

SPECIAL FEATURES FOR CLUB MEETING

The West Side Improvement Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at two o'clock at the Grange hall, Methodist Lane. Professor V. R. Gardner of Corvallis is coming especially to speak before the club, and Professor W. H. Lawrence, county fruit inspector, will also give an address. The subjects of the addresses will be of particular interest at this time and a large attendance is expected.

The West Side Improvement Club comprises all of the west side and everyone residing in this district is cordially invited to attend. The club is doing excellent service in encouraging the building of good roads and promoting other public interests. It is expected that there will be a large delegation from the east side in attendance at this meeting.

ATTEMPTS TO ROB C. N. CLARKE'S STORE

A bold attempt to burglarize C. N. Clarke's drug store next door to the postoffice was made Sunday night about 11 o'clock. When discovered the thief was working on the safe in the front part of the store.

The store was closed at 7 o'clock. Harry Wood, who clerks for Mr. Clarke, was spending the day in Portland and returned on the late train. He walked up Second street with Lewis Morgan and Frank Parker and upon reaching the store unlocked the door and stepped inside to see that everything was all right. Upon opening the door he was startled by seeing a man who had been engaged in front of the safe run to the back of the store and out the rear door. Mr. Wood and his companions ran after the retreating intruder but the latter quickly disappeared in the darkness.

It was found that the intruder had pried open the back door with some heavy tool, as the lock had been broken. He had evidently only just succeeded in gaining entrance as nothing in the store was disturbed. He was in his shirt sleeves and hatless.

City Marshal Lewis was at once notified of the attempt and spent two or three hours searching the neighborhood, but with no success.

PART OF PARADISE FARM IS PLATTED

In order to meet the growing demand for attractive residence sites, lot 25 of Paradise Farm is being platted by L. A. Henderson into town lots. This lot fronts on Cascade Avenue where the new street improvements are being made. The contour of the land has been carefully studied in laying out the addition looking toward the extension of State street at a future date.

All streets in the addition are to be 60 feet in width and are laid out with a view to minimizing the cost of future street improvements. Lots vary in size and offer a variety of location. They will be placed on the market next month and will be sold on small payments.

The addition fronts on the sewer extension and with the additional water supply to be had by the heights in the near future it is hoped that the addition will soon have the benefit of city water.

NEIGHBORING CLUBS ARE ENTERTAINED

The last meeting of the Woman's Club was a very enjoyable affair. After a short business meeting and the admission of one new member, about 30 ladies from the two clubs at Underwood and the Woman's Club of White Salmon were ushered in and introduced.

A short program had been prepared by the entertainment committee, consisting of a solo by Miss Brock and a play entitled "How the Story Grew," by seven ladies.

Refreshments were served to 135 people by the social committee. A very pleasant hour was spent visiting with old friends and getting acquainted with new ones, and when we said good-bye everyone felt the afternoon had been all too short.

The next meeting, April 3, is in charge of the music committee. A fine program is being prepared.

The club will also finish the adoption of by-laws and it is hoped every member will be present.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Huge Proportions of Apple Industry Shown

Statistics Just Obtained Show 16,250 Acres Now in Bearing in Northwest and a Grand Total of 274,500 Acres Planted--Comprehensive Mass of Facts, However, Indicate Future Market Is Assured.

That the total acreage in bearing apple trees in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is 16,250 and that the grand total planted in the three states is 274,500, is shown by statistics which have just been compiled by the Pacific Coast Packer. Despite the enormous acreage which is coming into bearing, the Packer has obtained a comprehensive mass of facts, covering conditions throughout the country, which lead it to the conclusion that the northwest acreage due to come into bearing from year to year will be needed to meet the demand which cannot be supplied by production in the states further east.

These statistics show that the acreage in bearing for the year 1912 in these three states will be double that which yielded nearly 10,000 cars of fruit in 1910. In that year 1,739 cars were shipped from Oregon, 5,777 from Washington and 911 from Idaho, giving a total from the Northwest of 8,427 cars.

The figures show a total bearing acreage in Oregon of 5,350 acres and a total acreage planted of 104,500; a total bearing acreage in Washington of 7,700 acres and 108,000 planted; 3,000 acres bearing in Idaho and 62,000 acres planted.

274,500 ACRES PLANTED
This shows the grand total in the three states of acreage in bearing to be 16,250. Grand total of acreage planted in the three states 274,500. It is claimed that this acreage planted will amount to about one-twelfth of the apple growing area in the United States. With a little more than 6 per cent of the total plantings in bearing in 1912, some idea of the increase and the output within the next few years can be seen. The output for 1912, based upon the present condition of the trees, setting of the fruit spurs and other features, is already estimated to be between fifteen and twenty thousand carloads. Measured entirely by acreage conditions, the crop for 1915 should be between 40 and 50 thousand carloads, and for 1920, around 100 thousand carloads.

MARKET IS ASSURED
"Naturally the growers are asking themselves: 'What is in store for the future?' Some naturally look at the dark side but the leading lights engaged in the industry look for a favorable solution of the apple industry regardless of the increased acreage coming into bearing from year to year. They point to the fact, for example that away back in 1890, when California produced only about 5,000 cars of citrus fruits, there was a howl about over-production. When the output was doubled to 10,000 cars growers wondered where they were going to be sold; later when the duty was placed on oranges from Italy, the acreage was again increased, and eastern markets invaded, the public educated and the output easily absorbed. Last year California shipped its record crop of 46 thousand carloads, which were promptly consumed and at fairly reasonable prices.

EASTERN PRODUCTION DECREASES
"Many growers who have worked themselves up to an exaggerated state of alarm over the outlook seem to have lost sight of the fact that the old orchards in the central and eastern states are to a lamentable degree being allowed to run down and, commercially speaking, new orchards are not being put out to replace them. Who knows but that the Northwest, due to new acreage coming into bearing from year to year, will be needed to meet the demand that can't be supplied by the production in states further east?"

"The cheerful class of growers know that the whole deal is going to work out to a satisfactory end. Of course, disappointment is bound to come to those who anticipate that apple prices are going to continue high enough to justify the valuation on orchards of from \$2000 to \$4000 an acre as is the case now in some districts. Such values are not safe and sane and really never were justified for the reason that as the acreage increases the fruit must sell nearer to commercial values."

Commercial Club Will Arrange For Festival

Directors Hold Meeting at Which Preliminary Arrangements for Blossom Week Are Made--Many Visitors from Portland Expected--Special Rates on Railroads Sought--Committees to be Appointed.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club held Friday afternoon plans for holding a "blossom week," probably the latter part of next month, were given their hearty approval and the festival will be held under the auspices of the club, which insures its success.

In addition to the principal feature of the festival, which will be the opportunity afforded every visitor to see the blossom-clad valley, the idea of a post card day appended to the directors as a valuable publicity feature. It was agreed to urge upon all residents of Hood River that they provide themselves with five or more attractive post card views of the valley in readiness to mail them out upon the day which shall be designated for that purpose. There are many attractive views of Hood River valley to be had and the widest publicity will be obtained in this manner.

Secretary Scott of the Commercial Club has been instructed to take up with the O. W. R. & N. the matter of obtaining special rates to Hood River from Portland and other neighboring cities during festival week. Arrangements will be made with automobile owners to have them on hand in shifts or as needed and visitors will be taken for a spin around the valley at a nominal fee.

C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland Commercial Club, will be communicated with. It is understood that the Portland business men have already made plans to visit Hood River during blossom week. As a large number of Portland's prominent business and professional men have property interests here it is believed that the Rose City will be

represented by a large delegation.

After preliminary plans have been made the Commercial Club will appoint committees and arrange for the details of the week. S. S. Benson, donor of the \$10,000 for the Hood River-Portland road, has been communicated with and it is expected that either he or his representative, E. E. Covert, will be Hood River's guest on one day during the festival.

WILL DEMONSTRATE POTATO POWDER

A new powder, manufactured by a recently discovered process from potatoes, will be demonstrated to the local ranchers on Friday. This powder is said to be especially adapted for removing stumps in clearing land for the reason that it is slower in its action than dynamite and destroys the stump more thoroughly, leaving little grubbing to be done. Another quality is that it is said to not produce headaches, as there are no poisonous fumes. The first demonstration will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Babson brothers' ranch and the second at 3 o'clock the same day at the Oak Grove store. They will be conducted by D. A. Sanborn of the American Safety Powder Company assisted by H. C. Allen.

Heights Baseball Dance
The Heights Baseball Club is arranging to give another dance on Friday, March 29, at Hellbronner's hall. Vogel's orchestra will furnish the music. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the club. 13-14

FILTER IS ORDERED INSTALLED AT ONCE

Quick action was secured by the council last week in the matter of installing the filtration plant at the upper reservoir in order to utilize the irrigation water and increase the supply for the heights this summer. At a second meeting held the middle of the week the matter was further discussed and referred to the fire and water committee with instructions to order the filter. As a result an order has been placed with the Jewell Filter Company of New York for a mechanical filter which will cost about \$2000. Work will be started at once on the foundations and installation of the plant must be started by the Jewell Company within sixty days. Similar plants have been used successfully in Eugene, Albany, Oregon City and McMinnville.

HANDSOME TROPHY IS GIVEN LEAGUE

A handsome trophy has been secured by the E. A. Franz Company from A. J. Reach, the manufacturer of athletic goods, to be presented to the champions of the Columbia River Baseball League for the present season. The trophy is in the shape of a large silver cup, silver lined and suitably inscribed. It is now on exhibition at the Franz hardware store.

The heights baseball team held a meeting the first of the week and elected Fred Tate captain and Joe Carson manager. They will open the season at White Salmon on April 14. The Hood River team will open the season on the same date at The Dalles.

Ranchers Directed How To Destroy Anthracnose

Spraying of Fruit With Bordeaux Mixture Before Picking Is Advised in Order to Prevent Rot This Year and Directions for Eradicating Pest from Orchards Are Given by Two Experts.

Co-operation of the local orchardists was enlisted Saturday afternoon at a largely-attended meeting held at the Commercial Club to consider means for fighting the anthracnose, which, it has been discovered, is the cause of much of the apple decay in cold storage.

Bordeaux mixture liberally applied two or three times a year so as to thoroughly coat the tree and thus prevent the growth of anthracnose cankers is the recommendation which is made. As the disease attacks the tree about the middle of November, it is desirable to thoroughly coat the tree with the Bordeaux mixture before this time and after the leaves have fallen. Another spraying with the same solution the following spring, said Professor Lawrence, will eradicate the trouble for that season and probably for several to come.

The difficulty which confronts local fruit growers this year is that where orchards may already be infected with the anthracnose it is too late to prevent the spores spreading to the fruit. This being the case, Professor Lawrence recommends that the apples be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture as late before picking this year as possible in order to kill the spores which may have collected on the fruit and to prevent their

causing the anthracnose decay after the fruit shall be placed in cold storage.

Professor B. B. Pratt of the U. S. department of plant industry gave a short talk in the course of which he emphasized the fact that a large part of the storage rot is due to delayed storage, only a few days delay having been shown to materially hasten decay. He said that where fruit was infected with anthracnose his experiments have shown that sometimes as high as 85 per cent of the fruit was ruined. He stated, however, that the disease has probably not infected many of the orchards in Hood River and he urged immediate measures to check its spread.

Professor Lawrence explained that if the apple trees were given a thorough spraying in the Fall the disease would be entirely dislodged from the tree. He advised that if lime is used with the copper sulphate it should be free from magnesium and recommended the Roche Harbor, Wash., lime. He also spoke of the necessity of using pure copper sulphate. He gave directions for mixing and using the spray, stating that one pound of bluestone should be used to one gallon of water and one pound of lime to one gallon of water. These should be mixed separately and poured together as one stream into the spray tank in order to thoroughly mix the constituents. He said that if the trees can once be thoroughly coated with this solution it will remain for several years.

Experiments and investigation of the storage rot will be continued and it was announced that Professor Stuenkel, the transportation and storage expert of the bureau of plant industry at Washington, will be in the Northwest next month and will probably address local growers.

SEN. LAFOLLETTE WILL SPEAK HERE

That Senator LaFollette will in all probability include Hood River in his itinerary when he makes his western trip, is the assurance which comes from Thomas McCusker of Portland, LaFollette's campaign manager for Oregon.

"There are demands," says Mr. McCusker, "that the Senator make an extended trip through Oregon on his westward journey and in hope of being able to arrange this I have written him to send me his itinerary. It is my hope that we can arrange to have him speak at The Dalles, Hood River, Portland, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg and Medford. The people of those places seem to be particularly anxious to hear him speak."

That the victory of Senator LaFollette in the primary election in North Dakota is significant of the people's disapproval of the third term proposition fostered by ex-President Roosevelt is the declaration of LaFollette supporters in Oregon.

"I consider the victory one of great significance and importance," said Mr. McCusker. "It demonstrates that the people do not favor a third term and it demonstrates that Roosevelt was absolutely wrong when he said he could get the support of the people at a primary election. It also convinces me that Senator LaFollette is the right man to secure the support of the progressive Republicans."

"The victory has caused a remarkable awakening in Oregon and I believe Senator LaFollette can carry this state by a good majority."

O. A. C. MAN IS TO WRITE APPLE ENCYCLOPEDIA

Corvallis, Oregon.—Dean L. H. Bailey, of the Cornell College of Agriculture has asked Prof. C. I. Lewis, of O. A. C., to write for the new edition of the Encyclopedia of Horticulture, soon to be published, the section devoted to apple culture on the Pacific Coast, especially in the Pacific Northwest, including the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

Those wishing tables reserved for the large card party to be given by the Woman's Club on the evening of April 16 will speak to any of the following ladies: Mrs. Charles Gustar, Mrs. Gould or Mrs. Hellbronner.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

The following sales of real estate are reported for the past week:

O. L. Stranahan and wife to A. E. Hayes, tract 55x281 ft. west of ball park.

F. F. Mordell and wife and T. W. B. London and wife to J. Douglas and C. J. Gordon, 50 acres south of Parkdale, \$5,000.

J. A. Reuter to E. E. Ferguson, individual one-half interest in 320 acres on east side.

Anna Leuz to Rose Odell, 34 acres southeast of Odell.

Rose Odell to Peter P. Lence, same property.

Henry C. Coe and wife to Jesse W. Crites and wife, lot 2, block D, Coe's Third Addition.

Emilie M. Pritchard and husband to H. Orlo Jefferson, lot 4, block 7, Wilson's Addition.

C. D. Roberts to John Duckett, 10 acres on east side.

C. K. Marshall and wife to E. E. Ferguson, 9 acres in Belmont district.

PARTY LINES OF VOTERS ARE SHOWN

Out of the 1128 voters who had registered in the county up to Saturday night, 894 are Republicans, 186 Democrats, 55 Socialists, 33 independent and 19 Prohibitionists. Registration in the different precincts, showing the number and party, is as follows:

Hood River Center: Total 225; Rep. 171; Dem. 51; Soc. 19; Ind. 4; Proh. 9.
West Hood River: Total 203; Rep. 153; Dem. 27; Soc. 11; Ind. 9; Proh. 3.
East Hood River: Total 134; Rep. 90; Dem. 30; Soc. 5; Ind. 7; Proh. 2.
South Hood River: Total 138; Rep. 113; Dem. 15; Soc. 7; Ind. 2; Proh. 1.
Odell: Total 82; Rep. 62; Dem. 15; Soc. 3; Ind. 2; Proh. 2.
Pine Grove: Total 70; Rep. 49; Dem. 14; Soc. 3; Ind. 2; Proh. 2.
Baldwin: Total 101; Rep. 80; Dem. 15; Soc. 5; Ind. 1; Proh. 0.
Dee: Total 15; Rep. 11; Dem. 2; Soc. 0; Ind. 2; Proh. 0.
Falls: Total 130; Rep. 105; Dem. 19; Soc. 2; Ind. 4; Proh. 0.

REBS DIDN'T SCARE G. D. WOODWORTH

G. D. Woodworth returned last week after having spent the winter on his ranch near Culiacan, Mexico. Mr. Woodworth, who has purchased 1400 acres of rich agricultural land in that section, was right in the middle of the revolutionary belt during the winter and after the Americans had been ordered out of that territory Mr. Woodworth and four other Americans kept themselves constantly armed in readiness to stand off the detachments of pillaging rebels who made frequent invasions of that section and looted many of the neighboring villages and ranches.

Mr. Woodworth is enthusiastic about the opportunities in Mexico. He is rapidly clearing his holdings and says the soil and climate is adapted to the production of almost all the fruits and vegetables that grow in the temperate zone as well as many that are native to the tropics. He states there is a large immigration to this part of Mexico and that if the United States would establish a directorate the tide of immigration from the United States and foreign countries would be greatly increased.

Mr. Woodworth will remain in Hood River during the summer, but says he will return to Mexico again in the Fall. Mrs. Woodworth and Miss Woodworth are now in Los Angeles, where they expect to remain until about May 1.

MISSIONARY FROM AFRICA TO BE HERE THIS WEEK

Mrs. Mary Albert, recently returned missionary from Africa, and now editor of "The Evangel," a missionary magazine of the U. B. church, published in Dayton, Ohio, will be in Hood River tomorrow and Friday. Mrs. Albert is touring the coast and will be the guest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Grace U. B. church and will speak at that church in a public service tomorrow (Thursday) evening. All are invited to attend, especially those who are interested in missionary work. Friday afternoon Mrs. Albert will hold a conference at the home of Mrs. S. E. Bartness for the benefit of the local Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. All who are interested are invited to be present.



ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN HOOD RIVER IN NEAR FUTURE
Senator LaFollette Kicked Colonel Roosevelt's Hat Out of the Ring in North Dakota Last Week

REGISTRATION IN THIS COUNTY LARGE

That there is plenty of interest in the coming primary election in this county is evidenced by the fact that up to Saturday night 1125 voters had registered, according to the records of County Clerk Hanson. Last year the total vote cast for governor was 1150, so that the registration to date is practically equal to the number of voters at last year's election.

The books close for registration at five o'clock April 9, which is one week from next Tuesday. As a number of local candidates for state offices are opposed by candidates in other counties, it is urged that Hood River poll her full voting strength.

\$45,000 IS PAID FOR 45-ACRE RANCH

J. J. Seaton of Portland closed a deal last week for the purchase of three tracts of Hood River orchard land aggregating 45 acres, of which 35 acres is a bearing orchard and six acres in strawberries. The land was purchased from Charles A. Chapman for a consideration of \$45,000. Mr. Chapman took in part payment a large ranch near Goldhill, in Jackson county, containing 250 acres of rich bottom land and valued at \$32,000.

The tract lies about three miles south of the city and is known as the Morris farm. F. A. Bower is now tenant on the place and has rented it to Mr. Seaton.