

PLAN ROAD AROUND MOUNT HOOD

Portland Automobile Club Seeks Government Aid In Getting Highway from Rose City to Hood River Around Base of Mountain---Oregon Senators and Congressmen Asked to Push It.

Telegrams and letters are going forward from Commercial bodies of Portland to Senators Bourne and Chamberlain asking them to support securing of an appropriation of \$150,000 to build a road through the forest reserve around Mount Hood. H. Beckwith, president of the Commercial club, sent a night letter regarding the benefits that would be derived from the appropriation. President William MacMaster and Secretary E. C. Giltner of the Chamber of Commerce have expressed enthusiastic personal approval of the plan. President O. E. Helntz of the Manufacturers association says the building of the road should be supported by everyone interested in the development of Portland as a center of attraction for tourists.

Plans for obtaining the road building appropriation have taken the place of the original plan to create a national park about Mount Hood. The plan was originated by H. Wempe, who at his own expense has built some of the road between Portland and Mount Hood. The projected road would skirt the west face of Mount Hood at an elevation of several thousand feet, where the scenery is magnificent beyond description, and continue to a point where connection could be made with the Hood River road, part of the construction of which the county of Multnomah has assumed.

Much of the work of obtaining favor for the plan has been undertaken by W. C. Bristol. Mr. Wempe has written a letter to Senator Bourne in which he says:

"While you were in this city some time ago I spoke regarding making a part of Mount Hood reserve a national park. Since looking into the matter thoroughly I discovered that I was on the wrong track, and find that it is far better to leave it a forest reserve. No doubt at this writing you have received a map and letters from W. C. Bristol regarding the highway through this forest reserve. You are aware that eastern Oregon is completely cut off from western Oregon in the way of wagon roads."

"Hood River valley and its tributaries are being fast settled up, and it is absolutely necessary and in great demand by the farmers to have this highway built through this reserve to connect the Barlow road with the Hood River road. The map traced with the yellow dots is the road desired. There is now a fairly good road from Hood River to Cloud Cap Inn, and also a fairly good road to West Fork. You can readily see on the map where the connecting link should be built."

"The forest reserve service of this section has made an estimate and finds that the piece of road desired will cost approximately \$150,000."

Now if you ever want to do a good turn for the people of Oregon, this is your time. There is nothing under the sun so necessary as this piece of road through this reserve. It is absolutely necessary for the army and there is a great demand for it by the farmers of this state, and a great deal of good would result from this road from the tourists' point of view. The forest service is entirely handicapped for want of this piece of road."

"Now by all means try to secure from congress this appropriation of \$150,000 for the forest service to construct this piece of highway, to go through as follows: From Brightwood, a point on the Barlow road in section 33, township 2 south, range 7 east, northeast up the clear fork of Sandy river to its low pass on the summit of the Cascades; thence to the head of Elk creek, down Elk creek to the Lost Lake-Hood River road, in section 31, township 1 north, range 9 east."

"This is the natural way to construct it. Now, should you not be able to secure \$150,000, by no means let them cut you down to less than \$100,000. To prove to you how necessary this road is, I have personally constructed 16 miles of highway from Sandy postoffice to Salmon postoffice, by private subscription, and the main subscriber was myself, and I have gained splendid results with the small funds at my command."

Big Assemblage Greet City School Teachers

Reception to Parents Brings About Cordial Relations With Schoolma'ams Who Entertain and Act as Hostesses to Many Guests

The reception given by the school teachers of Hood River Thursday night, to parents, left no doubt in the minds of the teachers as to the interest felt in their work, for from 8 o'clock to 10 the large assembly room of the Commercial Club was thronged with patrons of the schools. They met the teachers, also each other, and before the evening was over a cordial understanding and new interest was created between the home and the school.

The guests were received by a committee of teachers, and then followed a general introduction. Later a pleading program was given, which began with a talk by Prof. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin's remarks were very much to the point. He stated that the relations between parents and teacher should be frank, friendly and cordial. That he believed the citizens of Hood River were as progressive as any in the state and wanted their schools to be abreast of those anywhere. He said he thought the teachers were trying to bring the Hood River schools to a standard as near perfection as possible, and believed their instructors were entitled to proper support in their efforts. Misunderstandings, he said, would arise, but if the spirit existed between teacher and parent that should exist, these differences could be easily adjusted. The idea that seemed to be prevalent, that the school teacher was a being with an ever-ready rod of punishment uplifted, he said was entirely erroneous, as was also the impression that they had hoofs and horns or heavenly wings just ready to sprout. Teachers, said Mr. McLaughlin, had the same ambitions and passions as the rest of humanity and must be judged accordingly. He assured his audience that any idea that educational instructors received a princely salary, for which they worked but five hours a day and then spent the rest of the time in the social whirl, was unfounded. Therefore he thought personal contact, such as was represented by the

large gathering present, would put teachers and parents in closer touch and result in friendly and cooperative relations.

Mr. McLaughlin's talk was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Gladys Reavis, who sang "Jesu After Christmas" so pleasingly that her audience demanded an encore. Walter Nichols recited "Our Hired Girl" so well that he gave the audience a second number. "Three Maids of Lee," impersonated in costume by Misses Bartness, Gladys Reavis and Ruth Harrison, took the house by storm. As an encore they gave an amusing rendition of the "Old Oaken Bucket." Adrian Epling displayed rare histrionic talent in a character monologue entitled "Mrs. McCarty Sees Hamlet." Dressed in a costume typical of the American-Indian Madame, she gave that lady's impression of Shakespeare's great play with a richness of brogue and a confusion of ideas that was highly amusing. As an encore, Miss Epling gave "The Boy on the Back Seat," a short recitation that depicted a big schoolboy in love with his teacher.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments, which had been prepared by the domestic science class of the High School, were served and pronounced by those who partook to be par excellence. The serving was done by a number of the High School girls dressed in white, with very becoming lace caps--in fact so becoming that no one refused to accept of their hospitality, and to cause the guests to leave with a very friendly feeling toward the teachers and the school faculty in general.

The personnel under whose auspices the reception was given is as follows: Supt. E. E. Cond, Prof. J. O. McLaughlin, Prof. J. W. Orlie, Miss Mary Barton, Miss Hattie Brunquist, Miss Flora Furrow, Miss Alice Horning, of the High School department; Miss Ida Turney, Miss Dora Knox, Miss Evelyn Turney, Miss Maud Howard, Miss Pearl Eby, Miss Lulu Hicks, Miss Grace Turney, Miss Alta Poole, of the Park Street

DR. ELIOT OFFERS CITY PARK SITE

Hood River may have a park in the near future through the generosity of Dr. T. L. Eliot, who has offered to give the city an acreage in the hill section of town. Dr. Eliot's offer, which was submitted to the city council and which it is stated will be accepted, is as follows:

To the Hon. Mayor and the Council of Hood River, Oregon.

Gentlemen--I intimated some time ago to one or two members of your body on the part of Mrs. Eliot and myself to set apart a small tract on the northern part of our estate adjoining Hood River City for a public reservation or park. Since that time a survey has been made to facilitate this purpose, and I am writing at

school; Miss Vera Stewart, Miss Lulu Tidd, Miss Frances Evans, Miss Mabel Claxton, of the Pleasant View school, and Miss Anna Vannett and Miss Edna Groves, in charge of the Primary department on the Heights, which is now located in the High School building.

New Church Planned By Congregationalists

Decide at Annual Meeting to Erect Larger Edifice--Trustees Also Make Changes in Articles of Faith--New Constitution Adopted

Two hundred members and friends of Riverside Congregational church sat down to a sumptuous supper served by the ladies of the church last Wednesday evening, in Odd Fellows hall. After a short program of speeches and music, the business of the annual meeting of the church was transacted. Reports from the various heads of the departments of the church showed a healthy spirit of activity and progress.

A new constitution was adopted, doing away with the society adjunct of the church and giving the congregation a larger part in the working organization. A simple, comprehensive statement of faith, consisting of seven sentences, was substituted for the lengthy statement formerly required. The covenant adopted for use is one which deals more with vital living than with theological statements.

A Social Service committee, to devise ways and means for increasing the social usefulness of the church along other than stated and ordinary lines, was added to the working force, looking toward the taking up of some institutional lines of work. The manual accepted is said to be one of the most representative to be found anywhere and gives the

church a most admirable basis for operations.

To cap the climax, it was unanimously voted that the trustees take immediate steps to secure a new building and present working plans to the church within eight weeks.

The following officers were elected: Honorary deacons for life, J. H. Dukes and Geo. P. Crowell. Active deacons, A. W. Onthank, J. H. Jeffrey, A. W. Noble and Wm. Stewart. Honorary deaconess, Mrs. Augusta Price. Active deaconesses, Mrs. D. J. Treiber, Mrs. Ella Wilbur, Mrs. V. C. Brock, Mrs. R. R. Bartlett. Trustees, C. D. Thompson, Truman Butler, Percy Morse, P. S. Davidson, Geo. L. Wilbur, E. O. Blanchard. Social Service committee, J. O. McLaughlin, H. L. Howe, W. H. McLain, Miss McLaren, Mrs. Button, Clerk, R. E. Bartlett. Chief usher, Dr. Pines. Sunday School superintendent, A. C. Monosmith. Treasurer, Harold Hershner.

The church has nearly doubled its budget for this year; has added forty-four members to its fellowship over last year and materially increased the number of families included in its ministrations, and looks forward with great enthusiasm to the work of the new year.



RIVERSIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WHICH WILL BE SUPPLANTED BY NEW STRUCTURE

this time in a preliminary way to ask whether the city is willing to take over this property as a public park, to be conducted with the care and for the uses which usually go with such parks. The proposed donation would include the portion of the bed of Indian Creek, which is on the land, together with a strip of 150 feet in width and about 1320 feet in length of the upper or flat ground. It would be our intention to lay out the adjacent ground so that an additional strip of 60 to 80 feet would

follow the south side of the proposed park as a boulevard, continuing along or near to the bluff of Hood River for a certain distance. I would remind you that this proposed park, which with the upper portion and boulevard would amount to twelve acres more or less, joins on the north to a reservation or trust for the public, which was made some time ago, I think by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Schenck to certain trustees, and containing about ten acres of the bluff of Indian Creek on the north bank.

Unique Church Party Pleases Big Audience

Under Auspices of St. Mark's, Local Amateur Talent Provides Amusing Entertainment--Mother Goose Characters Portrayed

The postponed Christmas party held under the auspices of St. Mark's Church at the Monroe Theatre, Friday evening, proved to be one of the most unique and pleasing entertainments ever given at Hood River.

The affair was well attended and the large audience expressed its approval in an enthusiastic manner. The entertainment opened with a song by Roger Simdson and Forest Carter, dressed as clowns, which was amusing. This was followed by a musical skit by young Simpson and Carter, Katherine Carter, Suzanne Kay and Ruth Whitney, similarly dressed, and which was also mirth provoking. The next number was a skirt dance given by Catherine Baker, and very prettily executed.

The scene then changed to "A Mother Goose" party, with Mrs. Mabel Carter, of the Valley, as Mother Goose. The characters were dressed in appropriate costumes and were announced as they stepped on the stage. Mrs. Harry De Witt was a typical Mother Hubbard, Mrs. J. M. Smeltzer played the Old Woman That Lived in a Shoe; Mrs. Archie Kell was Daffy Down Dilly; Mrs. Johnson charming Little Bo-Peep and Mrs. O. A. Pratt a stately Queen of Hearts. Mrs. Robt. Carter and Brook Haworth came stumbling down the hill with the traditional pail of water, and Jack broke his crown in

the most approved fashion, while Jill came stumbling after and wept copiously. Mrs. Malcolm Bronson made a convincing Mrs. Spratt, and explained satisfactorily that Jack couldn't be present because he was busy felling the platter. Little Miss Muffet was impersonated by Mrs. Arthur Clarke, who showed by her shy manner that a big spider could easily frighten her away. Mary and Her Little Lamb came before the audience in the person of Miss Luella Hawley and a toy lambkin that bleated pitifully in contemplation of being separated from her by being put out of school. Mrs. F. S. Smith impersonated Little Red Riding Hood. A number of other characters entertained with songs and recitations, a particularly good one being given by Mrs. Johnson, who recited a selection in which she declared that "I ain't going to cry no more", but kept on weeping with a vehemence that caused great amusement. Mrs. Schmelzer and Mrs. Kell also contributed to this part of the entertainment with songs and Mrs. Clarke gave a short recitation.

The second part of the entertainment consisted of an exhibition of mechanical dolls with Rev. E. T. Simpson as exhibitor. The dolls were impersonated by a number of Hood River residents who were very much alive, and were brought on the stage, and wound up by Arthur Clarke and Ralph Savage, made up as negroes. Mr. Clarke sang a typical song in his usual inimitable style. S. G. Oxborrow represented Uncle Sam, A. J. Derby a rag doll, Noel Fording the baby doll, Harry De Witt the French doll with the latest hobble skirts, Chas. N. Clarke as a sailor and Murton Whitney as a crying doll. Brook Haworth a clown, Rodger-Simdson a naughty boy.

Each doll did a laughable stunt and afterward they were presented to their relatives or friends. Harry De Witt as the French doll, was given to Jimmy Montgomery at his request. Mr. Montgomery accepted the gift boldly and carried De

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County Court Fixes Annual Tax Levy

Levy Will Be 10.3-10 Mills, Valuation Over \$11,000,000 and Tax Will Raise Over \$100,000---New Road Supervisors Appointed

The new county court which organized last week fixed the tax levy for the ensuing year at 10.3-10th mills. The levy which is a little lower than last year, provides for the various funds as follows: State 1.4-10ths mills; County, 2.5-10ths mills; Roads, 5 mills; Schools, 1.4-10ths. In school district No. 3, there is a special school tax of 6 mills, making the tax in that district 16 mills outside of the city. The levy in the city al-

together, will be 20.3-10ths mills. The total taxable valuation in the county is \$11,013,509, an increase over the valuation of the preceding year of about \$2,500,000. In round number the total taxation will raise a fund of \$104,872.14. Of this \$46,563.42 will be available for road purposes and \$27,533 for general purposes. An expenditure of \$10,000 authorized by the court for the purchase of the court house property, cuts the latter amount down to \$17,533 and contemplated expenditures of \$1,800 for increase in the salaries of county officers and improvements in the court house makes a further reduction in the general fund to \$15,730. The court house improvement will include additional quarters for county officers, who are now compelled to rent offices outside the county building.

The County court has created two new road districts, Nos. 4 and 11. No. 4 is taken from No. 3, which was considered too large and will extend from east to west from the Hood river through by the Blagg place along the road by the E. H. Shepard place to the Belmont road, and out to the Stanley Smith place. District No. 11 is cut off of Nos. 6 and 8, and will extend along the top of the east range of hills from the Columbia river to the south county line and west to the hills along the east side road.

Road supervisors were appointed as follows: No. 1, Cascade Locks, Jay P. Lucas; No. 2, Viento, S. W. Curran; No. 3, Frankton, Warren Miller; No. 4, Barrett, Roy D. Smith; No. 5, Oak Grove, B. F. Endelman; No. 6, Plus Grove, Hans Lager; No. 7, Oakell, Thos. Lacey; No. 8, Mt. Hood, C. B. Jensen; No. 9, Mt. Hood, L. W. Tomlinson; No. 10, Fir, Melvin W. Jackson.

Dr. M. F. Shaw was re-appointed secretary and physician to the county board of health.

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

Governor Comer of Alabama, after reading Lord Byron's poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon," was so deeply impressed that he released 100 convicts. Arch Hoxsey succeeded in reaching the height of 11,474 feet in his aeroplane. Matthew McGrath, the New York policeman who shot George Walker, accused him of burglary, is champion sixteen pound hammer thrower of the world. Government agents may invade the private art galleries of J. Pierpont Morgan and confiscate art treasures bought from Duveen Bros., who are under indictment charged with having defrauded the customs service. Having started from San Francisco in his aeroplane, Captain Thomas Baldwin expects to fly around the world in about three years. The Northern Bank of New York and the Washington Savings bank closed their doors, and Joseph G. Robin, their controlling spirit, was arrested and took poison.