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Apple Blossom Week
 Much might be said in favor of observing the season of apple blossoms. Perhaps something might be said against it, but as yet it has not been and it is hard to find any objection to an event which should not only foster local pride but would also furnish an opportunity to hundreds of non-residents to see the Hood River Valley at a season when it is a veritable Paradise.

In other cities festivals of this kind have proven most successful and it has given an opportunity to make known in the most convincing manner possible the attractiveness of the section. In Hood River, with Portland ready to send hundreds of guests, the success of such an undertaking can hardly be doubted. It would further serve to establish between Portland and Hood River a bond which will become still stronger when the proposed road is finished and when the tide of tourist travel is turned this way.

The project is one which will appeal to all loyal citizens of Hood River county, and one, likewise, from which they should all reap a benefit. It is only necessary to get the machinery started and, if the proper arrangements for entertaining guests are made, success will be assured.

California men have taken a back seat in political affairs since the women have been granted suffrage. At present the indications are that there will be hair-pulling before the campaign is over. Feminine forces are about evenly divided and each contingent thinks its champion—Taft or Roosevelt—is "just lovely."

President Lovett returns East as the bearer of good tidings from the West. The general improvement in business, of which he tells, will spread eastward until it covers the whole country. Prosperity is as infectious as depression, and it cannot but inspire courage for new ventures among the timid.—Oregonian.

Judging from the attention attracted by the arrival of a small herd of elk in the state last of the week, it can only be surmised what a rumpus will accompany the arrival in July of the thousands of Elks who will swarm to Oregon from all points of the compass for the Grand Lodge reunion in Portland.

Senator Bourne is evidently going to conduct a gumshoe campaign, if any. The tide of public opinion appears to be turning strongly against him and at present Ben Selling of Portland is getting strong support. Selling is conducting a vigorous publicity campaign.

Whatever may be the policies of the President-to-be, Hood River's prosperity after the marketing of the big apple crop this Fall, barring unforeseen circumstances, will be assured. Even a high tariff can't stop it.

If Governor West's convicts make good at Shell Rock this summer, Hood River may be able to borrow some to help harvest that bumper apple crop in the fall.

The attention of those who insist that times are growing worse is called to the fact that fifty years ago the ice was just breaking up on the Columbia.

Babies who disapprove of oscillatory attentions must be on their guard after April 19. The open season for politicians will then be on.

Local fruitgrowers are now all busily engaged "at the front," armed with the spray pump.

INTEREST TAKEN PLEASES BENSON

That S. Benson, donor of the \$10,000 for the Hood River Portland road, is much pleased with the interest taken here, is evidenced by a letter just received by County Judge Culbertson. Mr. Benson, who is spending the winter at Long Beach, Cal., says in part:
 "I note with a great deal of pleasure the interest taken in this matter. The importance of this road can hardly be over estimated. It will be a valuable asset to Hood River and of great convenience to people living east and west of the Cascade mountains. Besides, this will form the last connecting link in the Transcontinental Highway and the best road from Portland to Crater Lake and California. Last Fall I found the road from The Dalles all the way to California in very good condition while the road west of the mountains was almost impassable."

ARE FOLKS HONEST? ASK J. W. PIFER

It makes no difference who it is that says folks aren't honest, J. W. Pifer will have to be "shown." On Sunday the 18th he spent the afternoon taking a hike in the country. On his return the first friend he met asked him how he came to leave his store open with nobody in charge. As Mr. Pifer had left about \$25 in the cash register he just hit the high places on the way to the store. Upon opening the cash drawer, however, he found that its contents had grown by several dollars during the afternoon, while a survey of the store showed quarters, dimes and nickels scattered about on the counters by customers who had hesitated about manipulating the register.

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WANT TO DIVIDE KLICKITAT COUNTY

At a massmeeting held at White Salmon last week the chief topic of discussion was county division. Different boundary lines were discussed and a committee appointed to confer with committees in the east end of Klickitat county and the Lyle districts. A straw vote will be taken to find out what the majority of the voters want in the way of county division. The name of the new county and election of officers is to be left to the people. A hundred voters were present and a banquet was served at the close of the meeting by the Commercial Club.

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