

## Record-Breaking Crowd Enjoys the Celebration

Hood River's Fourth of July is Great Success--Day's Program of Interesting Events Goes Off Without a Hitch--Awards Made in the Different Contests Given--No Accidents Mar Day.

Hood River's Fourth of July celebration was a great success. Weather conditions proved ideal and there was a record-breaking crowd in attendance from The Dalles and other neighboring towns. All the events went off smoothly and everybody declared the program an excellent one. Mayor Blanchard led the automobile parade, which started about 10:30 o'clock. There were about 75 cars in line, many of them very attractively decorated and all loaded with children, who greatly enjoyed the event. The judges were C. A. Plath, J. P. Lucas and Mr. Emery of Chicago. Miss Lenore Adams took the cup for the best touring car and P. A. Davidson was awarded the cup for the second best. Dr. E. O. Dutro carried off the cup for the most attractively decorated runabout. Harry DeWitt and William Baker in a comic car scored a distinct hit, their stunts creating much amusement. The parade was enlivened by the local band which rode in the big truck of the White Motor Car Company. This band played at frequent intervals during the day and rendered music which was greatly enjoyed. The band was composed of Fred Vogel, A. L. Page, Will Zolls, Nelson Emery, Webster Kent, Louis Isenberg, C. D. Nickelson, George Zolls, E. A. Kincaid and Arthur Clarke, also L. E. Dawson, and A. McCully of The Dalles and Thomas Hill of Goldendale.

After the auto parade the patriotic exercises were held in the library park. Mayor Blanchard presided. A chorus of women, directed by Mrs. Charles Henney and accompanied by Miss Eva Brock on the organ, sang "America." After an invocation by Rev. W. B. Young, Attorney John Baker read the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Henney and Mrs. Sletten then sang "The Gem of the Ocean." District Attorney Fred W. Wilson delivered the address of the day in an interesting and eloquent fashion. The exercises closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

At 1:30 o'clock large crowds gathered on both sides of Oak street and watched with interest the athletic contests. The various awards were as follows:

50-yard dash for men won by William Baker, time 5:25 seconds, \$3.  
100-yard dash for boys under 12 won by Leo Whorlow, time 13:34 seconds, \$3.  
75-yard dash for girls under 12 won by Lois Barnett, 10 seconds, \$3.  
Fat man's 75-yard dash won by Pete Shiveley, time 8:45 seconds, \$2.50.  
100-yard dash for men won by Hans Hoerlein, 10:34 seconds, \$5.  
Relay potato race for boys under 15 won by Delisle P. Kreidler, \$2.

## LOCAL ELKS TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR GRAND LODGE SESSION AT PORTLAND

A large delegation of local Elks, accompanied by their wives, families and friends, will leave on the Elks' special at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon to attend the grand lodge reunion at Portland.

The Dalles lodge, of which local Elks are members, will be about 400 strong. It is expected. They have arranged for a 16-section tourist sleeper, a combination buffet and baggage car, and three day coaches. The sleeper will be for the use of Elks for sleeping accommodations and will be at the disposal of the members of the outed herd until the morning of July 13.

When the big parade is pulled off the local Elks will be there in full uniform, which is of a decidedly effective character, which is a purple blanket on which, in white, is inscribed an elk's head and the letters B. P. O. E. 303. This blanket is but a part of the elaborate get-up of an Indian chief which the locals will wear. It is expected that this demonstration will make a big hit and possibly pull down a few prizes.

For the benefit of the members who live in Sherman, Wheeler, Gilliam and Crook counties, special coaches were placed at Shaniko, Wasco and Bend, and two special coaches will carry the Hood River members.

## JAPANESE PURCHASE A \$20,000 RANCH

A number of local Japanese, organized as the Hood River Farm Company, purchased J. Sherman Frank's 30-acre orchard in the Oak Grove district last week, the consideration being \$20,000. This is the place upon which Mr. Frank formerly made his home. All of the 30 acres is set to trees, ranging in age from two to four years. It is improved with a house and barn. The Hood River Farm Company includes Niguma brothers and associates. They have taken possession.

Miss Frances Bragg returned Wednesday from Juneau, Alaska, where she has been teaching in the public schools during the past year.

## BOY HERO AT MOSIER DIES TRYING TO RESCUE HIS DROWNING COMPANION

While trying to save a drowning companion at Mosier Saturday, Ernest King, a young boy of that place, lost his life. Alex Carlson, for whom he sacrificed his life, was resuscitated.

The two boys went swimming in a pool just above the falls in Mosier creek. The King boy could swim, but Carlson could not and contented himself with wading in the shallower part of the pool. In an incautious moment, however, he approached too near the brink of the falls and was carried over into the deep pool beneath.

When young King heard his companion cry he at once ran to the brink of the falls and dove into the pool beneath. Indications showed that King struggled to carry his companion to the shore and succeeded in getting him to the rocks in the shallower part of the pool. There King either became exhausted or fell and stunned himself on the rocks, slipping back into deep water.

There was a third smaller boy in

the party and he ran for help. When men arrived they found King in the pool, dead. Carlson still showed signs of life and heroic efforts to bring back the flickering spark of life finally proved successful.

The King boy's funeral was held Monday afternoon and was largely attended.

## "BILLY" SUNDAY IS TO SPEAK AT ODELL

"Billy" Sunday, the noted evangelist, arrived a few days ago to spend the summer at his ranch near Odell, where he will stay close to Nature and rest from his labors during the past year. Mr. Sunday has consented to fill the pulpit at the Union church at Odell next Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. On account of his world-wide reputation as one of the most eloquent of pulpit orators, it is expected that a large congregation will take this opportunity to hear him.

## Says Rigid Inspection of Packs is Necessary

Professor Lawrence, in Talk at Commercial Club, Urges Necessity of Maintaining Hood River's Reputation By Keeping the Apple Pack Up to Standard--Discusses His Work.

That there must be a rigid inspection of apple packs this fall if Hood River is to continue to maintain her reputation as the leading apple-producing section, was the declaration made by Professor Lawrence in a short talk at the Commercial Club luncheon Saturday.

"It is either going to be necessary to let Hood River's reputation go by default or else insist upon a rigid inspection and require that fruit be packed according to the requirements," said Professor Lawrence. "For the past two or three years there has been a tendency to drop below the Hood River standard and unless the matter is given greater attention this year, Hood River's reputation is going to suffer."

Professor Lawrence referred to the inspection of fruit in connection with the subject of the proposed experiment station. He said that with such a station and the additional help which would be thus made available his department would be enabled to pay more attention to the proper inspection of packs.

Mr. Lawrence was invited by Secretary Scott to explain something about the experiment station and in so doing he gave some interesting facts concerning the work which his department is now doing. In this connection he said that unless the experiment station was secured a number of the investigations which have been started would have to be suspended on account of his being unable to handle them alone. The idea is to secure an appropriation from the next legislature so that no additional expense will be assumed by the county. Mr. Lawrence said in substance:

"Investigations are now under way to determine the nature of the soils in the valley, both as to their

chemical and physiological constitution in order to give local ranchers and orchardists a scientific and accurate idea of the type of soil upon which they are working.

"We are also working on samples of soil to determine their acidity. It has been found that apples grow best upon non-acid or neutral soils. All of the soils in this valley contain acids in more or less quantities. This can be neutralized by use of lime and when the rancher knows just how much acid there is in his soil he will be able to use the requisite amount of lime.

"Investigations are also being made as to the water capacity of the different soils in the valley. This capacity has been found to vary considerably. It has also been found that the use of water for irrigation has a considerable effect on the keeping qualities of the apples. This being the case, determination of the water capacity of the different soils will lead to the more judicious use of water for irrigation.

"Two subjects of especial local interest are winter injury and dry rot. So far no definite conclusions have been reached as to the cause of winter injury nor how best to combat it. From a small start it has spread until it is to be found in many of the local orchards and now constitutes an important subject for investigation. It is now believed that it is due to a form of bacillus and experts are of the opinion that it is related in its nature to the dry rot. Were an experiment station established here an expert could devote his entire time to the study of this subject.

"Investigations would also be made as to the use of the commercial fertilizers. These are now being used in considerable quantities, but more or less on guess work, and it is

## LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

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

A. L. Kaufman and wife to James R. White, lot 2, block C, Barrett Slipman Addition, \$1250.

Sherman J. Frank and wife to Hood River Farm Company, 30 acres at Oak Grove, \$20,000.

Wilbur B. Allen and wife to Anna K. Baker about 10 acres in Upper Valley.

Violet G. L. Lage to Henry F. Lage undivided half of five acres at Pine Grove.

Stuart and Ferguson Timber Company to A. M. Beach, 60 acres south of Fir.

Florence T. Winters and husband to Milton Sharp, lot 5, block 4, Riverside Park Addition.

Wesley W. Smith and wife to Harold Hersher, lots 3 and 4, Park Addition.

Harold Hersher to Wesley W. Smith and Ruby B. Smith, lots 3 and 4, block 2, Park Addition.

W. O. McCoy and wife to Albert B. Shelley, 20 acres in Duke's Valley.

Seneca Fouts to Marjorie E. Fouts lots 6 and west half of lot 5, block 6, Waucoma, consideration \$1800.

United Artisans Society to D. MacDonald, lots 7 and 8, block B, Hood River Proper.

Thomas Shere and wife to C. E. Gandy and wife, 10 acres at Oak Grove.

James B. Johnson to Paul Nelden, 10 acres north of Parkdale.

Rede L. Delano and others to Sakri A. Anderson, 10 acres near Odell.

John H. Koberg to Gibraltar Development Company, 10 acres near Stanley Point.

George R. Wilber and wife to Ella J. L. Wilber, undivided one-third interest in west half of lots 3 and 4, block C, Hood River.

## FINE ILLUMINATION BY TWO COMPANIES

In addition to the effective decorations done by the business men for the Fourth, one of the most attractive features was the illumination of the principal streets with red, white and blue lights, which were festooned along and across the streets. This was done through the courtesy of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company, which furnished the juice and strung the wires and the Electric Wiring & Supply Company, which furnished the material.

doubtful whether the best possible results are being obtained. A proper study of this subject would make it possible to scientifically determine just what kind of fertilizers the different soils need and how much. The influence of fertilizers on the keeping qualities of the fruit would also be an important subject."

Professor Lawrence referred to the fight which had been made to eradicate the fire blight. It was hoped this spring that this pest had been stamped out of the valley, but during the past few days a number of cases have been reported and it is still a live subject.

"With a station here," continued Mr. Lawrence, it "would be possible to have a man on duty in the office all the time in order to answer telephone calls and receive reports from all parts of the valley."

## Royal Welcome is Given Union's New Manager

Wilmer Sieg's Arrival From Milwaukee is Marked by Demonstrations on Part of Local Business Men and Orchardists--Shriners Entertain Guest at Banquet--Public Reception Held.

A royal welcome was extended Wilmer Sieg, the new manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union, who arrived from Milwaukee last Wednesday. Local orchardists and business men, the Shriners, members of the Union and everybody interested in the continued prosperity of the community assisted in extending to Mr. Sieg the welcoming hand.

Upon leaving Milwaukee Mr. Sieg was the recipient of many honors at the hands of his business associates, the Milwaukee Shriners, of whose temple he is a past potentate, and from the several civic organizations with which he has been prominently connected. An escort of railroad men accompanied him on a part of the trip and every courtesy was extended him en route.

Arriving here he was met by a local delegation. Upon registering at the Hotel Oregon Mr. Sieg signed himself "Wilmer Sieg, Hood River, Oregon," and declared that he had burned the bridges behind him and cast his fortunes with Hood River.

Friday morning Mr. Sieg was taken for an automobile trip through the valley. He was escorted by P. S. Davidson, Frank E. Deem, Leslie Butler, R. W. Pratt, W. B. Dickerson, W. E. King, Dr. Stanton Allen and J. H. Heilbrunner. They went up the East Side and thence to the Upper Valley and to the beautiful home of Col. and Mrs. Tucker. There they were hospitably received and a delicious luncheon was served.

The party returned by way of Parkdale and stopped while enroute to the city at Rainbow Ranch, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King. Mr. Sieg was delighted with the valley and exclaimed at its many beauties, as well as at its high agricultural development.

Friday evening the local Shriners entertained Mr. Sieg at a sumptuous banquet which was served at the Hotel Oregon. Carl A. Plath, deputy potentate, presided. Mr. Sieg

## EXPLOSION COSTING BOY HIS RIGHT HAND MARS THE FOURTH AT PARKDALE

An unfortunate accident somewhat marred the success of the Fourth of July celebration at Parkdale. George Kidder, who is spending the summer in the Upper Valley with his parents, had his right hand blown off by a cannon cracker.

Young Kidder was playing with firecrackers, in company with a number of other boys, just at the edge of the picnic grounds. The big cracker exploded while he was still holding it in his hand. The member was so badly mangled that it was found necessary to amputate it. Mrs. Kidder was so overcome by the accident that she fainted and upon recovering her senses again fainted. The boy was hurried in an automobile to the local hospital for treatment and it is reported that he is doing as well as could be expected.

Booths were erected in the grove and also seats and a grand stand. Harmon's orchestra furnished music during the day.

The athletic events were run off in the morning. Cash prizes were given for the different events, which were won as follows:

100-yard dash: Del Hutson first, Frank Hutson second.

High jump: Harry Gordon first, George Baker second.

Broad jump: George Baker first, Del Hutson second.

Sack race: Homer Rogers first, E. C. Euwer second.

Three-legged race: Frank and Del Hutson first, Homer Rogers and Jess Hutson second.

Standing broad jump: William Tobey first, Ned Van Horn second.

Half mile run: Del Hutson first, Homer Rogers second.

The ball-driving contest was one of the most interesting of the events. There were about a dozen entrants and Mrs. Paul Hubbard took the first prize, with Mrs. C. A. Paddy second.

The greased pig chase created considerable amusement and the elusive porker was finally captured by Frank Hutson.

Other events included a 50-yard dash for boys and a 50-yard dash for girls.

After dinner the patriotic exercises were held in the grove, the speakers being Rev. E. A. Harris of Hood River and Rev. W. L. Van Noy of the Upper Valley.

A baseball game was played in the afternoon between two local teams.

The day's program concluded with a ball in the evening.

G. H. Steinhoff and family returned the last of the week after having been away for a month on an automobile tour to Seattle. They followed the route of the Pacific Highway between Vancouver, Wash., and Seattle and report most of the road in excellent condition. An asphalt highway is being constructed between Seattle and Tacoma, which will make this an ideal strip for automobiles.



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## News Snapshots Of the Week

Ollie James of Kentucky was selected as permanent chairman of the Democratic national committee and took his place at the Baltimore convention, succeeding Alton B. Parker of New York, who was temporary chairman. William J. Bryan, who was defeated in the election for temporary chairman, attacked the "interests" in a long speech on the floor of the convention. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Champ Clark of Missouri were cheered enthusiastically by the delegates and galleries, and their followers fought hard for the presidential nomination. The names of Governor Burke of North Dakota and Governor Foss of Massachusetts were not placed before the convention, as was expected. The balloting for candidates broke all records of Democratic national conventions, two exciting all night sessions being held.