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THE LIBRARY DEFEAT
 It is true that there is no good crying over spilt milk but the News cannot refrain from expressing regret that the library proposition was defeated Thursday. Those who have been working for many months past in behalf of a Hood River library were sorely disappointed. They had spared no efforts and were hopeful that the people of the city were in sympathy with them.

We believe it was unfortunate that other issues were injected into the election which should not have belonged there. It is natural, for example, that all should wish to see a public building of this kind located in their part of the city, but this consideration should not have entered into Thursday's election. To inject it meant that much would be lost and nothing gained. Many opposed it for economy's sake, but we are convinced that it was short-sighted economy and that the bigger, better and more attractive site would have meant more in dollars and cents during the years that are to come than the comparatively small amount saved.

Those who are working for the library are disappointed; they are sorry that the matter was not so plainly understood that all would have voted in favor of it. But they are ready to abide cheerfully by the result and to prosecute plans for the library and to make it the very best that can be secured under the circumstances.

ELIMINATING POOR DISTRICTS

It is generally conceded that there must be a process of elimination in the apple-growing business. The districts of the Northwest that are best adapted to the growing of high grade fruit will survive while those sections which cannot produce the quality must turn their attention to something else. How to work out this elimination is one of the problems which confronts the Northwest apple grower today. There are some who declare that the best way is to adopt the slogan "Every district for itself" and thus force the smaller and poorer sections to the wall. Others declare that there is a better and less expensive way of bringing about this elimination. H. F. Davidson is one of these.

Mr. Davidson believes that the districts of the Northwest cannot afford to cut each others throats in order to bring about the survival of the fittest. He believes that co-operation rather than competition is the key to the situation. According to his way of thinking no district can lose by joining in a marketing and grading agreement with the others. But he would insist upon the pack from all districts being fully up to regulations. The result would be that those districts which produce a fine grade of fruit would prosper. Those that could grow only the inferior stuff would be forced to the conclusion that it was not a commercially profitable industry and turn their attention to something else. Mr. Davidson believes that the necessary elimination can in this way be effected through co-operation just as quickly and much more economically to all concerned than through selfish, cut-throat competition. There is that in Mr. Davidson's position which will commend itself to thoughtful growers in all sections.

PRESIDENT WILSON

It was strange that there were those last week who undertook to criticize President Wilson for personally reading his message to Congress. They thought it unbecoming and contrary to precedent. As a matter of fact President Wilson gained in popularity by his action. He wishes to be a real leader rather than merely the titular head of the government and of his course which has inspired confidence and given little opportunity for criticism. He is firm in his convictions and unwavering in his intentions. By his every action he has shown that he wants to work with the people and conserve their interests, not with pomp and ceremony, not in a formal and pedantic manner, but as one of the people themselves—in a word, as their servant.

Following organization of the central shipping organization here, growers are looking forward to the coming season with increased optimism. Who knows but what the unfavorable conditions which brought about this consolidation were after all a cloud with a silver lining.

Behold the elevation of the humble potato! The Michigan and Wisconsin growers, following the example of apple raisers of the Northwest, are washing their tubers, sorting them to uniform size and packing them in boxes.

ELECTION OF SENATORS

The most important event in the country for the past week occurred when Connecticut through its legislative body voted for direct election of United States Senators. This completes the required 36 states necessary to an election amendment of the national constitution. Hereafter the state legislatures will be relieved of the trouble incident to the selection of this officer as conducted in the past. No more legislative time will be wasted henceforth by senatorial elections. Oregon was one of the states which took the initiative in securing the enactment of this legislation.

Many friends of Judge Will R. King here will congratulate him upon his appointment as appraiser of customs at New York. Judge King was attorney for the East Side Irrigation Company previous to the leasing of the ditch to the irrigation district recently organized.

With the almost oppressive warm weather last week spring fever made its appearance in Hood River. What a hit some scientist could make with employers if he would discover a serum that would prevent this annual ailment.

COLLEGE MEN POOR FARMERS?

Inasmuch as a considerable proportion of Hood River's orchardists are college graduates, interest is taken here in the indictment brought by the New York State Department of Agriculture that college graduates do not make desirable farm help because of their indolence and indifference to their work. The Baker City Herald has come to the defense of the college men and the following paragraphs are quoted from that paper.

College men who are lazy and indifferent about work on a farm would be lazy and indifferent about their work in any vocation. If the New York Department of Agriculture has found lazy and incompetent men among university graduates, it should be charged against them as individuals—not against the fact that they are college graduates.

The employee on a farm who would play the mandolin or rest in the shade during the hours he should be at work would watch the clock and "soldier" on his job wherever he might be—even though it were in mahogany furnished offices. Undoubtedly, such college men "cut" classes when students and used a "pony" to assist them in their translations. They are simply 50-cent boys into which hopeful parents are trying to cram a \$5000 education. It isn't the fault of the education if it can't be done.

The number of college men who are making a success of farming is larger than the laymen think. In fact the agricultural districts of the richest portions of our country are filled with college men.

Our neighbor, Hood River, Oregon, distinctly a fruit growing community, has more college men in proportion to the total number of inhabitants than any other community in this country.

It was a university man who discovered the fact that Texas could grow the famous Bermuda onion—a fact that state celebrated within the past few days.

The greatest stretches of Northwest Canada are teeming with successful college men.

If New York farmers prefer foreigners to college men, something is wrong with the system of New York farming. Maybe they want peons instead of help.

NEEDN'T SELL WHISKEY

Anyone who is addicted to the use of "red liquor" and endeavors to secure it from the drug store through the prescription of a physician may find his old wiles defeated through an opinion of Attorney-General Crawford, handed down the last of the week.

The query came from an Amity druggist as to whether he is compelled to furnish liquor on the strength of a physician's prescription. The Attorney-General ruled that he is not. The druggist asserted that frequently those who are addicted to strong drink secure prescriptions of this kind and have endeavored to force the purchase on the strength of the prescription.

DIED

Julius Hanemann
 Julius Hanemann died Thursday at his home on Davidson Hill near the German Lutheran Church. He was 69 years old. His wife, Mary Hanemann survives him. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hanemann was a native of Germany. He came to this country 35 years ago and they moved to Hood River eight years ago.

"Why didn't you send your man to mend my electric bell?"
 "He did go, madame; but, as he rang three times and got no answer, he concluded there was no one at home."—London Opinion.

LIBRARY MEASURE DEFEATED AT POLLS

The library measure submitted at the election Thursday was defeated. The proposition involved the amendment of two sections of the charter and both of them lost by a narrow margin. On the first amendment there were 250 for and 260 against. On the second there were 235 for and 254 against.

The proposition submitted was in substance whether or not the city should acquire an additional 50-foot strip for the site of the \$17,500 Carnegie Library and to serve as a city park.

As shown by the figures, there was a large vote out, both men and women taking an active interest. There was considerable campaigning going on all day about the streets.

Defeat of the measure does not mean that Hood River will lose the library, but it does mean that it will in all probability be located on the 40-foot strip instead of having the more adequate grounds and more attractive site which would have been secured had the measure passed.

WOMEN SCORE AS PUBLIC SPEAKERS

That Hood River's club women are abundantly qualified to express themselves in public in an emphatic and convincing manner was demonstrated at the massmeeting preceding the election last week when half a dozen women drove home some sound arguments in behalf of the library proposition. Some of them had not been warned that they were to be called upon, but they rose to the emergency and one and all acquitted themselves like old-time stump speakers. Included among the number were Mrs. R. D. Gould, Mrs. W. W. Remington, Mrs. W. H. Lawrence and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson. Several "mere men" were also called upon but they were frank in confessing that the women had stolen their ammunition and hit the bulls-eye in the bargain. Among the men were J. O. McLaughlin, Rev. B. E. Warren of The Dalles, Rev. E. A. Harris and Truman Butler.

HARRIS-WAGGENER WEDDING

In the presence of a few friends, H. G. Harris of Vancouver, Wash., was married here Wednesday afternoon to Miss Corine Waggener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Waggener, Jr., who recently moved here from Vancouver. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Harris left for Portland and Vancouver, where they will visit before proceeding to Yacolt, Wash., their new home.

It is expected that the second third of the construction of Wasco county's new \$150,000 courthouse will be completed before winter sets in. Next year will be devoted to inside and finishing work.

In 1910 there were 100,969 children born in Ohio.

RECENTLY MARRIED HERE; IS MISSING

H. A. Hollingshead of Portland, who was married in this city about five months ago, is reported missing and his wife and friends are apprehensive. The following item reported from a Portland paper tells the facts:

Friends and relatives of H. A. Hollingshead of 108 East 35th street, who left Portland for Southern Oregon five weeks ago, are much concerned about his probable whereabouts, as he has not been heard from since.

Mr. Hollingshead was employed while in Portland as an advertising solicitor and intended, when he left here, to seek a location in the southern part of the state in which to start a bank. He promised his wife that he would write from the first town in which he stopped, but she has not had a line from him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead were married at Hood River just five months ago. Both formerly lived in North Dakota. He left her amply supplied with funds. They were on good terms and she knows of no reason for his failure to write.

Mr. Hollingshead is about 30 years of age. His habits were good. He is a Mason, and members of that organization, as well as the police, are assisting his wife in the endeavor to locate him.

GROWERS AT WALLA WALLA JOIN UNION

Fruit growers of Walla Walla district on Wednesday voted to unite with the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' Association, and a temporary organization was formed. By-laws were adopted, and these will be referred to the unions in that district for action, the delegates declaring they would not absolutely pledge that their organizations would join, though they were reasonably sure they would.

H. C. Sampson of Spokane was principal speaker. The association, he said, planned to handle 10,000 cars of apples this year. The cost would amount to less than 2½ cents a box, plus a cent a box for advertising. The local growers said they wished to have other farm products included with those to be handled, and Mr. Sampson said this would be taken up immediately.

SINNOTT PLANS FIRST BILL

Congressman Sinnott has decided that the first bill he will introduce will be one for the relief of the Sherman county settlers. Almost everyone from Oregon has tried to do something in this line, and last session Senator Bourne got a bill passed by the Senate, but not any farther. Congressman Sinnott has been studying this bill and has decided that it will meet the case very well. Accordingly he has drawn up a bill closely modeled on it.

The president seems to believe that platform pledges should be kept—something new under the sun.

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