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Picks Convict Camp Site; Road Work to Start Soon

Governor West, Accompanied by Portland Party and Local County Court, Inspects Shell Rock and Ad- joining Territory--Ex-Safe Crackers Will Start Work on Rock in the Near Future.

Governor West, accompanied by a party of Portland men, met the Hood River county court at Shell Rock Sunday morning and made a personal inspection of the work which will be done in building the proposed road around that point. He also located a site for the convict camp and announced that work on this important undertaking will be started at once.

The Governor's party came up from Portland on a special and was taken directly to Shell Rock. It included E. E. Covert, representing S. S. Benson, donor of the \$10,000, J. E. Ballons, division superintendent of the O. W. R. & N., and several other prominent Portland men interested in the project.

The Hood River party left here on the early morning train. In the party were County Judge Culbertson, County Commissioners G. A. McCurdy and O. H. Rhoades, County Surveyor Murray Kay and W. L. Clark, the latter representing the Hood River Commercial Club, W. H. Walton, J. E. Hendricks of Cascade Locks and W. S. Curran, road supervisor of Vento.

The governor selected a site for the convict camp in a ravine just east of Shell Rock. A creek will supply water and a dock will be built on which to unload lumber and supplies brought from Portland by boat. The governor said that the convicts would be put to work just as soon as supplies can be shipped in and the necessary quarters constructed. After going over the ground, the party were enthusiastic over the proposition and the governor expressed himself as being much pleased at the way in which all are cooperating in the work. He promised to do all in his power to put the work through at an early date.

It was decided to use the old railroad grade wherever possible between Wyeth and Lindsay Creek. Four miles will have to be rebuilt, however, and instead of using the

old grade along the hillside, it will be lowered to a point between the railroad and Shell Rock. The rock point east of Shell Rock will be blown off to permit the road being built around it at a low grade. A 45 foot cut will be made through the second point to the east of Shell Rock and this will give the road a much lower grade than would otherwise be possible. About two miles east of Wyeth the new road will strike the grade of the old military road, which is in use from Vento to Hood River.

EXPERT ADVISES FERTILIZING SOIL

Prof. W. S. Thornber, horticulturist at the Washington State College at Pullman, says, "You can keep up the soil fertility and consequently the general activity of the orchard by the regular use of cover crops.

"But," he continues, "where an orchard has been permitted to run down and has not received proper cultivation for a period of ten or twelve years, I would give it a rather medium application of potash during the month of March, and a small application of lime almost at the same time; then early in the spring, a light application of nitrate of soda. I would use from 300 to 400 pounds of lime per acre, 100 to 200 pounds of muriate of potash, and from 75 to 100 pounds of nitrate of soda. The trees need potash at once, the lime is to make other plant food available, and the nitrogen to produce growth. You can get dried blood or bone meal in place of nitrate of soda, and in the case of dried blood we would increase the application a little. I am of the opinion that it would pay to do this if the trees have been in a rather dormant and poor condition. In connection with the same work, prune heavily in order to get plenty of wood growth."

LESLIE BUTLER IS HONORED IN HAWAII

A recent dispatch from Hawaii reporting a big banquet participated in by the Oregonians there contains special mention of Leslie Butler, president of the Butler Banking Co. It says,

"Toward the close of the banquet, when the club had been fully organized, Leslie Butler of Hood River, was called upon for an address and delivered one of the prettiest little speeches of the entire evening. Mr. Butler said that while he agreed with all that had been said regarding the beauties of Hawaii, and that while as he looked about him he could see many Oregonians, who had "made good" in this wonderful islands territory, he was sure that the old state was where he wanted to live and die. Mr. Butler then became the proverbial booster. He told of the great forests of the Northwest and declared that the day was not far distant when every stick of good building material used in these islands would be brought from Portland. Then he told of Oregon hops, Oregon potatoes, Oregon apples and fruits and Oregon ranches. He wound up his address with a toast to the ladies of the state. The banquet, which started in as an Around-the-Pacific affair, became almost an Oregon dinner before midnight was reached."

EAST SIDE GRADE WORK IS FINISHED

Improvement of the east side grade was finished the last of the week and the road was thrown open to traffic. A splendid improvement has been made with the outlay of \$2000. For a distance of about 1000 feet the road has been widened to a double track and the grade has been raised to a continuous pitch. The first rock point has been lowered ten feet and between that and the second point a six-foot fill has been made. The second point was blown off and widened twenty feet.

FLAMES DESTROY THE VOGEL HOME

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vogel, corner of 14th and Columbia streets, about 8 o'clock Monday evening.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Vogel having gone out about half an hour before. The alarm was sent out and the department responded promptly, but the flames had already enveloped the building.

The house was partially insured, but Mr. and Mrs. Vogel lost all their furniture as well as clothing and other belongings. It is not known how the fire originated.

THOUSANDS FLOCK TO SEE THE RODEO

The rodeo, or duplication of the Pendleton Round-up, opened at Los Angeles on Saturday under most auspicious circumstances. Considerable local interest is felt in this event for the reason that several Hood River men are interested in the project and Chas. Hall is now at Los Angeles as manager of the enterprise. A dispatch from Los Angeles on Friday said:

"With the opening tomorrow of the first annual celebration of the 'Rodeo,' Southern California is to be the scene of an unequalled outdoor Western extravaganza. Cow punchers and cowgirls from every section of the ranch country between the Canadian border and the Rio Grande are already camped on the 'Lucky' Baldwin ranch, Santa Anita, to compete in this great southwestern interstate cowboys' contest.

"A special excursion of 40 visitors from Portland and Pendleton, Ore., arrived over the Southern Pacific today to attend the rodeo.

"Beginning tomorrow afternoon the competitions will be held daily on the Baldwin ranch until the close of the contests, Sunday afternoon, March 17."

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Davidson were among those who went from here to see the rodeo.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

The following sales of real estate are reported for the past week:
Conaway Mercantile Company to Mark Cameron, tract in Odell, consideration \$400.

George M. Howard and wife to M. D. Shelburne, five acres east of Wlans, consideration \$400.

Layton Wisdom and wife to Aage Anderson, 25 acres southeast of Parkdale.

A. C. Buck and wife to L. E. Morris, 7 1/2 acres south of Rockford store, 20 acres on the east side.

C. D. Roberts to Anna Krotzsch, 20 acres on the east side.

Nettle B. Spear to James A. Spear, 80 acres south of Parkdale.

C. K. Cochran and wife to W. F. Helm and wife, lots 2 and 3, block 2, Cascade Locks.

C. Asher to Abe W. Frayer, seven lots in Watson's First Addition.

Hubert S. Calligan and wife to Manning L. Howard, one-fourth acre south of Vanderbilt place on the east side, consideration \$200.

\$10,000 IS RAISED FOR M. E. CHURCH

At the morning services held Sunday at the Methodist church a subscription totaling \$10,000 was taken for the building of the new church and work will be started at once.

During the week members of the church worked on the matter and aroused much interest. An opportunity was then given on Sunday to make pledges for the work and a splendid response was made, all members of the church giving liberally. A large thermometer, arranged for the occasion, marked the accumulation of the donation and the mercury rose steadily until it reached the \$10,000 mark.

The church will be built according to the original plans, practically the only change being that cement and red brick will be used instead of stone.

NEIGHBORING CLUBS TO BE ENTERTAINED

The Women's Club was favored by an address by Mrs. Millie Trumbull on Wednesday last. The large audience listened attentively to the speaker, who handled her subject, "Our Boys and Girls," in a most earnest and forceful manner.

The Women's Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Henney, sang two pleasing selections. Two new members were added to the club, and at the close of the program dainty refreshments added to the sociability of the occasion.

At the next meeting, March 21, the Women's Clubs of White Salmon and Underwood will be the guests of the local club.

The entertainment committee is planning a unique program and the social committee will serve refreshments.

Club members are entitled to bring friends for the usual guest fee.

PEDIGREED TREES LATEST WRINKLE

Pedigree trees! Selected strain! Trees of selected pedigree! Your literary critic would say that the terms are not synonymous. Your orchardist, with keen commercial instincts, would say a distinction without a difference says an exchange. Either criticism might in the abstract be correct. But there is a difference, not alone literally but actually. The now generally accepted term "pedigree trees" is distinctly descriptive as applied to fruit trees. Any fruit tree of proven strain which bears fruit of a high quality and color should be eligible to the pedigree class, provided it is healthy, hardy and free from diseases at the time that the scions or buds are cut from it and certified.

To illustrate, we will say: Mr. A owns an orchard. He picks apples from the orchard and puts them on exhibition at the National Apple Show. The variety is the Spitzenberg. He complies with the rules governing the contest and the high quality of his fruit wins for him first or second prize for the variety. The trees from which Mr. A has picked this fruit are trees of pedigree, and the scions and buds cut from those particular parent trees should be entitled to be put in the pedigree class, provided that on the respective dates of cutting they are reliably certified and a record of them and the orchard from which they are taken entered in a tree book or register the certification being done under affidavit.

DOG TAKES STRANGE FANCY TO HORSE

A strange friendship which has made inseparable companions of a fine collie dog and a horse owned by Dr. Bronson has attracted much attention from those who frequent the Fashion Stables in this city and who have witnessed this unusual attachment.

The dog is a thoroughbred collie which has been a member of Oscar Vanderbilt's family for several years. Something over a month ago he came to town with Mr. Vanderbilt and while at the stable conceived an immediate liking for the doctor's horse, which is stabled there. He refused to accompany his master home and could not be separated from the horse. When the latter is taken out the dog insists upon accompanying him, and upon returning continues to be the horse's constant companion in the stall. Dr. Bronson has not led the dog nor encouraged it to remain at the stables. Several times Mr. Vanderbilt has taken the dog back to the ranch, but each time it has taken its first opportunity to return to town and to its strange friend.

HELP GIVEN BY U. S. WEATHER BUREAU

That the United States weather service will assist local observers in determining if possible the cause of the so-called winter injury of fruit trees here, was indicated by the visit here last week of Edward A. Beals, the official forecaster in Portland. Mr. Beals came here on the suggestion of Professor W. A. Lawrence, county fruit inspector. His mission was to supervise the establishment of eight observation stations at different points throughout the valley.

Mr. Beals, while here, supervised the installation of the apparatus which will be used at these stations and showed much interest in the work which has been undertaken by Professor Lawrence to determine the minimum and maximum temperatures throughout the valley as well as other atmospheric conditions which affect fruit trees.

Following the installation of the eight stations, Hood River is said to be the best-equipped section in the United States so far as the observation of meteorological conditions is concerned.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT
WHOSE FRIENDS ARE PREDICTING HIS NOMINATION ON THE
FIRST BALLOT AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

SULZER APPLE BOX BILL IS ABANDONED

The House committee on coinage, weights and measures, after hearing the arguments on the Sulzer apple box bill, will abandon the original measure and report a substitute bill which undertakes merely to regulate the size of apple barrels and fix standards for apples packed in barrels. This is in conformity with an agreement reached last week between western growers and eastern commission men.

The bill to be reported does not in any way apply to western apples packed in boxes. There is one clause of the bill, however, which later on may be extended to western apples. This clause imposes a fine of \$1 for each package of apples misbranded and provides for confiscation of each barrel that is short. The committee decided that heavy fines and jail sentences for failure to meet required standards was unduly harsh and Sulzer agreed to modify this provision of the bill.

It is mutually understood that at the next session a bill will be brought forward regulating the size of an apple box and at that time an effort will be made to have the Oregon box adopted as a standard.

STORAGE QUARTERS GREATLY ENLARGED

Preparations for handling the bumper crop expected this fall are now going on apace. The old wooden structure at the east end of the present brick storage house of the Davidson Fruit Company has been demolished and excavation is being made for the new three-story brick structure. No change will be made in the refrigerating machinery of the Davidson Fruit Company, for last year, when additional equipment was added, it was made sufficient to care for the new building. The union, too, has refrigerating machinery for an enormously increased storage.

The Hood River Apple & Storage Company, composed of eight of the largest orchard growers on the east side, has begun excavation for its new storage warehouse, which will be two stories high. Its dimensions will be 8x150 feet. The company will have a storage capacity of 150,000 boxes of apples.

Because of the increased shipments of fruit that the big crop will make for river traffic, The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation Company is planning the building of a large storage warehouse at the wharf here.

Society Folk in Burnt Cork Make a Big Hit

Minstrel Show Is "Sho Nuff" Winner and Clever Stunts Staged by Local Talent Delight Large Au- dience--Coontown Turns Out in Force for Benefit of Local Church, Which Nets Neat Sum.

That the minstrel show was the big event of last week was proven by the crowded hall that greeted the members of Hood River's Four Hundred who appeared in burnt cork on that occasion. The show was a great success and the "stunts" that were staged kept the audience amused all the time. It was given for the benefit of the Unitarian Church and a substantial sum was realized.

The first number—the minstrels proper—was given under the direction of Arthur Clarke. Rev. MacDonald acted as interlocutor, assisted by Herbert Phillips, Walter Ford, Earl Franz and Carl Kent as end men. Some good local jokes were cracked and these were interspersed with solos by Earl Spaulding and C. K. Osgood. Others who contributed to the success of this part of the program were Merrill Gessling, Harry Coshov, Clyde Arnold and Max Moore. This was followed by selections by a quartet composed of Messrs. Baker, Coshov, Arnold and Moore. They were given a hearty reception.

The second part of the program was effectively introduced by the appearance at the rear of the hall of a chorus of dusky beauties led by J. A. Epping. The chorus "girls" were dressed in varicolored gowns and executed a dancing step as they traversed the aisles. All that marred the realism of this scene was the fact that Mr. Epping had neglected to include his bald spot in the application of the burnt cork. Upon reaching the stage Mrs. Henney, assisted by the chorus, sang, "Mummy's Song" very effectively. This was followed by a comic recitation given by Mrs. Louise Boyden, the popular elocutionist, who cleverly imitated a negro preacher in earnest exhortation of his flock. One of the most enjoyable numbers was the solo, "The Harbor of Love," rendered by Mrs. Sletton, who was recalled for an encore.

Among the hits of the evening was the colored sketch put on by Messrs. Gilbert and Clarke, who were right on hand with snappy jokes and dance steps, after having made their entrance by velocipede. The entrance was hardly less effective because of Gilbert's machine giving way beneath the strain. They were repeatedly encored and made their final appearance prostrated by their exertions and carried onto the stage by other members of the company.

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Power Lines Extended To Many New Sections

Mt. Hood District Gets Electric Service and Parkdale May Also Be Included in Extensions--Five-Mile Line Is Being Constructed in Barrett and Oak Districts--Other Branch Lines.

Extensions made this spring by the Hood River Gas & Electric Company and others planned will soon make it possible for residents in almost any section of the valley to obtain the convenience and benefits of electric light and power. General Manager Albert S. Hall of the Hood River Gas & Electric states that wherever rural residents show a disposition to give the company sufficient support construction will be extended to any section of the valley.

The latest section to be given electric service is the Mt. Hood district. The survey for the line as far as Gribble's store 15 miles from Hood River will be completed in a day or two. The new extension which will start from the vicinity of Sherman and Friday's will be something over seven miles long and will follow the east side road to Odell. From there it will run down to the new box factory of Mark Cameron and over to the rock crusher to be operated by Thos. Lacey. Leaving Odell the line will pass through Willow Flat over the main Mt. Hood road by the places of Frank Massee and N. W. Bone, over Boot Hill and through the Middle Valley. A line will be run to the mill of the Folts Lumber Co. situated on the holdings of the Apple Land & Orchard Company with the main line continued to Mt. Hood post office. If sufficient support is received construction will be extended to the Parkdale district. The construction will be of the latest improved high tension 600 volt three phase type. Contracts have been secured from many residents along the line for both light and power and construction work will be commenced as soon as material and men can be gotten on the ground.

A five mile extension has also been surveyed and partially constructed in the Barrett and Oak Grove districts. Commencing at the Rockford store the line runs south to the old Markham corner, east to the Angus place and west to the Oak Grove store. From there three lines branch out, one of them following the Green Point road past the Crapper place to the ranch of J. I. Miller. A second line runs due south to the foot of the hill near John Jakku's place and a third north and east to the Copeland ranch. Work on the latter lines is being slightly delayed by failure to receive poles, but will be pushed as soon as they arrive.

With the extension of these lines the Hood River district will be more completely served with electric energy than any rural community in the Northwest and the Hood River Gas & Electric Company will have in use 36 miles of line, not including that in the city of Hood River or its leased high tension line running to The Dalles.

PREFERS GRAVEL ROADS TO MACADAM

John R. Putnam of the Upper Valley, candidate for county commissioner, was in the city yesterday. Discussing the subject of good roads, Mr. Putnam said that if chosen county commissioner he would do his best to have the county roads ditched and properly graded and that he would have gravel used wherever possible, thus saving the cost of macadam. Mr. Putnam does not believe in the expeditors of money for macadam where a good gravel road would serve the purpose.