

Clubs Are Organized to Discuss Proposed Laws

People's Forum Is Established and Unanimity Is Found to Prevail on Woman's Suffrage--Blue Sky Law to be Debated Friday--Party Platforms Discussed at Church--Heights Has Club

There isn't a chance to start a debate on woman's suffrage in Hood River. It simply can't be done. They tried it at the newly-organized People's Forum Friday evening, but there was absolutely "nothing doing."

Law," which is designed to prevent irresponsible promotion companies from operating in this state. It was decided to debate this question at the meeting next Friday.

PARTY PLATFORMS TO BE DISCUSSED

At the Unitarian church next Sunday two stirring meetings are to be held. In the morning the speaker will be Mrs. Sara B. F. Ehrzott, the woman's suffrage popular lecturer.

CIVIC CENTER ON HEIGHTS ORGANIZED

A civic center for the study of the bill was opened in the reading room of the Heights church Monday night. Of this club Rev. J. R. Hargreaves was elected president and Mr. Schrum secretary.

NEWS NOTES FROM AROUND THE STATE

That Crater Lake is the greatest scenic wonder in America was the decision of the party of seventy noted scientists who have just visited Oregon. They were amazed at the spectacle and as a result of their visit this great attraction will be widely advertised throughout the world.

The Portland Floral Society will stand sponsor for a number of flower shows each year. A chrysanthemum display will be the first of the series and will occur in November.

With a 20 per cent increase over the grain crop of last year, the Pacific Northwest states have their granaries full to the bursting point and the railroads are hustling to furnish cars enough to haul the grain to market.

WENATCHEE APPLE PRICES FORECASTED

Wenatchee growers this season are expected to net \$1.20 for Jonathan apples and \$1.35 for Winesaps. These figures are based on the quotations made at Yakima, where Jonathans are offered at \$1.05 a box, and Winesaps at \$1.20.

Some outright sales have been reported there of higher figures than \$1.30 for Jonathans and \$1.35 for Winesaps; but the transactions, although they took place, lack confirmation from the interested parties.

A trade direct with the consumer has been effected by the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association. It has received an order for nine car loads of apples, of the best quality, from a hotel in one in one of the large cities in the east.

AWARDS MADE FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

The first contest for the improvement of yards, inaugurated by the civic committee of the Woman's Club, has just closed. The first inspection was made early in May and the final one on Monday of this week.

First prize \$5, Franklin Davenport; second \$3, Georgia Chambers; third \$2.50, Stephen and Desille Kreisler.

The committee feels gratified at the interest taken in this first effort and would commend the improvements in parking made by some who did not enter the contest, particularly that in front of E. W. Dark's carpenter shop, and at 1227 A. street.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

J. George Chamberlain and wife to Martin B. Donovan, 40 acres in Duke's Valley.

Lexenia La Roque and husband to Herman L. Fengel, lot in Pleasant View Addition, \$400.

G. R. Hubner, trustee of the estate in bankruptcy of White Motor Car Co., to S. B. Huston, 40 acres north of Fir, \$425.

C. E. Cople and wife to Martha U. Cox, 20 acres at Odell.

A. C. Lofts to Phillip Streir, nine lots in block 9, Erwin and Watson's Second Addition, \$75.

Hood River Orchard Land Co. to F. H. Iseberg, 15 acres in Belmont section.

R. J. McIsaac, trustee, to F. W. Slaten, tract at Parkdale, \$250.

W. J. Peddicord to Lucy B. Peddicord, his former wife, and B. E. Peddicord, his son, 20 acres at Summit, Marlon MacRae to Chas. F. Mauer, 20 acres in MacRae acreage tracts.

R. W. Raymond to R. H. Hayward, lots 3 and 22, Idlewild Addition, \$500.

N. T. Chapman to O. B. Evinger, lot in Pleasant Addition, \$1900.

Edwin E. Caya to James Smith, 5 acres in Barrett district.

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM OF LYCEUM COURSE

Complete arrangements have been made for the annual Hood River Lyceum Course which promises to be exceptionally entertaining and instructive this season.

Fisher-Shipp Company, November 2. Ross-Crane Impersonators, November 14.

Cosmopolitan Four, January 23. Robert Parker Miles, February 7.

The Stars, March 31. Tickets for the full course will be \$2.50, students \$1.25.

October Jury List is Drawn

The list of 31 jurors to serve at the October term of Circuit Court which will convene Monday, October 7, is as follows:

- From Hood River--R. B. Bragg, H. R. Allen, H. H. Jantzen, J. I. Miller, J. A. King, W. G. Banks, Frank Van Horn, E. P. Morlan, Chas. W. Wallace, W. W. Rodwell, L. C. N. Struck, T. A. Decker, J. H. Shoemaker, H. F. Davidson, P. S. Davidson, S. J. Frank, C. A. Hickie, M. H. Maber, C. T. Roberts, J. E. Robertson, Chas. Albright, L. N. Blowers, Robert Rand, C. L. Clapp, Ralph Jarvis, W. A. Andrews and F. W. Radford. From Parkdale--J. R. Lemmon, C. C. Walton. From Wyeth--Chas. Gray. From Odell--Mark Cameron.

WILSON LEADS IN TWO STRAW VOTES

At the Mt. Hood Hotel Saturday evening George W. McCoy of Portland took a straw vote on the Presidential candidates. There were 39 present and the result was as follows: Wilson 22, Roosevelt 12, Debs 5 and Taft 0.

WILSON MEN FORM A CAMPAIGN CLUB

A number of citizens gathered at the courthouse Saturday afternoon and organized a Wilson and Marshall Club for Hood River county. Judge Kent was elected president, Dr. W. S. Nichol vice-president, and Attorney George R. Wilbur, secretary-treasurer.

Taft Club Will Be Organized Here

Republicans of this vicinity favoring the election of Mr. Taft as President are requested to meet at the courthouse next Saturday, September 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider the advisability of organizing a "Republican Taft Club" for this county.

Make Baker Councilman; Pass Paving Ordinance

Vacancy Made by Resignation of L. H. Huggins Is Filled by Local Real Estate Man--Ordinance Providing for Paving of Oak Street, Second street and Third Street Passed--Election Called

W. J. Baker was unanimously selected by the city council at its meeting Monday to succeed L. H. Huggins, who resigned on account of his removal from the city.

Mr. Baker will serve out the term of Mr. Huggins, which expires this year. Other councilmen whose terms expire this year are C. H. Sprout and James Stranahan.

With a view to paving some of the main thoroughfares before winter sets in, an ordinance was passed providing for the paving of Oak street from Front to Fifth street, Second street from Cascade to State street, and Third street from the

railroad's right of way to State street. Bids will be advertised for at once and work started as soon as possible. The Goldenale macadam will be used.

Arrangements were made for calling the municipal primary nominating election to be held early next month. The municipal election will probably be held November 4.

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ELECTRIC LINE FOR VALLEY RUMORED

A recent dispatch to the Oregon Journal says: An electric line for the Hood River Valley is being advocated here.

A Welch of the Oregon-Washington corporation, who is an extensive operator in public utility enterprises in the state, was in Hood River during the week in the interest of an electric railroad for the valley. It is reported that the city council will be asked for a franchise for the use of the city streets for railway purposes.



News Snapshots Of the Week

President Taft celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday at the home of his aunt, Miss Della J. Torrey, in Millbury, Mass.

Additional troops were ordered to Texas to be near at hand in the event of American intervention, which may come if Madero does not prove his ability to protect Americans in Mexico.

Burton W. Gibson, a New York lawyer, was arrested charged with the murder of Mrs. Rosa Szabo, a client of his, who met death while boating with him.

Finds Foreign Markets for Hood River Apples

Distribution of Local Fruit Reaches Several European Countries, so Manager Sieg of the Union Reports--Estimates of Country's Apple Crop Not Materially Reduced--Advice for Orchardists

In line with his policy of extending the foreign market for Hood River's famous apples, as announced earlier in the year, Manager Sieg of the Apple Growers' Union has been working along this line and already with marked success.

According to reliable advices received by Mr. Sieg, estimates of the crop in the East have been increased rather than diminished during the past few weeks.

So far this season the Union has shipped a considerable number of apples, all of which were sold here and not on consignment. Kings and Gravensteins have been cleaned up and found a ready market, while the Union is booked heavily for Jonathans, picking of which was started last week.

Care by Growers Urged "The best advice I can give the growers at this time," says Mr. Sieg, "is that they exercise the utmost care in the matter of grading and packing their fruit. They should hold strictly to the grading rules and improve upon them rather than drop at all short."

"So far as marketing the later varieties is concerned, the Newtowns and Spitzenburgs, being Hood River's specialties, will take care of themselves. In harvesting the common varieties, however, the growers must co-operate with the different shipping organizations by not forcing deliveries too fast.

Has a Word About Pears "This year Hood River shipped some extra fine pears, especially Bartlett's. Better prices could have been obtained if the growers had been more fully aware of the necessity of picking this fruit green and delivering promptly in order that

carload lots could be made up and shipped to remote markets. As it was much of the fruit was not picked until almost ripe and had to be dumped into nearby markets at a sacrifice when twice the returns could have been secured if the growers had co-operated more actively with the shipping associations.

Mr. Sieg said that there was the same handicap in shipping the earlier varieties of apples. "The market for Jonathans right now is the best that it will be this season," he declared, "for they have not yet been harvested by the other sections. The Jonathans here were ready to pick last week and if they had been we could have found first-class markets. The Union is making it a point this season to keep the growers promptly informed and it is up to them to act according to instructions if the best results are to be obtained."

WANT MOUNT HOOD OPENED FROM WEST

Declaring that Mt. Hood has been "bottled up" from tourists and sightseers from its most beautiful scenic viewpoint on the west side of the peak by the inclusion by special act of Congress of a township six miles square in the Bull Run forest reserve, members of the West Mount Hood Improvement Association, composed of settlers and property owners of that district, have started a vigorous campaign to have the territory in question opened to the public.

William Deveney, of Montavilla, as spokesman for the association, declares that this township, though it has been set aside ostensibly to protect Portland's water supply, is several miles from the water shed of the Bull Run river and separated from it by the whole of Sugar Loaf mountain.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Deveney, a bridge has just been built across the Sandy river at the mouth of Clear creek, about 45 miles from Portland and 15 miles from the peak. It connects the old Barlow road, now a fine auto highway, with the Trueman road. This bridge cuts 14 miles off the former route to Ragles, at the head of the Trueman road and on the edge of the reserved township, and opens up to the tourists a fine scenic trail to the mountain.

The West Mount Hood Improvement Association hopes to interest the people in this question and secure the repeal of the act of Congress creating this reserve. It simply amounts to the question of whether Portland can afford to sacrifice all this fine scenery for a watershed on the other side of Sugar Loaf mountain, which would not be endangered at all by opening this tract to sight seers.

Eastern Capital Invested Here

Salem and Albany are interested in the movement on foot to have the government deepen the channel of the Willamette River from Portland to Eugene. The commercial bodies will bring the matter to the attention of Congress and it is hoped to increase the depth of the channel six feet by proper management of the water by building wing dams and dredging.

Eastern capital is seeking investment in Oregon timber. It is stated on good authority that over \$12,000,000 has been invested in Oregon timber bonds since January 1. These bonds are now said to be in favor with Eastern investors and the ability to realize on standing timber by the bonding method has proved of benefit to the Pacific Northwest.