

HOOD RIVER LOSES AT BASKET BALL

The high school basket ball team played its opening game of the season Friday evening at the rink with Jefferson High of Portland. The Rose City boys trembled the local aggregation by a score of 32 to 11. The visitors, however, were favored considerably by the referee, who was from Portland, and gave the visiting team the benefit of a good many fouls. This allowed the visitors to throw numerous baskets in the early part of the game, giving them a strong lead.

For the first contest the local boys showed up well and should be playing a strong game with a little more practice.

The schedule of games for the season is as follows:

- Jan. 5—Stevenson at Goldendale.
- Jan. 12—Goldendale at Hood River.
- Jan. 19—Goldendale at Stevenson.
- Jan. 26—Stevenson at Hood River.
- Feb. 2—Stevenson at Hood River.
- Feb. 9—Hood River at Goldendale.
- Feb. 16—Goldendale at Hood River.

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

The playground work is being considered seriously all over the United States at the present time. It is one of the most wholesome and sensible movements of recent years. When one stops to think about it he knows that a child's play should be supervised as well as his work. The playground formerly was the place where envy, antagonistic strife and dirt ran riot, but now with a proper overseer whom the children must obey, games are entered into in a friendly spirit and the children are

enabled to profitably work off the overflow of energy.

The Normal has put in a special course in playground work, at the completion of which one is enabled to systematically and knowingly oversee a playground. This is under the supervision of Miss Wilcox, the gymnastic teacher, who has all the training school organized on this basis. She has taught gymnastics in the Wellesly public schools, and supervised one of the large playgrounds in Boston.

The first number of "The Norm," the school paper, came out just before the Thanksgiving holidays. It has a strong staff and was arranged and written in an excellent manner. The cover design was suggestive of the festive season and did credit to the art department.

The Eastern Oregon State Association of Teachers was attended by Pres. Ackerman; Mr. Gentle, principal of public and high school, and Miss Shearer, critic teacher in the primary department. They reported a very pleasant and profitable time spent there.

A literary club, the Entre Nous, has been organized by Miss Parrott, the instructor in literature. The club is going to study Shakespeare during the year, thus supplementing the literary work and enlarging the literary knowledge of the students.

President Ackerman has always tried to make the assembly hour a very interesting feature of the Normal and has had men of note speak at different times during the year. The last one was Mr. Walker, a man well known throughout the state in connection with the grange. Being the first white child born west of the Rocky mountains, he told some very interesting facts about early settlement in Oregon. At the conclusion of his speech he gave an Indian war whoop which was much appreciated. Another speaker in assembly was Miss Morrison, one of the seniors. Her subject was "Laurel Wreaths."

Before the year is out each senior will have had one talk in assembly, and each class is to have charge of one meeting, as will each member of the faculty.

The social events of the Thanksgiving holidays were quite numerous among which were a party given by the three literary societies, in the gym; several class parties, and a party for the faculty at the home of Mr. Butler, the history instructor.

On Friday, December 15, a reception was given in the assembly hall by the faculty to the students and to townspeople of Monmouth.

A feature of the future will be the Christmas program to be given by the three societies just before the Christmas holidays. STUDENT.

UPPER VALLEY NEWS

Santa Claus is not a stranger in the Upper Valley as evidenced by the volume of business at the Parkdale post office. Several additional clerks have been engaged for the holiday season.

Mrs. Gribble will be hostess to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United church of the Upper Valley at its next regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1912. All are cordially invited to be present.

The socials held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United church of the Upper Valley have proved so popular that it has been decided to continue them through the winter. The next will be held on New Year's night, January 1, 1912, in Gribble's hall, Mount Hood.

The lecture "The Law and Lawyers of Then and Now," which Judge Stephen A. Lowell is to deliver under the auspices of the Progressive Association of the Upper Valley will take place in McIsaac's hall, Parkdale, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, instead of Gribble's hall, Mt. Hood, as previously announced. A large delegation of citizens of the lower valley have signified their intention of attending this function. A special train will be run by the Mount Hood railroad to accommodate all in the valley who desire to hear the next representative of the commonwealth of Oregon in the United States senate speak. The committee begs to announce that at the close of the lecture a collation will be served and that an elaborate souvenir program has been compiled setting forth the advantages and beauty of the Upper Valley.

Buys Prize Winning Poultry

Dr. E. L. Scobee and J. R. Nickelsen returned from the Portland poultry show last week the proud possessors of some of the prize winning stock.

Dr. Scobee secured the cock that won first prize in the Rhode Island Red class, paying \$30 for him. He also bought a White Leghorn cockerel and six hens from prize winning stock. The cockerel is a son of the cock that won the sweepstakes.

Mr. Nickelsen got four White Leghorn pullets from the pen that won first prize, two hens from prize stock and a fine cockerel. Also he got three of the prize winning Indian Runner ducks.

E. F. Batten had several birds at the show that took prizes.

COOPER BRINGS BACK OLD CAROLINA FRUITS

A. B. Cooper, an expert Hood River apple packer, has just returned from the National Horticultural Congress which was held this year at St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Cooper attended the sessions of the congress at the invitation of the State Horticultural Society. He lectured while there on apple packing and also gave practical demonstrations. The apple and fruit show in connection with the congress, Mr. Cooper says, was one of the largest that has been held in the United States, 32 states being represented.

A plate of delicious apples took the grand prize of \$100. The exhibit which was from North Carolina, consisted of five apples. Mr. Cooper was given several of the prize winning apples, which he brought back with him and exhibited at the News office. While the fruit is very creditable it is far from measuring up to the Hood River standard.

Mr. Cooper also brought back with him an exhibit of other fruit products of North Carolina, including a number of varieties of apples not known on the coast, such as the Buckingham, Mother apple and others. Other products from the Tar Heel state are oranges, grape fruit, pecans, pomegranates, English and Japanese walnuts, persimmons, figs and a mammoth specie of pear called the Virginia Bell. A curiosity in the apple line is a specimen that grows along the seashore and is said to be fit to eat about a year after it is picked. This pomological phenomenon will not grow away from salt water and is found along the North Carolina coast.

MOSIER

Mrs. J. N. Mosier left Friday morning for Portland to spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter left Thursday for their home in Alsea after a month's visit with relatives.

J. E. Cole returned Friday evening from Roseburg where he went to see his father who was quite ill, but who was much better when Mr. Cole came home.

Mrs. Sillbaugh of Seattle spoke Saturday evening and Sunday morning in the Christian church, on Temperance, and at 3 o'clock she held a meeting in the Immanuel church and organized a W. C. T. U.

Both Sunday schools are planning to have a Christmas tree and a short program for their pupils and friends to which all are welcome. Owing to Christmas coming on Monday they will have the exercises Saturday evening.

Christmas is near at hand and people have already begun to do their Christmas shopping, a large number going to Hood River Saturday afternoon. Our merchants should get wise and get in more Christmas goods so as to keep the money at home.

Christian Church Notes

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach at the Union church in Odell. Subject, "The Unique Christ."

There will be the usual communion service at the First church followed by a social service participated in by a number of the members. Subject, "What Christmas Means to Me." In the evening there will be a Christmas tree with a program by the Sunday school.

Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Mrs. Mary Benton of Eugene will conduct a conference on C. E. work at the Christian church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All Endeavorers invited.

\$50,000 Home on Crooked River

A fine country place on the bank of Crooked River, Crook county, costing \$50,000, is promised by Henry McCall, the son-in-law of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston. Mr. McCall has bought 400 acres and will make a beautiful home of it. This is one result of the visit of Mr. Lawson to Oregon last summer.

Christmas Services at M. E. Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Theme, "Glad Tidings." Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Theme, "Room for the Christ Child." There will be special music at both services. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All are cordially invited to attend these services. Strangers will be made welcome. W. B. Young, pastor.

Christmas Tree at M. E. Church

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church on Friday evening. The children will render a program and it is expected that Santa Claus will drop in to see the little folks.

No Christmas Dinner Complete

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HOOD RIVER APPLES SELL \$3.00 TO \$4.50

John B. Castner, who has been in the New England states teaching the apple men of Massachusetts how to pack apples, returned last week. While in Boston Mr. Castner visited a number of wholesale fruitmen and at the establishment of Sands, Furrow & Co. opened fifty boxes of apples sent by the Davidson Fruit Co.

Of the entire lot opened Mr. Castner says that he failed to find an apple in any of the boxes that was not up to the standard. This firm stated that they were highly pleased with Hood River fruit as did also the firms handling the union apples. The apples opened were from the orchard of Oscar Vanderbilt.

They were selling for the following prices: Spitzenburgs, \$3.75; Newtowns, \$3; Delicious, \$4.50.

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