented were: Geo. D. Colbertson & Co., Hood River Realty Co., Devlin & Firebaugh, L. P. Land Co., Shelley & Shelley, J. A. Epping, W. J. Baker & Co., Wyeth & Allen, J. L. Henderson Inc., J. F. Batchelder, A. W. Onthank, Mrs. Marion MacRae.

HAMBURGER CLUB HAS FEASTIVE BOUT

The Hamburger Club, limited to six members, held two notable affairs last week at the beautiful home of the president. The first event was held Tuesday evening, when the guests sat down to a table laden with a supply of hamburger steak sufficient for the employees of a large steel lumber camp, shoestring potatoes, ditto, and other satisfying viands. The feed was strictly a bachelor affair, and the guests made such an attack on the inoffensive hamburger that they have since been ashamed to look a butcher shop in the face. One member in particular is said to have stowed away so much of the "burger" that he had to be assisted from the table.

On Wednesday evening, hamburger having palled on the appetites of the local epicures, they purchased a fifteen-pound turkey at 30 cents

A Thought For Thanksgiving



WHY shouldn't we be thankful when the fields of every county in every state--the forty-eight--where farmers till the soil have yielded such a liberal toll of Nature's welcome bounty. The wealth of all the commonwealths, the rich reward of toil?

per, and having secured the culinary services of a noted lady cook to prepare it, put their feet under the table and caused the roasted dark brown carcass of the national bird to vanish completely. The only thing left was 35 cents. This was the change out of five dollars after paying for the turkey.

The club members are contemplating giving a pork and bean festival in the near future, to be followed by a tripe social. The latter will be given on St. Patrick's day and the tripe will be served in the proper shade of green, with a bunch of shamrock on the side. If shamrock can't be secured, the side dish will be stewed chrysanthemums with caper sauce. This is a new dish just coming into vogue in Kansas and insane asylums, and is said to be stunning.

After this, the club anticipates giving a hamburger tea. This will, of course, be the strongest feature during the banquet season, and preparations will be made to care for those who are overcome by this powerful delicacy. It is expected that it will be necessary for the club to reorganize after the hamburger tea, and on that account it has not announced any further plans.

The Athletic Club has cleaned up the ground north of the tracks and made a fine play ground, which will be much enjoyed by the athletes and others interested in sports. The football game Sunday, in which Hood River came off victorious, was held there.

WORK STARTED ON DALLES ELECTRIC LINE

The Chronicle says that work on The Dalles electric street car line was commenced Wednesday on Union street, at the edge of the O. R. & N. right of way, and the work will be rapidly pushed to completion. Steel for the track is on the road and is expected to arrive here within the next three days, and in the meantime the workmen will get the ties laid and ballasted and in readiness for the laying of the steel.

The rails in the city district will be of 90-pound steel and will be laid on wooden ties that will be imbedded in concrete. This part of the work will not be done, however, until the sewers are constructed and the streets paved, which will probably be next year. This is necessary because of the wording of the franchise which was granted Mr. Thomas last spring, and which provides that the "tracks shall be constructed on the established grade of the streets except where the grade is not established, and in that case the tracks shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to the present surface of the thoroughfare, and if a grade is later established, the track shall be brought to the same grade within 90 days' time."

The franchise provides that work must be commenced within eight months after the franchise becomes operative, and this stipulation of the permit has several weeks yet to run. The road must be in operation within two years.

The road will not only carry passengers, but will also have a freight and express service.

PARIS FAIR STORE WAS BURGLARIZED

During the night Monday someone entered the Paris Fair store through the small window at the rear of the building by removing the screen and breaking the glass. Practically no clue has been obtained, although it is thought the man was rather large as he took with him a suit, size 40. One stack of clothing was badly torn up so it is not possible to determine at present whether more than the one suit was taken. After taking what he wanted from the stock the burglar carefully replaced the cover over the stack of goods.

The man also secured 75 cents in pennies from a drawer in the desk, overlooking a drawer next to this which contained \$5 in pennies. No other part of the store was disarranged, and as yet it can not be definitely stated whether or not anything else was taken. Efforts are being made to find the party who committed the burglary.

C. A. BELL BUYS DESIRABLE PROPERTY

A deal was closed last week transferring the property of the Fashion Stables to C. A. Bell, owner of the Mt. Hood Hotel property. This property, 100x100 feet, at the corner of First and Oak, adjoins the hotel property and for this reason was a desirable piece of real estate for Mr. Bell. Possession will be given in May, at which time Mr. Bell contemplates removing the present buildings and improving the property. Just the nature of the building to be erected has not been determined, but it will probably be a business block.

Stranahan & Rathbun, the proprietors of the Fashion Stables, are reported to have purchased the flat at the foot of Oak street, where they will erect an up-to-date livery stable. During the blowing of whistles Friday on the return of the Commercial Club members from Spokane, a lady rushed out of a shop and looked up and down the street for the fire. Spying a little dirty faced youngster on the street she enquired of him, "Can you tell me where the fire is, sonny?" Giving her a sideways glance he replied, "Aw, don't you know what that is? That ain't no fire; that's 'cause Hood River's got the biggest apples in the world."

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

for the first time next month. Mrs. William C. Story has started her fight for the presidency of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is an annual fight in which many of the prominent society women of the country take part.

The annual horse show in New York city and the national live stock show in Chicago will keep the breeders of blooded animals busy until Dec. 3 talking of the respective merits of their horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. King Albert of Belgium was surrounded by mob at opening of parliament, who demanded universal suffrage. Margaret Anglin, the famous actress, is seriously ill in Chicago. Pietro Mascagni, the famous Italian composer, is coming to the United States to produce his opera "Ysolt".