

Ortley, Biggest Orchard Tract, and New Town

Twenty-six Hundred Acres Being Developed by Hood River Orchard Land Co., Near Mosier--Three Hundred Acres Planted and 165 Sold--Townsite Will Be Placed in Center.

While few know it, the largest single orchard tract in the Mid-Columbia, Oregon, section is being developed within 12 miles of Hood River, 800 acres of which has already been cleared, 300 planted and 165 acres sold.

department to establish a post office there. For the city man who desires a home in the country that will not only be attractive but an income producer as well, Ortley should appeal strongly.

INVESTED \$30,000 IN LYLE TOWNSITE

A party of fifteen Hood River men, accompanied by J. G. Rainey and A. P. Fleming, went to Lyle Sunday to investigate the opening of the new townsite there.

The party from here crossed the river to Underwood and took the special train which Kessy, Humason & Jeffery, the real estate firm which is handling the property, ran out of Portland.

MT. HOOD SMOKING AGAIN

The annual smoke story about Mt. Hood has appeared. This time it is in the Portland Evening Telegram and is as follows: "Mount Hood is 'smoking' again.

"About twice a year, the phenomenon is visible from Portland in spite of the fact the hoary old sentinel of the Cascades is nearly 70 miles away.

"Several persons noticed the strange spectacle of 'smoke' pouring and rolling off the top of the glistening peaks very volcano-like this forenoon during the brief period when the clouds rolled away, exposing its crest.

"The 'smoke' is nothing but heavy snow clouds or furrles caused by the fierce gales that blow in those altitudes at certain periods of the year. The extreme cold on the mountain top together with the prevailing winds powder the snow into a fine meal-like dust, and when the wind gets brisk enough it picks up great clouds of it, making it appear like creamy-white smoke from this distance.

HOUSE SAYS HE WAS NOT OFFERED PASTORATE HERE

In an interview with a Spokane paper Dr. E. L. House, who is reported to be considering an offer to take the pastorate of the Methodist Church says: "I still have the proffered presidency of Spokane college under consideration, and till that is settled am not looking about for any new pastorate."

Opened New Confectionery Store Geo. Ertle, proprietor of the Model Bakery, has opened a confectionery store in connection with his bake shop. A new soda fountain and tables have been installed, and the place entirely refitted.

Interesting Story of Upper Valley

A very well written and interesting story of the development of the Upper Valley appeared in the Oregonian Sunday. The story gives a graphic account of the country and its enterprising citizens. In part it is as follows: "Within the past five years, after the Lower Hood River Valley was practically turned into an enormous orchard, a few men, becoming better acquainted with and attracted by the soil, which has the same characteristics of that of the lower region, have cleared about 1500 acres of the Upper Valley and set them in commercial orchards.

"The local boosters, organized as the Upper Hood River Progressive Association, hold frequent meetings and have done much toward pushing the work of development. The enthusiastic officers of the organization seem to have very good grounds for their assertions that their section, in a few years, will be furnishing as many of the apples, that have made Hood River a name familiar the world over, as will be grown in the area between them and the Columbia where the great bearing orchards of Hood River now are.

"The proximity to the glaciers, with the resultant cool nights, lends a longer keeping quality to the fruit, which is particularly noticeable in the fall varieties, which become winter apples when grown in the upper country. Gravenstems from the London and Powers ranch in this section, won the first prize at the Portland show last fall. This variety is generally clear of the market and forgotten by Thanksgiving time, but the Gravenstems of the Upper Hood River Valley were held and marketed as late as February this year. In other respects the fruit is identical with that which has made Hood River famous.

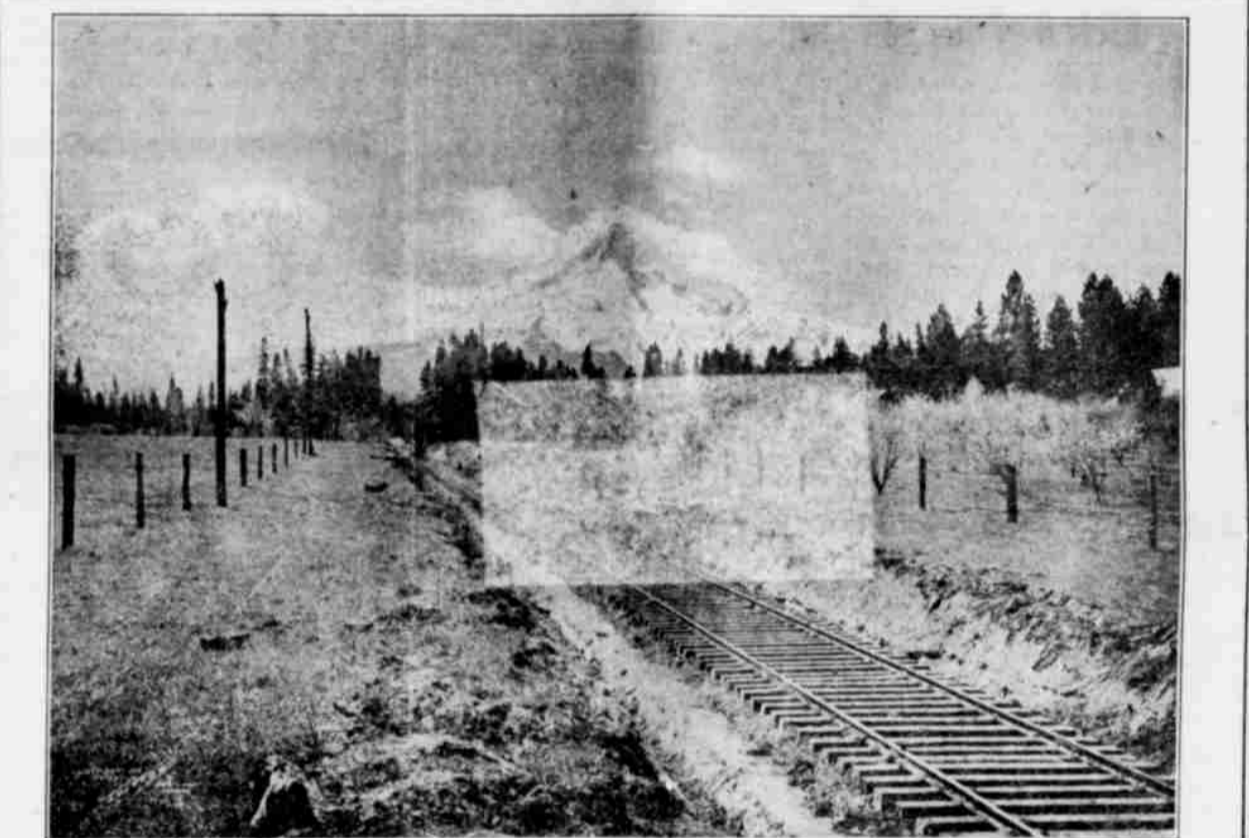
Harmonious Meeting

Modern Woodmen

Fifth Triennial State Camp Held Here Last Week Most Successful in History of Organization--Visitors Highly Pleased With Entertainment--Officers and Delegates Elected.

The fifth triennial state camp of the Oregon Modern Woodmen of America held here last week came to a successful conclusion Wednesday evening when 40 candidates were added to the local lodge. Several hundred delegates and visiting members were present and the meeting is said to have been the most harmonious in the history of the State organization.

proval that they were almost stormed as they marched from the hall singing the chorus of their concluding skit. The program Tuesday evening was wound up by an elaborate banquet for members and candidates at Odd Fellows' hall.



SCENE FROM RAILROAD NEAR PARKDALE Section of Upper Valley in Which Big Development Is Now Taking Place

BOUGHT 25 ACRES IN UPPER VALLEY

C. D. Brunn, of Portland, has sold to Knapp & Wisdom 25 acres in the Upper Hood River Valley, retaining 40 acres which he intends to make his future country home. The tract brought by Knapp & Wisdom is all fine rolling land and there is a knoll that can readily be utilized. One-half of the 25 acres is planted to commercial varieties of apples two to four years old.

First Hood River Roses

W. F. Laraway claims the distinction of having the first Hood River roses in bloom, grown outside, and exhibited them to the News man the second day of May. The roses were grown in front of Mr. Laraway's home on Front street, and are of the Marshal Niel variety.

BUD CASHEN MISSING RETURNS TO HOOD RIVER

"Bud" Cashen, who had been reported missing from Hood River for several days, and who it was feared had met with a serious accident, as no trace of him could be found, turned up in The Dalles Thursday, having driven the car from Shaniko that day.

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week Through the efforts of William J. Burns, former government detective, John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers; his brother, J. W. McNamara, and Ortie E. McManigal have been arrested, charged with complicity in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building last October.

CONTRACT LET FOR MACADAM ROAD

After considering a number of bids and figuring what it would cost the county to build extensions to the macadam roads in the valley, the county court Wednesday awarded two contracts for four miles of road. The contract for the east side work was awarded to the W. G. Aldred Company. Senton & Smith were given the work on the west side. The cost of the additional road under the contract will be about \$5,000 a mile. This is considerable cheaper than the first road was built, owing to the fact that the county now has the necessary machinery and other outfit.

ACTIVE WEEK IN ORCHARD LANDS

Orchard lands moved more lively last week than for some time. A number of desirable properties changed hands. W. S. Nichol reports the sale of 12 1/2 acres of the Baker & Harding tract recently sold to Mr. Lindig, which was bought by W. S. Farris for \$12,900.

The greatest activity is reported by the Hood River Realty Company, which sold a number of places, the total amount involved reaching over \$30,000. Through this company, C. D. Hollenback, an Iowa man bought ten acres from E. A. Franz, and C. L. Rogers disposed of ten acres to R. A. McClantham, a Buffalo man.

Another Buffalo man bought five acres from Robt. Chapman and Lawrence Dornbecker, of Dallas, bought a 35 acre tract from M. H. Nielsen. Another sale was two and a half acres belonging to E. A. Franz and C. D. Nielsen.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR TEACHER ORCHARDISTS F. R. Brydle, it is said, is making arrangements to build a novel clubhouse on his 80-acre orchard in Duke's Valley. Mr. Brydle, while in the East during the past Winter made sales of his apple land to a number of teachers on the unit system. It is stated the teachers were unable to purchase individual tracts and build on them. However, many of them desiring to spend the Summer vacation here, the clubhouse will be built to accommodate them.