

Congregationalists to Hold Convention Here

State Conference Will Be Held in Hood River October 8-10 and 150 Delegates Are Expected--Distinguished Speakers Will Make Program an Exceptionally Interesting One--Rev. Van Horn Coming.

Hood River will enjoy the distinction of entertaining the Oregon State Conference of Congregational churches October 8 to 10. One hundred and fifty delegates are expected from the 59 churches and 5000 members that are represented in the conference.

Delegates to the convention will be entertained in the homes of members and friends of Riverside church for lodging, while breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the church for a small cost.

The principal features of the program are as follows:

Rev. J. J. Staub D. D. of Sunny side church, Portland, will preach the conference sermon on Tuesday night. Wednesday morning Rev. J. M. Lowden D. D. of the Hassalo church, Portland, speaks on "Church Fellowship," followed by an address on the "New Congregationalism" by Rev. George N. Edwards of Oregon City.

The significance of the changes proposed in the National Council of Congregational churches will be discussed by Rev. P. F. Schrock of Salem.

The religious education section of the conference includes two addresses--"What the Sunday School Can Learn from the Public Schools" by Miss Maude Howard of our city schools and "What the Public Schools Can Learn from the Sunday School" by Rev. Miles B. Fisher of San Francisco.

Rev. Luther R. Dyott of the First Congregational church, and Rev. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, both of Portland, will discuss the subject of church federation on Wednesday evening.

On Thursday Rev. E. J. Van Horn D.D., Seattle's \$6000 preacher, who has just built the most finely equipped church in America at a cost of \$360,000, an institution with 70 rooms and every possible department of service included in its activities, will

give three addresses, one on "Ministerial Efficiency" in the morning; "Evangelism through Christian Nurture" in the afternoon, and on "The Social Responsibilities of the Church" in the evening. Preceding this last address on social service, Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of the Municipal Department for the Safety of Young Women in Portland will speak on "The Need as I See It in My Work."

With the able talent and vital themes presented, these sessions will present an unusual treat and it is expected that the people of the city and valley will get their full share of the good things by planning to attend in large numbers.

ROOSEVELT MAKES SHORT SPEECH HERE

In passing through Hood River en route from Portland to La Grande, Colonel Roosevelt addressed a crowd of local admirers at the station Wednesday evening. The train to which his special car was attached drew in to the station about 10:30. While the engine was taking water a crowd of about 100 persons gathered around the Colonel's car and shouted for a speech. The Colonel responded by appearing on the platform and making a few remarks. He declared that Oregon was becoming known as one of the most progressive states in the Union and that the political reforms adopted here were being followed by the other states. He then referred to the policies for which the Progressive party stands and declared that it stood for the people as against the politicians. In conclusion Col. Roosevelt said he was glad to see such a gathering of Progressives in Hood River and thanked them all, "men, women and especially the charming young ladies" for their cordial greeting.

STUDY OF ELECTION ISSUES NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN BIBLE, SAYS MINISTER

"Important as is the study of the Bible, an even more important object for our immediate exertions would be a careful and honest study of the ballot to be voted on at the November elections. It is irreligious and non-Christian to vote unintelligently." Such was the declaration of Rev. J. R. Hargreaves in his sermon at the Heights Baptist church Sunday evening on "Getting Ready to Vote."

Other pertinent paragraphs from Mr. Hargreaves' sermon follow:

Under our system of the initiative and referendum the man who will not study the ballot has no moral right to a vote.

The vesting of power in the whole people may be ideal and desirable but it has its dangers. Every man is not equal to the duties of a legislator, at least not without training.

God's kingdom is as wide as the interests of mankind. His affairs are carried out in state executive buildings as well as in dedicated church buildings. Just as great care should be exercised in choosing government officials as in selecting gospel ministers.

The business of the church is with the affairs of today. Its service of worship should be incidental and subservient to the great ideal--the expressing of practical interest in the everyday needs of people. He shows the most worshipful attitude to God who entertains and practically expresses deep regard and concern for God's creation. In estimating a man's Christian life his deeds of citizenship are a better guide than his theories about Jesus. A correct impression of Jesus is a thing felt. The expressions of real faith in Jesus will not be uniform as to theories but they will be uniform in life's activities.

If the world is to be saved through the centralizing of thought on the individual, a method largely in vogue at present, the process will be hopelessly long.

Sins are social as well as personal. Some of our most abominable conditions will be radically changed only as social conditions are changed. Individuals may be saved from the grave of the sensualist by the centralized effort upon the given person, but whole multitudes may be saved by the modification of economic conditions and the breaking up of certain dens of vice through the joint efforts of properly organized, well-meaning people.

The individual church should forget the thought of "building up itself" and become abandoned to the service of society as a whole. Jesus paid little attention to an organization yet in His circle there was a spontaneous co-operation most pronounced and marvelous.

Given an improving social condition we can risk the reaching of a purer idea of God. As society gets more normal the veil between the world and God becomes thinner.

The old Jewish masters did not give forth their immortal utterances for the primary purpose of teaching above God, but for the strengthening of their nation in everyday affairs. The religious suggestions were incidental though basic.

LOCAL JAPANESE HONOR MIKADO

Close to 200 local Japanese gathered at the K. of P. Hall Friday afternoon to honor the memory of the late Mikado, whose funeral was held on that day at Tokio. M. Yasui presided and several short addresses were given in which the many virtues of the dead ruler were extolled. After the ceremonies they gathered on the courthouse grounds where a group picture was taken.

Mrs. R. E. Roy of Lincoln, Mo., returned to Hood River with her son, W. S. Nichol, and will make an indefinite stay.

PLANS FOR WATER SYSTEM EXPERTED

Edwin A. Taylor, hydraulic engineer of Portland, was in the city the last of the week collecting data and information necessary for experting the plans for the city's new water system. He met the fire and water committee of the council Friday afternoon and went over the plans with them.

Employment of Engineer Taylor was in compliance with a resolution adopted by the council at its meeting last week when this final step before starting work on the system was decided upon.

The \$90,000 bonds, whose legality has been passed upon favorably by one of the leading firms of bond attorneys in the country, will be offered for sale October 7 and their ready sale at a good figure is believed to be assured.

As soon as Mr. Taylor's report is received bids for the construction of the system will be advertised for and work will be started as soon as a bid can be accepted.

Mr. Taylor said that the markets are now favorable for obtaining prompt shipments of material and that the work when undertaken should not be delayed on this account.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Recent transfers of real estate have been as follows:

J. H. Durham and others to W. B. Bayless, lots 26, 27, 30 and 31, block 3, Hood River Park.

Charles E. Spencer and wife to Cal Douglas, one-half acre near Parkdale. Cal Douglas to R. J. Meisner, half-acre near Parkdale, \$325.

J. Adrian Epping and M. B. Spencer to Eliza A. Leininger, acreage in Dukes Valley, \$3000.

J. Adrian Epping and others to Lewis E. Roberts, 4 acres in Duke's Valley, \$900.

C. A. Cass to George Mellon, lot 5, block B, Cass Addition.

E. T. Felts to John Otten and E. F. Douglas, 100x110 near west end of State St.

Sarah M. Eytinger and husband to Henry W. Hayden, lot 4, block 1, Clark's Addition, \$1200.

E. B. Clark to D. F. Taylor, lot 15, block 3, Clark's Addition.

Thomas F. Johnson, sheriff, to C. S. Wheeler, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 5, Erwin and Watson's 2nd Addition, (tax deed) \$125.

Leota Travers and husband to L. C. Fort, 19 acres south of town, \$15,000.

F. D. Hawley to O. H. and B. E. Smith, 40 acres north of O. W. R. & N. track, \$2400.

Frank R. Spaulding, Jr., to R. T. Spaulding, tract east of Parkdale.

Mary Coburn Allen and husband to Frank W. and Asa B. Cutler, 20.29 acres at Odell, \$32,000.

Milton H. and Edna B. Sharp to Hood River Development Company, lot 5, block 9, Riverdale Park Addition.

Christian Science Services

Christian Science services are held in the Commercial Club rooms Sundays at 11 a. m. Subject, "Matter." Sunday school at same hour in Room 2, Davidson Bldg. Wednesday meetings in same room 8 p. m. Reading room open daily, 2 to 5 p. m.

RAILROAD MEN, ASLEEP IN CABOOSE, ARE SUDDENLY SURROUNDED BY FIRE

Asleep in a caboose which was suddenly converted into a furnace wrapped in flames, four local railroad men had an experience at an early hour Thursday morning which they do not care to repeat.

The four men--Conductor F. C. High and J. L. Smith, W. H. Batty and W. B. Waters, brakemen, are employed on the switch engine in the yards here and were sleeping in the caboose. The night watchman was making his headquarters in the engine of the train, which was drawn up in the switch adjoining the storehouse of Stranahan & Clark. About 2 a. m. a considerable quantity of oil which had leaked from the engine suddenly caught fire and enveloped the engine. The watchman awoke and, fearing lest the heat might cause the boiler to explode, he opened the throttle and attempted to get the train onto the main track. Upon reaching the closed switch, however, he stopped the train in such a way that the caboose was directly over the blazing oil.

Immediately the flames enveloped the car, which became a furnace. The men awoke to see the fire leaping in through the broken windows. The next moment their bedclothes were ablaze.

Upon opening the rear door in an effort to escape from the furnace they

were half suffocated by a burst of flame. Upon trying the front door, however, they fared better and jumped through the fire to safety.

The fire alarm was sent in, as the milling company's storehouse was threatened for a time, but the fire died down as quickly as it had started and a few shovelfuls of cinders thrown on the oil extinguished the blaze shortly after the department arrived.

MERCER AND CO. BUY MOTOR TRUCK

The Gilbert Implement Company reports having made a number of sales of automobiles during the last couple of weeks. Mercer and Company, proprietors of the Rockford store, have purchased a one-ton Chase auto truck for delivering their goods and expect to be able to serve a large part of the West Side. They aim particularly to include the territory which was served by the Oak Grove store recently destroyed by fire.

Dr. H. L. Dumble has purchased a Buick runabout. Two two-cylinder, 54-horse-power Chalmers cars have also been sold, one to E. L. McClain and the second to C. P. Beebe.

FORMER HOOD RIVER BOY PERISHES OF COLD AND HUNGER IN ALASKAN HILLS

Leslie Oliver, 17 years old, who perished on Sheep Creek Mountain, near Juneau, Alaska, last week in company with two companions, was well known in this section, having lived at Cascade Locks with his parents up to about three years ago.

Leslie's body, as well as those of John Shattuck, former Gresham, Ore., boy, and Dell Linseott of Douglas were found on the mountain, where they had perished from hunger, cold and exposure while endeavoring to reach the top of the peak, where there is a miner's cabin which would have sheltered them if they had succeeded in reaching it.

The body of young Oliver was found about half a mile from the summit of the mountain and above the timber line. Although the body was in plain sight from the crests and ridges, the searchers must have passed and re-passed it many times. The boy's shoes were worn through

by the rocks in his struggle to reach the summit. In his hand was a pistol and by his side a shotgun.

The hundred men of the search parties, after the discovery of Oliver's body, concentrated their efforts in the neighborhood where it was found and finally, after seven hours, came upon the bodies of Shattuck and Linseott only a quarter of a mile distant. The bodies were brought to Juneau.

John W. Shattuck was 21 years old, a graduate of the University of Oregon and prominent in college athletics. He was living with his brother, a banker in Juneau.

Linseott was 20 years old and a resident of Douglas. The hunters set out without blankets or provisions, and were unfamiliar with the country. Soon after their departure Sheep Creek Mountain was enveloped by a dense fog, and when they did not return at night steps were taken to rescue them.

TWO DEALS MADE IN RANCH PROPERTY

Two real estate deals involving local fruit ranches have been closed through the Guy Y. Edwards Company. Frank Menefee of Portland has purchased 10 acres in Willow Flat from E. C. Chappin. Five acres are in 8-year-old trees and five in 3-year-olds. The purchase includes this year's crop, which is estimated at 2700 boxes. The price was \$14,500. This is the latest of a number of investments here by Mr. Menefee, who now owns 75 acres of Hood River property valued at \$80,000.

The Guy Y. Edwards Company has also closed a deal whereby Frank M. Cox of Chicago buys from Clyde S. Mason 20 acres in the Odell district. The entire 20 acres is in five-year-old trees.

OPEN RIVER LINE TO BE CONTINUED

Service by the Open River Transportation Company, whose boats ply from Portland to this city and to the eastward, will not be discontinued at the end of the month as previously announced. Following remonstrances and promises of support from cities served by the line, a meeting of the company's stockholders was held the last of the week and it was decided to continue the service.

To meet this year's deficit of approximately \$17,000 a voluntary assessment of stockholders will be made.

It is declared that continuance of the service will prevent removal of water competition and thereby compel the railroads to hold down their rates.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Floods caused millions of dollars damage throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Colonel C. P. Townsley succeeded Major General Barry as superintendent at West Point. General Barry now commands the department of the east. Former Inspector Hayes of the New York police force declared that Commissioner Waide was responsible for the "wide open" conditions. William M. Wood of Boston, head of the woolen trust, was arrested, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Lawrence strike. The Maine election was held. Governor Plaisted was the Democratic candidate, and the Republicans Progressive union in support of William T. Haines. Harold H. Hilton, the British golf crack, was defeated in the first round of the amateur championship match at Chicago.

Intense Interest Taken in the Children's Fair

Hood River's Coming Generation of Housewives, Farmers and Mechanics Vie with Each Other and Prepare Exhibits Which Are Most Creditable--List of Awards Made Is Given Herewith.

Hood River's little housewives, farmers, carpenters and mechanics were out in force to attend the first school children's industrial fair held at the courthouse Saturday. All afternoon and evening there were scores of visitors inspecting the varied exhibits, all of which were most creditable.

The interest and enthusiasm shown by the children awakened a kindred interest among parents and friends and there was plenty of friendly rivalry among the contestants, who came from all sections of the county.

Entries were divided into two classes. All children over 12 were in Class A and all under 12 were in Class B. Awards were made as follows:

Best packed box of apples--Class A: Otto Annala, Oak Grove, first; Jesse Hutson, Valley Crest, second. Class B: Susie Rodwell, Barrett, first.

Best five potatoes--Class A: Clark Thomsen, first; Frank Fenwick, Oak Grove, second; Ernest Puddy, Parkdale, third. Class B: Vernon Gray, Hood River, first; Blanche Aubert, Mount Hood, second; Ren Ganger, Hood River, third.

Best five ears of sweet corn--Class A: Francis Miller, Barrett, first; Roy Miller, Barrett, second; Edna Plog, Odell, third. Class B: No entry.

Best five onions--Class A: Samuel Thomsen, first; Samuel Coad, Hood River, second; Armas Jakku, Oak Grove, third. Class B: Clarence Miller, Frankton, first; Francis Michael, Oak Grove, second; Ineand Ireland, third.

Best trio of chickens--Class A: Howard Scoobe, Hood River, first; Floyd Mason, Pine Grove, second. Class B: Awards mislaid.

Best loaf of bread--Class A: Edna Clapp, Hood River, first; Buela Turner, Hood River, second; Zoe Newman, Pine Grove, third. Class B: Mary Dempsey, Frankton, first; Vernon Garrabrant, Frankton, second; Elin Sundsten, Cascade Locks, third.

Best five jars canned fruit--Class A: Lulu Prather, Odell, first; Clara Thomsen, Pine Grove, second; Lenore Crane, Hood River, third. Class B: Ada Laraway, Pine Grove, first; Susan Rodwell, Barrett, second; Helen Broel, Pine Grove, third.

Best five glasses of jelly--Class A: Ralph Ganger, Hood River, first; Clara Thomsen, Odell, second; Thelma Elliott, Frankton, third. Class B: Susie Rodwell, Barrett, first; Lucile Davis, Odell, second; Laura M. Folts, Odell, third.

Best display of sweet peas--Ida Nichols, Oak Grove, first. Class B: Ada Laraway, Pine Grove, first; Martha Ferguson, Odell, second; Mary Dempsey, Frankton, third.

Best display of asters--Class A: Anna Dart, Barrett, first; Josephine Dart, Barrett, second; Florence Clark, Pine Grove, third. Class B: Mary B. Bling, Hood River, first; Elsie Vongoesres, Oak Grove, second; Martha Ferguson, Odell, third.

Hand-made aprons--Class A: F. L. Littlefield, Hood River, first; Agnes Kyverly, Viento, second; Kirstenn Ostergard, Viento, third. Class B:

Blanche Aubert, Mount Hood, first; Jesse Thompson, Cascade Locks, second; Chloe Thompson, Cascade Locks, third.

Mechanical work--Class A: Dorr H. Green, Parkdale, first; Edward DeWitt, Barrett, second; Roy Dark, Hood River, third. Class B: Frank Dark, Hood River, first; Charlie McIlwraith, Valley Crest, second.

Special premiums for Bantams: Martha Ferguson, Odell, first; Harold Early, Hood River, second; Ruth Eby, Frankton, third.

Chickens not included in the regular list--John Annala, Oak Grove, first; Martha Ferguson, second; Dorothy Baker, Hood River, third.

Special premium for darning--Dora DeWitt, Odell. Special prize for an apron to Gracie Reed, Oak Grove, seven years old.

Honorable mention for articles very nearly prize winners was given to the following: Helen Broel for jelly, Edna Clapp for an apron, Viola Calvin for jelly, Catherine Stewart and Helen Aubert for aprons.

APPLES BACK HOME DON'T TASTE SAME

"One of my long-cherished delusions has been exploded," says W. S. Nichol, who returned the last of the week from an extended trip through Canada, the United States and, incidentally, his old boyhood home in Missouri. "Perfect as Hood River apples are, I have always believed that they could not compare in flavor with the fruit we used to eat back on the old home place near Lincoln, Mo., when we were boys, but now I know better. One of the first things my brother and I did upon returning home was to go out into the orchard and sample some of the best apples. Frankly, we were disappointed. The smack that they used to have when we were boys had disappeared and I am now fully convinced that the Hood River apple is the best grown anywhere, Missouri not excepted."

Dr. Nichol and family, accompanied by his brother, G. G. Nichol of Mosier, left here several weeks ago. Their trip took them through Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., Victoria, Winnipeg, Fort William and down the Great Lakes to Toronto, thence to Buffalo, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Louis, and also through Tennessee, Alabama and the Southern states back by the southern route through California.

The doctor took especial interest in the apple crop. In New York state the crop is only fairly good. In Missouri there is a big yield, but he says the fungus has done extensive damage and that many orchards are almost black with this pest.

"For my own satisfaction I tried to find a place that would suit me better than Hood River," says Mr. Nichol. "There were many places which were pleasant, but when all things are considered, climate, scenery, class of people and business conditions, I failed to find a single place which, in my opinion, would compare favorably with Hood River."

BAD SAND STORM SWEEPS DOWN RIVER

Accompanied by a heavy wind from Eastern Oregon, a sand storm which was the most severe experienced for years swept over the city and valley Saturday, filling the air with sand and interrupting the spell of real Hood River weather which was ushered in with September.

The storm was felt as far west as Portland and on the river it was especially severe. At Stevenson the steamer Dulles City was blown aground shortly before noon and fruitless attempts were made to pull her off. She was attempting to make a landing when the mishap occurred. The storm was at its height and the boat could make no headway towards tying up. Finally control of her was lost altogether.

Trains from the East were delayed by the banks of drifting sand.

City improvements are now in order.