

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Alex Gilbert, mayor of Seaside, has been spending the week here and looked over the valley yesterday.

A. J. Davidson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has come to Hood River to spend several months. He stopped at Pendleton en route to see the Round-up.

Rev. E. T. Simpson, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will preach next Sunday evening at the Baptist church (The Heights), Rev. Hargreaves being away.

Does your piano need tuning? Mr. H. J. Witter, the piano tuner, takes this means of informing his regular patrons and also many others who may want their pianos tuned, that he will be in Hood River about Oct. 10th and orders may be left at Waggener's Music House. All work first-class and guaranteed.

SUFFRAGISTS HOLD ROUSING MEETING

A most enthusiastic meeting of believers in equal suffrage was held at the Commercial Club rooms Monday afternoon, when a very interesting address was delivered by Mrs. Ehrigott of Portland.

An organization was perfected with a large membership, and the following officers: Mrs. M. A. Shoemaker, president; Mrs. Wm. Stewart, vice president; Mrs. E. H. Hartwig, treasurer; J. P. Lucas, secretary.

In the evening an appreciative audience listened to most able addresses by Mrs. Ehrigott and Dr. Chapman of Portland, as well as a short talk by Mrs. Jewett of White Salmon.

Many names were added in the evening.

LYCEUM LECTURER ARRIVES HERE LATE

Ralph Parlette, who was to have given the first entertainment on the lyceum course Monday evening, did not arrive here until yesterday morning. Although he started from Chicago a day early, the heavy western colonist travel, which he says has been tremendous during the last few days of the low rates, made the train 30 hours late.

The lecture will be given Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at Odd Fellows' hall, when Mr. Parlette will give his humorous lecture on "The University of Hard Knocks."

TEN ACRES SOLD. PRICE IS \$12,500

E. E. Stanton has bought of Mary LaMonte a ten-acre bearing orchard adjoining his ranch in the Oak Grove district. The LaMonte property is improved with a house and out-buildings. The consideration is reported to be \$12,500. The deal was made through Guy Y. Edwards & Company.

First Christian Church. Next Sunday at the Christian church Rally Day will be observed in the Sunday School and a rare treat is promised to all who attend.

Congregational Church. The quarterly business meeting of the church will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 at the church. Important business. Members and friends of the church are especially urged to be present.

The quarterly communion service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Reception of members and baptisms. Short sermon by the pastor.

The state conference begins its sessions here next Thursday evening. All are invited.

Scull and Skull. "Sculls" and "skulls" are really one word in origin, and both at various times have been spelled capriciously with a "c" or a "k." Peppy, the diarist, tells how he went on the Thames at one time "in a scull," at another in a "skuller." The origin of the word is "skulle" or "sculle," a bowl or goblet. While the cranial was obviously bowl-like in shape a distant resemblance to a bowl was also detected in the scooped-out blade of a "scull" as opposed to the flat blade of an oar proper.

A Strike. Mrs. Nulywed—You don't love me any more. I know you don't. Nulywed—But, my dear, you're very much mistaken. I adore you. Mrs. Nulywed—No; you don't. No man could love a woman so badly dressed as I am.—Paris Rite.

A Snob. Thackeray designated a snob as a being on a ladder who is quite as ready to kiss the feet of him who is above him as to kick the head of him who is below.



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Remember this. The cow that produces no profit usually eats just as much as the one that makes money.

For a brood sow prefer one of good length and breadth of body and placed on short, strong, well made legs, set wide apart.

To make the sheep flock most profitable or at all profitable no source of revenue must be neglected, whether it be mutton, fleece or increase.

Every dairyman, no matter if he doesn't have more than a half dozen cows, should use a separator. Skim-milk is too valuable to be allowed to go off the farm.

If cider is pressed out in the orchard care should be taken to scatter the pulp thinly and neutralize its acid tendency with lime or remove it from the orchard tract entirely.

If you are raising a young boar, train him while he is young and growing to mind the word and be perfectly manageable. Boars can be taught to come when called by name.

The kernel of the argument in favor of dairying as a method of keeping up soil fertility lies in the fact that a ton of butter sold from the farm removes but about 26 cents' worth of fertilizing elements from the soil.

It is no wonder that one farmer the writer heard of the other day is not bothered with hog cholera, for, according to report, with each barrel of swill that his hogs consume they get a pound of concentrated lye. They seem to thrive on this, yet the marvel is that they have any "innards" left at all.

If electric light wires run through the limbs of the shade trees about your house, keep a lookout to see that the latter are not injured through drawing a current of electricity from the wires. This damage is not likely to result unless the insulation comes off, but this is just what happened in a case the writer noticed the other day, with the result that a fine hard maple tree has been practically ruined.

A flock of hens that the writer sees frequently on an evening have a regular picnic in a mellow potato patch scratching for worms and insects on being released for a few minutes from their yard. They get a food element that they much need, and more than this, the exercise puts them in good condition. Where the hens cannot be let out in this way it is a good idea to spade up patches of their inclosure so that they may have mellow soil in which to scratch.

Steers are still on the climb at central markets, \$11 per hundredweight being paid for best grades the other day. A lot of men would like to tackle the feeding proposition, which surely looks tempting, but young stock is almost as high proportionately as the finished beefs, and so many have been beaten at the feeding game under somewhat similar conditions that they are a bit dubious about taking the risk for fear, having fed steers for ten months or a year, the prices would take a slump, leaving them in a hole.

It is stated by the postal authorities that through blue sky investment schemes of one kind and another which human suckers bit on greedily in the year closed June 30, 1912, these investors were mulcted out of about \$125,000,000. The authorities ran to earth every one of these knaves possible who had a hand in these swindles on the ground of a fraudulent use of the mails, but it is fair to assume that enough of them escaped so that the guileful and unwary would better go slow in turning over their hard earned coin in return for paper promises which can never be fulfilled. The department figures seem to show that a fool is born every minute and some of the time more than this.

In all that portion of the corn belt north of latitude 42 degrees—and it will do no harm to keep the fact in mind for some distance south of this line—it is well to select for seed ears that are borne low on the stalk, for in a majority of instances the kernels from such ears will produce corn that will mature earlier than that from high borne ears. It is especially necessary to follow this method of selection of seed ears with corn of several stand ard types that have come from sections having a longer growing season. By selecting the early maturing ears year after year a type may be developed that will mature considerably earlier, and this is quite a consideration where the crop has all it can do to squeeze its growth in between spring and fall frosts.

If there are sheep on the farm do not leave a piece of weedy, late hay uncut because it is weedy. It will come into play next winter, and if the balance of the hay is pretty clean will be eaten all the more greedily because it is weedy. Many weeds serve as a tonic to sheep.

Instead of German agricultural lands becoming depleted during recent years it is shown by German crop statistics that during the period mentioned the yields of the staple crops of Germany have increased 60 per cent. This has been due to the fact that the German farmer has applied a judicious mixture of brains and commercial fertilizer to his lands. It is high time his American cousin was following suit.

In that winsome story of Ruth and Boaz told in the book of Ruth mention is made of the humane provision of the Hebrew law which prohibited the owner of a field gathering every stalk of grain from his field lest the poor and the stranger might not be able to get some grain on gleaning the fields. This interesting custom of "gleaning" instituted among the Hebrews has been carried down the years to modern times, as shown in Millet's famous masterpiece, "The Gleaners."

Thousands of flocks of hens over the country lie around a good share of the season overfat and doing little or nothing in the way of egg production when they might just as well be doing something to help pay their feed bill. There is no particular secret connected with getting them to do this—simply making them work and scratch in lively fashion for what they get. This will give the birds exercise, keep them in good physical condition and will cause them to lay if any method would.

Of the staple crops grown in America tobacco is rated as the most exhaustive on the soil. This is partly due to the fact that it pulls largely on the soil in the way of fertilizing elements, but as much to the fact that the consumption of the plant does not, as in the case of the common forage plant, result in the return of any of these elements to the soil. One authority on plant chemistry states that the tobacco crop produced in this country in a single year means the permanent removal from the soil of 28,000,000 pounds of nitrogen, 29,000,000 pounds of potash and 2,500,000 pounds of phosphorus.

A whole lot of married folk go clear through life and miss the great and immeasurable happiness that might be theirs simply because they do not know or refuse to recognize that the square deal in practical operation as between man and wife, coupled with mutual consideration and forbearance, is the chief secret of a happy and wholesome married life. It is the kind of home atmosphere that the exercise of such traits develops that makes life really worth while—a home where the children find contentment and happiness and which they leave with regret when they go out and set up homes on their own account.

It may interest those who do not possess a first hand acquaintance with the habit of the peanut plant to know that the fruit or nut of the plant is not borne above ground, as are the common legumes, beans and peas, nor on the root proper, as is the case with potatoes, but on what may be termed secondary roots, which the plants throw out from the stalk an inch or two above ground and which enter the soil in much the same fashion as do the upper brace roots of the corn plant. When ripe the plants are pulled with the gobbers attached, and when the latter are dry they are cleaned and polished and ready for market. The peanut plant is not only a soil enricher, but the tops make excellent forage.

A statement that the writer noted in print the other day rather gave the idea that the housefly was entitled to some consideration because of the service it rendered in disposing of decaying animal matter. This is a placing of credit where it does not belong. The maggots or larvae of houseflies work almost entirely in horse manure, and the only service they render to waste matter of any kind is the sucking of moisture from it, thus hastening the drying out process. The larvae which do work in decaying animal matter hatch from the eggs of the blue-bottle fly, which is of a greenish, glossy appearance. Its sense of smell seems to be admirably developed, and the moment it scents an odor arising from decaying animal matter it forthwith proceeds to deposit its eggs, which hatch in a short time and soon consume the mass, thus aiding in reducing it to its primal elements.

Nature often puts forth special efforts at reproduction in the plant world. This was shown oddly some years ago in a subsequent fertilization and filling of portions of ears of corn where no fertilization was effected in the first. This was brought about by rains, which greatly revived the parched corn and renewed its vitality. The present fall witnesses a condition almost analogous in that as a result of heavy midsummer rains stalks that had set no ears or small ears sent out new ears and repeated the whole process. This seems to have been quite general, with the result that at this writing—the middle of September—there are many fields in which the greater portion of the crop is denuded and out of the way of the frost, while the second growth referred to is hardly past nice roasting ear stage. Some of it is so belated that it will need close to a month to give it a dent.

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Wanted—By a man who understands orchard accounting as well as planting, pruning, spraying, irrigation, cultivation, etc., wishes position as superintendent of orchard. Address Orchardist, care Hood River News, 33-40p

Farm Help and Berry Pickers—The Hood River Apple Growers Union and the Davidson Fruit Company have arranged with the Y. M. C. A. Industrial Employment Agency of Portland, to furnish all classes of farm help, including berry pickers, for the farmers and fruit growers of the Hood River District during the coming season. When you need help either phone or write the Union or the Davidson Fruit Co. and the calls will be promptly forwarded to us and filled. No charge to employers. 20tc

Upper Valley Orchardists—I am prepared to do a limited amount of spraying with power sprayer. A. B. Coulter, Phone Odell 273. 37-44c

Wanted—By young couple, position on ranch. Address W. O. Klaassen, care of J. L. Carter, R D 1, Hood River. 42p

Wanted—Experienced man in orchard work or a man and wife to do housework for bachelor. Small ranch 2 1-2 miles from town. H. P. Coburn, R. D. 2. 39-40p

BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Oakdale Greenhouses—Geraniums, salvia, verbenas and other bedding plants. See the roses in bloom this summer and have stock reserved for Fall or next Spring. Plants and cut flowers at Franz's. Fletcher & Fletcher, Hood River. 19-tfc

Mrs. Lina McCann makes all kinds of hair goods from combings. Phone 167-X. 39-42p

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

For rent—Dowden Potato Digger F—Has record of 260 bushels per hour. Can hand work beat that? For terms call Scott; 'phone 111. 32tfc

Great opportunity—Sunnyslope Fruit Farm, one mile south of Hood River Heights has for sale leading varieties of standard apple trees. I have good Jersey milk I can deliver on Hood River Heights; also ripe peaches. I can mow your hay, raise or move your house. For prices phone 218K. J. T. Nealeigh. 35tfc

For sale—Seasoned wood, fir or oak, delivered. J. J. Knapp, phone 3232-X. 35tfc

Fine 7-room cottage on Cascade Ave., west of 7th street, for sale cheap, 3 chambers and a sleeping porch, bath, pantry, attic and basement. Inquire at office of A. W. Onthank. 36tfc

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For Sale—First-class d'Anjou pear trees, thrifty stock with 3-year-old roots. Phone 2102X. Cutler Bros. 30-40p

For sale—Twenty Rhode Island Red yearling hens. Good stock E. F. Batten, phone 2012M. 340c

For sale cheap—Hen house, 8x12 built in sections, also 3 rolls of five-foot park wire and Rhode Island Red rooster, cost \$20 last Spring. A. D. Way, phone 3282K 39-40p

For sale—3-inch Studebaker wagon, apple rack and springs, almost new. Address C. L. Trout Hood River. 39-40p

For Sale Cheap—Five-passenger Knox automobile. Would sell on terms. Phone Odell 188 or address J. M. Clark, Parkdale. 40-43c

For Sale Cheap—Four room house with bath, located on Pine St. Lot 65x150. Phone 113-X 40-43p

For Sale Cheap—Second hand Mitchell wagon, three inch broad gauge. Just overhauled and in good condition. Dickerson & Peck, phone 205K. 40-41-c

For Sale—Dry Onions are ready; Forster early. Sprague 1962K.

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For Sale—Good 2-inch wagon, 2 horse, suitable for apple hauling. Phone 277-M. 34tfc

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For Sale—Light open buggy and harness, \$40.00. A. F. Howe, 221 Prospect Av. 40-41p

For Sale—Oak pole wood, \$4.50 per load delivered in Hood River. Phone 2063-K. 38-41c

Wanted—To take contracts this fall, to work apple orchards next year. West Side orchards preferred. My prices cheaper than what it will cost you to do the work yourself. W. T. Forry, Phone 323-K 30-42p

Progressive Party Rally

Notice is hereby given that Hon. Alfred E. Clark, nominee of the Progressive Party for United States Senator, will address the voters of Hood River county at the Commercial Club rooms in Hood River Saturday evening, Oct 5th, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Clark is said to be an orator of ability and he will discuss the issues of the present campaign fairly and in an able manner. All the Progressives of the valley are earnestly requested to be present, and all those who anticipate voting for any of the other candidates are earnestly invited to be present. The election of a United States Senator is possibly, of more vital importance to the citizens of Oregon than the election of a President of the United States.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY PROGRESSIVE COMMITTEE, A. J. Brungart, Sec.

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