

## WATER BOND SALE IS HELD UP

**Firm Employed By Prospective Purchasers of \$37,000 In Securities To Be Used For Purchase of Local System Finds Alleged Technical Defect---Matter Is Referred to Different Firm Which Sustained a Similar Issue and Favorable Opinion Is Expected.**

A setback, but one which it is hoped may be only temporary, has been sustained in the matter of purchasing the local water system from the Pacific Power and Light Company. An option was obtained by the city on the plant until March 1, the purchase price being \$37,250. At the last moment before the sale could be consummated telegraphic dispatches were received from the attorneys in Cleveland, O., stating that they had found an alleged technical defect in the bond election.

This news came as a more complete surprise to the members of the fire and water committee of the local council, inasmuch as the firm of Dillon, Thompson and Clay had sustained the \$90,000 bond issue which was voted on under identical circumstances. Realizing that a long delay would result in the making of the many proposed street improvements if the sale were allowed to go by default, the fire and water committee, composed of Messrs. Robertson, Brosius and Huggins, went to Portland Saturday and conferred with the Merchants Banking and Trust Company, the successful bidders on the bond issue. The importance of the matter to Hood River, in order that the construction of the water system and the subsequent paving of the streets may be accomplished this summer, was explained. The committee also pointed out that Judge Dillon had passed favorably

upon an identical case and it was suggested that an opinion be obtained from him confirming the one previously rendered.

The bank gave the committee to understand that if Judge Dillon will pass favorably upon the bond issue they will stand ready to take up the bonds.

The option on the water system having expired March 1, the committee petitioned President Guy T. Talbot of the Pacific Power and Light Company to grant an extension of time until April 1. This Mr. Talbot agreed to do.

The technicality upon which the Cleveland attorneys ruled adversely was that the election authorized the city to bond itself for the sum of \$40,000 or "so much thereof as might be necessary," the contention being that the city charter requires that a certain fixed amount be named on the ballots.

It is the earnest wish of those interested in seeing the extensive street improvements made this summer, that nothing may prevent the floating of this bond issue, and the council is sparing no effort to carry the matter through. At the meeting Monday resolutions were unanimously passed expressing the dissatisfaction of the council with the opinion of the Cleveland attorneys and referring the matter to Judge Dillon for his opinion.

SPRAYING ORDINANCE ORDERED  
County Fruit Inspector Lawrence

having brought to the council's attention the necessity of having all trees and shrubs in the city properly sprayed before the buds appear, it was ordered that an ordinance be drawn making it obligatory that every property owner within the city limits shall thoroughly spray his trees and shrubs. If this is not done the city will be empowered to do this spraying and charge the cost to the property owners.

That many trees and shrubs in the city are badly infested with pests and that it is a menace to the entire fruit industry in this section was forcibly brought out, as well as the fact that it makes the raising of fruit in the city almost impossible.

The council indicated that it would take prompt action to remedy this evil and all property owners are urged to spray thoroughly and without delay. County Fruit Inspector Lawrence is to make a thorough inspection in the near future, after which the new ordinance will be enforced.

## SHRINERS' BALL BRILLIANT AFFAIR

One of the most elaborate and enjoyable social functions of the season was the ball given Friday evening by the local Shriners. There were about 175 persons present and dancing was enjoyed until 3 o'clock a. m.

The affair opened with a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Davidson. Afterwards dancing and whist were enjoyed, music being furnished by a Portland orchestra, supplemented by local musicians. There were a number of elaborate gowns at the affair.

Twenty-two shriners were present, representing temples scattered from New York to China, one of those present having secured his membership in the Orient. Others were from New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Fargo, N. D., San Francisco and other cities.

An elaborate banquet was served at midnight.

Hellbrouner hall, where the ball was held, was tastefully decorated for the occasion, festoons of colored ribbons and potted plants being used.

The committee in charge of the ball included C. A. Plath, chairman, H. F. Davidson, W. H. Shaffner, W. L. Clark and J. K. Carson.

## BRYAN REMEMBERS FRUIT HE GOT HERE

"This is where I got that box of beautiful apples," were the first words from W. J. Bryan when he stepped off the westbound train at the local station Thursday morning. A substantial smile spread over the great Commoner's face in recollection of the fruit.

Mr. Bryan passed through about 10:30 o'clock a. m. A few loyal democrats gathered to give him a passing greeting and the Colonel chatted pleasantly with them while standing beside the car steps for a few minutes. Among those who met him were the following: County Judge Culbertson, Judge A. J. Derby, Charles Davidson, Mrs. Anna K. Baker, Alex. McKee, W. H. Walton, J. Blackman, J. M. Culbertson, and J. D. MacLennan.

The box of apples referred to by Mr. Bryan were extra fancy Spitzenburgs shipped him two years ago by the local county Democratic committee. Mr. Bryan recalled that he kept the apples as a special treat. Mrs. Bryan and himself eating one apiece each evening, thus making them last as long as possible.

A Portland society item says: Mr. and Mrs. George D. Green entertained with seven tables of 500 on Monday night, honoring Mrs. J. J. Gibbons, sister of Mrs. Green, who is here from Hood River. Prizes fell to Mrs. Nace, Mrs. Childs, Horace Meeklen and George B. Cellars.

## RAY SCOTT CHOSEN CLUB SECRETARY

At the meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club the last of the week Ray Scott was elected secretary to succeed Mr. Kauffman, resigned. The choice was unanimous.

Mr. Scott is a local orchardist, owning 20 acres in the Pine Grove district. He has been here about two years and is admirably qualified to do efficient work as a booster for Hood River. Before coming west from Indianapolis he was engaged in the printing and advertising business and at one time was in charge of the publicity journal published by the Indianapolis Commercial Club. During the past winter he has been employed in Portland.

It is expected that Mr. Scott will be present at the regular monthly meeting of the club to be held next Monday evening at which time an opportunity will be given all to become acquainted.

E. C. Scott has returned from a trip to St. Louis.

## RAILROAD TO GIVE OLD RIGHT-OF-WAY

That J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, has expressed the company's willingness to donate its old right-of-way for the Hood River-Portland road, is announced in a dispatch from Portland.

E. Henry Wempe, the good roads enthusiast, held a conference with Mr. O'Brien and the latter expressed the readiness of the company to assist in every way possible, only insisting that there shall be no grade crossings if the old right-of-way is donated.

The county court of Multnomah county has already entered into negotiations with Governor West for the necessary convicts. That county will have to build between 10 or 12 miles and the estimated expenditure is between \$60,000 and \$85,000. Judge Cleeton says that Multnomah county will probably expend about \$20,000 on the project this year and the balance later.

## Would Get Convicts for Hood River End of Road

**Judge Culbertson Seeks to Have Governor Send Gang of Road Builders to Supplement Work of Those to Be Stationed at Shell Rock--Improvement of County Portion of Road to Is Aim.**

That Governor West may see fit to place a gang of convicts at the disposal of Hood River county in order to work on the county road in conjunction with the convicts who will be placed on the Shell Rock work is the hope of County Judge Culbertson, who has addressed a letter to the governor suggesting that this be done. The letter follows in part:

"In behalf of Hood River county I desire to thank you for your kindly and active interest in the construction of the proposed road along the Columbia River near Wyeth in this county. As you have long since observed, this is a highway of much importance to the future development of both eastern and western Oregon and our people are greatly interested in its projection.

"I induced the residents of two road districts along the Columbia River comprising the territory through which this road has been extended to hold road district meetings in the early winter last year for the purpose of voting special levies to apply upon the building of this road, with the result that a fund will be provided from this source amounting to about \$9,000, which added to our apportionments from the general road fund for the two districts, a sum of about \$3,000, will give us in the aggregate about \$12,000 besides the contribution of Mr. Benson.

Now in order to obtain the largest results possible from the expenditure of the \$12,000 above mentioned, I should like to ask you to furnish us from the state prison along with the crew proposed to work out the Benson donation, such number of men as you may be able to let us have for the county work, say twelve to twenty men, and we will start this work at the same time your crew begins and one foreman or superintendent can be named and placed over the direction of both crews, so that the whole work may proceed in a simultaneous manner."

Judge Culbertson also suggested that County Surveyor Murray Kay and W. L. Clark, of the board of county road viewers, be present at the conference to be held between Governor West and J. P. O'Brien of the O.-W. R. & N. Company in order to ascertain if the present survey of this road conforms with the plans of the railroad company.

## Davidson Fruit Company Will Treble Its Capacity

**New Three-Story Brick Storehouse, 150x40 Feet, Is to Be Built and Will Increase the Storage Room to Accommodate 100,000 Instead of 35,000 Boxes--Union Also Contemplates Addition.**

Work was started Monday dismantling the wooden wing of the Davidson Fruit Company's cold storage plant in this city preparatory to at once starting the construction of a big brick storehouse, which will increase the capacity of the plant from about 35,000 boxes to 100,000.

Work will be rushed in order to have all in readiness to take care of the bumper crop of apples which is expected.

The new building will be 150 feet in length by 40 wide. It will be an extension of the present brick building. The latter is 130 feet in length, so that the combined length of the

two buildings will be 290 feet. The new building will be three stories in height and is to abut on the railway company's right of way.

Actual plans for the building have not yet been completed, but it will be of brick and cement and will be equipped with all modern cold storage facilities.

In view of the big crop of apples expected this year, the Apple Growers' Union is also discussing the need of additional storage facilities and there is talk of building a new storehouse. Nothing definite will be done along this line, however, until the annual meeting to be held early next month.

## MARRIED

EVANS-PIPER

N. C. Evans, Jr., of this city and Miss Winnifred E. Piper of Portland were married at the home of the bride on Saturday, March 2. On Sunday the happy couple came to this city and were guests for the day at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Evans, a wedding dinner being served at which members of both families were present, the bride's mother being here for the occasion. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Evans left on a short wedding trip. They will return here to make their home, Mr. Evans being connected with the Hydro Electric Company.

## MEDAL CONTEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING

We would like to call the attention of the Hood River public to a coming event that must be of interest to all. A medal contest is to be held in the Heights Baptist church Friday night March 8th, under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. Six young men of the Heights Literary Club will participate. These young men have been in training and are well qualified to make it of interest to all who attend. The contestants are E. Holman, Ed Struck, Joe Carson, G. Edgington, Bodie Baker. There will also be special music.

W. C. T. U. COMMITTEE

## Local Sentiment Strong In President Taft's Favor

**Conviction in Minds of Many That Colonel Has Made Serious Error Causes Public Favor to Swing Decisively Towards Taft--Local Political Pot Is Now Boiling--Many Candidates Out for Office.**

So far as local sentiment has crystallized in favor of either Taft or Roosevelt, following the latter's announcement last week, the odds appear to be strongly in favor of the president. Conversation with many of the leading Republicans reveals an almost unanimous opinion that Roosevelt has placed himself in a decidedly unfavorable light and not a few who have been strong admirers of the redoubtable Colonel feel that his political sincerity is not above suspicion and his stock has suffered a decisive decline in the political market as a consequence.

Petitions sent here recently for Roosevelt met with a chilly reception. Nobody could be found who would circulate them and they were finally thrown into the stove in company with a large poster asking the voters to support him for president.

E. L. Smith, who is the Nestor among local Republicans, voiced what appears to be the prevalent opinion, yesterday, when he said: "I have always been a friend and great admirer of Roosevelt. He is a remarkably clever man. In this matter, however, he appears to have made a serious error of judgment and is bound to lose greatly in public esteem. It is hard to justify him in the step he has taken, especially after his previous emphatic statements that he would under no circumstances be a candidate."

Continuing, Mr. Smith said, "While in Portland last week I met many of the leading Republicans and they were unanimous in condemning Roosevelt for his action and in announcing that they would support President Taft."

The Taft committee for this county has been greatly encouraged by re-

cent developments and reports a strong sentiment in favor of the president. They are making plans to lead an active campaign in this county for their candidate and expressed great confidence in the outcome.

In local circles several new political possibilities have appeared. Friends of Lawrence S. Blowers have been urging him to enter the race for member of congress from this district. These friends include many prominent politicians in both Wasco and Hood River counties, not a few of whom are of the opinion that the present aspirants are not satisfactory. Mr. Blowers has been mayor of Hood River and was also mayor of Sumpter, Oregon. He has many staunch political friends and admirers and is equipped to make a strong campaign. He believes, however, that it is now too late to make an effective campaign and will probably not become a candidate at this time. He is also being mentioned as a candidate for state senator.

For state senator four candidates have been announced. C. H. Stranahan has received many letters urging him to become a candidate, following the announcement made in the News last week. W. E. King, formerly of Baker, is also a local possibility for state senator. A. J. Derby will run on the Democratic ticket, while D. J. Cooper is a Republican aspirant in Wasco county.

J. M. Schmeltzer, at present county treasurer, is being mentioned for state representative and Attorney S. W. Stark will also ask the people to support him for the nomination for this office.

Among the candidates for county commissioner to date are John R. Putnam, F. P. Friday and George M. Wishart.

## Great Importance of Proper Pruning Shown

**West Side Improvement Club Hears Paper by George I. Sargent, after Which Vital Matter of Properly Handling Trees Is Subject of General Discussion--Different Methods of Pruning Shown.**

That the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' Association is disposed to look with favor upon Hood River's proposal that the fruit growers of these two sections unite with Wenatchee in a marketing arrangement is indicated by a letter just received by Truman Butler from J. H. Robbins, general manager of the Yakima Association. The letter follows:

"The much discussed central selling agency is a difficult problem. Our association took a very active interest in the matter last year and did much missionary work along that line, sending delegates to the Portland Convention, the Walla Walla convention and to Spokane. It appeared, however, that the time was not yet ripe for the formation of such an agency. We therefore some time ago abandoned for the time being further attempts in that direction and have since been quietly, but in a practical way, extending the field and scope of our own association by adding additional units from adjacent territory until we now embrace within our membership seventeen district associations with three additional in immediate prospect, covering in all a territory 110 miles in length along the Yakima and 50 miles up and down the Columbia. Since we could not at that time find others willing to join with us in the establishment of a purely cooperative central selling agency, we have undertaken in a somewhat diminutive way to establish one of our own for the benefit of the enormous tonnage so rapidly increasing within and adjacent to our valley.

We have, therefore, with considerable cost and care, placed in operation fully equipped marketing machinery for the use of our several units. We have departmentalized this work so as to place an expert in charge of each division. An experienced sales manager has charge of our marketing; a railroad man of many years experience as a traffic manager looks after all our routings, transportation problems and claims; an expert auditor has

charge of our accounting; and the superintendent of grade and pack has charge of all problems falling under his direction.

Thus equipped we were enabled the past season to render very satisfactory results to our members. In fact, while our contract is otherwise perpetual it grants to each member the privilege of withdrawal on February 15th of each year. Out of our entire membership we had but four such withdrawals. We are rapidly increasing in memberships, have recently added three new units or local associations, their action being based upon a comparison between association and non-association results during the past season.

While your inquiry did not comprehend this information, yet it seems necessary in order that you may better understand our reluctance to surrender up a tried-out satisfactory plan for something new.

In a valley containing over sixty thousand acres planted to fruit trees, nearly forty-five thousand of which are apples, we have a vast field of our own to consider and one having a tonnage basis demanding our first consideration.

We are unalterably opposed to the consideration of any central selling agency plan that contemplates the uniting of a cooperative or non-profit interest with that of a private or profit making interest. They are like oil and water and will not mix.

This character of organization was several times tried out among the orange growers of California and was finally abandoned for the expressed reason that they were diametrically opposed to each other and could not work in harmony.

It is our belief that a central plan should be wholly private or wholly cooperative. We do not believe that the fruit growers' interests of the Northwest will ever be served through the building up in their midst of a great private marketing agency--far better we think to build a strong cooperative or non-profit organization.

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## Yakima Is In Favor of Marketing Combination

**Manager Robbins Replies Favorably to Overtures Made in Behalf of Local Growers--Would Combine Columbia Valley Districts in Co-operative Selling Arrangement--Attitude Is Made Plain.**

At a largely attended meeting of the West Side Improvement Club Friday afternoon at the Oak Grove hall an interesting discussion on the subject of pruning was held. This discussion was started by George I. Sargent, who read a paper in which he said in part:

"The subject of pruning is probably one of the most thoroughly discussed of the many horticultural subjects and remains ever new. This is mainly due to the fact that there is such a difference of opinion upon pruning and that its effect upon the trees varies so greatly, owing to the different conditions under which it is applied. The results vary according to the views of the one doing the work.

"It is not the intention of this paper to advocate any set rule of pruning nor should it be taken as any criterion to go by, for it is useless to attempt to lay down any hard and fast rule. We will try to show the reason for this later. Kindly consider this paper the expression of only one person's views.

"It seems to me that the science of pruning is virtually the thorough understanding of the control of the wonderful energy of the tree and the exercise of a great amount of good judgment. In other words, to understand a tree, its construction, growth, method of gathering food and its facilities for making use of food, the varieties and the power of controlling, to a large extent, these characteristics by using the agencies with which nature has provided the tree, are all prerequisites for proper pruning.

"To thoroughly understand a tree before attempting to change its character, correct its behavior, or to bring about any particularly desired result, we will start with a young tree just planted, and what we learn from its construction and wood growth will apply equally well to large trees, which can be handled just as well as smaller ones."

Mr. Sargent gave a detailed de-

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