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A Tonic Worth While

When it comes to spring tonic there is nothing which can beat the spirit of optimism, progress and industry which is now circulating throughout the Hood River Valley. The so-called business depression is becoming a matter of history. To be sure it was not so apparent in Hood River as in many less favored communities, but, such as it was, it has departed bag and baggage and prosperity is the order of the day.

Even the fact that it is a Presidential year has had little if any influence upon the business barometer in this section, and the farmers hereabouts are going to be kept so busy harvesting the bumper fruit crop that politicians are entertaining fears that the local voters won't have enough time left to keep posted on the outcome of the Presidential scuffle, not to speak of the 40-odd initiative and referendum issues which are to adorn the Oregon state ballot next November.

Strawberry growers, who have watched with intense satisfaction the record-breaking bloom which presages a splendid crop, are already beginning to feel like bloated aristocrats. The end of the present week will probably see the first shipments of Hood River's famous berries.

Enough has already been said of the prospects for a big apple crop. It is now assured that the orchards are going to bear a heavy harvest and orchardists are so busy "sawing wood" that they haven't even got time to talk politics.

Hood River city is also enjoying her share of good things. At last the means are at hand to buy the water system. Work of laying the new mains will be started without delay. Then the paving will be laid and prospective purchasers who have heretofore been able to test the depths of Hood River soil in the main street during the winter and spring months, will hereafter be compelled to seek other means. The filters are being installed at the upper reservoir and residents on the Heights are rejoicing over the fact that they will once more be able to take a bath.

It is the unanimous report among business men and ranchers that conditions are most satisfactory and the future bright.

Hood River in Spring

Jaunts in the country now constitute the most delightful diversion in life. It is a hopeful sign; an acknowledgement of the truth of the mythological tale of Antaeus, the wrestler, who grew stronger in combat the more times he was thrown to earth. We are an Antean race. Our virility comes from the soil, and returns to it.

"To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language,"

but in all events it is one of inspiration, buoyancy, courage, faith and vigor. Earth is our mother, comforter, sustaining, life-renewing. To get out where the sky is high, the horizon unbroken by the artifices of man, the distances great, the smell of freshly upturned earth and woodland greet the nostrils, the silver of stream and gold of sunshine, and riot of orchard colors, please the eye, is to live fully and freely and joyously.

It is more than recreation; it is religion. Man made the city, but God made the country. The groves were His first temples. It is a moral, as well as a physical, stimulus to get down next to the grass roots and fresh loam,

and to let the soul revel in the panorama that nature is now exhibiting.

The support which is being given the Union is not only flattering to the present management, but it indicates the conviction which Hood River growers have that the continued success of the fruit industry here depends to a large extent upon maintaining this co-operative organization at its highest standard of efficiency.

That poem that Colonel Hofer wrote about Hood River while at the Blossom Festival has inspired envy among some of the booster organizations of the state. The Roseburg Commercial Club Bulletin says: "Colonel Hofer attended the Blossom Festival and the Hood River Valley looked so good to him that it inspired him to write a beautiful Hood River poem. The reception committee here should see to it that the Colonel is supplied bountifully with strawberries and cream while visiting the Strawberry Carnival, as a Hofer poem would be quite an addition to our booster literature."

\$150,000 COURTHOUSE FOR THE DALLES

Ground will be broken in a few days for the new \$150,000 courthouse, which the county court has authorized to be built. The bid of S. N. Arnold has been accepted and his bond of \$20,000 approved. The contract calls for the completion of the job by October 1. The price for Mr. Arnold's work is \$41,764.

The building will be on 100x120 feet on the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, which the county bought about a year ago. It will be two stories high and basement, the walls being of reinforced concrete, the facings of native stone or pressed brick. The county has available \$50,000 cash to expend this year, and with this amount the walls and roof can be completed. It is expected the building will be finished inside of three years, necessitating a special levy each year that will produce about \$50,000. Thus the burden to the taxpayers will be comparatively light.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT IS FOUND IN ABLE SERMON

Editor, The News: At the Unitarian Church last week the sermon of Rev. H. A. MacDonald was most instructive, filled with inspiration indicating the rapid strides that are being made by the progressive clergy toward ushering in a new era and moving out onto a higher plane of civilization, and the possibility of all persons availing themselves of the resources of nature and the gifts of a benevolent Father God.

Mr. MacDonald's topic was the relation of duty of the church toward the social problems and conditions of the present.

It was one of the most advanced and logically presented sermons I have ever listened to in Hood River. He discussed the question from an original standpoint, based on fundamental principles; the mission of Jesus on earth and the central thought or the motive of his life, with the examples and illustrations left for the people to follow.

His sermon was an answer or solution of the so-called question, "Why is the attendance at the churches falling off and the congregations composed largely of women?"

Every thinker and student of sociology and criminology that was absent missed a treat, because the sermon deserved a larger hearing, especially in a town that boasts of its University Club and its high standard of intellectual development. It is hoped he will follow that sermon up with many more that will call a large audience of men and result in much good.

PUBLISHER, JR.

Unclaimed Letters

The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Hood River post-office:

Richard S. Andrews, Fred Askew, Miss Lucy Brown, G. L. Baker, C. E. Barnes, A. H. Chambers, F. S. Cory, Mrs. Cory Cameron, Amy R. Dalton, O. E. Edgins, A. H. Fox, J. P. Jepperson, J. B. Mason, Frank Robinson, Mrs. Mary Seamon, Mrs. A. Stevens, E. A. Thompson [2], E. B. Watts and wife, Miss LaVerne Wilson, Ad. Alan Weaver, Frank L. White.

We still have left a few more of the birds-eye view maps of Hood River Valley. Hood River News Co.

The News tells it all.

CLUB ADVERTISING THE LOCAL APPLES

The Commercial Club is undertaking to advertise Hood River apples by enclosing in every communication sent out an offer to ship cartons and boxes of apples at nominal cost. The three leading varieties raised here to such perfection are to be distributed—the Spitzenburg, Golden Ortley and Yellow Newtown. The apples will be of the extra fancy grade and will be sent prepaid to any point in the United States. Orders are now being received, but they will not be shipped until later, in time, however, to arrive at their destination before Christmas.

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"ROOSEVELT CREED" DRAWN FOR COLONEL'S BOOMERS

John Sharp Williams, in the course of a recent speech in the Senate on ex-President Roosevelt, said he was tempted to ask Senator Bristow of Kansas, who was championing the colonel's cause, why he subscribed to this creed:

"I believe in Theodore Roosevelt, maker of noise and strife and in ambition his only creed (my lord); he was born of the love of power and suffered under William H. Taft, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Africa. The third year he arose again from the jungle and hastened over the sea and sitteth on the right hand of his party, whence he shall come to scourge the liars and the dead. I believe in the Holy Outlook, the big stick, the Ananias Club, the forgiveness of political activities, the resurrection of Presidential ambitions and the third term everlasting. Amen; Amen; Amen."

USERS OF WATER HALED INTO COURT

Four citizens charged with violating the water ordinance restricting the use of water to certain hours in the morning and evening, were haled before the city recorder the last of the week. All four pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 apiece for their first offense, the added costs making the fine amount to \$8 apiece.

The city recorder says that he is going to enforce the ordinance rigidly and that the amount of the fine will be doubled for every subsequent offense up to the limit prescribed—\$50. The temporary shortage of water makes it necessary to restrict its use for irrigating and sprinkling purposes to between six and eight in the morning and between seven and nine in the evening according to whether the water user lives on the south or north side of the street. A large number of permits to use water for these purposes have been issued by the water department.

Superintendent Howell of the Oregon City waterworks arrived in Hood River Saturday to instruct the local employees of the water department in the operation of the new filters. These are being rapidly installed and it is expected that they will be in readiness for operation by the last of this week. This will be a boon for water users on the heights, which portion of the city will hereafter be provided with an abundance of pure filtered water.

Neat and natty job printing quick-executed at the News office.

BOAT LANDING CHANGED

Beginning this week and continuing until about July 15th, the Steamer TEAL will dock at Underwood Ferry Landing, opposite railroad station.

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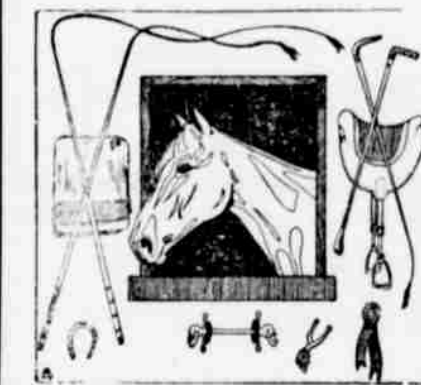
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