

## Dorothy Epping Scores Big Success at Astoria

### In "Bridge of the Gods" Production Little Hood River Girl Takes Leading Part and Receives Ovation, Compelling Applause From Even Blase Musicians. Attraction Feature of Centennial.

Astoria, Sept. 5.—Special to The News.—The most successful attraction of the Astoria Centennial celebration, is without question, Miss Ferris' dramatic production of F. H. Balch's book, "The Bridge of the Gods". Not only the fact that the story was written by a Hood River man, but that Miss Dorothy Epping, of your city, a little miss just in her teens, has made the Indian dances the star feature of this beautiful fresco production, gives much of the credit of its extraordinary success to Hood River.

The deeply interesting story of the Multnomah tribe founded on the legend of the great natural stone arch which the Indians believe once spanned the Columbia at the present site of the Cascades, and through the demolition of which by the angry gods, the tribes of the Willamette lost their hitherto undisputed strength and power, is familiar to all in this Northwest country. There could, therefore, be no setting more fitting for a dramatic portrayal of the story than on the rugged mountain sides overlooking the Wauna (Columbia).

The Stadium, which has been erected on the steep hills above this city, is ideal in every particular, with an outlook over rivers and mountains and a natural stage setting of stately forest trees which would be the envy of the famous Ben Greet Shakespearian players could they but see it. Looking through the tree tops to the rivers and hills beyond, one feels that a white man would be out of place in such a setting, and that only the native Indian fits in the frame.

A band of 40 Kikiklat and Nes Perce braves, squaws and papoosees were brought from their reservations to take part in this production and lend an air of reality to it not obtainable by mere costuming. In the councils of war and the burial of the chief, they are unconscious of the audience and enter into the acting with a realism and staidness only possible from full blooded Indians. They do but little dancing, however, that being left entirely to the little Hood River girl who had never seen an Indian dance before this production.

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Mrs. J. Adrian Epping of Hood River, and niece of Mrs. Devlin, one of the most prominent citizens of Astoria, had made such a reputation locally for her graceful dancing, and displayed such marked talent for improvisation in connection with folk lore and music, that she was asked by Miss Ferris, who personally conducted the production, to take entire charge of the dancing.

With the courage of youth and the freedom of consciousness which would have hampered an older girl, little Miss Epping began to read up Indian legends and improvise steps which would be appropriate for the Indian maidens who were to serve and entertain Wallulah, the beautiful white daughter of old Chief Multnomah and his Oriental wife.

For this purpose she selected eight of the prettiest and most prominent young girls of Astoria and drilled them in her original bow and arrow dance, which for grace and intricacy of step, freedom and abandon of posture would do credit to any dancing master. In improvising this she never allowed her motive to get away from the combination of Wallulah's oriental influence and the aboriginal instinct of the full blooded Multnomah Indian maids.

The dance is beautifully executed and at each performance is the recipient of many encores. Even the members of the celebrated Ellery's band put aside instruments that they may join in the applause.

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The production will be given again Friday evening for the finale of the Centennial celebration, and an effort is being made to have it continued during the annual Regatta which follows.

## PENSION DAY DINNER ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Despite the heavy rain, the quarterly pension day dinner of Canby Post and Women's Relief Corps was well attended Monday, and good cheer prevailed. As usual, the occasion was enjoyed by many old soldiers and their wives, and the dinner served was excellent. Music and off-hand speeches enlivened the occasion, two numbers by Miss Blanche Harbison being highly appreciated.

An interesting feature was the presentation of a pin to Mrs. R. E. Harbison by the ladies of the Relief Corps as a token of remembrance on account of her leaving for Hillsboro, where she will make her home. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. O. H. Baker.

## HYDRO-ELECTRIC CO. WILL BEGIN WORK

It is now announced that the Hydro-Electric Company, which owns valuable power sites on the Hood River, and has been engaged in the preliminary work of organizing and securing contracts for light and power, will shortly commence the work of constructing its lines and plant.

It is known that the company has secured a large number of prospective patrons and it is now stated that it has received substantial financial backing. For some time N. C. Evans, one of the officers of the new company, has been in Portland looking up the necessary machinery and material for the new plant, and it is stated that work on it will be

## CITY AND VALLEY SCHOOLS OPENED

The Hood River city schools opened for the new term Monday with faculty and teachers present and a good registration of pupils. The day was devoted to registering and assigning pupils and preparing for the more serious work of the term.

Schools in the valley also opened Monday and pupils were received at Pine Grove, Frankton, Odell and Barrett. At the latter place the new brick school house was thrown open to the pupils, with Miss Mae J. McLaughlin as principal and teacher of the ninth and tenth grades. The other teachers are Miss Lillie Black, assistant principal in charge of the seventh and eighth grades; Florence Buchanan, fourth, fifth and sixth grades; Clara B. Steele, first, second and third grades.

At the East Barrett school Miss Peterson will be in charge. Parents are requested by the Barrett school board to have pupils start at the beginning of the term as they will not be admitted at the mid-winter term.

Prof. McLaughlin will again have charge of the Pine Grove school with the Misses Turney as assistants. At Frankton Prof. Stubbs has assumed charge again with competent teachers.

At Odell R. Lee Balch will have charge with Miss Bella Rush and Miss Elva Love as teachers of the intermediate departments and Miss Florence Leedy in charge of the primary department.

begun in the next ten or fifteen days.

Representatives of the company state that it will furnish light and power cheaper than the Pacific, and that its plant will now be pushed to completion as fast as possible.

## OREGON APPLE SHOW SET FOR NOV. 15-17

Bigger prizes and better exhibits than ever before are announced for the annual apple show to be held in Portland November 15-17. The apple crop of the state is excellent, and it is thought the various fruit districts will make a splendid showing.

Big prizes will be offered by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads for the best district displays, a purse of \$250 being hung up by each line. This will be open to competition by any fruit district of the Pacific Northwest. Oregon communities are expected to get in line and make fine displays of the fruit that is making the state famous, and a treat is in store for those who like to see artistic displays of beautiful apples.

## COOK STARTS FIRE THEN RUNS AWAY

A forest fire accidentally started by a camp cook for the government employes who are putting the road through the reserve, assumed threatening proportions last week and made it necessary for the large gang of men and residents in the upper country to fight it for several days. The fire was completely extinguished Monday when the heavy rain fell.

The fire started on the north side of the west fork of the Hood river, finally jumping the stream. Luckily it struck a big area that had been partially burned over, and the damage was comparatively light. Fearing the consequences, the cook decamped and has not since been found.

## EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



## News Snapshots Of the Week

By flying 1,265 miles, the distance from St. Louis to New York, Harry N. Atwood made the greatest flight since the aeroplane was invented. He arrived in New York twelve days after leaving St. Louis. "Moon Lisa," declared to be the world's greatest painting and for which \$5,000,000 was refused, was stolen from the Louvre in Paris. In a tame fight at the Twentieth Century A. C. of New York Sailor Burke won the decision over Billy Papke, the middleweight champion of the world. The surviving members of the G. A. R. met at Rochester, N. Y., for their annual encampment. The parade of the old warriors, the main feature of the meeting was witnessed by President Taft. Andre Jager Schmidt, a French reporter, established a new record, girdling the world in forty days.

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Russell O. Clarke and Miss Irma Merrick, both of this city, were married at the parsonage of the United Brethren church Friday evening, Sept. 1st, by Rev. J. B. Parsons. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, after a wedding visit spent in the Willamette Valley, will make their home at Hood River.

## SKINNER TO LEAVE COMMERCIAL CLUB

J. C. Skinner, who has for two years been the efficient secretary of the Hood River Commercial Club, tendered his resignation to the board of directors Friday, to take effect on or before October 1st. During Mr. Skinner's term of office the Club has grown in membership and influence and has extended its publicity work to a high degree. Associated with the club in its work of exhibiting and advertising the valley's apples Mr. Skinner has become particularly well informed on the apple industry and has compiled some valuable information in regard to it.

For the present he will take charge of the clerical affairs of the Palmer Bucket Company, of which organization he is secretary.

No action has as yet been taken in regard to selecting a new secretary.

## CLOUD CAP INN HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

After most successful season, Cloud Cap Inn was closed Monday when Miss A. C. Jewell, who has successfully managed the Inn for several seasons, returned to Hood River. More guests were entertained at the Inn this year than ever before, and many were turned away through lack of accommodations.

When the party left the Inn Monday it was snowing, and the establishment will be put in shape for winter during the coming week.

## SUNDAY FILLS PEWS AT ASBURY CHURCH

The announcement that Billy Sunday would preach at the morning service at Asbury Methodist church filled the building to the doors. Mr. Sunday displayed all his former eloquence and energy in his address and his remarks were closely followed by the large congregation.

The noted evangelist, who is now spending his summer vacation on his ranch here, is expected to dedicate the new Methodist church at Odell next Sunday.

## OREGON LUMBER CO WILL PLACE RETAIL YARD HERE

The Oregon Lumber Company is planning to place a large retail lumber yard in the city. A large tract has been purchased by the company, near its railroad terminal, and a siding is now being laid. It is also planned to erect a new engine house on the property, for the housing of the locomotives of the Mt. Hood Railroad Company.

## NEW DEPOT TO BE OPENED SEPTEMBER 12

September 12 is the day now set for the formal opening of the new Hood River passenger depot. It is expected that several of the head officers of the Hartman lines will be present for the opening. The Hood River Commercial Club is taking the initiative in the arrangements for celebrating the occasion.

## DESPITE RAIN THE DALLES CELEBRATES

The Labor Day celebration at The Dalles was spoiled somewhat by the rain, but, notwithstanding this, there was a large crowd in attendance and all the games and sports were pulled off. In the horse race, although Hood River was unsuccessful, the local boys made the fastest run. Their inability to win was due to failure to make the coupling.

About 150 people went up on the band boys' excursion on the Tahoman, and crowds were also in attendance from Dufur and other eastern Oregon towns. The crowd took a merry view of the wet weather, took things as they came and the fun continued until midnight.

The day in Hood River was a very quiet one, its observance being confined to the closing of the stores and laying off of laborers in all lines of work.

## HEILBRONNER BUILDING TO HAVE STREET LIGHTS

J. H. Heilbronner, owner of the Heilbronner block, has made arrangements for lighting the street in front of his property with street lights, and they will shortly be installed. The lights will be placed along the curb on the sidewalk. Two of them will be placed on Third street and one at the corner of Cascade avenue and Third. The lights will be 60 to 100 candle power, and will be a convenience to both pedestrians and patrons of the building.

## Hood River Gets Tribute From Tennessee Visitor

### Week's Stay in Valley Results in Voluntary Outburst of Appreciation of Its Resources and Advantages--In Paper of Which He Is Manager He Tells Southern People of Glories of Northwest.

An article about Hood River, written by W. A. Rush, managing editor of the McKenzie Banner, published at McKenzie, Tenn., will be read with interest by Hood River residents. Mr. Rush spent a week here this summer, visiting friends, and on his return wrote his impressions of the Hood River country. While Hood River has had many writers, this is the first from the pen of a Tennessean. It is as follows:

"The last week of my vacation was spent in company with my sister, visiting some life-long friends at Hood River, and the joy of meeting old-time friends and holding a weekend reunion will long be remembered. The various points of interest shown us in Hood River Valley and vicinity will long be remembered, for this valley is one of the most attractive that I have ever seen.

"Hood River, like every other place of importance in the west, has some one thing the 'biggest.' Washington has the biggest cheese factory, Kenton the biggest packing plant, Aberdeen the biggest lumber mills, Vancouver the biggest steel bridge, Oregon City the biggest electric power plant, Astoria the biggest salmon fleet, and canneries. The Dalles the biggest cherries and grapes. So with Hood River; she has her claims—that of raising the biggest (highest priced) apples in the world.

"The town of Hood River (about 4,000 inhabitants) is located on the bluffs along the Columbia where the glacial stream bearing the same name comes tumbling down from snowy Mt. Hood, and like most of the modern western towns, is quite up-to-date in every respect, electric lights, paved streets, solid brick blocks and splendid residences.

"Following back over the bluffs one comes into a valley of a most elaborate (artificial) nature setting—most magnificent homes and an apparent endless stretch of orchards. I had heard a great deal about the world prize apples of Hood River, but never realized the extent of fine homes that I saw while making a trip through the valley. The culture of the fine orchards is kept up to the highest degree under the direction of most proficient horticulturists. Some orchards are well irrigated and others are successfully grown with dry culture; the opinion is somewhat divided as to the superior merits of the two methods. The one thing that all are together on is, that the trees must be properly sprayed at the right time and a thorough cultivation at regular and frequent intervals are the essential requirements (not a weed or a blade of grass to be seen in a well-kept orchard).

"I was somewhat amazed at a statement in regard to a state law of Oregon, on the culture of apples, which was to the effect that should a man neglect to spray and care for his trees properly, the trees in question should be sprayed or cut down just as the fruit warden thought best for public benefit. In seeing the urgent need of care and protection necessary to grow the world prize apples, I am brought fully to believe that we can profit by a knowledge of same and apply some of the improved methods—that of spraying and cultivating our orchards, and which I am quite sure would bring us far reaching results over our present neglected way of growing fruit. Let us waken up and apply some of the great western methods and be in line for some of the great things.

"In our drive we passed over a low range of hills into what is known as the upper valley, where the apple culture is just being introduced. We inquired into the price of lands here and were told that lands in the rough (uncleared and timber gone) are selling at from \$100 to \$150 per acre, and that lands just set in fruit bring from \$700 to \$1,000 per acre.

"Our trip took us well up on the headwaters of Hood River, near the base of Mt. Hood, and it was with much regret that we turned our course back down the valley, as each member of the party expressed a desire to go still farther up, and I for one would like to have tried my mettle on another mountain climb, but our plans had not been made for a long stay, so we had to forego the snowy climb.

"On our way home we passed through an extensive forest where a score of men were engaged in logging in western style. The strange part of the scene was that of the entire absence of teams of any sort whatever, the work being done entirely by steam power. First the trees had been cut, falling all the timber in the same direction, which is not an impossibility there, as the timber stands very straight and tall. The reason for thus falling the timber is so as not to have the tree trunks crossed up, which would interfere with 'snaking them out,' as it is called. The donkey engines, giving the power, are small stationary engines located at the log road, (railroad) and by means of long cables the huge tree trunks are dragged through the ex-forest to the railroad, where they are sawed up into logs by steam and loaded on cars ready to be hauled to the large mill, a few miles further down of the river, at Dee. We also passed that way and were most favorably impressed by the gigantic proportions of the plant. First we noted a train load of logs being dumped into a log pond, and following up the scene across the floating log yard one could see why the pond never became overfilled by the dumping of trainload after trainload, for up an incline, into the mill, log after log would glide in to its destruction. We were told that the mill had a daily capacity of 150,000 feet of lumber, and, with the double crew shift, over 2,000,000 feet was being turned out each week. The plant, strange to say, is run, as well as lighted, by electricity, which is found to be even more practical than either water or steam. When we see these great wonders, we are made to realize something of the wonders of the present age of great inventions.

"Passing on down the river we came to a very wild scene in the form of a turbulent whirlpool in the stream; and one may judge something of its awfulness by the name applied to this furious maelstrom, and one can readily agree that the name is well taken. The fitting cognomen of the whirl is 'The Devil's Punch Bowl.'"

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## SUPPOSED TRAGEDY BECOMES COMEDY

Believing what seemed to be a human hand was mute evidence of a horrible tragedy local sleuths were stirred to unwanted activity and energy Friday.

The bloody piece of anatomy was found in a vacant lot and was brought to the local authorities wrapped in a newspaper. It was immediately taken to a local physician who pronounced it part of a human hand. Armed with picks and shovels the crime detectors proceeded to the spot where the object was found and industriously dug up the ground, expecting each minute to unearth the supposed victim of foul play. Strenuous exertion, however, failed to reveal any further evidence and investigations then proceeded along other lines. After several hours of gum shoe tactics the mystery was solved, and the gruesome find discovered to be a bear's foot. The foot with the fur on had been given to a local taxidermist to be mounted and he had skinned it and thrown it in the yard. It had been carried to where it was found by a dog and drifted into the hands of the police officers.

## Teal Takes Many Passengers

What is believed to be the record number of passengers out of Hood River by boat left here Wednesday morning on the J. M. Teal for Portland. The total number was 97, 86 adults and 11 children, most of whom were going hop picking.

## Hood River Concerns Incorporate

The Hotel Oregon and the Hood River laundry have each incorporated. The laundry has recently been enlarged, so as to take care of a large out-of-town trade. The proprietors of the hotel contemplate extensive improvements.