

### WANTS HOOD RIVER MORE BEAUTIFUL

Always interested in anything for the improvement of Hood River Valley, E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, is now advocating the beautifying of the grounds around the country homes in the valley. Mr. Shepard, believing in what he advocates, commenced to do this several years ago about his own premises.

In a recent number of Better Fruit, which, by the way, was devoted to this sort of thing and was one of the handsomest numbers of this publication ever gotten out, many illustrations of the beautiful effect of flowers planted around homes are given. As Mr. Shepard says, a few rose bushes and vines cost but little and add several hundred per cent to the attractiveness of a country home. Not only this, they have a refining influence. From a commercial point of view, the home with its little flower garden or vine-covered porch is more potent many times to the eye of a prospective purchaser than advantages of another and more expensive kind.

As this is the season for planting, why not join in the campaign to make Hood River even more beautiful by planting a few flowers around your home?

### IT FELL FLAT

The Boom for Concrete Pavement in Albany had Nothing behind It

Albany, Oregon, May (Special)—The pavement scare in Albany is over. Four or five years ago Albany adopted bitulithic with which to pave her streets, and has been using it generally ever since, with the result that several miles of this pavement are in use here. No expressions of dissatisfaction or complaint had been heard until this year when some one started the cry that "Concrete pavement is better."

Finally, to settle the matter definitely and make sure that bitulithic pavement is the right one, the Council sent a committee on a trip of investigation.

Among the cities visited by this committee was Salem. Speaking of their visit there the Statesman says:

"It is evident the city fathers of Albany are determined to give their city the best there is for the money in the line of paving. The visitors expressed themselves as delighted with the Capital City's bitulithic streets and commended the rapidity with which the city is making street improvements. The party left for Portland in the afternoon."

The party arrived home last evening on the 9:45 train. They made a trip of about forty miles in automobiles over the city of Portland and likewise over Salem and two or three other towns which they visited. The writer talked with each of the

### EXAMINATION FOR U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Hon. A. W. Lafferty congressman from this district telegraphs the News that a competitive examination for the position of midshipman in the United States Navy will be held in Portland August 27th, and that the Hood River students will be eligible. Mr. Lafferty's dispatch is as follows:

Hood River News, Hood River, Ore.,

A preliminary competitive physical and mental examination will be held at nine o'clock on the morning of Saturday, May twenty seventh, at the Lincoln school in Portland, Ore., under direction of Superintendent of Schools Frank Bigler, for the purpose of securing eligibles for candidates as principal and first, second and third alternates for nomination by Congressman A. W. Lafferty for appointment as midshipman in the Navy of the United States. Mr. Lafferty's recommendations will be based upon the applicants making the highest general averages at this examination. Candidates who are recommended by Mr. Lafferty must report for final examination at the Naval Academy on June 29, 1911.

R. L. Merrick, Secretary.

### Axle Grease for Rabbits

During the past few months, says the Wenatchee Republic, a number of suggestions have been offered as to the methods of protecting young trees from rabbits. In a recent letter Herbert A. Horton, of Oregon, speaks of using axle grease to protect young trees, and says:

"I did 600 acres last summer and it was amusing to watch the rabbits on moonlight nights. They would wrinkle their noses; scratch them with a hind foot and move on to the next tree, but there would be 'nothing doing' on the gnaw."

Mr. Horton's method was to take common axle grease, such as is obtained in tin boxes. Put on a pair of cotton gloves, such as can be bought for 5 or 10 cents per pair. Smear a liberal amount of the grease in the palm of the gloved hand, grasp the butt of the tree and pull up. This puts a thin coating of the grease all over the trunk of the tree, and while somewhat of a tedious job, the rains will not wash the material off, and the smell is objectionable to the rabbits.

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gentlemen and without exception the members of this committee have returned home fully satisfied that Albany has been and is now using the best pavement.

They unqualifiedly resented the movement that was started this Spring in favor of Concrete, which movement was the cause of their having to take this trip. Their findings against the concrete were conclusive.

### JOHNSON BLOCK SELLS FOR \$22,000

A large deal for city property here was closed Friday, when D. D. Clapp bought from J. R. Johnson the business block at the corner of Oak and Third streets, for \$22,000.

Mr. Johnson took as part payment the eight-acre ranch of Mr. Clapp, located in the Belmont district, which he valued at \$13,000, and he will move to the country and make his home on the orchard land.

Mr. Johnson purchased the block last year from F. E. Jackson for \$16,000. He completely overhauled the office and apartment building on the property this Spring.

### MOSIER

Bishop Paddock delivered a very eloquent sermon Sunday in the Baptist church.

G. R. Wood is having an addition put on his house. R. Hardwick is doing the work.

Master Billy Booth came up from Portland Saturday to visit with his sister, Bertha, and meet old schoolmates.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and children spent several days with relatives in The Dalles last week, returning home Friday.

P. L. Kretzer, of The Dalles, has just finished boring a well for E. Jacobson that is nearly 200 feet deep, with 60 feet of water.

T. Lelliott has moved into his new house on his farm south of town. Mr. Haacke had the contract and it is a very neat farm house.

Miss Alice Davenport came down from The Dalles, Saturday, going on to Hood River Sunday morning to be with her sister. R. H. Kemp is quite sick.

The Sunday School convention at Dufur the 16th and 17th is expected to be well attended from the Mosier schools, as a number are planning to attend.

Mark A. Mayer is having the material hauled for a new dwelling house for his employees. Mr. Mayer had a carload of furniture shipped in during the week.

Born, Wednesday, May 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Evans, a son. Grandpa McClure is stepping high over the first grandson, to say nothing of the father.

The many friends of Miss Mary Reeves are sorry to learn that her condition is considered dangerous. The family and relatives were called Saturday evening.

The Mosier baseball team came home from Lyle last Sunday stepping high, but it took lots of persuading to convince the fellow that stayed at home that Mosier had won one game in its life.

### PARKDALE

Mr. Samie was a visitor at China Hill Sunday.

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The regular Ditch meeting was held at Parkdale Hall Saturday p. m.

Miss Bessie Hutson returned from Hood River on the Saturday train.

Mrs. Joe Dimmick was a passenger on Saturday's train from Hood River.

Mr. P. J. Mohr, Mr. Ed. Dresser and Mr. Bert O'Riley were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Middleswart, of Mosier, is here visiting her son, Bert Middleswart, and family.

Miss Susie Mohr came "home" Wednesday after a long siege of illness and is here for the Summer.

Mr. Bert Jane, son of A. A. Jane, a prominent attorney of Hood River, visited Parkdale Saturday, April 29.

Mr. Jones, of Jones Cash Store, was a passenger on Saturday's train to Dee, to look after his orchard interests.

Laura A. Neal, grandmother of Geo. Baker, came up from Hood River and is living on the Hageman place with her grandsons, Messrs. Baker.

P. J. Mohr has considerable clearing done and is to set an acre of trees very soon. One-half an acre is in red clover and looks green. He is here for the Summer.

The surveyors, having caused so much dissatisfaction in this Valley Crest region, have given up their work as a bad job and returned to Hood River.

### VALLEY CREST

Mr. C. T. Rawson was a caller in the Upper Valley over Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Baker went to Hood River Tuesday, April 24th.

The Valley Crest school closed Monday with a very enjoyable picnic.

Mr. J. O. Hanam returned from Portland the 29th of April, to his China Hill ranch.

Several young people of this neighborhood attended Sunday services at Mt. Hood Sunday, and also helped to eat the dinner that the Odd Fellows had prepared at the Hall.

### Mrs. C. G. Gates Sues For A Divorce



HARLES G. GATES, the spectacular son of "Bet You a Million" John W. Gates, is being sued for divorce by his wife, Mrs. Mary Edgar Gates. A chorus girl is the alleged correspondent. The Gateses have been married

thirteen years and have no children. Mrs. Gates is a daughter of Mrs. Kate Wheaton Martin of St. Louis and was prominent socially in the western city before her marriage to Gates.

Charles Gilbert Gates arrived in New York ten years ago, and almost from the minute his train pulled in the young man began to make things hum. He immediately bought a seat in the Stock Exchange for \$51,000, then the highest amount that ever had been paid for that privilege.

### Loved the Spectacular.

Young Gates threw himself into the money game with all the enthusiasm that had earned his father the title of "Bet you a million." He founded the firm Charles G. Gates & Co., with branches in Philadelphia and Chicago and with many partners.

Father and son were in Tennessee Coal and Iron when that stock was a market sensation; they had Louisville & Nashville almost under control at one time; they were in Colorado Fuel and flinted also with cotton. In 1907 young Gates sold his seat in the exchange for \$53,000, \$2,000 more than he had paid.

But Charlie Gates' love of the spectacular did not stop with the stock market. He stirred New York society



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES G. GATES.

more than once. All the big gambling houses in this country and abroad soon knew the young man, who usually was lucky. In April, 1908, he took a flyer at faro in Reno and in less than thirty minutes left the game \$20,000 to the good. The proprietor of the house was dealing, and he took off the limit. Once young Gates nearly was \$100,000 behind, but he stuck to the game, made his bets in lumps of \$5,000 each and ended by putting a big dent in the bank.

Only a month after that lucky game of faro Gates tried "playing the ponies" in Belmont park. He picked August Belmont's Field Mouse, a 100 to 1 shot, to win the Fashion stakes and bet \$20, thereby cleaning up \$2,000.

### Offer to Match For \$40,000.

On one occasion an acquaintance ran across Gates when he was hurrying through the south on a flying trip. "We've got \$40,000 made up for a little game of cards," remarked the friend.

"Like awfully to join you, but I'm just hurrying through and haven't time," answered Gates. "But, say, if it's all the same to you I'll match you for that amount."

The friend gasped and went away. Like his father, Gates has a weakness for a friendly game of poker. The story is that Charlie is one of the few men that John W. can't bluff out of a jack pot. The father is reported to have said once: "There's no use wasting valuable time on him. When he's in I stay out."

Gates' most recent spectacular stunt was the hiring of a special train to take him from Yuma, Ariz., to New York. The 3,000 miles were covered in seventy-four hours and nineteen minutes, including stops. The trip was not because he was ill, as has been said, but because he wished to prevent the filing of the present divorce proceedings against him.

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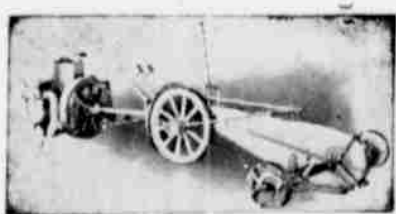


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