

## HOOD RIVER-UMATILLA POWER LINE

### Pacific Light & Power Company Perfect Plans for Greatest Extension of Electric Power Line in Oregon---Washington Also to Be Tapped With Cable Across Columbia Here and at Umatilla---Work To Be Started Immediately and Company Will Spend \$1,000,000 On Project

Guy W. Talbot, president of the Pacific Light and Power Company, announced at Hood River Friday the most sweeping extension of electric power lines that has yet taken place in Oregon. The extension also includes the largest territory in Washington that has so far been made tributary to electric power.

Mr. Talbot's announcement is in connection with the Hood River and The Dalles power plants, which have recently been taken over by the big company. The scope of the extension on the Oregon side of the Columbia river includes a high tension line from here to Umatilla, thence across the Columbia river and up the north bank to Kennewick, Wash. Mr. Talbot also states that in all probability a line will be constructed from Luzon, Wash., across the Horse Heaven country to connect with a main transmission line of the company at Prosser, Wash. Mr. Talbot says that the company has just completed its line from Priest Rapids, Wash., to Kennewick, and that when all these lines are completed, the company will have all of its water and steam electric plants tied into each other.

The first line will be commenced between Hood River and The Dalles, which the company has already authorized and which it is stated will be constructed just as soon as material and men can be gotten on the ground. The Hood River improvement includes a high tension cable, which will be stretched across the Columbia river between Hood River and White Salmon.

The Pacific Company has filed on the water power in the White Salmon river from its head to the Columbia river, and power from it will form a part of the big chain of electric powers which the company will operate. The plant at Hood River is to be increased from 600 to 3,000 horsepower, and the plant the company has on the White river above The Dalles will be developed into much larger capacity.

The extension from The Dalles to Umatilla will be constructed this summer, and the development of the

power along the White Salmon river is also scheduled to take place this year.

The big power obtained from the Hood river, White Salmon and White rivers and other territory covered by the project, it is stated will be used for any purpose that it is needed for, from electric railroads to supplying power for pumps for irrigation projects. The power lines will cover a distance of 200 miles on each side of the Columbia, extending back 30 miles in the Hood River and White Salmon valleys.

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on the line between Hood River and The Dalles, and operations will also include a wide circle about the Wasco county city. The lines will reach all the towns along the Columbia from Hood River to Umatilla, on the Oregon side, and eventually take in all those on the Washington side, with a double connection across the Columbia at Hood River and Umatilla. It is stated that the abundance of power will throw open an immense territory which can be irrigated by pumping systems, in addition to the other features of development, such as light and transportation.

## Kansas Globe Trotter Tells Story of Trip

### Gives Oregon People Place of Honor for Hospitality--- Says Scenery is Unsurpassed---Has Thrilling Experience in Blue Mountains

J. M. White of Fort Scott, Kan., who is on a pedestrian trip around the world arrived here Monday. Mr. White has had some thrilling experiences since he started out. In an interview with the News he said:

"My entrance to the great state of Oregon was in a blinding snow storm on Washington's birthday, when I took the train for the first time on my trip, and came into Huntington. Leaving there the next day I was sent seven miles off the road and had fourteen miles mountain climbing to do.

"My next adventure of importance was in the Blue mountains, near Gibbon, where I started to walk to Pendleton after a train ride from Meacham, the snow being so deep that I had to ride. Below Thorn Hollow I left the railroad, trying to go to the wagon road and getting a good wetting twice. At last I met an old squaw and after trying English in vain I used the Chinook with good effect, she then showing me a road over the mountains that shortened the way. The sun was getting low, but up the mountain I went, arriving on the summit too late to see the settlements below and with the moonlight and my thoughts for company I followed the fences until I found a way into the valley which must have been below Cayuse. Dragging my wet and weary limbs to an old house I shut the doors and lay there until daylight, when I

found the settlement and got a ride part way to Pendleton.

"My trip through the mountains the last three days has been a source of wonderful pleasure and the people have treated me with the greatest kindness. For fine scenery, good land, hospitable people, Oregon beats all the states I've traversed, passing through Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, and now I wish to spend two weeks in beautiful Portland and visit the seashore further on. Although very sick I will keep on until the book of useful knowledge I am compiling shall be launched upon the sea of public opinion.

"I shall give Oregon the place of honor. While I have not made the money here I have elsewhere, the goodwill and hospitality of the people have been a light to my path and strength to me when life seemed almost gone. I use no liquors, drugs or narcotics and have never had to violate the law, although sorely pressed by difficulties."

### Special Rates for Rose Festival

Special fares have been made by the railroads for travel to the Portland Rose Festival, June 5-10, a rate of one and one-third the usual tariffs for the round trip having been agreed upon by the various lines. Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia will get the benefit of these reduced fares.

## Heights Mass Meeting Would Amend Charter

### Push Club and Civic League Hear Address by Attorney A. J. Derby Who Advocates Electing Officers Now Appointive---Evans Offers Resolutions

A largely attended joint meeting of the Heights Civic Improvement League and Push Club was held Thursday evening at the Baptist church for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the city charter. J. T. Holman was selected as chairman of the meeting and N. C. Evans as secretary. Mr. Holman, after stating that the object of the meeting was to consider a proposal to amend the city charter, introduced A. J. Derby, who had been invited to address the meeting on the subject.

Mr. Derby stated among other things that the present charter had been drawn when the city numbered 300 inhabitants and that the population had now outgrown it. The matter of street improvements which are at present causing litigation were deemed unnecessary at the time the charter was adopted, but the city had developed to such an extent that conditions now demanded a new charter in keeping with more progressive ideas. Mr. Derby urged every citizen to procure a copy of the charter which could be obtained for 25 cents, and to make a careful study of the sections they thought ought to be amended.

He believed, he said, that one section of the charter that ought to be amended was that relating to city officers, which should provide for making the offices of city attorney, city surveyor and city marshal elective instead of appointive.

Mr. Derby explained that the present method of levying street assessments by the front foot, as the charter now stands is mandatory. This method, he said, had proven burdensome to some of the property owners

and should be changed to allow the council to levy assessments in accordance with the benefits derived by the property owners. Mr. Derby said the provision in the charter limiting its indebtedness to \$5000 should also be changed as this amount was too small for the city's needs. He reviewed the recent injunction suit in the federal court against the city at some length with the exception of the proceedings of the Keeler Bros. with the council. In concluding he earnestly urged that the citizens take action to amend the charter, asserting that it contained many things which hampered the progress of the city.

The chairman then extended an invitation to any others who had views on the matter to speak, and Attorney S. W. Stark, who was present, stated that the suit commenced by the property owners, for whom he is attorney, was not for the purpose of holding up street improvements, but for equitable relief from the present method of assessment.

A. C. Staten also addressed the meeting at some length, urging that action be taken by the committee looking to the amendment of the charter.

Resolutions were then offered by N. C. Evans, endorsing the action of the city council and containing suggestions for the amendment of the charter. Mr. Evans stated that while he had not written the resolutions, he had helped prepare them. Some difficulty was experienced in reading the resolutions, but after various corrections made by Mr. Evans they were finally presented to the meeting and read, and the gathering then adjourned.

## MEXICO LOOKS GOOD TO HOOD RIVER MEN

A. A. Jayne, who has been spending several months in Southern California and Mexico, arrived home Thursday and assures his friends that the great amount of publicity he received on account of the fear that he had been lost in our sister republic was needless. The belief that he and G. D. Woodworth, who accompanied him, were lost was occasioned by their going several hundred miles further into Mexico than they had anticipated, and the failure to get word to their families.

Mr. Jayne says that a rumor which seemed to be current during his absence that he was going to give up his law practice here is untrue and that he has no intention of doing so. He states that he is as much interested in Hood River and its welfare as ever and expects to continue his residence here and the practice of his profession.

Mr. Jayne and Mr. Woodworth were so impressed with the possibilities of agriculture in the section they visited that they invested in a good-sized tract there. The Hood River attorney says that large investments are being made in Mexico farm lands

by Americans, and that while there he met many who were investigating the climate, soil and other conditions. Among them was a party from the White Salmon valley.

In addition to being highly productive, the section which the local men were in, and which is near the sea coast, has an equable climate.

On his return, Thursday, Mr. Jayne was accompanied by his son, Maurice. Mrs. Jayne is expected to arrive here this week.

## HOOD RIVER TO HAVE AEROPLANE CONTEST

A. L. Crocker announces an amateur aeroplane meet, which will be held during the latter part of April. Six entries have so far been made and it is expected that there will be several others. A number of Hood River boys have shown decided genius in constructing aeroplane models and the meet is expected to be very interesting.

It will be held on the sand bar and the age limit for those who wish to enter has been fixed at twenty years. Prizes will be given and entries can be made with Mr. Crocker, who can be found at the Hotel Oregon.

## Celebrates New Life With Fine Banquet

### Merchants' Association Takes On New Life at Annual Gathering---Finances in Prosperous Condition And \$150 Donated to Fire Department

The annual banquet of the Hood River Merchants' Association, held Thursday evening, was successful in getting together again the local business men, and the organization was given renewed life and vigor.

Previous to attending the banquet, a business meeting of the association was held at the Commercial Club rooms, where the merchants assembled. President E. E. Brayford was in the chair, and J. M. Wood, the newly elected secretary, assumed charge of his duties.

At the business meeting the good of the association was discussed by a number of speakers, among whom were R. B. Bragg, C. H. Vaughan and E. O. Blanchar. It was stated by Mr. Bragg that residents of the valley had obtained a wrong idea of the organization, many of them thinking that it was for the purpose of raising prices, when such was not the case. Its purpose, originally, was to adjust unnecessary competition among business men and also for their protection against bad accounts. It had, in addition, taken up matters for the benefit of the community that were thought to come under its province. He believed that the association should be kept in existence for the good of the business men and the community at large.

Mr. Vaughan, ex-president of the association, said that so little interest had been shown in attending the meetings of the organization during the latter part of 1910 that it seemed as if it would be impossible to carry it on. After three attempts, however, enough members had been gotten together to elect a new set of officers, and new interest, he thought, would now carry it along successfully. Owing to the fact that most of the business men had joined the Western Protective Association, which had branches in all the towns throughout the state, the local organization had decided to drop the protective feature and allow the general association, which was more effective, to take charge of that work.

Mr. Blanchar, in his remarks, said that the good showing made by the members in attending the banquet satisfied him that they were in favor of continuing the work, and he believed they ought to. He thought that the association would be able to accomplish good work, particularly along lines that could not be handled otherwise. Personally, he said he was willing to do anything in his power to help maintain the organization and make it the success in the future that it had been in the past.

It was then suggested by J. M. Wood that inasmuch as the association had \$265 in the treasury, more money than it really needed to carry on its work, that the dues be suspended from December 1, 1910, to March 1, 1911. This met with favor and further action was taken, stating that delinquents be notified and those who did not pay up back dues be dropped. A motion also prevailed providing that any member in arrears three months be deemed delinquent.

A communication from the Hood River Fire Department was read, at the request of W. B. McGuire, asking the association to appropriate \$150 from its fund for the purchase of an additional hose cart, as it now had 800 feet of hose which could not be used except by being taken to a fire in a dray. On motion of L. N. Blowers, the money was quickly voted.

The assemblage then marched to the Mt. Hood hotel, where it entered the banquet room to the music of the Mandolin Club, which played throughout the festivity. The menu was the most elaborate ever furnished at a local banquet, being served in many courses, all of which were excellent.

When cigars were lighted, President Brayford, as toastmaster, made a strong plea for energetic action and harmony throughout the year, stating that since Hood River had the reputation of having the best local association in the state, it should continue to live up to its reputation. It was handed together, he said, for good, not oppression.

A. J. Graham was next called on by the toastmaster, followed by Ex-Mayor McDonald. The latter was introduced as the man who could make a speech. Mr. McDonald said

that the statement was a mistake. He wished to say, however, that he had been interested in the association from its start and knew that it had accomplished much good and could accomplish still more in the future.

Councilman Henry Howe, the next talker, gave an interesting talk on the development of the mercantile business in Hood River, saying that he believed he was the first clerk in a store here, having acted in this capacity for E. L. Smith thirty years ago, when the stock was limited to a barrel of sugar, a side of bacon and some flour, in a room about 10x12. Goods were brought up from Portland on the boat and landed on the sandbar. Since then many changes had taken place and we had, he said, reached the day of organization in every line. Therefore he believed a good, strong organization of business men at Hood River was not only desirable, but necessary, and he was satisfied it could be had by everybody putting their shoulder to the wheel.

Dr. E. O. Dutro, in answer to the toastmaster, made a few amusing and interesting remarks, saying that he was satisfied that a professional man could not make a business address to business men. He wound up by telling the story of a Jew who had appendicitis and who was asked by another Jew, when told that his appendix had to be removed, why he hadn't put it in his wife's name.

E. O. Blanchar responded to the toastmaster's call and again urged the members to build up a strong association and maintain it.

The next response was made by J. R. Hargreaves, pastor of the Baptist church, who made an eloquent talk. Hargreaves' point was that this was a business age, in which men were being educated in the higher institutions for a business life. Business, he said, was on a much higher moral plane now than in years gone by, and the business man was much more greatly concerned in doing good. He thought Hood River was to be congratulated on its high type of business men, whom he found ever ready to help in good works; but he believed that still greater good could be accomplished by harmony and a union of interests between the hill section of the city and the downtown section. It seemed now, he said, as if there were two cities when there should be but one. The interests of all were identical. The discussion that had arisen over the water trouble ought to be done away with. What we needed, he thought, was more water on the hill and less gas below it, and complete harmony of business and other interests.

The concluding talk was made by C. H. Vaughan, who said he had little to add to his former remarks other than that he thought the slogan for the association should be "Harmony and Push," with push spelled in capital letters.

HOOD RIVER P. O. FIRST TO CLOSE ON SUNDAY

The Hood River postoffice was closed for general delivery and at the carriers' windows for the first time in its history Sunday, and apparently with no inconvenience. Patrons had been notified to some extent by a notice posted on the door and also by rural carriers.

The office will be open as usual for those having boxes and for the posting of letters. The closing of the office is due to the instructions from the postoffice department and Hood River has the distinction of being the first in the state to close on Sunday.

## HOOD RIVER NOW HAS MODERN HORSE HOSPITAL

While few Hood River people are aware of the fact, it now has a horse hospital as thoroughly equipped to treat equines as are those for human beings. The new veterinary hospital is located at the corner of Sherman avenue and 12th street and is owned by Dr. E. E. Jackson, a graduate veterinarian, who recently came to Hood River, but who is already doing a big business. It is said by those who have had horse patients treated by Dr. Jackson, that he is a very successful practitioner and cures his patients.

## WORK STARTED ON HUGE STABLE

Work was commenced on the foundation of the new stable for the Fashion Livery Co. at the head of Oak street last week, and from all appearances the building will be a whopper.

While the structure will be of wood the foundations are being laid in concrete. The building will be three stories high with a rear entrance on the basement floor. It will have a wide frontage on Oak street in which the main entrance and offices will be situated. The carriage room will be on the first floor off Oak street and the stables underneath with a warehouse in the basement.

When completed the stable will be one of the largest in the state and will be equipped with modern conveniences for an establishment of this kind. It is expected that it will be completed by May 15th.

## CONTRACT LET FOR REFRIGERATING MACHINE

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union bids on the new refrigerating machine, which the union will install, were opened and Bell & Wildman of Portland were granted the contract. The new machine will be of 50 tons capacity and increase the storage capacity almost four times. The building will not be enlarged this year unless the apple crop proves to be a record one.

## Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



## News Snapshots Of the Week

Serious illness of President Diaz has been ready to protect American interests. Warships also have been ordered to Texas waters, the armored cruiser Washington being one of the favored few.

Joseph W. Bailey of Texas resigned from the United States senate in a huff. A few hours later he withdrew resignation. President Taft appointed Walter L. Fisher, Chicago lawyer, to succeed Richard A. Ballinger, who resigned as secretary of the interior. Premier Monis of France, who succeeded Briand, is meeting with much opposition by the Republicans. Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, refused to accept presidency of the Missouri Pacific. Owing to rumors of Diaz the United States government dispatched 20,000 troops under command of Major General Carter to the Mexican frontier ostensibly to be ready to protect American interests. Warships also have been ordered to Texas waters, the armored cruiser Washington being one of the favored few.