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Four hundred thousand invitations to attend the Oregon Good Roads Convention in Portland December 12 have been sent to representative citizens in every county of the state. The convention plans to put into definite shape the practical road-building campaign to follow the passage of the recent amendment giving counties the right to bond themselves for highway improvements.

February 1, 1911, is the date fixed for the inauguration of train service into Interior Oregon over the new Hill line up the Deschutes. By then it is expected the line will be in operation to Matolius, 150 miles south of the Columbia river. Grading has already been completed through Madras, six miles north of Matolius. Rails are now laid more than 30 miles south of the Columbia.

The display taking first prize at the recent Dry Farming Congress in Spokane was grown by Tillman Reuter of Madras, and it was so good that the exhibit has been secured for permanent display of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland. The collection of farm products is surprisingly complete and serves as a splendid illustration of what can be done on semi-arid lands without irrigation.

Portland leads the entire United States in wheat exports for the first ten months of 1910. At the present lick, it is not unlikely the Beaver metropolis will stand first in the country for the entire year. Increased wheat production in the tributary country and additional railroad lines that bring a wider area within the city's reach as a marketing point are adding to Portland's prestige all the time as an export center.

Loyal Oregonians have reason to feel proud because of the tribute to Oregon apples by Prof. H. E. VanDeman, judge at the Spokane Apple Show, who declared the car of Spitzenbergs winning the sweepstakes prize, which were grown at Hood River, were the most perfect apples he had ever seen. Prof. VanDeman is a noted judge of fruit, having awarded the prizes at the Columbian exposition at Chicago and he has also acted in a similar capacity at the leading fruit shows of the country.

That Oregon should have an annual dairy show of large proportions is the belief of Dr. W. S. McClure, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the northwest. That the greatest exposition in the country, with the possible exception of the National Show at Chicago, could be held here each year is his statement, basing this prediction on the manifest advantages of the climate and all conditions that favor the dairy industry. "Western Oregon," said he, "should become the greatest dairy country in America. Natural advantages here are equalled nowhere else and the state should exert an effort to increase its dairy output 100 per cent. An annual dairy product of \$100,000,000 is below the capacity of Oregon along these lines. If Portland would promote and develop a western dairy show, it will in a few years become the largest and most interesting livestock exposition held west of the Mississippi river. The result of such a show would be the stimulation of the dairy interests and hundreds of people would come to Oregon to engage in the industry."

Ashland claims it will have the most beautiful street in Oregon when its new boulevard is completed. This thoroughfare will be 100 feet in width, with paving on both sides of a park row in the center that will be beautified with trees and shrubbery. The paving will be completed next spring.

That the Hill interests are prepared to spend from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 on extensions to the Oregon Electric and United Railways in Western Oregon during the coming year or 18 months, is the statement of John F. Stevens, head of the Hill system in this state. This will mean the construction of from 200 to 250 miles of new inter-urban roads in the Willamette valley, Southern Oregon and the coast country.

The Oregon branch of the National League of Postmasters of the United States will hold its annual meeting in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club, Sixth and Oak streets, next Saturday. The meeting will be called at 10 a. m. and the session will last one day. A night session will be arranged if necessary. The coming convention of postmasters is said to be the most important ever held by the Oregon Association and it is desired that a full representation of the members be in attendance.

## LOCAL GLEANINGS

Eight acres near Eugene produced 103 bales of hops, which is over 2,500 pounds an acre.

The fruit crop of the Hood River district for 1910 is valued at approximately \$1,000,000.

Exports from Portland during October totaled 11,511,476 feet of lumber and 1,173,240 bushels of wheat.

Crook county contains one of the largest bodies of irrigable land in the west, having 360,000 acres.

Lake county lands, a few years ago considered worthless, are now producing splendid alfalfa seed selling at 15 cents per pound.

Oregon's apple crop is gaining on the original estimates and the State Board of Horticulture places the 1910 yield at 1,250,000 boxes.

One monster log, the biggest ever sawed in the Coquille valley, Coos county, was nine feet in diameter and made 11,000 feet of lumber.

The Mount Hood Railway & Power Company has started a sawmill near Bull Run with a capacity of 30,000 feet daily. It will saw ties almost exclusively.

Much interest is manifested in walnut culture in Oregon, and the fact that trees of bearing age are loaded with nuts of fine quality gives great encouragement to growers.

Postal receipts for Portland for October show an increase of 22.65 per cent over the corresponding month of last year. Moreover, the latest figures are the biggest in the history of the city.

Portland has completed about 50 miles of new hard surface street paving this season. In smaller cities throughout Oregon it is estimated that 250,000 yards of paving have been laid during the same period.

Two great conventions of national interest are already scheduled for Portland next year. They are the gathering of the woolgrowers of the country next January and the session of the Christian church next July.

**Merry Evening at Graff Home**  
Saturday evening a quilting party and house warming was given at the home of Graff Bros., in the Van Horn district, in honor of their sister, Miss Louise Graff. Miss Graff has been with her brothers during the apple season and leaves this week for California. Those present were C. Bethman and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Vonnegut, Mrs. Gothe and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Emery, and they worked so faithfully and joyfully that two lunches were served during the evening. A pleasant evening is reported by all present, and Miss Graff takes with her the good wishes of the many friends she has made during her short stay in the valley.

Everything is hustle and bustle at the Paris Fair this week, the new holiday shipments having arrived. They are now being placed on display.

## CITY SHOULD HAVE FEARLESS OFFICIALS

Hood River, Or., Nov. 30, 1910.—Editor News:—The coming city election is engrossing the attention of the electors of the town and there are many speculations as to who should be elected to fill the various offices necessary to take care of the city affairs.

There is one thing upon which we all will agree, and that is, a strong ticket; one composed of men who have the courage of their convictions—men who dare to do the right and do it at the right time. If there is anything the American people admire it is the man who does things, even though he may make mistakes.

We would like to see the law-makers of this town get busy and clean up the city from beginning to end as to the material welfare and also as to the moral welfare, whether there is a new code of morals needed in the city council, in the church or in any other corner. Of course, one is not in favor of finding a man guilty of violating the law, and seeing him punished, without a fair trial, whether he lives in the city or out of it. I believe that it is generally known that the old method of presuming a man guilty until he has proven himself innocent has been obsolete more than one hundred years. Let us leave the "dead past to bury its dead" and not try to resurrect a man who holds only to dead customs.

It seems to me that this city is several years behind the times in a number of things, and if we do not wake up we will die of "dry" rot. Let everybody get busy and see to it that Hood River has an honest, courageous and high-minded set of lawmakers who are willing to do and to dare.  
J. W. MORRIS.

## HOME RULE NOT A SETTLED QUESTION

Editor News:—The state of Oregon gave an uncertain sound when it voted for home rule and against prohibition at the last election. It may not be any reflection on the sincerity of the voters when they cast their ballots for the brewers, distillers and possibly, the agents of the white slave traffic, but the writer contends it is a reflection on their intelligence, when votes marked "yes" to both measures directly opposite it indicates something was wrong. It is reported by one of the judges that this occurred in East Hood River precinct. And in regard to cities, if election frauds were committed as alleged, with the purpose of defeating prohibition in our state, the same is true of other cities besides Portland.

With the amount of funds sent to this state by the liquor interests, and using it to deceive voters, it is not surprising that the "drys" were defeated, but it does not prove that the tidal wave of prohibition is past. These seeming defeats are but temporary and will serve to arouse the better element to more energy in the future.

Those who voted for prohibition are deserving of all praise for their attitude on this great question and will never regret having done their duty, and will work with the profound conviction that it will never be settled until it is settled right.  
J. A. H.

## COMPLETE SAWMILL OUTFIT FOR HUSUM

Not to be outdone in a vocation that rarely appeals to the average woman, Mrs. R. Matthews will install within 20 days a complete sawmill outfit on her ranch three miles up the White Salmon river from Husum. She will be assisted by her sons in running the plant, but will have full charge of the management herself. A 50-horse power steam engine will run modern machinery with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day of sawed lumber.

The Matthews ranches comprise some 400 acres of timber land, a portion of which has been cleared for general farm purposes. About eight million feet of standing timber of pine, fir and cedar trees still remain, which will keep the sawmill busy for some time.

Mrs. Matthews states that she is about to close a contract for supplying 500,000 ties for the Hill railway system, to be used in the construction of the Trunk Line in Oregon. The ties are to be floated down the White Salmon river to the S. P. & S. road at Underwood. The cedar trees on the ranches are suitable for both lumber and posts.

The Hood River District Land Company last week sold 50 acres of land belonging to Carrie R. Schmick to Allen & McCrear. The property is in the Upper Valley and is unimproved. The purchase price was \$6,250.

## LANDLORD GIVEN BIRTHDAY DINNER

The Mt. Hood Hotel was the scene of a happy occasion on Monday, when Charles E. Larsen, the junior member of the firm of proprietors, attained his twenty-first birthday. In honor of the event, Mrs. Larsen, his bride of a few months, arranged a very pleasing dinner party. At eight o'clock, after the usual evening meal at the hotel was over, a long table was set and covers laid for fourteen people. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bell, the lessors and former proprietors of the hotel. The other guests were Fred Bell, Mr. Mosely and various members of the hotel force. Of course Frank M. Cashen, alias Bud, was there, and ably assisted Mr. Bell in recounting early hotel experiences in Hood River. Bud's stories have the merit of being sometimes true.

The crowning feature of the table was a huge birthday cake, with lighted candles, which Charlie cut with a dignity becoming his years. The chef of the hotel had put forth his best efforts and the viands were greatly enjoyed. At the end of the repast Mr. Bell, in a neat little speech, expressed the hope that Charlie would celebrate at least a hundred more birthdays. The gathering typified the spirit of good-fellowship which characterizes the Mt. Hood management.

Mr. Larsen was the recipient of numerous presents and congratulations from friends, employees and guests of the hotel.

### Who Wrote Mayor's Reply?

Editor News:—Dr. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, has summed up his views of the water situation at Hood River. His report to the council, however, was so distasteful that the Glacier published with it Mayor McDonald's "reply." The mayor's effort is a literary gem, but will probably not go down to posterity in the same class with Webster's reply to Hayne. But then, a discussion of that question would be purely "didactic." How's this for a bunch of conundrums: Who stole Charley Ross? Who struck Billy Patterson? Who wrote the mayor's "reply?"  
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## TODAY IS OREGON DAY AT CHICAGO LAND SHOW

Today is Oregon day at the Chicago Land Show. Oregon people will be in charge of the program and special exercises will be held in the lecture room of the Coliseum in honor of the occasion.

Under the direction of the Lovett lines in this territory, a splendid exhibit of Oregon products has been gathered that will be shown at Chicago, excellent space having been secured for it. The products of the state on view there will be explained by competent lecturers in charge and the state generally will profit very largely from the showing to be made.

Prominent Oregon citizens will participate in the exercises. Among them are William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Lovett lines in this territory; John M. Scott, assistant general passenger agent; B. W. Johnson, Corvallis; E. D. Waterman, Medford; E. B. Bolton, Grants Pass; W. E. Benton, W. D. Skinner, A. A. Morse, Portland; and J. C. Skinner, Hood River.

## CONGRATULATIONS FROM WENATCHEE VALLEY

The Wenatchee Commercial Club has sent the following telegram for the valley to C. H. Sprout at Hood River, Oregon, congratulating him on winning the grand sweepstakes prize at the National Apple Show.

"Please extend to Mr. C. H. Sprout and people of Hood River valley our congratulations on winning the sweepstakes at the third National Apple Show. You will pardon the pride we take in scoring less than one per cent on the variety on which your famous district makes its specialty—the Spitzenberg."  
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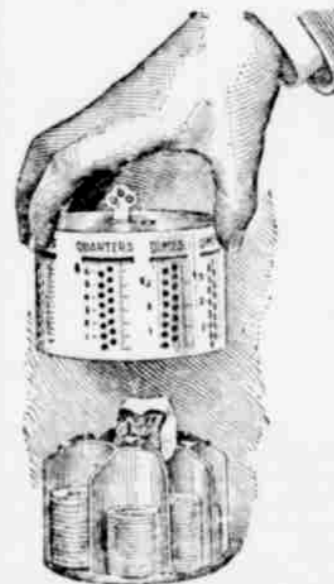
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