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Uncle Sam Helps

Uncle Sam has taken official cognizance of Hood River's importance as a fruit-producing section by placing in the valley during the week just past a greater number of observation stations in proportion to the area of the county than in any other section of the United States. This statement is made on the authority of Edward S. Beals, official forecaster of this district, who was here from Portland to supervise the installation of these stations. Uncle Sam has been good to Hood River in this matter and the attention is appreciated. As a result the entire valley will be mapped out meteorologically and cold air pockets, frost belts and inequalities of conditions affecting fruit growing will be scientifically registered. The local pathologist will also be greatly assisted in his study of the so-called winter injury.

Hood River raises the best apples in the world, not only because climatic and soil conditions are ideal, but more especially for the reason that the industry has been reduced to an exact science by a community of highly intelligent fruit-growers. That Uncle Sam has seen fit to lend a helping hand is a matter of congratulation.

A Bugaboo?

"Third term!" exclaims an exchange. "If the people want a man for a third or a thirteenth term, who shall say them nay?"

Such exclamatory utterances, instead of convincing even the most radical that a third term is justifiable, indicate quite the contrary. History has shown that popular demand in matters of this kind is not always the index as to what is the safest policy. A third term might, indeed, be no more objectionable than a thirteenth, but it would be a long step in the direction of the monarchy which would have become established by the time the thirteenth term were reached, and an equally long step away from the republican principles enunciated by the founders of the nation, the same principles whose justice was recognized by Roosevelt when he said in November, 1908:

"The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

The old saying that "man wants but little here below" does not apply to Wasco county politicians. Aspirants from that county are now out for Congress, the state senate and the district attorneyship. It is also understood that they are to have a candidate for representative in the legislature. So far as Hood River and Crook counties are concerned, it is evident that "there isn't going to be any core."

No longer can the housewife blame inflated grocery bills to the increased cost of living, according to a Portland paper. The prices of staple foodstuffs have not increased during the past year and "the cost of living is largely what the individual housewife makes it." Another chance for the husband to blame it all on his wife when the bills come in the first of the month.

With six candidates already in the ring for county commissioner, it may be that Hood River county won't have any time to bother with national issues.

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Mr. Covert said that he understood 20 convicts would be set at work at Shell Rock at once. He added:

"The construction work around Shell Rock is almost all hand work, and can be done by the convicts to advantage. Governor West says he will employ a supervisor, and that all the rest of the work will be done by the convicts, that he will have convict cooks and trusties as overseers of the gangs. The men are glad to work in the open, for they get 25 cents a day spending money, which they do not get when they are at work in the stove foundry."

"Governor West is going over the state, making his speeches as to the benefit to the roads his convict camps will be, so that there is a demand for these convict gangs. We have put in our application early, so that I believe we shall have plenty of men at work."

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The News is in receipt of a letter from Stewie G. Waters, formerly of this section and now chief of the Yakima Indians. Chief Waters was appointed at the recent Indian conference at Washington to organize the local Indians in the North American Federation, and made a visit here a short time ago. He has enrolled nearly 300 names and writes a letter which is a good sample of Indian eloquence. He says in part:

"From the east and the west, the northward and the southward, there responds to the signal of the call of the allies, the tribes and the clans banded together, and here, in this Indian council, are many strange faces, and for this we are thankful. Our chieftains and warriors are fully awakened to the dangers impending and the forces surrounding, but our spirit of warfare has never been conquered; we are seizing new weapons that are more destructive, and with them shall hurl back, with vigor untiring, the shafts of the warriors. The Indian council fires will glow in every village, where instructions and charges shall be given to teach the great weapon of action united for the protection of those who are deserving. The work we have begun will never be ended, the name of our people never forgotten, and Liberty and Justice shall be our motto, adding and protecting those who are helpless, and for this we are thankful. The fire of ambition will glow in each bosom and will be kindled and fed unto an unquenchable flame until that free spirit that once was our people's will glow and show to the world the worth of our blood."

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