

SALE OF ELECTRIC COMPANY RUMORED

The following dispatch appeared in the Journal under a Hood River date line a couple of days ago:

"A most strenuous fight is now being waged between the Hydro-Electric Light Company and the Hood River Gas & Electric Company for supremacy in furnishing light and power for Hood River. About equal support is being accorded each company and rates are being slashed right and left in their attempts to get the business. Reports are current on the streets that a deal has been made whereby the Hood River Gas & Electric Company will come into possession of the controlling interest in the Hydro company. The Hydro company denies such a deal has been made, which the Gas & Electric people do not deny, but say they will take care of their subscribers who stood by them in the fight. The fact that construction by the Hydro company has been stopped has led many to think the transfer is in progress."

OBITUARY

MRS. CAROLINE EHREK
Mrs. Caroline Ehrek, who has been a resident of this county since 1879, passed away at an early hour Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James H. Eggert, at Odell. She had been in failing health for several months and was recently taken seriously ill while visiting Mrs. Eggert. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Union church at Odell. Interment was made in the Pine Grove cemetery.

On account of Mrs. Ehrek's long residence here and her many estimable qualities, she had made a large circle of friends who will mourn her loss. Besides her husband, William Ehrek, she leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. D. Hendon and Mrs. J. McFarlane of Portland and Mrs. James H. Eggert, and two sons, O. H. and W. C. Ehrek of Odell.

NO USE TRYING, THESE HENS CAN'T BE BEATEN

Editor, The News: In answer to Mr. Batten I will say that I have 24 common hens that layed all winter, and in the month of March they layed 744 eggs, averaging 31 eggs per hen.

These hens had no extra care during the cold spell.

Now if any one can beat this let me hear from them.

A. E. WELLS.

NEW YORK FRUIT MEN WRITE OF ROT

The News is in receipt of a letter from W. N. White & Company, New York fruit men, referring to a recent report in the News of local investigations into anthracnose. They state that this is no doubt a similar pest to the "bitter rot," as it is called in the Middle West and in Virginia. It is their belief that it is caused largely by damp atmospheric conditions and advise that, in their opinion, it is spread from old apples left on the trees, rubbish which may be left to decay on the ground and from surrounding woods. The remedy they advise is that all orchards be kept strictly free from rubbish and that, if possible, the trunk and limbs should be thoroughly cleaned of all fungus growth by vigorous brushing in the fall.

They take issue with Professor Lawrence's recommendation that the fruit be sprayed this year as late as possible before picking. It is the belief of the New York men that the consuming public would "throw a fit" if they learned that the apples had been sprayed with a poisonous compound.

In the letter, which the News is unable to publish in full on account of lack of space, they also urge that the policy be adopted of picking earlier than in the past and that color be sacrificed to some extent, if necessary, in favor of the keeping qualities of the fruit. They say:

"If apples are put into cold storage early in the season, before sugar is formed, there need be no fear of their non-keeping quality. It is only when apples are over-ripe and such change has formed that they lose their keeping qualities. Very often people leave red apples on the trees too long on purpose for them to get color."

"To my mind the bitter rot of Virginia, Kansas, Missouri and Oregon is of a similar character to the fungus which comes with wet weather here in the East, particularly on trees bordering on the lakes and in Canada and Nova Scotia. This is a climatic disease more prevalent in a wet season than a dry one. Its action is not so rapid in the colder climates, but spraying in July will always stop it, but whatever your orchardists do, they should never spray after July."

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The News for good printing.

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