

CHAUTAQUA IS MADE PERMANENT

Splendid Success of This Year's Horticultural Outing Brings Unanimous Demand That Organization Be Effected and Event Held Annually--Hundreds Camp Out in Beautiful Woodworth Park to Be Instructed by Experts on Orchardng Problems and Entertained by Local Musical and Vaudeville Talent.

With perfect weather, a large attendance from all sections of the valley, and an ideal location among the splendid firs of Woodworth Park, the first annual Horticultural Chautauqua of the Hood River Valley held the last of the week was an unqualified success.

So unanimous was the opinion that the affair could and should be held annually that a permanent organization was effected. Leslie Butler, who was such an efficient president this year, was unanimously elected as president for the coming year and as an honorary member of the executive board.

The newly-elected board met and organized by electing the following officers: Leslie Butler president, Frank E. Deem vice-president, Ray E. Scott secretary and V. C. Brock treasurer.

Through the remarkably efficient work of the committees and executives of the Chautauqua, everything went off without a single hitch. Every effort was made to provide for the comfort of the campers and guests, and not one but what waxed enthusiastic over this new institution for Hood River.

Pitched in a semi-circle among the majestic firs of the grove, the tents sheltered several hundred persons, while many transient visitors attended each day.

The center of attraction was the spacious amphitheatre. Here a stage was constructed between two great monarchs of the forest, while benches were constructed in a place specially adapted by Nature for such a purpose. Here the afternoon programs on horticultural matters were held, as well as the evening programs, which provided a high class of entertainment, given by local talent.

Many conveniences made the life of the campers pleasant. The crystal water that gushes in inexhaustible supply from the lava springs is piped directly to the camping ground. An electric light system was also installed and every tent was lighted by electricity, thus making a beautiful and cheerful picture in the evening. Delicious meals were served by the Ladies' Aid of the Upper Valley and the campers thus escaped the inconveniences of camp cookery.

Leslie Butler Opens Meeting Leslie Butler opened the first session Thursday afternoon. He said in part:

"I think we should be very thankful to be surrounded by so many of the beauties of Nature, situated as we are in this delightful valley, which produces the best fruit in the world, and among a people composed of a greater per cent of intelligent, refined persons than any other place in which I have ever been, and I have traveled from Alaska to Mexico and from Boston to Honolulu. Our climatic conditions, coupled with the splendid scenery and delightful people, all located on the grand old Columbia river and near such a magnificent city as Portland, unite to create a condition which should make us truly thankful."

Here Mr. Butler gave some interesting statistics to show the substantial growth which Hood River has enjoyed in the past 12 years, in which time bank deposits have grown from \$36,000 to \$1,207,000.

"Twelve years ago we shipped two carloads of apples. In 1910 we shipped 814 carloads and we expect to ship 1200 this year. Nor are apples the only product of the valley, as we are shipping about 100 carloads of strawberries each year. But greatest of all our resources is our lumber, of which we are shipping about 10 carloads per day."

Mr. Butler referred with pride to the many distinguished men of the country who have visited Hood River Valley and praised it in the

highest terms. He spoke of a number of prominent railroad men and bankers whom he met at Salem last week, all of whom had formed the highest opinion of Hood River. Among them was President O'Brien of the railroad, who declared that our system of grading and packing fruit is what has given Hood River a decided advantage over other fruit sections. In conclusion Mr. Butler stated that everywhere he went he found people boasting for Hood River.

His address was heartily applauded.

Prof. H. D. Scudder of the O. A. C. was unable to be present. Prof. H. S. Jackson gave an interesting address on orchard diseases and their remedies, dealing especially with anthracnose, fire blight and apple scab. For anthracnose he advised Bordeaux spray. He said that fire blight could be controlled only by the cut and burn method, while Bordeaux tends to eliminate the scab. The leaves are coated in the fall. A second application is made in the Spring just before the leaf opens and a third spray of lime sulphur is made just after the petals fall.

The musical program Thursday evening was carried out according to the program printed last week. Some of the most talented musicians in the valley took part and every number was thoroughly enjoyed.

Lectures on Pruning Professor E. J. Kraus of Corvallis spoke Friday afternoon on pruning. All the latest information which the college experts have secured on this subject was given. Special reference was made to the training of young trees and the influence of summer and winter pruning on bearing trees. It was one of the most interesting and instructive talks ever given in Hood River on this subject.

"LOVE YOUR WIFE, THEN YOUR COW," IS PROFESSOR'S ADVICE TO ORCHARDISTS

"Love your wife first and your cow next" declared Dr. Withycomb of the O. A. C. in advising the local orchardists gathered at the Chautauqua Saturday to keep a cow or small dairy in order to prevent the soils of the orchards from becoming impoverished. He said:

"As I rode up through your beautiful valley today I noticed a few spots in your orchards where the trees looked yellow. There were very few of these spots I will admit but they show that in those places the soil has been sapped of its strength and become impoverished. They indicate that which I wish to impress upon you--the necessity of fertilizing your soils if they are not to become impoverished as the years go on. Here is one of the most important matters which confronts the orchard industry. It will not do to work only for the father and to forget the sons.

"Now in order to maintain the soil you might experiment with manufactured fertilizers, but this would be expensive and the results might not be satisfactory. We do not yet know just what effect some of the fertilizers have upon the chemical constituents of the soil and they may be harmful instead of beneficial in some cases. There is only one natural fertilizer which returns to the soil all the needed properties in just the right proportions. That fertilizer is to be found in the barnyards.

"I want to advise all you orchardists to keep three or four cows or more according to the size of your orchards. Buy fine grade Guernseys and make this valley as famous for its beautiful Guernsey herds as it is today for its apples. You can make \$150 a year from each cow. You may have to ship in your grain and fodder, but there is plenty of it just across the mountains to the east and I tell you that you will be getting the best fertilizer in the cheapest way

Vaudeville Night Big Success

One of the most entertaining programs given during the Chautauqua was that Friday evening. Strangers in the audience refused to believe that professional talent had not been imported for some of the numbers. E. W. Shockley gave some extremely clever acrobatic stunts. The illuminated club swinging by Miss Dorothy Epping giving an artistic interpretation of the "Dance of the Wood Nymph." A highly entertaining monologue on how to make an apple pie was given by Joe D. Thomson, after which the Arenas brothers staged one of the cleverest features of the evening in their laughable musical skit, "The Darktown Troubadours." A. W. Rahles successfully defended his title as the "King of Entertainers" by putting on an unimpeachable Hebrew comedy delineation. A fitting and most effective finale was given by J. Adrian Epping and company in "The Gypsy Strollers."

This number was one of especial merit and the hearty applause left no doubt as to the hit which it made. Saturday the Big Day Many who had been unable to attend the Chautauqua earlier in the week took their last opportunity and were there Saturday. As a result the attendance on this day was a record-breaking one.

President Kerr of the O. A. C. was unable to be here on account of the exigencies attendant upon an automobile trip through Central Oregon. Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, gave an address on diversified farming.

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OAK GROVE STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE

A fire which started about 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon totally destroyed the Oak Grove store owned by H. A. Cuning. The building was a large frame structure of two stories. The first story was used for store purposes, while the second was used for a lodge room and dance hall.

It was believed that the fire started by spontaneous combustion in a quantity of new hay which was mowed away in one of the wings of the building. It was impossible to fight the fire with the limited means at hand and the building, including Mr. Cuning's large stock of merchandise, was entirely destroyed. The building and stock were insured in two companies, through the Hood River Banking and Trust Company and George D. Culbertson & Company, for \$8,700.

It was later found that the fire did not start in the hay and its cause has not yet been determined.

The party of ten White Salmon people who climbed Mt. Hood last week indulged in a race for the peak from Cloud Cap Inn. The leader, Earl Coe, completed the climb in three hours and twenty minutes. There was no roping together, the recent snow making it unnecessary.

C. H. STRANAHAN IS LOYAL TO G. O. P.

"A man who would betray his party would betray the people," declares C. H. Stranahan, who received the Republican nomination for state representative. Mr. Stranahan thus expressed himself in reply to an inquiry as to his attitude towards the newly-organized Progressive Party.

"I received the nomination at the hands of the Republican voters in this district in good faith," he continued, "and to me it appears that I would be betraying the trust which was thus expressed in me if I should consent to accept the nomination at the hands of the Bull Mooseers of this district. That party was not yet in existence at the time when I received the nomination in the primaries. If I or any other Republican nominee should decide to join the new party between now and the next campaign, well and good, but I do not see how I could do so at this time. So far as the nominee for Congress on the Republican ticket are concerned, I believe that the new party might be justified in putting up their own candidates if they do not believe that the Republican candidates would support the progressive measures proposed by Roosevelt, should the latter be elected. For my part I intend to remain true to the pledge which I gave the Republican party in accepting the nomination."

Will Dedicate Handsome Church Next Sunday

Splendid Stone Structure Erected by Riverside Congregational Church Is to Be Consecrated--Visiting Clergymen Will Assist--Famous Organist Will Give Recital Next Week Wednesday.

The dedication services to which the members and friends of Riverside church have looked forward in eager anticipation will be held next Sunday. The Sunday School will meet at 10 o'clock. The regular service will follow at 11. Rev. Dr. Paddock of Portland will bring the greeting of the churches of the state. The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. E. Alonzo King, pastor of the First Congregational church of North Yakima, Wash. Pastor Harris will conduct the dedicatory exercises in a special service arranged by him.

In the evening at 7:30 Dr. Luther Dyott, pastor of the First Church in Portland, will preach. Hans Hoerline will preside at the organ and the special music for the day will be under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Henney.

On Wednesday evening, the 4th of September, Lucian Becker, who was the official organist of the World's Fair at St. Louis, has been engaged to give an organ concert assisted by local vocalists. This will be an event of unusual attraction and interest. Mr. Becker is a genius at the organ; the new instrument of Riverside church is a marvel in tonal qualities and the opening of such an organ by a man of such ability for the first time in Hood River, it is hoped, will bring an unprecedented patronage.

The opening of this new house of worship is a matter of great pride and interest to the people of Hood River, regardless of church affiliations. It was, indeed, a great and adventurous undertaking but has been carried thru with signal success.

The building is substantial, commodious, exceptionally adapted to the needs of the community and, withal, beautiful. It speaks eloquently of the taste and culture of the city and valky. It will minister in a large measure to the social needs of the community.

Two thousand dollars is needed to complete the building expense. The offering Sunday morning will go to the building fund and will be taken without any auctioneering, selling of bricks or other fireworks so Rev. Harris states.

Everyone is most cordially invited to these opening services.

TEXAN BUYS THE SPRINGDALE RANCH

W. J. King, who recently came to Oregon from Dublin, Texas, purchased the Springdale Ranch on the State Road from D. E. Rand last week and took immediate possession. The place includes nine acres, with an attractive home.

Mr. King visited Hood River seven years ago and was favorably impressed. He did not locate at that time, however, but went to Texas. He and Mrs. King have always remembered Hood River pleasantly and at length made up their minds to return and make this their home. They have secured one of the most attractive places in the valley.

Mrs. King and Mrs. H. F. Davidson are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Rand moved to town the last of the week.

County Organization of Bull Moose Is Effected

Local Progressives Elect Officers and Choose an Executive Committee--Delegate to State Convention Is Named--Meeting Favors Putting Complete Ticket in the Field--Roster Is Taken.

Organization of the Progressive Party in Hood River county was effected at the meeting held at the courthouse Friday evening. Local officers were elected, an executive committee made up of a member from each precinct in the county was named and a delegate was appointed to represent this county at the state convention to be held at Portland on August 29. The meeting was harmonious throughout.

Professor Gibson opened the meeting and nominations for a temporary chairman were declared in order. A. C. Staten was elected to this office. A. J. Brunquist was elected temporary secretary.

In opening the meeting Professor Gibson stated that there is a large Progressive element in the county and that, while all were not represented at the meeting, he believed that they should be considered in the election of permanent officers. He nominated Rev. J. G. Tate, an enthusiastic Roosevelt man, for permanent chairman. The election was made unanimous. Frank Chandler placed Attorney John Baker in nomination for permanent vice president. This was also made unanimous. The election of Mr. Brunquist as secretary was made permanent and Dr. E. O. Dutro was selected as treasurer.

In selecting an executive committee it was decided to choose one man from each precinct. The following were thereupon unanimously elected: Odell precinct--George T. Prather. Center Hood River--A. C. Staten. West Hood River--E. A. Franz. East Hood River--J. B. Hunt. South Hood River--Wm. Crapper. Pine Grove precinct--A. G. Lewis. Bald win precinct--John R. Putnam.

Two other precincts remained--Dee and Cascade Locks. It was decided to leave these vacant for the present until the balance of the executive committee can investigate and make their appointments.

Two Progressives were placed in nomination for the office of delegate to the state convention. Mr. Tate was the first nominee. Someone suggested that he might not be able to attend and that the local organization was very anxious to have a representative at the convention. John Baker was thereupon placed in nomination. A ballot was taken and Mr. Baker was declared elected. Mr. Tate was thereupon named as alternate. In accepting the office Mr. Baker made a brief speech which was in substance as follows:

Race Between T. R. and Wilson "I believe it is now conceded by all fair-minded men that the light this Fall is going to be between Roosevelt and Wilson. When Taft lost his own home state in the primaries, as well as Pennsylvania, the home of the corporations which have supported him, Illinois and other supposedly standpat states, it became evident that he was eliminated from the race and what has happened since that time has only served to emphasize the fact that he is no longer in the running.

"Mr. Wilson is an able and scholarly man, but he represents a tariff policy that has nearly ruined the

country every time it has been tried. The free trade policy, when it has been placed in operation, has precipitated a panic and shall we therefore vote for such a policy rather than for a man who stands for a reasonable protective tariff and proper control of the trusts?"

Mr. Baker concluded by stating that he appreciated the honor which had been conferred upon him and that he would attend the state convention and bring back a full report at a subsequent meeting.

Local Ticket Discussed Dr. Dutro brought up for discussion the matter of instructing Mr. Baker, the delegate, as to what the opinion here is concerning the placing of a complete state and local Progressive ticket in the field. The doctor said that he believed the new party should be made completely distinct from the G. O. P.

Professor Gibson started the discussion. He said in substance: "I consider the Progressive Party in this country represents a new and distinct movement. It should therefore be separated from all connection with the Republican Party and the line of cleavage should be made complete. I have studied the platform of the new party, and although there are some planks upon which I wish to study further, on the whole it suits me.

"So far as Taft personally is concerned (continued on page 10)

QUICK WORK DONE ON UNION ADDITION

Remarkably fast progress has been made on the big new cold storage plant being constructed for the Union. Contractor L. A. Woodard has kept a big gang of bricklayers on the job. The brickwork was completed in record time on Saturday. Work has been under way this week on the roof and it is expected that this will be completed before the end of the week. It will then remain to install the insulation. Mr. Woodard is confident that he can complete the building by the middle of next month and in plenty of time for use when the apples are harvested.

STEAL A MARCH ON FRIENDS; ARE WED

In an effort to escape the too assiduous attention of their friends, Albert William Peters of this place and Miss Marguerite Millikin of Clatsop were quietly married at St. Mark's Episcopal church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Edmund Trew Simpson performed the ceremony and only the immediate families and friends were present. The church was prettily decorated with marguerites in keeping with the bride's name. Mrs. E. F. Pooley gave away the bride, while E. R. Pooley acted as the groom's best man. Others present included the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peters, and his sister, Miss Florence, all of whom are spending the summer here, and Miss Florence Morrison.

Soon after leaving the church and while at the Pooley home on State street Mr. and Mrs. Peters were started by the arrival of a four-horse equipage, fantastically decorated with bunting and bearing appropriate placards. This was escorted by a small regiment of friends among whom some local Paul Revere had spread the news.

There was nothing for it but that the wedding party should mount the wedding car and be escorted through the principal streets, blazoning forth to the world the news of the great event.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters left Saturday evening for Seattle, where they will spend their honeymoon, returning here in a couple of weeks to make their home on the groom's ranch.

Mr. Peters is one of the best known and most popular young orchardists of the valley. He has one of the largest places on the East Side. His bride is a young woman of many accomplishments and great personal charm. A host of friends will extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.



News Snapshots of the Week Emory R. Buckner, a young lawyer of considerable ability, was named as special counsel to the aldermanic committee which is investigating alleged graft in the New York police department. The army maneuvers in Connecticut, with the capture of New York city's approaches as the problem to be solved, attracted great interest. Secretary of State Knox started for Japan as America's representative at the funeral of the late mikado. A post-humous heir of John Jacob Astor was born. Dr. R. E. Doolittle was named as probable successor to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley as the government's chief chemist. Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university, was appointed minister to Greece. Mrs. King and Mrs. H. F. Davidson are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Rand moved to town the last of the week.