

## AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION FOR HOOD RIVER COUNTY

New Club Has For Its Purpose Promotion of Highways in Hood River County and Tributary Country—Maintenance of Highway Markings Also One of Objects—Ultimately Scenic Highway From Pacific Ocean, Through Portland, Skirting Snow Capped Mt. Hood, Then Winding to Lost Lake, Hood River and The Dalles, Is Aim of Club, Combined With Efforts of Kindred Interests.

The new automobile club, which is taking up the matter of the Columbia River highway actively, had a live meeting Tuesday night. Leslie Butler, president of the club, was chairman, and W. T. Sheldon, secretary. The main object of the club, as outlined by Secretary Sheldon, is as follows:

The name of the organization will be the Automobile Association of Hood River County. It will have for its purpose, not only in Hood River county, but throughout the state, the promotion of the improvement of highways and the encouragement of the proper highway maintenance. It will lend its efforts toward securing the proper markings for highways. It will urge just and rational highway legislation, further all good road projects, and protect the legitimate interests of its members. The organization, which will affiliate with all similar associations, will discourage any local or state legislation that will be a detriment to the state, county or association.

The club invites all persons who are interested in the matters for which it is organized, to become members. A number of interesting discussions in regard to the construction of the proposed highway took place at the meeting Tuesday evening. Talks were made by N. C. Evans, P. S. Davidson, J. A. Epping, J. C. Skinner, D. McDonald, Leroy Armstrong, and others. Mr. Skinner, as representative of the Commercial Club, said that organization would co-

### DECORATION DAY SERVICES DRAW LARGE CROWD

Decoration Day was fittingly observed in Hood River yesterday, by the closing of the business houses and the rendition of patriotic programs prepared for the day. The old veterans fell into line at 9:30 a. m., and headed by a life and drum corps, led the line of march to the cemetery. The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Boy Scouts of America, were prominent features in the line of parade.

The following literary program was prepared for rendition at the cemetery:

- Ritualistic work of G. A. R.
- Decoration of graves by comrades
- Song—"America"—The assembly
- History of the Flag—Fred Bell
- The Revellie—Lester Murphy
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—Forest Moe
- Address—Earle Spaulding
- Selection—Lynn Young
- The Recessional—Donald Outbank
- Song—Battle Hymn of the Republic

### MINNEAPOLIS MAN BUYS FORTY-ACRE FRUIT TRACT

A deal of considerable size was made by Guy Y. Edwards & Co. last week when Clayton W. Hooker, of Minneapolis, purchased the Watt and Jordan forty-acre tract in the Oak Grove district.

Mr. Hooker recently arrived from Minneapolis, and is the general agent for the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in Portland.

About one-half the land is in orchard, and the balance will be set out this fall. The new owner and family will take possession soon and make this their summer home.

Mr. Hooker decided on Hood River Valley, after looking over various other locations when he made a western trip one year ago.

**New Pavement Opened for Traffic**  
The block of concrete paving on First street, which was opened for use last week, has received the approval of many citizens. The W. G. Aldred Company, who did the work, has completed its estimate of the cost of the street, which in round numbers is \$3,800. The length of the pavement is 300 feet.

The pavement has so far demonstrated its good qualities, both for heavy and light vehicles, and it is believed that it will be the best that can be laid for slippery weather.

operate with the auto club to secure the road. It was stated by Mr. Evans, who was a member of Wasco county court when the railroad was built, that the latter had taken part of the original roadway, and he believed the company would help build the road if properly approached. He thought, however, that the county court would be the proper channel through which to take up this matter. Mr. McDonald thought the proper procedure would be to start the project by first building a wagon road. Mr. Epping urged that a committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions.

An object of interest was a map for a road which it was stated is to be built from the road on the south side of Mt. Hood through the forest reserve into the Hood River Valley by the government this summer. This route from Portland, however, is not considered very feasible on account of the deep snow which covers a portion of the proposed route almost nine months of the year.

In regard to the road through the forest reserve, a letter received by Mr. Butler, president of the Automobile Club, from P. H. Sherrard, Forest Supervisor, explains what has already been done to the road and what the government expects to do. Mr. Sherrard adds that the road ought to receive the support of the Hood River people. The letter in part is as follows:

"The proposed road would commence at a point on the road from Hood River Valley to Lost Lake in Sec. 29, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., and extend up the west fork of Hood River and Elk Creek, crossing the summit of the Cascades at the lowest pass in the range, elevation 3200 feet. It would continue down the Clear Fork and the Sandy River to a connection with an existing road in T. 2 S., R. 7 E. About 15 miles of new road would be necessary to connect the existing roads on either side of the mountains. Congress has appropriated \$10,000 for work on this project the coming summer. This amount will be used for making the survey and locating and building a trail on a wagon road grade to prove the feasibility of a road. So far as the fund available will permit the trail will be benched out six feet wide. Last summer \$18,000 was raised by private subscription and expended in improving the road along the Sandy River to Salmon River Post Office, from which point there is still about 5 miles of road to reconstruct to its connection with the proposed road. From our preliminary investigation we believe that this road can be built on a grade not to exceed 7 per cent.

### DESERTED WIFE AND YOUNG BABY

Absolutely penniless and ill, Mrs. Roy Vaunortruck, a young Dalles woman was deserted by her husband last week, at a time when she is unable to work to support herself and baby.

Visiting Sheriff Levi Chrisman she told a sad story and asked for a warrant for the arrest of Vaunortruck. She says she received a note from the husband saying he had decided to leave her; that by the time she had received the note he would be away from The Dalles. He did not state his reason for cruelly abandoning the wife, nor where he was going. He intimated that he would never return. Vaunortruck is day porter at Hotel Dalles. He is 22 years old.

The deserted wife told Mr. Chrisman she had no money, also stating that she is physically unable to work. The official has notified the officers of northwestern cities of the case and furnished them with a description of the home deserter, in the hopes of locating him.

Vaunortruck is reported to have been intimate with a woman of the underworld.

The Hood River authorities have been notified to be on the lookout for Vaunortruck.

### EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



#### News Snapshots Of the Week

The supreme court of the United States almost unanimously decided that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is a monopoly and must therefore dissolve. Samuel Gompers, president, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, were freed by the supreme court of the six to twelve months' imprisonment sentences imposed by the District of Columbia supreme court. Mrs. William H. Taft was taken suddenly ill in New York while attending a banquet in honor of the president. Porfirio Diaz, according to reports, has decided to give up the presidency of Mexico on June 1. Francisco de la Barra will succeed him until an election is held. Pictures of the battle of Juarez show realistic war scenes. Henry L. Stimson has taken up his duties as secretary of war, succeeding Jacob M. Dickinson, who resigned.

The eleventh biennial report of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture has just been issued and contains considerable interesting information about the state's fruit industry. The report that most interests Hood River residents is that of R. H. Weber, commissioner for the Fourth district, in which Hood River is situated. Mr. Weber says: "The season of 1910 will go down to posterity as the banner fruit year in the history of the industry in Oregon, and especially is this true of the Fourth Horticultural District. Fruit crops of all kinds were most bounteous this year and prices, ruling high, have brought a season of prosperity to the fruit grower never before equalled. Owing to the most favorable season ever experienced in this district, fruit of all varieties attained earlier perfection than before, and the grade, therefore, is far above the average of previous years, resulting in much higher net returns than the most sanguine expectations presented. Naturally enough, every grower had from one-fourth to one-half more fruit than he had estimated early in the season, and the resultant scramble for additional boxes and other packing material is better imagined than described. Thanks, however, to the box makers' energetic work, shortages will be relieved and the crop fully taken care of and forwarded to eastern markets in due season. All sections of the fourth district are showing enormous gains in production over previous seasons, as is evidenced by comparing the various annual crop reports, as printed in the biennial report of the State Board of Horticulture. There is much need for a greater number of canning and preserving plants throughout the fruit-growing sections of the state. These should be built and operated in every fruit-growing community, and in large districts, as, for instance, the Hood River Valley, they should be located in several community centers, where they would be most easy of access, so that culls and over-ripes, which at present are practically a total loss, could be cheaply and quickly delivered and converted into cider, vinegar, preserves, jams, or pie fruit, thus increasing the net profits of the orchard considerably by utilizing the by-products and saving the waste. Much encouragement should be given to local fruit fairs, and to the several district fairs where fruit is invariably exhibited and where a keen rivalry is created among the growers, and every year sees great improvements in quality and pack. From these smaller local and district exhibits could then be selected the best for display at the Oregon Horticultural Society exhibit, where the display of a much larger quantity of fruit should be encouraged than has been the case in the past. At this show all sections of the state should have exhibits, to encourage which more liberal prizes should be offered as an inducement to bring out larger displays. Orchard planting shows no abatement in this district, and instead of diminishing seems rather on the increase, for new plantings are contemplated everywhere. Land is being cleared as fast as men and machines can remove trees and stumps, and much virgin forest is being removed to make room for the more-profit-bearing orchard trees, and many hundreds of the thousands of acres of available fruit land will be converted into orchards between now and the spring of 1911. The principal fruit-producing sections in this district remain much as formerly, namely: Hood River, Mosier and The Dalles, with Dufur knocking loudly at the door of the hall of fame, where she is duly entitled to admission. Considerable fruit is already being shipped from this point, and with the many young orchards recently set out, once in bearing, many carloads of apples and pears will be shipped to eastern markets. While Wasco and Hood River counties are admittedly the greatest fruit producers of the Fourth Horticultural District, there are many sections in all the other counties comprising this district where splendid fruit can be grown. This fact was fully demonstrated, especially by Gilliam and Wheeler counties at their district fair recently held at Mayville, where large quantities of apples, pears, prunes, plums and grapes were shown, and among them were some splendid specimens indeed, as fine as could be found anywhere. In this section little or no spraying is done, and yet the fruit was remarkably clean, showing neither signs of scale nor codling moth, and while there are at this time few, if any, commercial orchards in these counties, principally due to lack of transportation, it would not be a far guess to say that

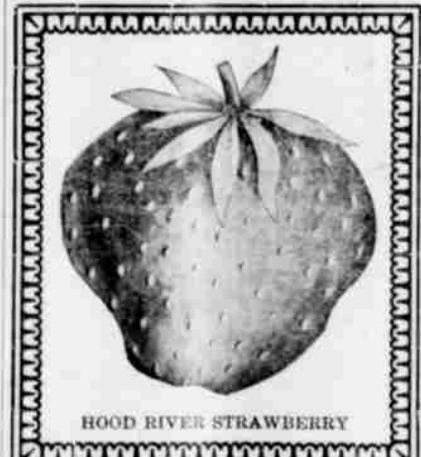
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with the advent of railroads many new orchards would be started. Hood River, as usual, is again in the lead with quantity and value of crop, being far in the lead of all competing sections in this district, due to the energy of her progressive citizens, who early recognized the advantages of fruit growing in the Northwest, and are therefore now reaping the just rewards due them as pace-makers for the rest of this part of Oregon in the fruit industry. That the fruit industry in the fourth district is in a prosperous and healthy condition will be readily gleaned from the following crop report, which for convenience sake is given in districts, showing exact quantity produced. A comparison of these figures with those of previous reports will easily convince all who take the pains to read them that the industry is not dead; that it is not even asleep, but very much alive and growing like—well—as fast as could be expected under the circumstances; but not as fast as we would if we had a few millions of people of the surplus from eastern states, for whom we could find plenty of room and work, with insured prosperity:

### HOT WEATHER HERE; BERRY PICKERS BUSY

The strawberry season has opened with favorable conditions. The supply, however, has been light, with



HOOD RIVER STRAWBERRY

the demand heavy. The Davidson Fruit Company looks for a good season, most of their shipments going to the Portland markets. In a few days carload shipments will be made to Seattle, Spokane, Salt Lake, Fargo and eastern points.

HOOD RIVER.

Apples, boxes	650,000
Pears, boxes	10,000
Cherries, boxes	5,000
Strawberries, crates	65,000
Prunes, crates	4,000
Blackberries, crates	2,500
Raspberries, crates	1,000

MOSIER.

Apples, boxes	30,000
Pears, boxes	4,000
Prunes, boxes	10,000
Plums, boxes	5,000
Cherries, boxes	9,000
Peaches, boxes	2,500
Apricots, boxes	1,000
Strawberries, crates	3,000

THE DALLES.

Apples, boxes	24,000
Pears, boxes	38,000
Prunes, boxes	100,000
Plums, boxes	15,000
Peaches, boxes	150,000
Apricots, boxes	10,000
Strawberries, crates	6,000
Raspberries, crates	800
Blackberries, crates	1,500
Cherries, tons	500
Grapes, tons	300

### COUNCILMAN BROSIOUS URGES CLEANER CITY

In the absence of Mayor Hartwig at the council meeting Monday night, J. M. Wright, president of the council, presided and dispatched the business of the session with the promptness of an old hand.

One of the most important matters to come before the council was the subject of a clean and sanitary city. Councilman Brosious brought the matter to the attention of the council and urged that each member of the council make it their special business to observe conditions about the city and report. It was also Councilman Brosious' motion that ordered an ordinance drawn condemning two lots west of the pest house to be used as a dumping ground for the city.

Pending additional information relative to the Hood River water bond issue to the New York attorneys for Ulen & Co., who bid in the bonds, the company was given an extension of fourteen days in which to close the deal. A representative of Morris Bros., of Portland, was present and stated that his company had purchased a one-half interest in the bonds and they were anxious to have the matter dispatched and would do all in their power to hurry

### EASTERN BUYERS GET HOOD RIVER PROPERTY

Devlin & Firebaugh, who make a specialty of orchard lands, state that there is a continuous demand for this class of property. They have sold for the Hood River Orchard Land Company more than \$100,000 worth of property in the past few weeks at Mosier View Orchards, a good portion of which has been sold to eastern buyers.

Among the recent sales they report one tract of five acres to A. E. Altmyer, of New York City, manufacturer of the celebrated E. & W. collars and "Goodlight" robes. A sale of a tract of this property overlooking the Columbia river was also made, at a consideration of \$7,000, to Colonel Cornelius Gardner, of the Sixteenth Infantry, U. S. A. Colonel Gardner will improve this property with a handsome bungalow costing several thousand dollars, and a little later, together with his family, will make it his home.

J. E. Robertson, newly elected councilman, was present and took the oath of office. Several ordinances were passed relative to street improvements, and from present indications the street work will be pushed this summer.

### NO INTEREST IN BIG 4TH THIS YEAR

At a small meeting of the Hood River Merchants Association, held in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday evening, ways and means were discussed to get members to attend the meetings which, of late have failed to get a very large attendance. Notwithstanding the active work of President Enoch Brayford and J. M. Wood, the newly elected secretary, the association is languishing. It is proposed, therefore, to instill a little glimmer into the monthly sessions by giving each man who is present a number, placing the numbers in a hat and presenting the man whose number is drawn last with \$5. Such a diversion, it is thought, will cause the stay-at-home merchants to take an interest in the meetings.

Another matter taken up by the merchants was that of holding a Fourth of July celebration. It was stated by D. McDonald, chairman of the committee, that so little interest was manifested in the proposition that the committee did not consider it worth while to continue their efforts to provide Hood River with a vociferous Fourth.

The Hood River Mandolin club played at White Salmon for a dancing party Friday night.

### ELKS ENTERTAIN RIGHT ROYALLY

Under the auspices of local Elks, members of that order and their friends were given a novel and enjoyable evening at the Commercial Club Thursday night. The affair, like everything else the Elks do, was different from any entertainment ever given at Hood River, and it was not until some time past midnight that the last "stunt" was pulled off.

In addition to the Hood River resident members of the order, there were a number from Portland and also from The Dalles, among the latter being Mayor Eddie Wingate and District Attorney Fred W. Wilson. Altogether there were about 200 in the party.

After a cordial handshake all around, the fun commenced in the assembly room, which had been fitted up with a moving picture machine and screen. Near the entrance was a clock, and below it a magnificent elk's head, lent for the occasion by Clarence Gilbert and C. N. Vaughan. Everybody smoked, J. H. Fredrick, master of ceremonies, announced the opening of the program, and the fun was on. The first number on the boards was an address by Fred Wilson, who briefly but eloquently

### CONGREGATIONALISTS TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

Work on the new edifice of the Riverside Congregational church has begun. At a meeting of the board of trustees last Saturday the plans submitted by the committee appointed for that purpose were endorsed and a building committee, consisting of P. M. Morse, chairman, G. R. Castner and E. O. Blanchard, was elected, with instructions to push the work as fast as possible. Three fourths of the necessary funds for the building have been subscribed and the work of completing the canvass will be continued unceasingly. The present building is being moved to the rear and will be used until the new church is completed.

The main entrance to the new structure will be from State street, entering on the basement level into a large hall from which the main auditorium and Sunday school rooms are reached by combination stairs and incline leading to a roomy vestibule. The vestibule opens directly into the auditorium and the Sunday school room. There is also an exit from the vestibule to the rear, giving access to Sherman avenue along the east side of the building. The auditorium is to be 41x50 feet, with paneled ceiling and inclined floor, and will be exceptionally well lighted. The Sunday school room is placed at the end of the auditorium and is 33x48 feet. It can be used, together with the main room, for large gatherings, and in connection with the gallery, which is the full size of and directly over the Sunday school room, will make the total seating capacity about 600.

The entire basement is to be used for assembly and society rooms, including a kitchen and furnace room.

The choir room and organ space is placed in an annex to the rear of the building, with an outside entrance as well as doors leading to the auditorium and the platform.

Access to the gallery is by an incline, which overcomes the objection to stairways, especially on crowded occasions. The entire building is to be of local stone laid irregular and rough, with the joints kept well back from the face of the wall. It is the hope of Architect R. R. Bartlett to have the building under roof by the first of September and ready for occupancy before December 1st.

thanked the Hood River Elks for the invitation extended to The Dalles members and outlined the history of the organization of the order in Wasco county, which had its birth at Cascade Locks.

The moving pictures then entertained, after which two vaudeville artists who were playing at the Electric Theatre did some very clever dancing. Then there were more pictures, cigars, punch, Hood River elder and merriment. The colored quartette billed for The Oak, which was delayed in getting here by a wreck near Bonneville, arrived about 10 o'clock, and from then on during the rest of the evening the hall resounded with new and old-time negro melodies. Arch Adams made a speech without words. Later there was a fine lunch and then more pictures and more singing. The films for the occasion were some of the best that have ever been seen in the city.

At 11 o'clock the spot light was turned on the clock and the elk's head. This is the mystic time when every good Elk remembers his absent brother, and, led by the colored quartette, everybody stood and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

At 1 o'clock there were still sounds of revelry and good cheer, and the first entertainment of the Elks at Hood River was loudly acclaimed a big success.

There are now in Hood River almost 100 members of the order, and it is expected that a local lodge will be organized here at no distant day. Among the membership are many of the prominent citizens of the city and valley.

The committees in charge of the entertainment were as follows: Invitation—J. C. Skinner, J. E. Robertson, E. C. Smith. Refreshment—Chas. T. Early, W. L. Clark, F. E. Newby.

Entertainment—Arthur Clarke, C. H. Vaughan, Clarence Gilbert, Chas. N. Clarke. Finance—Truman Butler, P. S. Davidson.

**Portland Welcomes Hood River Berry**  
The Oregonian in its "Good Things to Eat" column remarks: Hood River strawberries are in at last; but so far the price remains high and the supply seems limited. The choicest boxes were selling yesterday at 25 cents, other berries costing 12 1/2 cents to 15 cents a box.