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HOOD RIVER'S FINE APPLES PIERCE MAIDENS' HEARTS

Attracted by Display of Valley Fruit on Broadway Eastern Girls Say They Will Wed Hood River Men Only

Big, red cheeked apples from the orchards of the Hood River, Oregon, country, which they saw in the window of a fruit store as they passed by to work, have made eight young Brooklyn maids determine to wed some Oregon or Washington farmer for a husband, says a New York dispatch. The country that can grow such apples, they believe, must of necessity raise big men. Undeterred by the fact that Oregon is almost as famous for the beauty of its daughters as for the high quality of its famous apples, the girls from South Brooklyn believe that their New York dash will add them in outclassing their sisters on the ground.

There are seven of the girls who wish to mingle apple blossoms with orange blossoms: Marjory, Roby and Ella Becker, 440 Nineteenth street; Bertha Sehofer, 191 Woodbine street; Lucy Stenger, 348 Putnam avenue; May Giff, 9 Houseman street; and Julia and Minnie Palsgraff, 154 Newton street.

All of the seven possess charms which are sure to cause envious glances from the daughters of the Northwest. Any orchardist who feels the call of love across the continent can write and get a photograph of the girls. He prefers a Juliet who is tall and slender or one who is—well, pleasingly plump—all he will have to do is to indicate his choice, and he will get a nice letter from one of the Matrimony Club.

It was not entirely because the South Brooklyn beaux do not show

as much "class" as they should that the Matrimony Club has chosen "Go west, young man," for its motto. The young men are famous Marathon runners, and when they go out walking wear "look-like-a-college-student-for-\$12.39" suits. Instead of the red sweaters which are de rigueur in select Erie Basin circles.

But few of them have a soul beyond the baseball scores. Not one of them can quote three consecutive lines from Browning, and the girls want to go where intellect and apples abound. They are sure that gazing on the bounteous orchards, billowy with white and pink in the Spring and rich and warm with the luscious reds and greens of the ripening fruit in the Fall, must make the orchardists the most poetical of beings. In South Brooklyn when they look at an apple the appeal is solely to the stomach and not to the soul.

"There aren't any real men in Brooklyn," Minnie Palsgraff declared, "and, besides, they don't make any money."

She and petite, black-haired Marguerite Roby declared with emphasis that they did not want any husband who earned less than \$30 a week. Anyone with only \$28.50 in the weekly envelope need not apply. They are all equally decided on just what other attributes their husbands must have. What they want are three fat men, two tall, slender, distinguished looking ones; two medium sized, broad shouldered ones, and a poet.

Their yearnings for husbands and poetry and apples led seven of the girls to write to a newspaper, asking the editor to find eligible apple growers for them to wed as quickly as possible. Editors, of course, can do anything—even, according to Eugene Field, give their children diamond marbles to play with—so their wish is likely to be gratified in a day or so. Just what the girls want is thus explained in the letter:

"Some time ago we read in a New York paper that there were not enough women and girls in the 'Inland Empire.' There are eight of us, and we would marry if we could find men to suit. Please print this letter in your paper, as we are in earnest about this matter. We can give satisfactory references and would be glad to exchange photographs with any one who can furnish recommendations as to character and prospects. We have heard of the big red apples and fine crops, and we are ready to help in the work."

All the girls had many callers after the publication of the letter, the young men of South Brooklyn flocking to their homes to plead with them not to desert the city. One or two, after a special plea from a special young man, are reported as wavering in their desire to emigrate, but the others so far have held themselves to their determination to live up to the motto of the club. All work in the same novelty factory and their foreman fears that he is going to lose eight of his prettiest and most skillful workers.

Chicago Apple Shows Add Fame to Valley

Thousands of Spectators View Fruit and Receive Information About Hood River and Oregon--Wm. McMurray Gives Glowing Account

"Oregon has received more advertising from the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition just closed in Chicago than from any other method that has been attempted up to this time," said William McMurray, general passenger agent for the O. R. & N. Co. and the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, upon his return from Chicago to Portland Wednesday morning.

"It was the greatest land show ever held," declared Mr. McMurray to an Oregonian man, "and was attended by more people than ever before visited a similar exposition. It is estimated that in the two weeks that the show was in progress 250,000 persons paid admissions to the Coliseum, where the exhibits were arranged. Of these, I am sure that at least 75,000 heard the lectures on Oregon and Washington given by the agents of our road. We distributed thousands upon thousands of pieces of literature to people who were interested in the Northwest from a standpoint of probable future investments."

"That people did not take our advertising matter for the mere purpose of looking at the pictures and reading the descriptive portions for the entertainment they offered is evidenced by the fact that wherever one went he was sure to see others eagerly examining the papers, studying the illustrations and making inquiries."

"The good effects of the show will continue to be felt in this state for many years. We have already received many inquiries and expect to hear from interested Eastern people every day."

"Arrangements already are under way for another and even more extensive exposition next year. A committee of Chicago citizens will take it in charge. The shows last year and this were handled by the Chicago Tribune, but the affair has outgrown the resources of the paper to handle it, so they have consented, since they have inaugurated it as a permanent successful feature, to allow the public committee to manage it."

Oregon this year was represented by four booths. One was the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. Co. exhibit, the second was the Great Northern exhibit, the third the banner exhibit of the Rogue River Valley, and the fourth the prize-winning display of the Hood River apple-producing district.

The Golden Dale high school basketball team arrived in Hood River Friday and played a game with the Hood River high school team. The score was 18 to 13 in favor of Hood River. A reception was given to the Golden Dale boys at the high school in the evening.

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Commercial Club Elects New Board of Directors

Departs from Old Custom and Selects Representatives From All Sections of Valley--Annual Banquet Next Month--Other Matters

At the annual meeting of the Hood River Commercial Club which was held Monday night a departure was made in choosing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the club now has representatives from all parts of the valley on its governing board.

Owing to the absence of President Hall and Secretary Skinner no financial report was rendered. E. H. Hartwig, vice president of the club presided and A. J. Derby acted as secretary.

In electing a new board of directors Truman Butler suggested that the plan put in operation last year be followed, of allowing the three new members of the board to remain in office and electing four to take the places of those who had held over for two years. The suggestion was adopted and E. O. Blanchard, E. C. Smith and E. H. Hartwig declared the holdover members. To complete the board of seven Capt. C. B. McCann was nominated to represent the west side, C. H. Sprout the east side, R. J. Melnsac the Upper Valley and Chas. N. Clarke as the additional member to represent the city. On motion of Chas. T. Early the secretary cast a ballot declaring the members nominated the unanimous choice of the meeting.

H. T. Delano was elected a member of the club and J. R. Nunnemaker, Capt. McCann and C. G. Roberts selected as delegates to a convention of national woolmen to be held in Portland in the early part of January.

The matter of allowing the billiard room in the club to remain open on Sunday was then brought up, and caused a lively discussion. It was claimed by a number of members that inasmuch as the pool and billiard rooms about town were forced to remain closed on Sunday by a city ordinance, it was unfair to the owners of the pool rooms to allow play in the club. Several votes were taken, with the result that the billiard room in the club was ordered closed on Sunday, and it was voted to be the sentiment of the club that it stay closed.

Capt. McCann, who has just been elected, stated that he had found wide interest in regard to Hood River in the many districts that he had visited, and that, in fact, he had been actually annoyed by the frequency with which he had been buttonholed and asked to tell about the wonderful apples of the valley.

At the suggestion of C. A. Bell, a motion was passed instructing the directors to set a date for the annual banquet of the club as soon after the first of the year as possible.

A feature that interested the meeting a great deal was that of preventing the young men of the city who are approaching manhood with a proper place of amusement, and it was finally left in the hands of a committee consisting of C. A. Bell, Henry Howe and Capt. McCann.

An addition to the furnishings of the club that pleased the members are two handsome lace curtains that have been placed on the entrance doors of the club, with the letters "H. R. C. C." embroidered on them. The curtains are the gift of the members of the Woman's Club.

MAKES APPEAL FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Professor Coad has recently issued a circular letter to school patrons in regard to the Domestic Science course which is being conducted at the High School. Apparently the course is meeting with strong approval, and Mr. Coad appeals to patrons for additional funds to continue it. He says:

"Wherever the courses in Domestic Science and Manual Training have been introduced in a school under skilled and experienced teachers they have met the instant approval of both parents and students. I do not think it is necessary for me to enter into a discussion of the material and pedagogical value of such courses. It is sufficient to say that a school system is not considered first class these days until, in addition to doing all foundation work thoroughly, it has provided for these courses."

"Hood River leads the way in horticulture. Hood River stands for progress. She cannot afford to neglect any community interest, and school work is one of the most vital. One of the first questions asked by the right sort of homemaker is, 'How do your schools rank?' And many times in the last two years I have had to answer the question, 'Do you have a Manual Training course in the schools?' People seem to expect it when they come to Hood River. Since I have been here it has been my earnest endeavor to assist in raising the standard of the schools and of the school work. That we are making headway is shown in the fact that our students are credited for their work wherever they go, and that our high school graduates are admitted as freshmen without condition or examination by any western college or university. But if Hood River is to keep up with the van of progress in education, there yet remains much to be done."

"We have introduced the kitchen work of the Domestic Science course this year. This course is optional, yet all but two of the high school girls are taking the course. So far as I know, the students are unanimous in their approval, and I have

NEW PLAYHOUSE FOR HOOD RIVER

A new theatre will be ready for playgoers this week when "The Monroe" a show house that is being constructed in the new Ferguson block over the amusement parlor of C. A. Richards & Co., is opened. The new amusement resort will seat 400 patrons comfortably and will be equipped with a stage with an opening 14x22 feet.

Three dressing rooms will be provided at the right of the stage which will be equipped with scenery and properties necessary for the ordinary dramatic production. It will be provided with seats, arranged so that all of them will give a full view of the stage, and dressing and coat rooms will be arranged at the back. The first play at the new theatre will occupy the boards Thursday night, when a traveling company will give "Lost in the Hills."

"I should have said something in regard to the cost of this added work. Last year the special school tax was 20 mills; this year it is 12 mills. Under the organization Mr. McLaughlin and I have in mind for next year, we can equip and carry these two courses and yet the entire special school tax need not exceed 8 cents. Once equipped, the cost of maintenance is slight in comparison with the resultant benefits derived."

"Of the 100 or more letters sent out by Mr. Coad only four unfavorable answers were received."

BAILEY & COLBY MOVE TO MORE CENTRAL LOCATION

Bailey & Colby, the electricians, have taken part of the store of S. E. Bartness, which they have fitted up as an electrical supply house. The apartment occupied by the firm is the one next to the Paris Fair and includes one of the large show windows. This has been fitted up with a number of handsome electric fixtures. The other floor space will be devoted to show rooms and a work shop.

The new quarters of the firm gives them a central location and an opportunity for the public to see the fine fixtures for which they are agents. The Bailey & Colby company is also the Hood River county agent for Westinghouse motors.

Franz Springs New Idea
E. A. Franz, the hardware man, sprung a new idea on the Hood River public this year by issuing the first catalogue that has ever been sent out by a local business house seeking trade. The catalogue contains a list of novelties and toys, with their prices, and in all there are 128 cuts in it. The catalogue was printed by the News plant and is being mailed to patrons in the valley by the Franz Company.

DEPARTMENT STORE IN NEAR FUTURE

The first execution of plans that will result in a department store for Hood River were made Saturday when C. H. Sprout bought the lot next to the Eliot building on Oak street. On the lot a building will be erected adjoining the Eliot block, of the same architecture, three stories in height. The building will be erected by a company, of which E. A. Franz is the head, and will be incorporated. Offers for \$8,000 worth of stock, uncollected, have already been received, and there is no question about the building being a go.

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HALL AND SMITH AT WATSONVILLE

From a copy of the Watsonville Register of Friday, Dec. 9, published at Watsonville, Calif., we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, who are on their way to Los Angeles, recently visited California's great apple growing district. In regard to the visit of the Hood Riverites the Register says:

"Chas. Hall, president of the Commercial Club of Hood River, Oregon, and E. C. Smith, accompanied by their wives, were in this city yesterday for a short stop on their way to Los Angeles, where they expect to remain several weeks. They are making the trip in Mr. Hall's auto and were accompanied around the loop by Secretary C. G. Redman of the Commercial League."

"Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Smith were delightedly surprised with the Pajaro valley, and especially interested in the apples, as the Hood River valley has lately been forging to the front as an apple producing region and is taking a high rank in eastern markets."

"You have one of the nicest and best little cities we have seen," said Mr. Smith, "and your vast acreage of apples reminds me of our home country. Of course, as you people here ship nearly seven times the amount of apples than do the Hood River people, we cannot compare with you in size."

"Both gentlemen wore on the lapel of their coats the neat and appropriate designating a member of their commercial club. On the pin are two colored apples, one a Newtown Pippin and the other a Spitzenberg, designating the two varieties the northern people specialize in raising."

"They were full of praise regarding their association plan of handling the fruit and stated that through their method the value of their fruit in the eastern market has been made at an average of from \$2 to \$2.50 per box."

"The party left last evening for Santa Cruz but will return today and resume the journey south."

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers

The success of the conference of the house of governors at the Kentucky state capitol promises to make this annual meeting of chief executives of our states a continuous event. The accomplishment of Queen Helena of Italy is expected shortly. Suit of government to dissolve the sugar trust for "restraint of trade" mentions Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church and a Utah sugar company, as a defendant. Engineers claim that it will be impossible for Colonel Goethals, chief of construction of the Panama canal, to gain control of the surging waters of the Chagres river. President William C. Brown expects to resign soon as president of the New York Central lines and to take up the raising of horses. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is favorably mentioned as his successor.



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