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HOOD RIVER AWAKENS TO NEED OF FACTORIES

Editor News:

Recently several citizens took a trip along the waterfront to view it for manufacturing sites and park possibilities. The trip was a revelation to them, as they had little idea of what the city holds forth in the way of possible improvements. The suggestion is made that the Commercial Club, civic bodies and the Woman's Club inaugurate a movement toward the procuring of manufacturing industries along the river and railroad, the parking of the western outskirts for the convenience and edification not only of visitors to Hood River, but of our own people.

Probably not one man in twenty-five has any adequate conception of what Hood River is and what it is destined to be. A spring-fed lake a mile long runs parallel between the Columbia river and the O.-W. R. & N. railroad. A high knoll on the shore of this lake could be utilized in such a manner that a bridge could span from it across the tracks to the property on the south side, and which, by the way, has repeatedly been suggested and desired for park purposes by the Woman's Club.

It is also believed that this place could be made the terminus of the Columbia river scenic automobile road, and surely the end of the road where it winds into the city should be made inviting, which it could be in numerous ways. In time a road and landing could be made, to cross the Columbia river to Underwood, thus affording North Bank travelers easy access to the city and giving them a favorable impression on first entering.

While the city may be spending thousands of dollars in road work, water works and sewer systems, it is investing money in the best possible way to secure increased population and business; but in order to keep abreast of the times, it is also necessary to procure a tract of land such as that outlined here, to con-

vince the most pessimistic that this city's future is full of promise of great things.

The numerous industrial sites on the waterfront, if docks were put in for shipping, together with the various activities already in operation along the railroad, means that if Hood River is to become a manufacturing city, as well as the famed apple city that she is, factories and shops must crowd down to where rail meets water, and that this city is so situated is convincing, if people will secure a comprehensive knowledge of it.

The city, with regard to its future, must be examined. The knowledge thus obtained will result in a broader public spirit, in the elimination of cliques, in a solidarity of effort that will force Hood River along at even a faster rate than it is growing—and we believe it will reach the 25,000 mark. BOOSTER.

CITY VACATES SITE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

By action taken at Thursday night's meeting of the city council, Hood River will have an ideal location for a public library. The plot of ground between Oak and State streets, just east of the residence of E. L. Smith, which has been a part of Fifth street, was selected. No work has ever been done on this portion of the street, which is covered with a growth of handsome oaks, and the city has in no way been served by it as a thoroughfare.

The site for the library was selected by the Hood River Woman's Club, which has been most active in pushing action for a public library here. The council vacated the property with respect to its street uses, and the abutting owners, E. L. Smith, J. H. Heilbrunner and E. O. Blanchard, will dedicate it for library purposes. Until a library building is erected, the place will be used as a public park.

M. D. Ackley of Portland was a week end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bradley.

CASTNER IN EAST DEMONSTRATES PACK

A letter from John B. Castner, dated Fitchburg, Mass., written to his father, G. R. Castner, of Hood River, will be interesting reading matter to his many friends here. John went east several weeks ago to give instructions in apple packing, and his demonstrations are meeting with much approval. His observations follow:

"I arrived in Boston Wednesday night at 6 o'clock. I tried to get Dell by telephone, but did not succeed. I did not have time the next day, as the parties who had me make the trip were anxious to have me go to Fitchburg and start in with a grower who is picking his apples and who is very anxious to learn our packing methods.

"I was certainly surprised when I saw what he had. He has 60 acres in orchard. His varieties are McIntosh Red, Gravenstein, Baldwin and Wealthy, and he has as nice a lot of fruit as ever grew. I never saw any finer. His apples color beautifully. I don't know what he gets for his Gravensteins and Wealthys, but he is selling his McIntosh Reds for \$3.50 per box now, and expects to get more. He will have 3,000 boxes of McIntosh Reds and will have no trouble in disposing of them, as there are buyers here now trying to get his crop.

"His trees bear as young as they do with us, his oldest trees being seven years old. We had a seven-year-old tree of McIntosh Reds picked Friday and got 12 boxes of good apples and one of seconds. His trees

also look fine. No disease of any kind have I been able to see as yet, except that the Baldwins have some bitter rot spots in them. I do not think it is as bad as it is with us. His Baldwins are the same type as those on the creek bottom at the old place.

"They figure on sending me to Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut before I get through. I have a crew of six packers going and they seem very apt in learning to pack. Am staying with the owner's family, and they seem to be very pleasant people.

"Tell Mr. Shepard I am boosting for Better Fruit, and if he could send me a few copies of the best numbers I think I could get him several subscribers.

"Fitchburg, the town I am in now, is a place of 40,000 population, and is very beautiful. The country climate is about the same as it is in Hood River."

LARGE AUDIENCE GREET'S MURDOCK

Congressman Murdock, who opened the Lyceum Course being given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the U. B. church, Thursday evening at Heilbrunner hall, made a trip around the valley in the afternoon. Mr. Murdock spoke to a large audience Thursday night. The greater portion of his speech was taken up with an attack on special interests and the manipulations of the federal legislative bodies at the national capital. During the course of his lecture he paid high tribute to Dr. Wiley.

"Among those of our government employees and officers who are faithful to the people, is Dr. Wiley," he said.

The greater part of the famous red hair, which the public has heard of so frequently, being absent, Mr. Murdock said in opening his remarks:

"I don't doubt that you are surprised to see me bereft of my red locks. Several days ago, just before I began my journey westward, I was in the chair of a strange barber in Philadelphia. It was decidedly hot and I went to sleep. Imagine my horror when I awoke and found that he had closely shorn my head."

Prof. Lewis to Tour Canada
Prof. C. L. Lewis of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural College leaves on Sept. 28 for a two weeks' trip through British Columbia fruit districts, including Nelson, New West Minister and the Okanagan and Grand Forks districts, and covering some 1,800 miles.

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Upholds Hood River School Board

The Hood River school board is credited with having passed a resolution forbidding high school students from participating in any form of athletics who fail to maintain a standard of at least 80 per cent on weekly markings in their studies. If all school boards would adopt like measures it would raise the standard of athletics by eliminating a lot of the "unfit," and it would also induce others who are lax in their studies to brace up and make good.—Woodburn Independent.

Soft Drinks for Family Use

Hood River Sweet Cider, Hires' Root Beer, and Soda Waters of all flavors can be obtained for family use at all the confectionery and grocery stores at \$1.00 per dozen, with an allowance of 50c per dozen for the return of the bottles to the party from whom purchased. Keep a few bottles in a cool place during the warm weather.

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A special table d'hôte dinner will be served at the Hotel Oregon every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. for 75 cents. An à la carte meal will also be served. Music by the Mandolin Club. Dine with us.

JAPS INCREASE LAND HOLDINGS

Considerable comment is caused by the fact that Japanese are constantly increasing their holdings in the Hood River valley and securing control of some of the choicest land. A deal was made Friday whereby Japanese capital secured possession of the Sherman Frank 30-acre tract in

the Oak Grove district, and it is stated that several other pieces of property in this immediate vicinity are under option by the Japanese, who now own a large acreage in that locality. It is reported that Mr. Frank was given \$25,000 for the tract, which is in young trees. There are at present about 400 Japanese in the valley working at clearing lands and curing for orchards.

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