

Hood River Will Hold a Fruit Fair This Year; Help to Make It a Big Success

COAST HIGHWAYS CREEPING NEARER

Overland Gateways to Portland Being Opened in Multnomah County—Columbia River Road Extended to Bridal Veil and Eighty Men Cutting Trail Through Forest to Upper Hood River Valley—Both Important to State Development.

Work on the Portland-Hood River highway, started in Multnomah county, has not been allowed to languish and a goodly stretch of the road has already been placed in use near Portland.

Autoists of Portland are enthusiastic over the prospect of having one of the finest scenic roads to be found in America when the Portland-Hood River road is completed. Three miles have been added to this road this season, the Multnomah county court having built two-thirds of the road between Bridal Veil and Multnomah this summer. The other third of the road between these points will be finished within thirty days.

After passing Bridal Veil on the trip out from Portland, one passes Minnie Falls, Angels' Rest, Mist Falls, Gordon Falls and Multnomah Falls. On the other side of the Columbia river, in plain view, is Cape Horn.

Three miles back from Bridal Veil is Larch mountain, from which Astoria may be seen on a clear day. From Larch mountain may also be seen six snow-capped peaks, when the weather is clear. From Angels' Rest Portland's street lights are plainly visible at night. Those who have visited New York state, and traveled up the Hudson river, declare that the scenery along the new road up the Columbia will surpass that of the Hudson.

Eighty men are engaged in cutting a trail six feet wide around the north base of Mount Hood, from the Sandy river to a connection with Hood River valley, on a five per cent grade, for the use of the United States forest rangers. Later this trail may become a road for automobiles and vehicles.

It is the policy of the Forestry Department, in the Cascade department, to cut these trails around and about Mount Hood, so that fires may be reached promptly on being discovered.

Trails have been cut on Huckleberry mountain from Welch's hotel, and other trails have been opened.

MADE MOTOR CAR RECORD TO DALLES

W. A. Morgan, a very enthusiastic owner of a Michigan, decided last Saturday with the owners of other cars, to try for the record run between The Dalles and Hood River, a distance of 29.8 miles, according to the speedometer. The machines checked out from the drug store of Chas. N. Clark, each carrying a letter to be signed at The Dalles by one of the leading jewelers.

The Michigan checked out at 3:37 p. m., and started over the hills reaching Mosier in 37 minutes. In checking in at Mosier it was found that the Michigan was four minutes behind the first car which left Hood River 14 minutes ahead of the Michigan. Just four miles the other side of Mosier the Michigan passed its rival and came into The Dalles at 8:38, making the distance over the mountains in 1 hour and 31 minutes, previous record, 2 hours, and ahead of its nearest rival 16 minutes.

Fined For Gun Play
Charles Thompson, who was arrested for drawing a gun on an O. W. E. & N. passenger conductor, by Marshal Lewis, was given a hearing Wednesday morning and fined \$8 and costs on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. An effort was made by Lewis to have the conductor prefer a more serious charge against Thompson, but he refused to do so. The weapon Thompson was carrying was confiscated.

through the dense undergrowth at Mount Hood, but this trail, on which this large force of men is now at work, is one of the most important and extensive started from the west side of Mount Hood. On the south side of Zigzag mountain and the toll-gate is the regularly traveled road, but on the north side of Zigzag mountain the road on Sandy river extends for a distance of about ten miles to the Truman home. Heretofore the country toward the east and around the north base of Mount Hood has been almost inaccessible.

GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO STUDY LOCAL APPLES

B. B. Pratt and H. J. Ramsey, experts in the pomological offices of the United States Department of Agriculture, were at Hood River last week for the purpose of making a close study of the local situation regarding fruit storage and transportation problems. The experts are visiting all of the different horticultural sections of the Northwest to make a study of climatic conditions and soil conditions.

When the picking season arrives they expect to secure samples of apples from each district for the purpose of conducting experiments in refrigeration and storage with fruit. They state that the Government will establish an experiment station at some central city in the Northwest, where experienced horticulturists and storage experts will carry on the work.

the road, one of the forestry officers says:

"This trail will extend into Hood River valley through a wild country north of Mount Hood, on a grade of five per cent, and I was informed that it can easily be changed into an automobile road. I have been informed that this will be done in the near future. It would then be possible to leave Portland in the morning in an automobile and swing around over this new road and land in Hood River valley in the course of six or eight hours after leaving Portland."

YELLOWJACKETS CAUSE TERROR IN WEST END

Yellowjackets in a crevice beneath the board walk at the west end of Cascade avenue were aroused by small boys Friday morning and took complete possession of the north side of the street. Pedestrians were forced to take the opposite sidewalk, and even then wandering yellowjackets found several victims.

Marshal Lewis was stung on the nose by a vindictive hornet. The marshal returned to town, obtained a beeman's mask, gloves and other safeguards, and, armed with a large bunch of pine shavings, matches and sulphur, prepared for battle. The fire was applied and most of the yellowjackets were killed. However, a few escaped, and were so violent in their attacks that the crowd that had collected was unable to get close enough to extinguish the fire that was burning the sidewalk.

ROUNTREE 40 SOLD TO VANCOUVER, B. C., MEN

The most important land sale during the week took place Friday when the 40-acre tract belonging to J. O. Rountree, of Portland, was sold to G. L. and C. A. Schetky and Scott Aitken, of Vancouver, B. C.

The purchasers will proceed at once to build nice homes on this beautiful tract, and will further improve the property by planting 20 acres of commercial apples next spring.

C. A. Schetky, who has for many years served in the British navy, has rented the Harry Reeves bungalow at the corner of Thirteenth and Columbia streets, and will spend the winters in town and the summers on the ranch, his part of which will be operated by his son-in-law, Mr. Scott Aitken. He retired from the navy with the rank of captain.

G. L. Schetky has for some time past been connected with one of the largest real estate firms at Vancouver, making a specialty of Canadian fruit lands, and expresses his belief that Hood River offers greater possibilities for the home builder and fruit raiser than any other section of the Northwest.

The location of these parties and their families will add fourteen people to the population of the east side. Messrs. Schetky and Aitken will immediately take possession of their new home and will move their families here from Vancouver within the next two weeks.

Edwards & Co. state that they expect to locate several other families from British Columbia in Hood River valley this fall.

Change in Real Estate Firm

W. M. McConnell, who has been superintendent of Agents for the Continental Life Insurance Company, has resigned his position and purchased the interest of George W. Dimmick in the firm of Dimmick & Hadlock. Mr. McConnell purchased the five acre tract of Harley Glass last spring located on the Belmont road, and is now living there. Messrs. Hadlock and McConnell have been closely connected for the past six years in a business. They will do a general real estate and insurance business and we wish them success.

Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Rev. J. B. Parsons will preach at the Columbia school house.

OAK GROVE CHURCH DEDICATION SUNDAY

A coming event of widespread interest on the west side is the dedication of the new Oak Grove church. The dedication service will be held next Sunday at 11 a. m. The committee has been fortunate in securing as the principal speaker for the occasion the Rev. H. Edgar Greening, pastor of Wesley Memorial church, Spokane. Mr. Greening is a man of



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commanding appearance, magnetic personality, and enthusiastic eloquent address. That he is also a man accustomed to bring things to pass, is seen from the fact that while he has been less than two years in the Northwest—he already has his second church edifice in the city of Spokane nearing completion.

The new Epworth organ has arrived and the music committee has an attractive program in preparation. The auditorium of the new church is 28x45 feet in size, and with the aid of extra chairs will seat about two hundred people without crowding. It is plainly, but neatly, finished, one feature being that the pulpit, altar rail and communion table are all being built in mission style and given the same finish as the pews and woodwork of the room.

Grace U. B. Church News
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 o'clock. "The Attitude of the United Brethren Church Toward Church Union." Union service at 8 p. m. Rev. McParson speaker.

Rev. J. B. Parsons will preach at the Greenwood schoolhouse at Mosier Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Tom Lawson Still Boosts Northwest

Arriving in Boston? Financier Tells of Oregon Opportunities and Exhorts Young Men to Come Here Without Delay—"Chances Everywhere Crying to Be Snatched" He Says.

Having reached Boston after a tour of the Northwest, Tom Lawson is just as enthusiastic about the country as he was when at Hood River. In his unique and noisy style the financier gives expression to his views as follows:

"Young man," shouted Mr. Lawson at a reporter on his arrival in Boston, "if you don't buy yourself a ticket for the west within the next week you ought to be dragged before the nearest judge and be given 30 days at hard labor. Opportunities lay along the railroad tracks, on the mountain sides, in the gutters, crying to be snatched. Opportunities are as plentiful as the leaves upon the trees, as the fish within the bounding brooks, as the grass upon the earth. Go west. Go west now."

"Great as are the opportunities which now exist," said he, "they will grow even greater when reciprocity is a fact. As a sporting proposition reciprocity is a good five to one bet, but there would be no takers."

"Western Canada is also alive with opportunities. The people will own western Canada, all of the people instead of one or two rich men."

"Let me give you an example of Pacific opportunities. In nine days I was the recipient of 638 propositions—and every one of them A-1, gilt edged, aged-in-the-wood propositions—aggregating \$100,000,000. The northwest gets you coming and going. I have met everyone. Newspaper men, railroad men, city officials—oh, I met 'em all—greatest hustlers you ever saw—grasp the whole situation out there."

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BELIEVES KLICKITAT COUNTY A WINNER

An enthusiastic Husum resident, who was at Hood River Saturday, believes that Klickitat county promises to become one of the greatest in the state of Washington on account of its natural resources. In speaking of it he said:

"There is no county in the state of Washington that shows as much diversity in farming as Klickitat county. With a length of 80 miles east and west, and an average width of 25 miles north and south, bordering on the western slope of the Cascade range, with the Columbia river as its southern boundary line, it is not strange that such are the conditions. "The first settlers in the county located along the Columbia river and in the central section in the early sixties. Wheat and stock raising were the principal industries in the Goldendale section, extending later on to the Blekleton country in northeastern Klickitat county. The central section finally developed into one of the fruit districts of the state."

"Until not so many years ago the country adjacent to the White Salmon river was known only for its rendezvous for bear, deer, cougars, and other wild animals. The Klickitat Indian made this valley his hunting grounds, and his log cabin and small clearing can be found in many places today by prospective land buyers in search of a home."

"Some 25 years ago a colony of sturdy pioneers found their way to the upper valley, now known as the Trout Lake region. There the lands along the river are comparatively flat, some of them being natural meadows. The lands were enlarged by clearing the timber around them, and now a picture of prosperity is presented, while with irrigation the country is noted for its dairy and hay industries."

"Early settlers in this part of the valley planted a few apple trees as an experiment. As the fruit industry gradually became an important factor on the coast, men of experience noted the adaptability of the soil here for the growing of apple trees and small fruit, and investments in orchard lands were forthcoming. When it was learned that the hardy varieties of apples reached perfect maturity here, expert orchardists became interested in this section. One or two investments were made, and what was considered a high price was paid for orchard tracts. This was only four years ago. Today desirable orchard tracts are being purchased on every hand, prices never dreamed of being paid for lands that five years ago could have been bought for one tenth of the present value. But credit should be given the early settler who experimented with his small orchard."

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

It was announced that Colonel John Jacob Astor, owner of the Astor millions, who is forty-seven years old, will wed Miss Madeleine Talmage Force, a young New York debutante, who is only eighteen, late in the fall. Reports from Constantinople have it that the sultan of Turkey is seriously ill owing to the recent trouble with Montenegro. Admiral Togo, the hero of the Russo-Japanese war, arrived in New York for an extended visit to this country, during which time he will be the guest of the nation. An uprising has started in Cuba which has for its purpose the ousting of President Gomez. Edwin A. Abbey, America's most distinguished painter, whose fame was worldwide, died in London. It has been reported that a complete diplomatic shift will take place soon, in which Ambassador to Italy John G. A. Leishman will go to Berlin and Thomas J. O'Brien, now at Tokyo, will succeed him at Rome.

LOCAL APPLES SHOW GREAT KEEPING QUALITIES

While walking over the old Bruce orchard about a mile and a half south of Parkdale a few days ago, F. W. Brown and E. L. McLain noticed a heap of cull apples, piled in one corner of the orchard at picking time last year. To satisfy their curiosity they secured some sticks and prying away the top layers of decayed fruit discovered a great number of apples as sound as they were when picked last fall. The apples showing such remarkable keeping qualities were Askansas Blacks. Mr. Brown states that the orchard, the owner of which is in Florida, and has never given it any care, bears an abundant harvest each year.

GUS MILLER RECEIVES BIG RETURN ON STRAWBERRIES

Gus Miller, of Hood River, shows a big record for strawberry returns for the season just closed. He planted 3 1/2 acres from which he took 547 crates. He sold 440 of these through the Davidson Fruit company that netted him \$2.80 per crate or a total of \$1232. He sold the balance of the crop, amounting to 107 crates elsewhere and receiving therefor \$138.58. If the entire crop had been shipped through the Davidson Fruit company he would have received over \$1500 therefore or approximately \$500 per acre. Mr. Miller's place is on the Belmont road just south of Mrs. Alma Howe's.

HOOD RIVER DELEGATES LEAVE FOR ENCAMPMENT

Today the Oregon delegation to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. will start from Portland to Rochester, N. Y. A Pullman coach has been chartered, which will go through to Rochester. The party will be joined at Hood River by Department Commander Newton Clark and wife and Fred Dietz. It was intended that Mrs. Dietz should accompany her husband on this trip, but her late severe illness left her in a condition unfit for the long journey. Rochester is the old home of both Mr. and Mrs. Dietz and they had long contemplated this trip, anticipating the most enjoyable time of their lives. Mr. Dietz will meet his four

FIRST CAR LOCAL APPLES SHIPPED TO ALASKA

The first shipment of apples to go forward this season from Hood River left Friday for the interior of Alaska, and were shipped by the Davidson Fruit Company. The fruit will go forward by rail to Seattle, where it will be loaded aboard the steamer St. Helens and transported into inland. The apples were of the Gravenstein variety. The company has orders now for several cars to be shipped into this territory. All of the boxed apples shipped to Alaska are reinforced with iron bands to prevent damage to the package and insure safe delivery.

BALTIMORE ORCHARD CO OFFICIAL VISITS VALLEY

C. Ford Sealey, treasurer of the Baltimore Orchard Company, the corporation which owns one of the finest orchard tracts in the valley, and also controls the Standard Nursery Company, arrived here Monday and is making Hood River a visit. Mr. Sealey was recently appointed State Representative to the Panama Pacific Exposition by the Governor of Maryland, and before returning east will make a tour of investigation along the coast.

The Standard Nursery company, which has some of the finest stock in the valley, has just sold 7,500 trees for fall planting. A. N. Swallow, who has been identified with the company for some time, has been appointed sales manager for the nursery.

The corporation which has strong backing in Baltimore and New York, will bring its holdings to a high stage of development.

Walter Colvin has returned to Portland.

ALDRD COMPANY MAKES PROGRESS WITH GRADING

The street grading in the business section of the city is almost completed. It is probable that the streets will now be oiled. An effort will be made to have the municipal water mains laid so that the paving can be done before winter sets in, but it is doubtful if this can be accomplished this year. The grading which has been done by the Aldred Company, has been accomplished with remarkable rapidity. It is expected that by Saturday the work will be completed.

Many of the property owners and business men have signified their willingness to have the streets oiled, stating that they are ready to stand the additional expense rather than have them become thick with mud if the paving cannot be laid this fall.

Rev. J. R. Hargreaves is in attendance this week at the meeting of the Oregon Development League, which is being held at Astoria. Mr. Hargreaves will address the league, his subject being "Social Solidarity."