

APPLE CROP 800 CARS

Hood River's Output Largest in History of Valley--710 Cars Shipped, the Balance Being Held in Storage--Union Ships Bulk of Fruit, Although Independents Make Big Shipments Also.

Some idea of the greatly increased crop of apples at Hood River this year can be gained from the number of cars which have been billed out by the railroad company this year, and which is stated by J. H. Fredrick, the local agent, to be approximately 710 cars to date. With the additional apples that are stored in the valley it is expected that the number will easily run up to 800 cars as the season's output.

Of the total shipment 500 cars will be shipped out by the union, while independent shippers have sent out 210. Over 200 cars were shipped by the union from their east side warehouse, where a large force of men under S. G. Campbell handled the big shipments in good shape, considering the fact that they were hampered for receiving room, which was also the case with the big warehouse in town.

The Davidson Fruit Company shipped over 150 cars, August Paasch

40, Rawson & Stanton about 20, Sears & Porter 35, and other independent shipments were sent out by various orchardists about the valley.

Many of the cars shipped by the union were loaded to their limit on account of the car shortage, and went out with 680 to 700 boxes in them.

There are still quite a good many boxes of apples scattered about the valley, but the great bulk of the crop has been shipped. The largest shipment in any previous year has been about 500 cars.

The Hood River Applegrowers' Union has about cleaned up the largest crop in the history of the valley, according to Manager Sprout, who reports that there are about 35,000 boxes yet to ship, and that the eastern market is looking up and business is more brisk than at any time during the past three weeks.

"The season just closing," said Mr. Sprout, "demonstrates that no one

firm can handle the crop of the valley. This year the Applegrowers' Union has shipped apples into 24 states and to 57 of the largest cities in the United States. More than 50 per cent of the returns so far on the crop have been received in cash and the remainder will be received in due course. We think that this is a very favorable showing, and the wide market opened up will increase in the future. The union needs more storage room and I shall recommend to the stockholders that a large chemical cold storage warehouse be added to the equipment, with a capacity of 200,000 boxes. By holding the apples in this manner better prices could be obtained.

"The union has recently been shipping apples into California, Arizona, Texas and other Southwestern states. The market on Ben Davis is firmer and a rise of 10 cents a box is in sight. The crop as handled by the union will approximate 400,000 boxes."

Postal Savings Banks Opened Doors Tuesday

Government Will First Experiment With One Institution in Each State--\$500 the Limit of Deposits and \$1 the Minimum

Through the practical institution of the Postal Savings bank system yesterday, the United States government will give the people facilities for saving a part of their earnings. Their establishment is regarded as the most far-reaching financial step taken by the government since the authorization of National banks, and their operation will be watched with interest by financiers throughout the world.

The system, says a special dispatch to the Oregonian, is to be inaugurated on a comparatively small scale. One Postoffice in each state and territory has been selected as a depository. In these 48 offices, a thorough test will be made. It was decided to make the beginning thus small, not only because no adequate appropriation was available to put it into general operation, but also because the plan adopted differs entirely from that of any other system in the world.

The new scheme is the result of many months of work by committees of postal and banking experts, whose efforts were directed by a board of trustees consisting of the postmaster-general, the secretary of the treasury and the attorney-general.

No pass books will be furnished depositors, but all deposits will be evidenced by engraved postal savings certificates, issued in fixed denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50, each bearing the name of the depositor and the date on which interest begins to accrue. The certificates are non-transferable and non-negotiable. Interest will be payable annually at the rate of 2 per cent per annum.

By the terms of the law, no account for less than \$1 may be opened and no person may deposit more than \$100 in any calendar month, or have to his credit at any one time more than \$500 exclusive of accumulated interest. Accounts may be opened by any person over ten years of age in his or her name and by married women in their own names. The accounts of wives cannot be interfered with or controlled by the husbands.

For the present deposits will be limited to the patrons of the post-offices at which the system is established. The service is entirely free, no fee being required in connection with the opening of an account or the withdrawal of money deposited.

Will Meet to Organize Central Association

Apple Growers of Northwest States Invited to Be Present at Conference in Portland Under Auspices State Horticultural Society

Delegates from fruitgrowers' associations of the states of Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Colorado and Utah have been invited to attend a meeting in Portland, January 24, to form a national apple-selling agency. The invitations have been issued by H. C. Atwell, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, whose home is in Forest Grove. This action is in furtherance of the plan suggested and endorsed by the State Horticultural Society at the meeting in Portland last month.

A corporation with sufficient capital to own cold storage houses in the various districts may be formed, either by local associations or by other means. Larger ones at central points in the east, where apples may be stored and the market readily supplied also are part of the plan.

"The plan is taking well, judging from the letters I have received from a large number of apple union officials throughout the states interested," said Mr. Atwell. "Throwing upon the market a needless quantity of apples has a tendency to disorganize and the apple grower suffers in consequence. All apple growers feel the need of complete organization, such as other fruit raisers have perfected."

The meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Present indications are that it will be one of the largest fruit conventions ever held in the Pacific Northwest in actual representation of the apple growing industry.

Necessarily there will be large quantities of apples handled on consignment. In many cases the company will need to make advances to the fruit raisers so that he can continue operations. For this reason it was suggested that the amount of capital necessary will be considerable.

A GENUINE SURPRISE PARTY AT PINE GROVE

New Year's day while Mrs. A. P. Slade was engaged in a conversation over the telephone, previously arranged by her husband with one of the neighbors, a party of eighteen of their friends entered their lovely new home on the east side, completely surprising her on her birthday.

After congratulations and greetings had been exchanged, they all sat down to a bountiful birthday dinner which Mrs. Slade, herself, had partly prepared, thinking she was helping Mrs. Dethman surprise her husband, whose birthday falls upon the same day.

Before leaving, the guests presented Mrs. Slade with a beautiful rocking chair as a token of their regard. Mr. and Mrs. Slade are royal entertainers, and the day will long be remembered as a happy one by their guests, who were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dethman and son, Fred, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vannier and son, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Scobee and daughter, Zoe, Mr. Hans Lage, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mack.

NEW YEAR DINNER AT OREGON A SUCCESS

The special New Year dinner at the Hotel Oregon Sunday, New Year evening, was well patronized and patrons emerged from the dining room highly pleased with the dinner, decorations and music. The menu was one of the most elaborate ever served at Hood River and the excellence of the various dishes was a high tribute to the ability of the chef. The dining room was decorated with red Christmas bells and Oregon grape, while candlesticks with red shades made a pleasing contrast with the white linen and shining silver. During the progress of the meal the Mandolin club played a well selected program that brought forth encores from the diners.

At the Mt. Hood a special table d'hôte dinner was served the same evening with an excellent menu and good service, so that Hood Riverites who preferred to patronize cafe to home cooking had no difficulty in being well served and fed.

Public Accounts Should Be Audited
Hood River has an expert from a Portland auditing company experting the county records. Such experting as this should be done in every county and every city of importance in the state once each year. —Eugene Register.

INDIAN GEORGE TELLS OF HIS EARLY LIFE

Indian George, whose picture was recently published in the News, came to the News office recently and asked for a copy of the paper containing it, notwithstanding the fact that Indians are usually averse to being photographed or having their pictures printed. The old Indian expressed much pleasure in seeing his rugged and weather beaten countenance portrayed in print and carefully put the paper away in his pocket.

George is said by other Indians to be a very old man. Indeed it is claimed by some of them that he is over 100 years old.

Joe Elick, another old time Indian of Hood River, came here over 80 years ago and says that George was then a man grown.

George was born at Hood River. He has been twice married and has raised two boys and three girls all of whom have passed to the "happy hunting ground" together with his two wives. George stated that at an early day there were over two thousand Indians at Hood River and as many more at Cascade Locks.

Their greatest foes were the Snake Indians who would come here and kidnap the boys and girls and steal the cayuses from the range. He stated that the Hood River greatly feared the Snakes because their arrows were dipped in such deadly poison, and if one of their arrows penetrated the body it meant sure death. His account of how the Spokane, Yakima and Snake tribes would pass up and down the Columbia river in their canoes hewn out of rough logs, under the light of the pitch torch or in the glimmering rays of the pale moon, was most thrilling.

He said that the Hood River Indians were never molested by the Spokanes or Yakima tribes, but that they made constant warfare on the Cascade Indians. All the kinsfolk of Indian George have been buried on Memorial Island but he says he desires to be buried in the white man's graveyard when he dies. This old remnant of a once great race is practically blind and though he is about on the streets every day, it is evident that he is nearing his end on earth.

CARTOONIST PERRY CARTER TO LECTURE AT PINE GROVE

Perry Carter, a well known cartoonist, who is touring the country delivering an interesting lecture which he illustrates with cartoons on a blackboard, will appear at Pine Grove hall Wednesday evening, January 18th. By a mistake, the tickets issued for the lecture gave the date as January 15th, when it should have been, as stated, the 18th.

Mr. Carter's lecture is being looked forward to with interest and it is expected that it will be well patronized.

Neighbors Give Woodburns Surprise

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Woodburn, of the west side, who had been on a two weeks' trip in the Willamette valley, where they visited friends at Albany and Brownsville, returned home Saturday evening. As they neared their home, which had been closed, they saw that the house was lighted, and on arriving found it full of their neighbors, who had prepared a surprise for them. Their friends had brought with them a bountiful supply of good things to eat, and a merry time was had seeing the New Year ushered in.

Freak Exhibit

S. D. Calbreath has presented a unique specimen to the Dulles Business Men's association in the shape of two limbs of an oak tree which have grown together in such a manner as to form a perfect triangle. No joint can be found and the specimen is perfect. Secretary Fish has the exhibit labeled "grown without irrigation by S. D. Calbreath."

Men's League to Meet

The Men's League of the Heights will hold their regular monthly meeting in their rooms at the Baptist church on Thursday evening. The subject for discussion will be "Laws Made Practical." Refreshments and a general social time. All men invited.

Across Continent Rider Tells of Long Journey

Miss Alberta Claire, Who Is Riding to Atlantic Coast, Arrives Here and Tells of Hazardous Experience--Protects Herself With Gun

Miss Alberta Claire, the plucky Wyoming girl who is making an ocean to ocean ride in the saddle, arrived at Hood River Thursday from The Dalles. In her ride so far she has covered 2,525 miles, accompanied only by a faithful dog. The young woman carries a six shooter, which she is said to know how to use very handily. In an interview she said:

"It may seem a hazardous trip to some people, but I have practically grown up in a saddle and have done a lot of hard riding. I hope to make the entire trip with the same pony and my dog, Micky. I have two years in which to make the journey and if I succeed I will get \$1000 and a large cattle ranch in Wyoming. I have been on the trip for five months now and my pony looks better today than when we left Buffalo.

"I left Buffalo, Wyoming, last spring, going through the 'Hole in the Wall,' the great cattle country of old Wyoming days, where many horse and cattle rustlers found a hiding place.

"While crossing the continental divide I lost my way and had to stay out in the mountains all night. I picked the pony and built a campfire, and with my big dog beside me and my gun in my hand, I slept on my saddle blankets. After riding awhile the next morning I came to a hunter's cabin. No one was there but I found plenty to eat, so Micky, my dog, and I had a good feed.

"Just then the door opened and a big six-foot man walked in. Gazing at me in astonishment, he asked 'Where the hell did you come from?' I said: 'I'm not sure, but that wasn't the place.' He laughed and I told him how I had lost the trail. He showed me the way to a ranch.

"I started on this trip with \$2 and my pony. The dog was given to me a week or so later.

"During this time I have earned my living. In towns I give a vaudeville act, sometimes I get a hall and give an entertainment alone. Out in the country I often ride in the round-up with the cowboys."

Miss Claire gave a performance at the Gem theatre Thursday evening.

O. R. & N. TRANSFERRED TO NEW COMPANY

The formal transfer of the Oregon Railway & Navigation and the Oregon-Washington Railway Company to the Oregon-Washington Railway

& Navigation Company was effected last week, when the deeds of conveyance were filed in the county clerk's office. The deeds stipulate a consideration of \$70,000,000, of which \$35,000,000 is included in the deed from the O. R. & N., and \$15,000,000 from the deed of the Oregon & Washington Railway Company.

The O. R. & N. deed is executed in 22 counterparts, covering all the subsidiary lines. The conveyance was made by J. P. O'Brien, vice-president of the O. R. & N., to W. W. Cotton, president of the Oregon & Washington. The deed transferring the Oregon & Washington to the new organization is executed in ten counterparts and is signed by W. W. Cotton as president of the Oregon & Washington Railway Company.

HOOD RIVER SPRAY PLANT STARTS WORK FOR SEASON

The Hood River Spray Company started up its spray manufacturing plant at Hood River Tuesday and the company has received a number of large orders for spray from fruit growing districts in the northwest

and expects to do a good business this year.

It is stated that the Hood River company sells more spray in outside districts than it does at Hood River and believes that it should be more liberally patronized here as it is a home industry and its product is as good as any manufactured. It is stated that the demand generally throughout the northwest for lime and sulphur spray is greatly increasing and that its use this year will be greater than ever.

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN WIN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hood River and Dalles Freshmen High School football teams tried out conclusions here Monday, with the result that the local team claims the Junior High School championship of Hood River and Wasco counties.

The game was played on the new grounds, north of the depot, and, although a good deal of pugnacious argument took place from time to time, the youngsters made many good plays. Hood River claims supremacy from the fact that it has beaten The Dalles once and tied them twice. The game Monday resulted in neither side scoring.

Claims Referred to District Attorney

It is stated by County Judge Derby that no action has yet been taken in regard to allowing the claims of Dr. Bronson and Mrs. C. Dethman for injuries sustained by going over unprotected embankments. The claims have been referred to the district attorney for an opinion as to the county's liability.

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

Fire in Nelson Morris Packing company's plant threatened to destroy entire Union stockyards of Chicago. About thirty persons perished, including Fire Chief Hornan. An explosion of gas at New York Central's new station in New York, in course of erection, resulted in nine deaths and many injured and great damage to property. Secretary of War Dickinson's report as to unpreparedness of the United States in case of war was recalled by President Taft. It was decided to operate on General William Booth, leader of the Salvation Army, to save his eyesight. Internal disturbances in Cuba may mean intervention and possibly permanent occupancy by the United States. President Gomez having been informed that our troops are in readiness. Well informed Tammany men say William F. Sheehan will succeed Depeew in the United States senate.