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HOOD RIVER IS UNITED

In every way last week's mass meeting was a splendid testimonial to the intelligence and progressiveness of the Hood River orchardist. Also it was rich in promise for the future. Hood River has been united and all are now in the harness with one end in view instead of pulling and hauling at cross purposes and to each other's harm.

Expression in favor of consolidation was unanimous. This means that the new organization is launched under the most auspicious circumstances. Hardly a voice was raised in opposition. Probably never before in the history of the valley were all of the growers in such perfect accord. They expressed in emphatic terms their desire for an amalgamation of local selling interests and their complete confidence in the men who are working out the details of the consolidation.

Formation of the new organization does not mean that the millennium has arrived here in Hood River. It does not necessarily mean that a large increase in returns is to result at once, but it does mean, and every reasonable man will admit it, that if the growers of this valley stand behind the organization it will strengthen tremendously Hood River's standing in the markets of the world.

Every orchardist will pray for the success of this association, for it means dollars and cents and bread and butter to him. He will boost, not criticize. He will work for the organization every day in the year when the opportunity presents itself. He will have confidence in the management. From now on the man who seeks in any way to weaken the new organization by unwarranted criticism will be nothing less than a traitor to the community. He will not dare to do so. He cannot afford to do so. He will not be tolerated. Hood River is united. Hood River is going to stay united and every orchardist in the valley must cultivate a loyalty for it and such confidence in it that failure will be an impossibility.

MR. SPROAT'S ADVICE

No truer words were spoken at the massmeeting Wednesday than those of Mr. Sproat, former manager of the Union, who declared that if the new organization is perfected it is most necessary that the men who shall be placed in charge of it by the growers should receive their complete confidence.

From his long experience as a representative of the growers of the valley, Mr. Sproat knows better, probably, than anyone else the tremendous handicap under which an executive labors when he does not receive such confidence. It is the first requisite of a cooperative organization and it will be more important than ever when the interests of the entire valley are united under one executive head.

At the present time there is every indication that the new organization will become established. The growers have expressed themselves unanimously in favor of it and they entertain high hopes for the improved condition which such an organization will bring about in marketing the output of the valley. Its efficiency will be in direct proportion to the degree in which it receives the united support of the growers whom it serves and it is up to them to resolve at the start that they will give the organization, its managers and directors, their complete confidence. This done and its success will be assured.

HOOD RIVER'S LIBRARY

A good public library is not an extravagance. On the contrary it is one of the best investments that a community can make. Hood River is soon to build a Carnegie library in case the people of the city vote in favor of revising the charter so that the council will have authority to purchase some additional ground for the site. There is no ground upon which opposition could be based unless it were that of the expense involved. It is not probable that there will be any material opposition on this account, however, as the expense involved would not be great. The city will probably have to purchase only about 50 feet of additional property and the amount paid for this will not be felt by any taxpayer. On the other hand the material benefits which will come to the community when a well-equipped library has been established will be many.

The library will be a splendid addition to both county and city, for both are equally interested. The city will secure another attractive build-

ing, a small city park to be used for public gatherings and for rest and recreation in the summer and also the nucleus for a library which will soon grow to meet the needs of the entire county.

Other cities have testified to the fact that they have found their libraries, especially when located in small parks, the best possible investment. The standard of the community is raised. Strangers are more favorably impressed. Civic pride is engendered and the reputation of the community as a progressive one is materially increased.

Everybody is showing an interest in the local library and it is a good sign. The opportunity will soon come to vote upon the proposition which will make possible the establishment of the Carnegie Library. The citizens of Hood River are going to vote in favor of it. They cannot afford to do otherwise.

GARBAGE DUMPED IN ROAD

A local citizen yesterday called attention to violation of the law in disposing of garbage. He said:

"Cleaning up lots from the accumulation of rubbish and such as glass, cans, wires, etc. is commendable, but to haul them onto the public highway makes it a greater public nuisance than to leave them on the premises. Moreover it violates the criminal laws of the state and is punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$25 under Section L. O. L. It would be well for persons who haul such waste to avoid this error and for those who have already committed the same to go immediately and remove the glass bottles, glass, nails, hoops, cans and other rubbish. The guilty parties will undoubtedly know where the deposits were made on the highways of the county."

WASHINGTON TO HAVE "APPLE DAY"

Governor Lister has issued his first proclamation as follows:

"Whereas, the state of Washington is rapidly taking the lead as a fruit raising state, especially in the production of apples, this production representing an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars and producing fruit to the value of many millions of dollars annually, and

"Whereas, The production of the apple in its finest forms and colors and most delicious flavors, of great importance to the people of the nation and the world as well as the state of Washington, and

"Whereas, Apples can be served in a greater variety of ways and more acceptable every day of the year than any other fruit: Now, therefore, I, Ernest Lister, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby name Saturday, April 5, 1913, 'Apple Day'.

"And I recommend that on that day all loyal and patriotic citizens of the state of Washington unite in observing it as 'Apple Day' by advertising and boosting Washington apples to the end of the earth. And that apples may be on sale in all appropriate stores and other proper places and served in all the delicious ways known to housewives and chefs in the homes, hotels, clubs, restaurants, dining cars, and to the end that the raising and distribution of apples of fine flavor and perfect form and color may be encouraged and increased."

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters, March 17, 1913:
W N Allen, Chas W Allen.
Mr. Bevams, H R Berhl; V Bowers,
J E Buece, Mrs Berry.
Thomas Canavan, W H Cook.
Mrs Will Hull.
R J Lamar, Mrs J C Lowe.
Mrs R F Morton, Miss F Morrison.
E E Pattum.
A Rhodes, Miss Amelia Rodgers de Carms.
Frank Sargent, L W Stone.
Clarence Turner (2), Mrs James Tordin.
J H Water, F W Watson, Mrs Jas Wheeler, Miss Maud Williams.

FIGHTING PEAR BLIGHT

Yakima Orchardists Are Combatting Insidious New Pest

A systematic fight is being made in Yakima orchards on pear blight, which manifested itself last year. The county commissioners have assured Deputy Fruit Inspector T. O. Morrison that they will give him as many assistants as needed to cover thoroughly every district between now and blossoming time. A list was prepared last year of infected orchards, and these will be visited to see that all infected parts are cut out. Mr. Morrison says that, theoretically, the blight can be beaten, if everybody does his share, but so insidious is the plague that, if a man here and there fails to do his duty, the loss may be enormous to the whole district. The man who is not careful now, he says, will probably lose 50 per cent of his trees before the summer is over.

TO PAY FREIGHT ON CHILDREN'S EXHIBITS

Editor, the News: I am sure the school children of Hood River will be delighted to know that the O-W. R. & N. has agreed to carry the school children's exhibits to and from the state fair this year free of charge.

In order to take advantage of this liberal offer the exhibits of the county must be assembled at one or more convenient shipping points and shipped together in the name of the county school superintendent, teacher or other authorized person.

Besides the fine line of regular and special prizes in the individual classes, there are five cash prizes ranging from \$100 down to \$40 for the best collective exhibit by the schools of any county. There are also five special prizes for the best exhibit by one-room districts outside of counties making a county exhibit.

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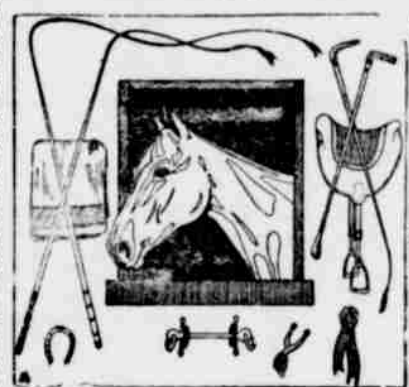
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