

## CITY IMPROVEMENTS TO START

**Following Election Last Week, When Increased Indebtedness Was Authorized, Purchase of Water System Is Being Consummated; Laying of Water Mains in Fire Limits Will Start This Month and Paving Throughout Business District Will Probably Be Begun within the Next Few Weeks.**

As a result of the special city election held last week, when all six of the propositions submitted carried by large majorities, Hood River's long-deferred era of civic improvement has begun. The purchase of the water system is now being consummated by the duly authorized agents of the city and of the Pacific Power & Light Company. Plans are being made to start the laying of the new water mains in the fire district within the next two or three weeks, while construction of the pavement in the same district will follow as soon as possible after the mains have been laid.

The favorable action by the citizens of Hood River on the proposition of creating a special indebtedness of \$40,000 for the purchase of the water system has the effect of legalizing the warrants tendered the Pacific Power & Light Company in payment of the waterworks. At the meeting of the council Monday evening Chairman J. E. Robertson of the committee and City Attorney Derby were directed to meet with the officers of the Pacific Power & Light Company with a view to at once completing the transfer of the waterworks. This done, the way will be clear for reconstructing the system

within the fire limits, where paving is to be laid.

The balance remaining after the approximately \$32,000 has been paid for the waterworks will be sufficient to construct this portion of the new system.

Owing to the Batchelder injunction against the sale of the \$90,000 bond issue for the construction of the entire new water system and the indefinite delay which would, in all probability, follow an appeal to the Supreme Court, the council is considering the advisability of having the suit dismissed. If this could be done, another special election would be called at the proper time under the provisions of the amended charter in order to vote a new issue of bonds for the same purpose.

As a result of the election and the largely increased power which is thereby placed in the hands of the council in the matter of giving security to bond buyers, it is believed that the trouble which has been experienced in the past in floating bond issues for public improvements will be eliminated to a large extent. It is further stated that the power placed in the hands of the council to levy a tax not to exceed 25 mills will give prospective bond buyers proper as-

urance that their investments will be properly secured.

C. H. Sproat was elected to fill the vacancy on the council made by the resignation of Councilman Brosius, as noted in another column.

The matter of irrigating in the city was brought up at the meeting. Quite a number have complained against the hours set. The council was petitioned to make the morning hours from seven to nine instead of from six to eight, and to change the evening hours from six to eight instead of from seven to nine. This matter was discussed. It was pointed out that if the morning hours were made later there would be a shortage of water at the time most needed for domestic purposes, and likewise in the evening if irrigation and sprinkling could be started at six. The hours now in effect will be continued, permitting residents on the south side of the street to sprinkle in the morning and those on the north side in the evening.

## TEACHING FORCE IS NEARLY COMPLETE

The faculty for the local schools next year is now complete with the exception of three or four positions which are yet to be filled. The teaching force will include J. O. McLaughlin, superintendent; L. B. Gibson, principal of the High School, and the following teachers: J. W. Critch, Hattie L. Brunquist, Flora Furrow, Alice Horning. Teachers of the grades will be as follows: Mrs. C. A. Gove, Anna Heath, Maud Howard, Bessie Goyette, Frances Evans, Lulu M. Hicks, Alta M. Poole, Nellie Crocker, Pearl Eby, Elizabeth K. Cooper, Miss Lelia Herschner, Evelyn Welland, Frances Bragg.

## MT. HOOD HOTEL AND ANNEX TO BE CONNECTED

Work has been started on an aerial passage to connect the Mt. Hood Hotel and the capacious new annex which was recently completed. This passageway will be constructed on a level with the second story and will be of substantial and strictly fire-proof construction. When this is completed it is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Bell to finish 20 more rooms in the annex, where thirty have already been completed.

**Enjoy A Good Laugh**  
See "The Time of His Life," a bright snappy comedy, to be presented by the Senior Class at the Opera House Monday evening.

The Saturday lunches at the Commercial Club, to which all are invited, are proving most popular. One will be served Saturday as usual.

The News tells it all.

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HEIGHTS TEAM

The Heights team, which is holding down first place in the Mid-Columbia League, took an easy victory from the city team Sunday. The game was marked by heavy hitting by the heights and numerous errors in the field by the city team; score 13-2.

The Heights started its hitting in the second inning, scoring five runs. Five more men crossed the plate in the fourth inning. In the sixth the big stick was again in evidence and three more tallies were marked up to the credit of the Mound Dwellers.

The city team got one run in the fourth and one in the final inning. Hood River only secured seven hits



and several men were caught on bases. The Heights secured a total of 14 hits.

Numerous errors and inability to solve Hart's curves with much success lost the game for the city team. Hart struck out nine men and Myers eight. Hits by the Heights were made as follows: Gessling three, Hall three, Hart three, Butterfield two, Thompson, Koontz and Davis one apiece. Hits by the city team were made as follows: Coshaw three, Shay two, Olson and Kent one each.

Next Sunday the downtown team plays White Salmon here and the Heights goes to The Dalles.

## BOY SCOUTS RESCUE DROWNING COMRADE

Three local boys will be recommended for scout medals as a result of their rescue of a comrade who narrowly escaped drowning in the slough the last of the week. Four boys, all members of Scout Troop No. 1, went in swimming. Chester Buell, one of the number, swam out beyond his depth and was taken with a cramp. He was sinking when Rodger Simpson started to his rescue. The drowning boy pulled Simpson under, when Edwin Sonnehusen and Baird Stone swam out to his assistance. Although the boys were repeatedly pulled under the water they continued the struggle. Finally a piece of plank was brought into action and young Buell, considerably the worse of the experience, was towed ashore.

The scouts were familiar with the method used in resuscitation and brought these lads into play in getting the water out of Chester's lungs and bringing him back to consciousness. As a result of the rescue the three scouts will be recommended for the medals which are given boy scouts for a deed of this kind.

The mercury has been availing the past few days.

## HOME TALENT PLAY IS A DECIDED HIT

An exceptionally clever comedy was presented Friday evening when "Jimmie's Aunt Jane" was staged by the Baraca and Philathea classes. The cast was a large one, including over a score and in the number were several whose ability before the footlights gave the play lots of snap and ginger. It had plenty of action, was effective in its comic features and those who participated carried it off without a stiff moment.

Perhaps the most effective piece of acting was the presentation of the football game, which transpired behind the scenes and was witnessed from the stage by the actors. This was splendidly done and when the goal was finally made the audience was as excited as a crowd of actual fans.

Walter Shay took the part of the college sport very effectively. Herbert Phillips as Tad Chesedine, the college cut-up, was one of the live wires of the production and helped materially to make it the hit that it was. Earl Franz was true to life as Shorty Long, a freshman. Forrest Moe and Harry Clapp took the parts of Billy Vandorn of the glee club and Scotch McAllister, football coach. John Coshaw as Major Kilpepper and Donald Onthank as Prof. Senacharril Popp made a good team and provoked many laughs. Walter Ford as Levittus, the ace of spades, was the original black boy and would have made a good running mate for Topsy. Ruth Phillips as Mrs. Bageby, the landlady, fitted into the part most agreeably. Maud Gibson as Miss Jim Channing, a niece from Dixie, captured Jimmie Cavedish's heart at first sight. Louise Imholz made a very charming college widow. Gladys Gibson took the part of the real Aunt Jane very effectively. Others in the cast were Virginia Johnson, Leone Stelnhoff, Mudge Otis, Bonita Stelnhoff, Harry Clapp, Edgar Franz, Will McGuire.

Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Henney in her usual delightful manner. The play was staged under the direction of Arthur Clarke.

## HOOD RIVER BOYS HONORED AT U. OF O.

The annual student body elections at the University of Oregon the last of the week were an interesting contest. The race centered in the selection of editor of the Oregon Emerald and of president of the Associated Students. The editorship of the Emerald went to Karl Onthank of Hood River, who won over Fendall Walte of Sutherlin. Carlton Spenser of Cottage Grove defeated Ed Bailey in the race for the presidency. Burleigh Cash of Hood River was selected vice-president, with Miss Elizabeth Busch of Portland as secretary. Miss Flora Dunham of Portland was elected editor of the Oregon Monthly. Her assistants will be William Cass of Hood River, Bess Cowden of Silverton, Esther Glissen of McMinnville and Lucia Macellin of Portland. Ralph Oake and Frank Dudley, both of Portland will act as manager and assistant manager of the publication. Andrew Collier of Eugene will manage the Emerald, with Lyman Rice of Pendleton as assistant.

Karl Onthank, who won the editorship of the Emerald, is this year acting in the responsible position of editor of the Oregonian, the elaborate annual publication of the college.

## Union Decides to Build New Storage Warehouse

**Strong Support with Which Board of Directors Has Met in Sale of Unsubscribed Stock Makes Possible the Addition of New Facilities--Indications Point to Most Successful Season.**

Strong support is being given the present directorate of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union and all indications are that the present season will be one of the most successful, both with strawberries and apples, that the organization has yet enjoyed.

Such strong support has been given the board of directors in the way of stock subscriptions, that plans are nearly completed for the erection of the new cold storage warehouse and it is expected that within ten days ground will be broken for the new building so as to be ready in ample time to care for the early fall crop.

One of the most encouraging features of this support is that not only have a number of new members been added to the list, but by far the greater majority of the former stockholders are increasing their holdings. The board, after sifting the list of applicants for manager down to seven, fully realizing the importance

of the position, are making a most thorough investigation and hope within two weeks to announce the name of the chosen applicant.

## MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening George R. Castner, representing the local G. A. R., suggested to the city fathers that provision be made for a proper observance of Memorial Day on the 30th of this month. Arrangements were made whereby the council will appoint a committee to arrange for appropriate exercises to be held on the courthouse green in the afternoon. Past Department Commander Pratt of Portland will be the orator of the day and a number of other patriotic addresses will be made. A feature will be the program of patriotic music.

## HEAVY BLOSSOMS ON STRAWBERRIES

Local strawberry growers anticipate a crop which should provide a very comfortable lining to their pocketbooks. The favorable weather of the past couple of weeks has brought out a bloom that is a record-breaker in the history of the strawberry industry here, so growers report. Not only have the plants shown a remarkably prolific bloom, but this has been followed up by a heavy setting. The local concerns are expecting to make their first shipments the last of this week if weather conditions are favorable to the ripening process. The early fruit will of course come from close in. In view of the heavy crop expected, there will be a large demand for pickers and packers. In order to help fill this demand, the Portland Y. M. C. A. has made arrangements to furnish help to local ranchers. The Union and the Davidson Fruit Company have both consented to act in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. in furnishing help.

## COMMENCEMENT TO COME NEXT WEEK

The Senior Class of the High School will hold its commencement exercises next week. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached next Sunday evening at the Christian Church by Rev. J. R. Hargreaves of the Baptist Church. On Monday evening will be presented the Senior Class play, which promises to be one of the most successful amateur productions staged in Hood River for some time. The cast includes nine students as follows: John Coshaw, Walter Shay, Viola Nickelsen, Orland Morse, Will Sheppard, Lempt Hukart, Glen Corey, Elsie McLucas and Emmett Thomas. The play is a comedy in three acts entitled "The Time of His Life." It will be given at the Opera House.

Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday evening at Hellbrunner Hall. The Mascot, the annual High School publication, made its appearance last week. It is a more complete and comprehensive booklet than has heretofore been published, consisting of 80 pages. Last year there were 60 pages. It is profusely illustrated and contains an entertaining collection of school humor, glimpses of student life and some interesting sketches and poems. Altogether it is a most creditable publication and reflects much credit upon the editorial staff.

The book shows particularly good work on the part of Marshall Pineo, who fulfilled the duties of business manager and advertising solicitor.

A delightful entertainment is promised for this evening, when two comedies—"Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party" and "Sister Masons"—will be given by the Ladies' Aid of the Christian church at the Grange Hall, Methodist Lane.

The News for good printing.

## C. H. SPROAT CHOSEN CITY COUNCILMAN

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening C. H. Sproat, former manager of the Union and at present manager of the National Apple Company of this city, was chosen to fill the vacancy on the council made by the resignation of Dr. F. C. Brosius.

The selection of Mr. Sproat was not unanimous, Councilmen Staten and Stranahan objecting to his election. The nomination was made by Councilman Robertson. It was duly seconded and the question was put. An opportunity was then given for remarks, whereupon the dissenting members expressed their opposition to Mr. Sproat's selection. They stated that the selection of Mr. Sproat was the result of a caucus held before the meeting and declared that no effort had been made to secure a man upon whose selection the council could be unanimous. The vote was then taken. Councilmen Robertson, Mayes and Huggins voted for Mr. Sproat and Councilmen Staten and Stranahan against him.

## PROF. LAWRENCE BUYS BIG RANCH

Professor W. H. Lawrence, fruit expert for this county, has purchased from B. E. Duncan and Company of this city a 320 acre tract located on Camas Prairie near Glenwood. This is one of the best-known and developed ranches in that section and Prof. Lawrence is enthusiastic over the possibilities on Camas Prairie, which is being placed under an irrigation system. It is his intention to develop his purchase as a high-grade dairy and stock ranch. In this work his brother, George Lawrence, an expert dairyman, will be associated with him. George Lawrence is at present in charge of an 800-acre ranch owned by the Hazelwood Creamery Company and located at Cooper, Wash.

Professor Lawrence, who has been making a careful study of the soils and other conditions on the Camas Prairie, believes that it is splendidly adapted to rock raising and dairying. He bases this decision upon his extensive experience in this line, having been in charge of the Washington State experiment station for four years and an employee of the department of general agriculture in Washington for ten years.

Several prominent Hood River people are interested in Camas Prairie and they look for an increased development of that section as a result of the interest taken by Professor Lawrence and his associates.

## Rob Ranchers Wagons

Ranchers who have been in the habit of hitching their rigs in the city while they do their shopping have been much troubled of late by some pick thief, who has stolen articles placed in the wagons. Marshal Lewis has been on the lookout for the marauder and has secured information which will lead to an arrest if the thefts continue.

## ADDRESS FRUITMEN OF UPPER VALLEY

H. F. Davidson, E. N. Benson, H. M. Huxley and J. C. Skinner went to Parkdale Saturday and in the evening addressed a largely attended gathering of Upper Valley fruit-growers. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Upper Valley Progressive Association.

Mr. Benson, who is one of the most experienced strawberry growers in the valley, delivered a very instructive address on this subject, which is one of particular interest in Upper Valley.

Mr. Davidson spoke of apple-growing. In the course of his talk he gave it as his advice that it would be to the advantage of the orchardists in that section to plant those varieties of apples which attain the greater size. He gave his reason for this as being that the season in the Upper Valley is necessarily shorter than in the lower part of the valley. For this reason, he argued, the varieties attaining the greater size would be more certain of coming to a good maturity in the shorter season of the Upper Valley.

## AFTERMATH OF THE FESTIVAL LARGE

On account of the large number who visited Hood River during the blossom festival, the O-W-R. & N. Company ran an excursion Sunday, while the blossoms were still in their prime. This excursion was well advertised and the morning trains brought in quite a number of excursionists, all of whom were anxious to take the automobile ride through the valley. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining enough machines, but they were finally given an opportunity to see the valley and all were delighted with the spectacle.

## PLANS FOR LARGER HOSPITAL ARE MADE

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cottage Hospital held the last of the week the board of directors was authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the property which they are now occupying with a view to securing larger quarters. Plans are also being made for a reorganization on a new basis with a view to enlarging the capacity of the institution and in order to conduct a nursing and training school in connection therewith.



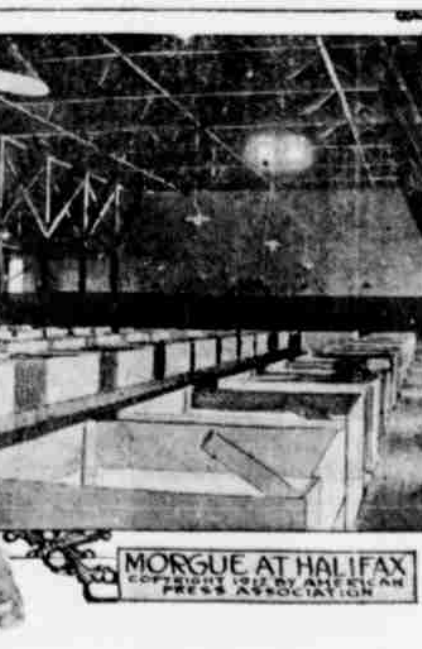
JAMES BRYCE



MGR. BONZANO



VINCENT ASTOR



JAMES E. DEERING

## News Snapshots Of the Week

The bodies of the Titanic victims recovered by the Mackay-Bennet were brought to Halifax, where an army of undertakers was waiting to embalm the bodies and send them to their families. William Vincent Astor, who is not twenty-one years of age, inherits \$60,000,000 by the death of his father. An immense suffrage parade was held in New York. Many notables were in the ranks of marchers. The sudden departure of Ambassador Bryce for England gave rise to the report that he had been recalled. Archbishop Giovanni Bonzano, the new apostolic delegate to the United States, arrived in this country. The government brought suit against the International Harvester company, alleging that it was a trust. James E. Deereering is one of the defendants.