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"Cold Feet"

A decided note of pessimism seems to have crept into the minds of a small portion of Hood River residents who have become fearful for the continued prosperity of the valley.

There does not seem to be any well founded reason for this feeling, and as a matter of fact, from a correct view point there is none. We discover that this pessimistic note is largely confined to a speculative element rather than those who are in the apple raising business for a livelihood and whose intentions are to remain permanent residents of Hood River. As far as a large buying of fruitlands at boosted prices is concerned it looks as if this phase of "orcharding" had reached its limit and that operations in future will be confined to a more natural and purely business basis. This statement should not be construed to mean that a number of large and legitimate orchard development projects will not be successful. It should mean, however, that attempts to unload tracts of land that are not what they should be for fruit raising will cease and that the business of selling property for the commission or profit that may be made, regardless of its actual worth, has run its course. If the note of pessimism is occasioned by the absence of opportunities to engage in the practices just mentioned, instead of being cause for apprehension there is very cogent reason for renewed public confidence. The absence of speculation means a safe adjustment of land values and assures satisfaction to investors.

As to those who may have become disturbed over the apple marketing situation, there should be no cause for pessimism. For several years it has been known by those who have studied the situation that the conditions under which the fruit of the valley was being sold were not normal, and that it would require a larger output to determine what must be done in the future. The season of 1910 has to a large extent furnished the basis on which future methods will depend and there is no doubt but what the situation will be taken care of intelligently. The conditions this year that have pointed the way to the necessity for a readjustment have been far from disastrous. In fact, all things considered, the experience has been most fortunate and timely. Methods can now be adopted that should insure fixed results and the disadvantages that occurred this year avoided in future.

Notwithstanding the muttering of the croaker, the financial status of the valley was never in better condition than at the present time, bank deposits showing a substantial increase during the past three months, and the largest amount of cash is now in the local institutions in their history.

Outside of a general financial upheaval there should be, then, a continuance of prosperity, progress and development in both city and country. There is every reason for taking this view and it requires no prophetic power to say that in the comparatively near future the Hood River country will have attained a stage of progress and development that will cause the pessimist to look back on his gloomy forebodings as acute attacks of "cold feet."

One of the prominent captains of industry announces that "there are not enough \$10,000,000-a-year men in this country." Personally a good many men will agree with him.

The Red Cross Society

Distressing episodes like this of the plague and famine in China, says the Portland Telegram, bring to mind that suggestion made some time since, that there should be national appropriation for the American Red Cross Society. President Taft approved that suggestion, it was discussed in a sort of off-hand, half-hearted manner and then, so far as any one knows, was dismissed.

Conditions that now prevail in China, and the time that it takes to relieve those conditions by private appeal, make it manifest, as it has been manifested on several occasions, that it would be good sense and practical charity for a scheme to be worked out among civilized nations by which the Red Cross Society might be generously endowed.

The Red Cross Society always has some money at its disposal, but never enough to deal in a prompt manner, with an occasion of great distress like that which now obtains in China; and in such cases promptness is the essence of relief. The Red Cross Society is the one effective agent of charity which can best relieve distress in any quarter of the globe, and there should be no stint of Christian generosity in equipping it with the means of doing its good work most effectively.

If, with reference to the existing Chinese distress, for example, the Red Cross Society had had ample funds, food could have been sent to those starving people in abundance while the printer's ink was drying on the appeals made by the newspapers in this country. This is the sort of work which a Christian people must consider as worth doing well, and if well done, it must be done promptly.

We should hear more of this proposed national endowment for the Red Cross Society, and what we hear should be to good and effective purpose.

Pertinent and Impertinent

Miss Canada better wait till she's asked. To be an importer in New York, now, is to be suspected of being a smuggler.

Milwaukee soon is to have a convention of coroners. This does not mean that it is a dead town. It will require a modern card index system to keep track of Captain Hobson's Japanese war scares.

Trousers this spring and summer will be worn much longer than usual. Probably until late in the fall.

There are some 400,000 automobiles in use in this country. And yet there are not enough miles to go 'round.

Texas is already celebrating Onion Day, in anticipation, probably, of those reciprocity beef-steaks from Canada.

We venture to say that when Senator Lorimer made his impassioned defense Senator Tillman wept some more.

Large sums of money should not be carried in the pockets. It makes them bulge unbecomingly and is annoying to one's friends.

Massachusetts may raise a few dollars by a bachelor tax; but think of the enormous amount it could get by a tax on old maids.

Senator Aldrich says he has not been so well in years. Evidently it has done the senator a lot of good to get the tariff question off his mind.

The board of archbishops in England which has under consideration a revision of the Ten Commandments would please some people better by abolishing them altogether.

Moreover, ex-King Manuel ought not to kick as to the absent treatment accorded him by the Portuguese. Fifty thousand dollars per annum to stay away from home is a good, juicy plum all right.

It isn't necessary to work an electrical keyboard to see Captain Hobson perform. All that one has to do is to make a noise like a Japanese.

A Democrat was one of the most fervent, fast and furious defenders of an accused Republican senator. This reciprocity business seems to be spreading.

The question resolves itself into this: Is the Republican convention of 1912 going to be able to "point with pride" to the fact that it gave the country reciprocity with Canada.

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The Dunbars appear in Hood River, as the next number of the Lyceum Course, on the evening of April 1st, at 8 o'clock. Tickets for the Dunbars are now on sale.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

The election of officers of The League was held at the residence of Earl Bartmess, Wednesday, March 8th, at 3 o'clock p. m., with Mrs. Alma Howe as president, and resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. Alida Shoemaker; 1st vice president, Mrs. Sue Armstrong; 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. L. Upton; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Rigby. Executive committee, Mrs. M. Parkins, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Rigby.

The Chautauqua class was then assigned the following lesson: The geography of England and the history of the country to the middle of the fourteenth century; Social history of England; Twenty centuries of English history; Britain as the Romans found it and left it; History of Scotland; The Feudal system as introduced by the Normans; The Normans; Christianity in England; Alfred the Great; Henry II; Constable of the Tower.

The next meeting of the Chautauqua class will be at the residence of Mrs. Alida Shoemaker on Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. and the League meeting at the same place at 3 p. m.

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8.00	Hood River	4.00	
8.05	Powerdale	3.55	
8.15	Switchback	3.45	
8.35	VanHorn	3.15	
8.40	Mohrs	3.10	
8.55	Odell	3.00	
9.10	Summit	2.50	
9.20	Bloucher	2.45	
9.40	Winans	2.35	
9.45 Ar.	Dee	Lv. 2.30	
10.30 Lv.	Dee	Ar. 2.00	
10.40	Troutcreek	1.55	
11.00	Woodworth	1.35	
11.15 Ar.	Parkdale	Lv. 1.30	

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 At the Close of Business, March 7, 1911

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$501,740.06
Bonds and Warrants	18,385.37
Office Fixtures and Furniture	5,505.09
Cash on Hand and in Other Banks	217,223.91
	\$742,854.43

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
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