

Both City and County Outgrow P. O. Facilities

Assistance of Local Organizations, Including Commercial Club, Heights Club and Woman's Club, Is Sought in Order to Get More Clerks and Carriers to Handle Growing Business.

That both city and county have grown so rapidly as to demand a substantial increase in the postoffice facilities and additional carriers for city and rural routes, is announced by Postmaster J. P. Lucas in a communication which he has just addressed to the Commercial Club and to the Heights Club.

Last week the Heights Club sent a delegation to Mr. Lucas with a request that he make known his opinion relative to a better carrier service and in his reply he made a number of important recommendations for the betterment of the service generally. Although application has been made to the postoffice department for relief, this has been refused and it is now planned to obtain the co-operation of the Heights Club, Woman's Club and Commercial Club in getting an improved service.

Postmaster Lucas' letter follows: "Having been asked for an expression as to the needs of the city relative to letter carrier service, I will say that I am very glad to give my opinion in reference to the matter.

"I will say that I find that it is a physical impossibility for the present force to give the service needed.

"Ever since I have had charge of the post office in this city I have deplored the lack of sufficient carrier force.

"In my opinion, there is a great need for one additional carrier and a proper re-districting of the city.

"I favor extending the delivery limits to all portions of the city, as changes have been constantly taking place in the city since the free delivery went into effect.

"Besides, the continual growth of the city in population, as well as in area, and the consequent increase in the bulk of the mail handled renders this necessary. In my opinion.

"I believe in a complete twice-a-day service for the entire city.

"Owing to increased bulk of mail handled at this office, and wishing to be able to properly handle it, I especially desire another clerk, as the present force is inadequate, and it is my desire to be able to keep the de-

livery window open while distributing the mails that are coming in so often during the day, often off schedule.

"I find that the business of this office for the first six months of the present fiscal year exceeds that of the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

"The post office at The Dalles has six clerks, that at Hood River three clerks, each second class offices, and the business done at these offices does not warrant the difference in the office force.

"Relative to rural mails I will say, that it is said that the average weight of rural mails hauled throughout the country is 22 1/2 pounds per carrier, while in this county the average weight per load is 150 pounds, which is evidence to my mind that, owing to the growing mail demanded by the reading public, such as we have in this county, we also need another rural route to operate from Odell postoffice.

"My fondest aim will be to give, not only to the city of Hood River, but the entire county within the delivery of this office, the best possible service, and with that end in view will respectfully request the aid and co-operation of the Hood River Heights Development League, that of the Hood River Commercial Club and the Woman's Club, all of which may be, if so disposed, of great assistance in the betterment of this important service, and I earnestly hope that you may see fit to lend your aid by considering the suggestions above."

Methodist Church
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Themes, morning, "The Sure Foundation;" evening, "The Upward Look." Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Strangers made welcome. W. B. Young, pastor.

Even the Presidential election can't prevent Hood River from harvesting a bumper crop this year.

MR. KAUFFMAN HAS RESIGNED OFFICE

Secretary Horace G. Kauffman of the Commercial Club has tendered his resignation to the board of directors with the understanding that it shall take effect on March 15 unless arrangements for his successor shall not have been arranged.

Mr. Kauffman accepted the secretaryship of the club upon the resignation last fall of J. C. Skinner and entered upon his duties in October. The board of directors, as well as those members of the club who have been informed of Mr. Kauffman's resignation, have been unanimous in their expressions of regret. Mr. Kauffman has been a capable secretary, but ill health makes it advisable for him to seek a change of climate. With Mrs. Kauffman, he is planning to return to his former home in Oregon, Ill.

SOUTH DAKOTAN BUYS THE NICHOLSON PLACE

G. Y. Edwards & Co. last week closed the sale for lots 8 and 9, East Belmont, containing 10 acres, to E. E. Rugg, Sr., formerly of South Dakota. This property is known as the "Old Nicholson" place and is one of the landmarks of the Belmont road.

Mr. Rugg, who took immediate possession of the property, will make some extensive improvements on the place this spring by the erection of some new buildings and planting D'Anjou pears on all of the land which is not now in apple orchard.

Mr. Rugg, who came from South Dakota last spring looking for a location for himself and several grown sons, has decided that Hood River climate can't be bettered and has evidenced his faith in the commercial future of the valley by investing in several different tracts.

FAVOR PLACING OF WIRES UNDERGROUND

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening there was considerable discussion as to what disposition shall be made of the power and telephone wires in the city. As a result the judiciary committee was instructed to prepare and submit ordinances providing that all wires shall be placed underground within the fire limits and that outside of the fire limits all electric wires shall be placed on one side of the street and the telephone wires on the other. The telephone and power companies are said to favor the proposition of putting their wires underground within the fire limits.

A tentative ordinance dealing with this subject was submitted by Dr. Brosius and referred to the judiciary committee.

Neat and natty job printing quick-executed at the News office.

MAY TEACH LATEST DANCE STEPS HERE

Professor Beggs, the dancing instructor, will be in Hood River next Friday afternoon and evening when he will meet all those who want instruction in dancing. He has been conducting several classes in Portland and is kept very busy teaching some of the popular new dances which are making such a hit. Prof. Beggs is a great favorite in Hood River, having taught some of the best dancers here. His friends are trying to get him to start a class here and that is the object of his visit here Friday. He will attend the young married people's dance Friday evening and will be at Hell-brother hall from 1:30 to 6 Friday afternoon where he will be glad to meet all of his old time friends.

Rev. W. M. Proctor of Pacific University will occupy the Cong. pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor. A large and cordial hearing is requested.

WANT A HIGHWAY THROUGH RESERVE

Congress now has under consideration the matter of an appropriation for the wagon and automobile road proposed and now being partially projected across the Cascade Forest Reserve between Sandy river and the West Fork of Hood river. This road would connect Hood River and Multnomah counties on the south, and a concerted effort to have the necessary appropriation passed is to be made in this county. The appropriation now asked is \$150,000. Judge Culbertson has written letters on the matter to Senators Bourne and Chamberlain and has also enlisted the assistance of the local Commercial Club. In his letters he presented the matter as follows:

"The wagon and automobile road proposed and now being partially projected across the Cascade Forest Reserve between Sandy river in Multnomah county and the West Fork of Hood river, forming a connection overland between Eastern and Western Oregon, is in my opinion a very worthy betterment and one of much practical importance to the development of these two sections of our state, besides promising very material aid to the forestry service in the proper patrol of the reserve, and I should like to add my request to that of many other interested Oregon citizens who have doubtless written you upon the subject, for your active support of the pending appropriation in Congress to effect the completion of this road.

The people of Hood River county, as well as of Multnomah county, are almost unanimously in favor of this road and I am sure will greatly appreciate your kindly efforts in its behalf."

CHIEF ORGANIZES THE LOCAL INDIANS

Chief Stwire G. Waters, a former resident of White Salmon and now of the Yakima reservation, who has just returned from the convention of the North American Indians at Washington, was in the city last of the week organizing the local Indians as a branch of the North American federation of Indian tribes which is being effected as a result of the conference at Washington.

Chief Waters, who is known to the older inhabitants here, was proud of having met President Taft in the Capitol.

The Indians have made a plea to be permitted to hunt and fish without licenses and to be permitted to use the reserves for grazing. They also have organized in order to regulate the distribution of Indian monies.

There were chiefs representing sixty-five different tribes at Washington and Chief Waters represented the Yakima tribe, which also includes the Klickitat and Cascade Indians. He made a lengthy speech at the convention, which was well received. The Indians want the treaty of 1855 to be continued in effect, and Chief Waters says he believes that they will receive all their rights.

He described President Taft's physical dimensions with a number of expressive and sweeping gestures.

Fine weather this week has been the kind for which Hood River is famous.

APPLE BOX BILL INTRODUCED AGAIN

A dispatch from Washington states that Representative Sulzer of New York has introduced in the House a bill similar to the Lafean bill of the last Congress, which attempts to standardize the size of boxes used in shipping apples, the purpose being to discriminate against Oregon and other western apples that now dominate eastern markets and command prices far in excess of those paid for eastern apples.

The Sulzer bill does not stipulate the dimensions of apple boxes, but says that the "standard boxes shall have a capacity of not less than 2552 cubic inches."

As the agriculture committee in the last Congress, after hearings, refused to report the Lafean bill, Sulzer has had his bill referred to the interstate commerce committee and counts upon the support of the Democratic majority to get it favorably reported.

If the bill was confined solely to fixing the size of standard boxes, it would have no difficulty, but it also undertakes to fix standard grades of apples, and this feature of the bill may operate to defeat the measure.

O. A. C. CONCERT IS GREATLY ENJOYED

A crowded house greeted the O. A. C. Glee and Mandolin Clubs when they gave a concert in this city Friday evening. A delightful program, full of snap and gusto, was given by the clubs and this, the initial appearance of the clubs in this city, was a complete success.

The program was a varied one, consisting of both classical and popular music. It included "Barcarolle," by the glee club and "The Spring Maid," by the mandolin club, while Mr. Coursen's rendition of Chopin's "Polonaise" on the piano was given a hearty encore. Mr. Woodcock's trombone solo was thoroughly enjoyed and Mr. Russell made good as the "Harry Lauder of the West" in the monologue "She's Ma Daisy."

After the musical program the floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed.

Incidentally the present concert tour of the agricultural college musicians furnishes a valuable reminder of the fact that at the college are a large number of wholesome, bright young fellows who are being trained into high efficiency along practical industrial lines.

"Votes for Women, Then Prohibition"--Chafin

Former Candidate for President Addresses County Convention for Prohibitionists Here and Declares Women Will Get Suffrage This Fall, After Which State of Oregon Will Go Dry.

That Oregon will give women the right to vote at the election this fall and that prohibition will carry the state the first time the women have a chance to vote on the question, is the prediction of Eugene W. Chafin, who was the principal speaker at the Prohibition convention held here Monday. Mr. Chafin was Prohibition candidate for president in 1908.

Mr. Chafin spoke at half past noon and evening sessions. He declared that the liquor question is so thoroughly entrenched in politics and in the law of the land that the only way it can be eradicated is through a political party. He stated that the two existing parties have been trying in vain to solve the problem for the past forty years and during that time the consumption of liquor per capita in the United States has increased from about fifteen to twenty-three gallons.

According to Mr. Chafin's idea, the only possible way in which the liquor question can be solved is by nationwide prohibition. He said it was a monumental fallacy to suppose that a different code of morals can be made to exist in different communities. In other words, his argument was that this country cannot exist half wet and half dry. He further declared that the liquor interests have so firmly entrenched themselves in the two dominant parties that they have nothing to fear so long as either the Republicans or Democrats remain in power. That this is the worst "whiskey administration" the country has yet seen, was another of the statements made by Mr. Chafin, and he used this assertion in

his effort to prove that everybody who would see the traffic absolutely eliminated should join the prohibition party and vote for its candidates at the polls in the fall.

The speaker alluded to the recent decision of the supreme court that liquor might be expressed into dry territory and declared that it makes local option no more than a farce.

At the morning session of the convention Ernest E. Taylor, state secretary, made an eloquent address on the "Out to Win" campaign that has been started in this state. This was followed by discussion.

A permanent organization was effected and the following officers were elected: O. L. Walters, chairman; Rev. J. B. Parsons, first vice president; Frank C. Sherrieb, second vice president; A. T. Allen, secretary; Leslie Butler, treasurer. Delegates were also chosen to attend the state convention to be held in Portland February 29.

Congregational Church

A delightful Valentine party was given by the Young People's Sunday Evening Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hersher last Wednesday evening. The decorations, refreshments and games would have done credit to people twice their years.

Rev. E. A. Harris is accompanying the Grand Master of the state in an official visit through the southern part of the state to the Odd Fellow lodges at Halsey, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Ashland, where he will give his lecture on "The Genius of the Brotherhood." He will occupy pulpits in Ashland and Medford next Sunday.

Would Have Market Plan Include All Northwest

Committees from Hood River, Rogue River and Cashmere Meet at Portland and Hold All-Day Session—All Favor Arrangement Whereby Co-operation Would Take in All Sections.

Committees from Rogue River, Cashmere and Hood River met at Portland Thursday and held an all-day session at which the proposition of combining the fruit districts of the Northwest in a marketing arrangement was thoroughly discussed. Those who participated in the meeting are not yet prepared to announce all that was accomplished. Resolutions were adopted, however, which indicate that an effort will be made to unite all the fruit sections, if possible, including Yakima and Wenatchee. The resolutions were as follows:

Whereas, the committees from Rogue River, Cashmere and Hood River, in joint session in Portland, February 15, are unanimously in favor of the cooperation of the large fruit sections of the Northwest, and

Whereas, the tonnage represented at this meeting is only a small portion of the entire output of the Northwest, therefore be it

Resolved, that the committees give this information to the various organizations which they represent and recommend that permanent committees be immediately appointed from Rogue River, Hood River, Wenatchee and Yakima to consider this question further, and that these committees be urged to take up this important work at the earliest convenient date.

It is understood that the sense of the meeting was that the best results can be obtained only if all the sections are included in the arrangement, whatever its nature may be.

As an outcome of the meeting it is believed that the tendency will be, for the present at least, to strengthen the local union in every way possible. It having been demonstrated as a result of the investigation that the union here is getting in shape to do excellent work in handling the crop this year and it is the opinion of those connected most intimately with the investigation that Hood River will best protect her interests by strengthening the local organizations, whatever arrangement may be subsequently made with the other

districts looking towards cooperation in marketing.

The committee from here which attended the meeting at Portland included P. S. Davidson, W. B. Dieker, and Truman Butler. They will make a full report to the stockholders of the local union at an early date.

RANCHERS WARNED AGAINST BLIGHT

W. H. Lawrence has been sending out to orchardists a bulletin which reads in part as follows:

During the spring of 1910 fire blight first made its appearance in the Hood River Valley and spread over more than 3000 acres. At considerable expense the disease has apparently been eradicated. There is great danger, however, that it may be present in some of the orchards.

This is the opportune time to get the greatest results at the lowest cost. Systematic and careful work will accomplish the results. In order to avoid expense and to give the county the greatest service, this office requests each owner or person in charge of fruit trees to carefully examine each and every one and report any abnormal condition observed. By this method the fruit inspector is also notified by the parties desiring assistance. In making the report kindly give all the troubles you have observed in both trees and fruit. Now is the time to examine every tree. Let the inspector know what you have found as soon as you have finished the work. Be very cautious not to overlook fire blight if it is in some of the trees. An epidemic of this disease has been known to eradicate the fruit industry (pear) in some of the most important fruit-growing regions of the west. There is no proof that the same loss may not occur in apple growing regions. This section is also admirably adapted to the growing of the pear. We must eradicate fire blight in order that the pear may be grown successfully.

Fire Department for Heights Is Organized

New Organization Composed of Twenty-five Stalwart Fire Fighters Is Affiliated with Organization of City Proper—Officers Are Elected and Plans for Active and Systematic Work Are Made.

At a meeting of the fire department held last week an affiliation was effected between the newly-organized Heights department and the department representing the city proper. Those from the heights who were elected to membership in the department included the following:

E. M. Holman, W. J. Holman, W. H. Shrum, H. Bangle, J. R. White, W. L. Carson, W. L. McGarlin, A. F. Smith, H. Taylor, W. R. Carnes, R. Koontz, Ezra Wall, H. F. Morse, J. H. Hunt, Frank Koontz, Harry Stutz, Earl Holman, William Baker, A. L. Carmichael, George W. Hunt and Allen Hart.

The annual election of officers was held and resulted as follows: President, William Ganger; vice-president, Robert Husbands; secretary, Walter Ford; treasurer, C. S. Jones; chief, William Ganger; assistant chief, W. B. McGuire; foreman of Hose Company No. One, R. B. Perigo; foreman of Hose Company No. Two, W. Coulter; foreman of the book and ladder company, A. L. Vincent; foreman of the heights hook and ladder company, H. Taylor; chief engineer, E. M. Holman; plumbers, E. C. Wright and W. E. Colby; fire marshals, R. T. Lewis and H. H. Bailey; marshal on the heights, Allen Hart.

In anticipation of the opening of club rooms in the near future, it was decided to purchase the athletic paraphernalia of the old athletic association. A committee was also appointed to arrange a benefit entertainment.

Good Show

The Hewett Moving Picture Company opened to a good house Monday night and presented a program consisting of moving pictures, magic illusions and dramatic acts. The Hewetts remain all this week with change of program nightly. Prices 10c and 25c.

The News for good printing

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

The great natural ice bridge at Niagara Falls disintegrated, and a woman and two men were carried into the rapids and drowned. Owing to a severe illness Robert M. La Follette was practically forced to withdraw from the presidential race. Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio, was nominated as ambassador to France to succeed Robert Bacon, who recently resigned. The one hundred and third anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was celebrated from coast to coast. The possibilities of the aeroplane in war were strikingly illustrated when Adrian C. Duff, a staff photographer of the American Press Association, took several pictures of New York harbor from the passenger seat of Frank Coffey's hydroaeroplane while in full flight. The state department warned all Americans to leave Mexico as a result of the recent uprising. General Duncan and his troops were ordered to patrol the border.