

Improvements to City Kept On the Move

Council and Citizens Join in Improving Streets, Constructing Sewers and Planning More Beautiful City--State and 12th Streets to Be Oiled and Dressed--Sewers and Park Planned.

Progressive improvements were again the keynote of the city council's regular meeting Monday night, with an apparent inclination on the part of the citizens to aid in the work.

In line with this, ordinances were brought in providing for the oiling, top dressing and rolling of both State and 12th streets, the cost to be assessed to the abutting property holders.

The Woman's Club, which never loses an opportunity to start a progressive movement to beautify the city, received the support of the council in a request to make the ground at the head of Ninth street into a city park, and the street committee was authorized to confer with a committee from the club, with this end in view.

A remonstrance was received from Horace Dietz, M. H. Sharp and Frank Parker against paying their assessment for improvements on State street, their communications stating that the contractor, W. G. Aldred,

IN SAVING BUNDLE OLD MAN IS KILLED

By refusing to take chances on losing a small bundle of personal belongings, a man whose name is supposed to be Bato Sengulnette, an Italian, lost his life Sunday morning on the O. W. R. & N. track three miles east of Hood River.

Sengulnette, who was on a trestle when a westbound freight train came in sight, stepped down off the track onto one of the stringers. In doing so he left his bundle on the track, and in reaching over to get it was struck in the head by the pilot of the engine. His body fell 40 feet to the ground and when he was picked up by the train crew he was dead.

The body was brought to Hood River in charge of Coroner Edgington, who made an investigation. Papers were found showing that he owned property in Lewis county, Wash., but only eight cents in money. A cheap watch was found which had stopped at 8:20, about the time he was killed.

A coroner's jury empaneled exonerated the railroad company from responsibility for the accident. The dead man was identified as having been here Saturday looking for work, and was apparently about 65 years old. He is said to have been quite feeble.

Efforts are being made to locate his relatives or friends at Winlock, Wash., where he is supposed to have property.

MORRISON RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

In a high wind Wednesday afternoon the residence of Jack Morrison caught on fire and was totally destroyed. Although the firemen responded promptly, the fire had made disastrous progress before they reached the building, and as there were no hydrants in the vicinity, and very poor water pressure, nothing could be done to save the burning residence.

It is stated that the first intimation that Mr. Morrison and his wife, who were in the house, had that it was on fire was when they heard the crackling of the flames. The origin of the fire is said to have been a defective flue.

With the exception of a stove and one or two other articles, the furniture and other contents of the building were saved.

Mr. Morrison had just completed about \$400 worth of improvement on the property and estimates his loss at \$1500, about one-fourth of which is covered by insurance.

had failed to comply with the requirements of the specifications in regard to gutters and other matters. The communications were referred to the street committee for investigation.

The fire and water committee, which has been investigating the safety of buildings in the event of fire, stated that the matter was a serious one and asked that the street committee be added to assist in the work. The request was granted.

A discussion in regard to the boundary of State street, which has never been dedicated to the city from East Second to the Hood River bridge, was settled by the announcement of Councilman Early that the

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OFFICERS CONFISCATE BIG CACHE SALMON

Seven tons of illegally caught salmon were confiscated Wednesday by S. L. Rathbun, deputy state fish commissioner, in a refrigerator cache recently constructed in a cave in the mountains along the Columbia River between Cascade Locks and Bonneville, and supplied with ice intended to maintain them fresh until the opening of the season Monday.

The confiscation was taking place just as the County Judge Culbertson and Commissioners Rhoades and McCurdy were following out the lines of the old county road in the west end of the county with a view to having it reconstructed and they were invited by the fish warden to view the find.

The unlawfully caught fish were taken to Portland and distributed among the various charitable institutions there. A number of nets were also secured by the officers and the state police boats Patrol and Traveler are being used by the officers in their efforts to apprehend the guilty ones.

The same day a big seine was picked up near The Dalles. It was so heavy with imprisoned fish that it could hardly be raised from the water. Individual fishermen it is claimed have been out nearly every night and a large number of fish have been caught out of season.

BUSINESS MEN PLAN CELEBRATION JULY 4TH

At the meeting of the Business Men's Association held Tuesday night, the good of the order was discussed and the members listened to a paper prepared for the occasion by D. McDonald.

The association is planning to have a Fourth of July celebration. D. McDonald, J. W. Perigo and Carl H. Vaughan have been appointed as a committee to confer with the merchants and discuss the matter with the Commercial Club. The celebration is to be strictly sane, all forms of fireworks being prohibited by city ordinance.

INDICATIONS GOOD FOR FRUIT CROP

Bumper Crop of Apples of Last Year Will Not Be Reached, But Yield Will Be Normal for Off Year--Strawberries Estimated for Good Yield, Cherries Light and Peaches Will Cut Little Figure--Pear Crop Gives Evidence of Large Yield--Little Damage From Frost.

The blossoming period during the past week has given growers and fruitmen an opportunity to estimate on the prospects of this year's fruit crops and indications now point to about a normal yield for the off year.

Small fruits have been hurt a little by frost but no damage has been done to apples. The small peach crop at Hood River, however, was about exterminated by the cold nights of two weeks ago.

Information obtained by the Davidson Fruit Company and by the Apple Growers' Union give about the same estimates for this year's crops although the former places it a little higher.

H. F. Davidson who has been over the valley pretty carefully, says:

"I look for about 90 per cent of the crop of apples shipped from here last year. Statements that we would have as many apples this year as last can not be borne out in an examination of the orchards. In most all cases the old trees that bore heavy last year show exceedingly light promise so far this year. On the other hand I have noticed that in a number of orchards the young trees will bear a year earlier than they did last and also that a lot of young trees that had a good crop on in 1910 show promise of a very heavy yield this season."

"I believe strawberries will show a bigger crop this year than last when

about 75 cars were shipped from Hood River. The plants are looking fine now. Cherries will be a very light crop. Peaches were hit by frost and the crop here, which cuts but little figure, will be even lighter than usual. Pears however show up exceedingly well and there should be a much larger yield than last year.

"Frost did no damage to apples. The falling off in the crop is simply due to the normal procession of crops, a light one following a big one. I estimate that 1200 cars of all kinds of fruit was shipped from here last year, 1,000 cars of apples, 200 of other fruits. Roughly estimating, I look for about 60 per cent of this shipment on all fruits to be the yield here this season."

C. H. Sprout manager of the Apple Growers' Union, makes a little different basis of estimate. Mr. Sprout says:

"My information so far leads me to believe that Hood River will ship this year about 50 per cent of a normal crop of apples, that is taking the crop from year to year. Some trees have an extraordinary large yield promised while others are very light. The big yield, however, is on young trees with few exceptions. Of course there will be more orchards coming into bearing, but I do not think that this will much more than offset the light yield on old orchards. This is only a rough

and early estimate however and it will be possible to tell more definitely in a week or two.

"The strawberry crop, as far as I can see, should be less this year than last. I believe the acreage is smaller, particularly in the Oak Grove district, where the orchard business has been gone into more extensively and growers have grubbed out the plants. From 80 to 85 per cent of the amount of berries shipped last year is what I look for. The early berry blossoms were a little touched by the frost, and this, I believe, will cut down the crop some. Cherries will be very light, and peaches almost no crop commercially. I look for a cherry crop of 40 to 50 per cent."

"The strawberry crop I estimate to be ten days later than last year, when it was the earliest in the history of the business. The first car of berries was shipped out last year on the 17th of May. There is no prospect of such an early shipment this season. Indications point to berries of good quality, although some good rains would help along the crop wonderfully."

The board of directors of the union has reduced the price of handling strawberries to 12 cents per crate from 12 1/2 cents. The directors have also decided to make a reduction, for union stockholders, in the price of arsenate of lead, selling it for 10 cents per pound, where 100-pound kegs are taken, and giving a discount of 5 per cent on cash orders.

SPROUT ELECTED MANAGER AGAIN

The reorganization of the management of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union was fully completed Saturday, when C. H. Sprout was unanimously elected manager for the season of 1911-1912. The board of directors adopted a new plan in voting on matters that will come before it in future, the vote of each member now being by roll call, and recorded. A full board was present Saturday and Mr. Sprout received the full vote and a substantial increase in salary.

At a recent meeting of the directors, G. W. McCurdy was re-elected president and Mr. Sprout again chosen as secretary for the ensuing year. E. H. Shepard was elected vice-president and treasurer. At the meeting Saturday the board took up the matter of creating a sales department and force for handling the 1911 crop. The matter is receiving the careful attention of the directors, but as yet no definite action has been taken.

AGITATE NEW PASTOR FOR ASBURY CHURCH

Considerable stir in church circles is being caused at Hood River, according to the Portland Journal, by an effort that is being made by several prominent members of Asbury Methodist church to secure the services of Rev. E. L. House, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland, Oregon, now pastor of a large and wealthy Congregational church at Spokane. Dr. House owns a fruit farm in the Hood River Valley, and it is understood several of the influential members of the Methodist church are making a hard effort to locate the Spokane pastor in this city. The annual conference of the Methodist church convenes in September, at which time changes are regularly made in the several pastorates.

It is also stated that Rev. E. O. McOmber, the present pastor, has many supporters and that a petition which has been circulated to secure the retention of his services here has been signed by a large percentage of the members of the church.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE SHOWS INCREASED RECEIPTS

The business of the County Clerk's office shows a decided increase for the month of April, 1911, over that of last year, both in the number of instruments recorded and in fees. The receipts from miscellaneous sources shows the largest increase having been \$80 more than for April 1910. The increase in the miscellaneous receipts does not include the money from fishing and hunting licenses.

Liverpool Fruitman Talks on English Market

Walter J. Bellis, President Liverpool Fruit Merchants Association, Visits Hood River and Gives News Interesting Interview--Says Hood River Newtown Is Supreme and Wants Shipments.

Walter J. Bellis, a large fruit handler, member of the firm of Bellis & Meek, and prominent resident of Liverpool, England, was here Thursday. Mr. Bellis was accompanied by W. S. Chantrell also of Liverpool, who is making a tour of America for pleasure. Both gentlemen are members of the Town Council of Wallasey, a new borough across the river from Liverpool, and Mr. Bellis is also justice of the peace for his district. A third member of the party was F. O. Highn an extensive apple grower, whose holdings are located at Santa Cruz, Calif. For several years Bellis & Meek have purchased the entire crop grown by Mr. Highn, which is of the Yellow Newtown variety and have made a

big success in selling it. And by the way Mr. Highn grows some apples, having shipped the small dab of 60 cars this year, which netted him \$1 per box. In all he has 300 acres in bearing and will develop 1,000 more. Mr. Highn joined the natives of Britain at Santa Cruz. The former had traveled over 8,000 miles by the time they reached Hood River and expected to cover almost as much more on the way home.

The object of Mr. Bellis' visit here was to secure additional shipments of Newtowns having secured a greater demand than could be furnished by the California grower. While here they were guests of C. H. Sprout in an automobile ride around the country and also had a long interview with E. H. Shepard. They were much pleased with their visit here and also the country.

As president of the Liverpool Fruit Merchants Association and member of its board of arbitration Mr. Bellis is in close touch with the fruit business in England's great seaport town. In an interesting talk with the News man he paid a high tribute to the Hood River apple, saying that no Newtown grown could touch it and that it was so considered in England.

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WHITE RIVER POWER FOR HOOD RIVER

The White River Power plant, which supplies electric power and light to both The Dalles and Dufur, over a transmission line 35 miles in length, and which is shortly to be connected with the Hood River plant, is located at the falls of the White river south and a little east of The Dalles, and two miles above the White's confluence with the Deschutes river. The river where the plant is located plunges over two falls, giving a total drop of 147 feet.

One of the characteristics of the White river is the immense amount of sand which is being continuously washed out and brought down stream from the territory drained by it.

The equipment of the plant at the falls when it was taken over by the Pacific Power & Light Company in July, 1910, consisted of a concrete dam 350 feet long, a settling basin, a pipe line 1000 feet in length leading to the power plant at the foot of the falls, two 500 kilowatt impulse water wheels directly connected to alternating current generators, a transformer house and equipment, and a masonry power house.

The first thing which the new company did was to construct a new line of wood pipe five feet in diameter from the old intake to a point in a ravine about 500 feet from the old dam, where a new concrete dam has been built 30 feet in height and 170 feet long, to form in this ravine a second settling basin. From this basin a new line of pipe was built which leads down the hill to the power house, 300 feet of the pipe being of wood and 150 feet of steel.

At the power house the old water wheels were dismantled and two new 1100-horse power turbine wheels were installed.

One of these wheels has been in operation since last November and the other has just been installed, and will be in operation in a few days.

Much work yet remains to be done before the plant will be brought to its fullest capacity. A third unit will be installed, which will be of 1200 kilowatts power, a new transformer house will be built and new equipment installed, and other improvements will be made in and around the power house.

The construction work at White river is in charge of Engineer J. J. O'Connell.

BEGIN WORK ON POWER LINE IMPROVEMENT

The improvement and development work planned by the Pacific Power & Light Company for this vicinity was begun here Wednesday. Chief Construction Foreman H. F. Lough is here with a crew of 60 laborers and several carloads of material, and a camp has been established a short distance west of town.

Immediately after making the necessary overhauling of the local power plant, the stretching of the high-power line between here and The Dalles will begin.

Engagement Announced

At a very enjoyable evening given the J. U. G. girls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Orr April 20th the engagement of Miss Fay Orr and Albert Lathrop of the firm of Morlan & Lathrop was announced. Mr. Lathrop and his bride to be were warmly congratulated.

J. P. NEWELL BOOSTS COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

J. P. Newell, the well known civil engineer of Portland, who was one of the first to investigate the practicability of the Columbia river highway from an engineering standpoint, is a warm advocate of the road.

Mr. Newell believes that the recommendations contained in the reviewer's report submitted to the Multnomah county court, are commendable and should be followed out in time. Instead of having a 20-foot road all the way, however, he believes it would be practicable at first to build 10-foot or 12-foot roads at points where it is necessary to cut through the hillsides. At those places the road could be widened later, when more money was available for such purposes.

It will not be necessary for Hood River county to spend over \$40,000 to put that end of the road in shape, according to Mr. Newell's estimates. He says that the most costly work in Hood River county would be to cut down the steep hills at Ruthton and at Mitchell's Point. The other points of the road between Hood River and the Multnomah county line could be constructed at nominal cost.

"It is of great importance to the people of Hood River county and other counties east of the Cascade mountains, as well as to the people on this side, to have this road built and opened as soon as possible," said Mr. Newell. "It will make one of the most scenic highways in the world, and it will become the mecca for tourists. Besides, it will be valuable as a business artery between Eastern and western Oregon."

SPOKANE APPLE SHOW TO BE MOVED EAST

The National Apple Show, for three years the exclusive property of Spokane, will go to the East for 1911.

St. Paul, Chicago, Philadelphia or Boston--one of those cities probably will be awarded the Fourth National Apple Show to be held next Fall. All these cities following the 1910 show, became contenders for staging the First National Fruit Show to be held in the East.

Upon the visit of Howard Elliott, president of the National Apple Show and of the Northern Pacific Company to that city Sunday, plans for the 1911 show were made after a conference with local officials.

Harry J. Neely, second vice-president of the National Apple Show said today: "Largely on account of the wider advertising to be gained in the East it has been decided that the show will be held in some Eastern city this year. Spokane will not abandon the National Apple Show permanently. We will endeavor to show the East what we can produce and what we can show in competition. The show in any instance will be held under the auspices of the National Apple Show trustees."

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

The death of several citizens of Douglas, Ariz., as the result of wounds received while watching the battle between the Mexican rebels and federals at Agua Prieta caused Governor Sloan to ask the president for protection. Fire Chief Croker of New York has resigned to open a bureau of fire prevention through which he hopes to reduce the enormous annual fire losses in the United States. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott was re-elected president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, defeating her opponent. Mrs. William C. Story. David J. Hill has resigned as ambassador to Germany, the resignation taking effect July 1. The choir and memorial chapels of St. John the Divine, in New York, which when completed will be the fourth largest cathedral in the world, were consecrated. The Seventh New York regiment's survivors celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their going to war in 1861 with a street parade and a dinner.