

Work Here Is Begun by the Experiment Station

C. C. Starring, of O. A. C., Will be in Charge of County Work and Will be Assisted by Other Experts from State College--Farmers May Consult Expert at Heilbronner Building.

Actual work was taken up here by the experiment station the last of the week. Professors Lewis and Jackson were here, also R. W. Allen, superintendent of the Umatilla Experiment Station at Hermiston, and C. C. Starring, the expert horticulturist who will be in active charge of the work here.

ANIMUS BEHIND ATTACKS IS SHOWN

Editor, the News: We noted your article in last week's News regarding the attacks being made through the market page of the Oregon Journal upon the Northwest Distributors. Hyman H. Cohen is editor of the market page of the Journal, also editor of the Fruit and Produce Distributor, which latter publication we are advised is owned by A. P. Bateham, vice president of the Northwest Fruit Exchange, and by Mr. Cohen largely and is apparently the official mouthpiece of the Northwest Fruit Exchange.

We make this explanation of Mr. Cohen's business relations to the Northwest Fruit Exchange because he has been frantically pawing the air through the columns of the market page of the Journal during the past month apparently assuming that his relation to the Northwest Fruit Exchange had not leaked out through one of his business partners.

Mr. Cohen has been setting up straw men and appears to enjoy knocking them down himself. Assuming that there are a number of fruit growers who have not been correctly informed as to the position of the various fruit organizations I want to set them right on the proposition so that when the proper time arrives for reaching conclusions for or against their own interests they will be able to decide these matters prudently.

When the first general organization meeting was held in Spokane last December the Northwest Fruit Exchange was ably represented by Mr. Crutchfield of Pittsburg and also by a large number of their field managers and officers which they have maintained in different parts of the Northwest for several years. There were also in attendance some 400 growers and shippers from the four states and upon a careful canvass of the situation as to the demand for a co-operative organization it was practically unanimous that the services of the exchange were unsatisfactory and that there should be an organization of growers of the four states.

The committee from Hood River and other districts which made a several days' investigation of the methods of the exchange in the spring of 1912 found their advertisements and representations so much at variance with their office records that they made a strong adverse report to a large meeting of Hood River growers and the proposition of turning the Hood River production to the Northwest Fruit Exchange, which was then being considered, was rejected unanimously. A number of the officers and representatives of the Exchange were present at that meeting and were practically without defense as against the adverse report of the committee.

The operating expenses of the co-operative organization seems to worry the Journal's editor but it is fair to assume that the expenses of conducting a selling campaign for marketing 10,000 cars under one organization would not be more than to market the same quantity of product by fifteen or twenty concerns. In fact the North Pacific Fruit Distributors is organized with a view to making an actual reduction in the cost of selling and on a basis whereby all of the Distributors' costs can be paid out of the present charges made by the local organizations and make the locals an actual saving of more than \$15 per car by reducing their operating expense accounts. This is quite a contrast to the charges of the North

University of Idaho. After working for one year for the Lewiston Land and Water Company he came to O. A. C., where he specialized further in horticultural work.

In speaking of the work which the station will undertake, Professor Lewis said: "We hope to be able to concentrate much of our attention upon the principal horticultural problems of the valley, including cover crops, irrigation, core rot, fruit pit, scab winter-injury and the like. Of course we will always be ready and willing to help or advise the orchardists to solve their individual problems, but we believe that our work can be of more value to the valley as a whole if it is confined as far as possible to a careful study of the principal troubles."

Mr. Allen, who is here with us now, is an irrigation expert and he will make a study of the irrigation methods. I and others from the college will also make visits here and carry on supplementary work. We also expect to do work with other fruits such as strawberries with a view to increasing the yield and combatting pests."

The party spent Friday and Saturday visiting a number of ranches in the valley where experimental work is being carried on.

WHITE SALMON MAN FLEES

Escapes from Captors by Diving Through Window to Roof

Armed with carbine and revolver, the Rose brothers, engaged at the Swan-Hamann mill on the Heights at White Salmon were in town last week looking for Jack Acton, whom they charged with an attack on their sister.

They caught Acton and tied him to a tree while they awaited the coming of the constable from White Salmon. Acton finally begged to be allowed to change his clothes. He was released and taken upstairs to his room, guarded by one of the brothers, completing his change, he suddenly dived through the window, landing on the porch roof, slid off into the darkness and made his escape.

west Fruit Exchange which proposes to charge 10 cents per box for taking charge of the fruit after being loaded and turning it over to the North American Fruit Exchange (which is its real selling agency) to sell.

This calls to mind the great number of auction reports of cars sold at auctions for the North American Fruit Exchange from the Northwest. The auctions are patronized freely by the North American Fruit Exchange and this practice is admitted by both dealers in the East and shippers in the Northwest as being one of the main causes of the disappointment of fruit growers in the Northwest in the returns for the 1912 crop.

This brings us up to the main reason why there is an urgent demand for a strong co-operative organization of growers which is fully set out in a letter from the Hon. B. T. Galloway acting Secretary of Agriculture who has apparently made an investigation into the necessities of fruit growers who by virtue of their location must market their product at distant markets. As the writer has been favored with a copy of this letter and has been informed of instances where this practice has been followed, not with Hood River fruit however, but no matter where the fruit is shipped from the low prices generally advertised by the auction companies to the buyers has a very depressing effect on the market and it has been generally conceded by the best dealers in the East and Middle West where the auctions operate extensively on Northwest boxed apples (not Eastern barreled apples) that the operations of the auctions make unnecessarily low prices to the dealer, but not to the consumer, and wholly at the expense of the grower.

H. F. DAVIDSON, Director North Pacific Distributors. (Ed.—Reference to Mr. Galloway's letter will be found in the editorial columns.

Chicago has a skyscraper with a golf course on its twelfth floor.

RAILROAD HEADS TO MAKE TRIP HERE

Anxious to see the valley in its garb of apple blossoms, the leading officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Company are planning to spend a day here, probably this week while the blossoms are at their best. Arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors are being made by Secretary Scott of the Commercial Club. It is expected that there will be about a score of them and they will be taken to the Punch Bowl and other scenic attractions of the valley in automobiles. The weather permitting an outdoor lunch will be eaten at some spot near the river and if their luck is good a trout dinner will be enjoyed.

KILLS COUGAR NOT FAR FROM MOSIER

Fred Evans of Mosier took to The Dalles last week a large cougar which he killed near his ranch in the valley about a mile from Mosier. The animal measured 6 feet and 6 inches and weighed 106 pounds. The cougar was known to be in the vicinity of Mr. Evans' ranch for several days, feeding on goats and other choice meats it could kill. Mr. Evans set out on the cougar's trail with a pair of hunting dogs and finally treed him. The cougar paid little attention to the dogs, keeping its eyes on Mr. Evans, who brought the animal down with one shot through the head. Mr. Evans received a bounty of \$10 from County Clerk L. B. Fox of Wasco county.

CAMPAIGN IS MADE AGAINST PETITIONS

In an effort to prevent the signing of petitions invoking the referendum on the U. of O. and O. A. C. appropriations, a public meeting was held at the Commercial Club Thursday evening under the auspices of the Oregon Citizens' Educational League. Local alumni of the university and agricultural college took an active part in arranging the meeting. The speakers included Dr. Wilson, principal of the Portland Academy, Editor Harris of the Portland Labor Press and Miss Wold, a Portland High School teacher.

Many arguments against the move now being attempted were given and those present were strongly urged to give the matter careful consideration before consenting to sign the referendum petitions now being circulated here.

At the conclusion of the speeches resolutions were passed expressing the sentiment against the move as being contrary to the best interests of Oregon's institutions of higher education.

The resolution was as follows: "Be it resolved, That we inform the people of Hood River Valley as to the true nature of the referendum petitions now being circulated, and cause these resolutions to be sent over the state, indicating to all citizens that the majority of the people of Hood River Valley are against these petitions and desire to see the two state institutions flourish and be placed upon a sound and substantial foundation."

Hood River county has been cited by supporters of the referendum as a county strongly in favor of it.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS

Former Defeat by White Salmon Wiped Out by 9 to 0 Score

The High School baseball team evened things up with White Salmon in a game played here Friday afternoon in which the visitors were defeated by the score of 9-0. Husbands and Blagg as battery for the local boys allowed not over a half dozen hits, and most of them were in the infield. The High School boys proved strong with the stick and there were only a couple of strike-outs, while Blagg struck out about 15 of the visitors.

The High School team is doing creditable work this season, but is not receiving the support which it deserves from the student body, so its managers assert.

The next game will be played at Stevenson on Friday the 16th.

Five hundred marriage licenses were issued in one day in Philadelphia recently. On the same day 60 divorces were granted.

Schedule K will soon be able to appear in a hobble skirt without looking ridiculous.

PAVING COMPANY IS BEING SUED

The Hassam Paving Company and the Oregon Hassam Paving Company of Portland have instituted a suit against the Reliance Construction Company, which is now paving Hood River streets, for alleged infringement of paving patents. The complaining concern asks that the court order the Reliance Company to refrain from further violation of the patents, pay the costs of the court proceedings and give whatever damage the court may see fit to award.

The city of Hood River is amply protected in this matter, the Reliance Construction Company having filed a bond to safeguard the city against any possible litigation. It is stated, however, that in previous litigation involving the alleged patents the Hassam companies have lost out, the courts having decided, it is said, that the process could not be patented, as it has been known and used for centuries. It is simply a concrete surface on a crushed rock base such as was used on the famous Applan Way of the Romans.

ARE IRRIGATING DURING THE NIGHT

Observations made at the city reservoir during the past week have told the story of many residents using water for irrigation during the night and Water Superintendent Smith has been directed to detect and prosecute any caught violating the ordinance.

There is not supposed to be any irrigating done between the hours of eight p. m. and 6 a. m. Although the reservoir should fill during this interim it has been found each morning recently almost empty, showing the heavy drain on it during the night. The fine for violating the irrigation ordinance is \$5 and no extenuating circumstances will save those who are caught.

The hours for irrigating are the same as last year. Those living on the north side of the street can irrigate between five and eight p. m., those on the south side of the street from six to nine a. m. City Recorder Howe is now being kept busy issuing irrigation permits.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Dora A. Strang to I. B. C. Fisher, 30 acres at Odell.
Adelia A. Stranahan to Inez Matheny, lot 45, block 3, Stranahan's Second Addition, \$300.
A. H. Klinger to C. A. Cass, lot 5, block 5, Waucoma.
Sarah E. Klinger to C. A. Cass, lot 18, block 4, Waucoma.
M. O. Boe to J. Douglas Gordon, tract in the Upper Valley, \$2617.50.

INDIAN JAKE DIES AT 109

White Salmon Patriarch Is Victim of Smallpox Epidemic

Jake Hunt, Sr., aged Kilkittat Indian, died at his shack on his White Salmon Valley homestead last week of smallpox, having reached the age of 109 years. He is said to have been the oldest Indian in the Northwest and the only living one who was on the present site of Portland before the white man came, guiding two of the expeditionary parties into the country.

His son, Jake, Jr., in town tog et lumber for making a coffin, said: "My papa old, old man, say he would live longer than big tree; now small-pox come, papa die, big tree live."

The big tree alluded to is known as the Monarch of Kilkittat county, situated 15 miles north of White Salmon on the property of the Mount Adams Orchard Company, which intends to cut two rooms into it and run a small spiral staircase to the top of this mammoth fir 29 feet in circumference.

This patriarch of the Kilkittats had three wives in his time, all dead, and leaves six children, the oldest of whom is 82, the youngest more than 50 and at one time well known as a Tomamaw or medicine man.

BRADSHAW JUDGE 22 YEARS

Friday was the 22nd anniversary of the appointment of Circuit Judge W. L. Bradshaw to this judicial district. He was chosen by the late Governor Pennoyer to succeed Judge J. H. Bird, who died, and since that time, though a Democrat, has been elected four times in this district which is Republican by a large majority.

REV. E. A. HARRIS RESIGNS CHARGE

Rev. Edward A. Harris offered his resignation as pastor of Riverside Congregational church to his congregation Sunday. The resignation is to take effect December 31. No reason was given by Mr. Harris except that he wished the church to feel at perfect liberty to adopt such a course of procedure as it may deem best for its own interests.

Mr. Harris has been most successful in carrying on the work of the church. He came to Hood River in September, 1910. The culmination of his labors was the construction of the \$22,000 edifice which was completed last fall. During his pastorate the church has also enjoyed a strong growth, its membership having increased from 148 to 238.

"I have nothing special to say," Mr. Harris responded when asked about his resignation. "I have had a pleasant and fruitful ministry here. A resolution of confidence and esteem was almost unanimously voted me a week ago by a large and representative congregation, but there are a few who honestly differ as to the social program of the future and, wishing to eliminate all personal factors in the consideration of the matter, I have tendered my resignation."

A Kansas Judge has decided that a man is the owner of his wife's clothes. If her new bonnet costs too much to suit him he can wear it himself.

FRUIT GROWERS OF STATE WILL MEET

A skeleton program for the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society, which is to meet at Eugene and Corvallis the first week in June, has been given out. State fruit growers will be at the State Agricultural College June 4 and 5 and will hold joint sessions with the Lane County Horticultural Society on June 6 and 7. Some of the program numbers are:

"Community Support and Some Other Requisites to Maintain a Cannery," J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association, and W. S. Brown of Corvallis.
"The Canning Industry," W. H. Paulhamus, Puyallup, Wash.

"Operation of the Horticultural Laws of Oregon," discussed by members of the State Board of Horticulture.

"Pollinization of Pears and Cherries," also "Diversifying of Horticultural Products," by Professor C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

"Domestic Use of Berries," Miss Milan, domestic science department of Oregon Agricultural College.
"Apple Marketing Problems," A. P. Bateham.

APPLE BLOSSOMS NOW AT THEIR BEST

With the more springlike weather of the past few days, the apple trees have burst into bloom and the valley is now garbed in its beautiful dress of pale pink blossoms. The earlier varieties have been out for several days and the later kinds are now coming to their best.

The O. W. R. & N. is advertising excursion rates to this place and running advertisements in the Portland papers. Indeed, their adv. man no sooner undertook a description of Hood River during blossom time than he lapsed into the following poetic strain:

"If you have any doubt as to the arrival of spring, it is because you have not been to the Hood River Valley since the forerunners of luscious fruit have burst into prolific bloom. The air is laden with the breath of a myriad blossoms; the songs of merry birds float on the gentle breezes; pretty homes with happy faces peep from behind long rows of flower laden trees; streams, bright, sparkling, carry in their transparent waters an abundance of the finny beauties."

Many have taken advantage of the rates and enjoyed automobile trips around the famous loop, covering the lower valley.

The greatest ocean depth yet measured, a point 40 miles north of the Philippine Islands was found to be 32,088 feet deep.

A Frenchman has succeeded in flying with an aeroplane driven by flapping wings instead of a propeller.

Success Is Insured by Many Contracts Signed

Hearty Response Follows Meetings Held in Different Sections of the Valley--Officers of New Association Explain Plans to Growers--Those who Have Not Signed Urged to Do So.

Success of the Apple Growers' Association, the new concern which will handle the fruit crop of the valley, was practically insured last week when contracts were signed by a large proportion of the growers at the five massmeetings held at different points throughout the valley.

All of the meetings were largely attended. P. S. Davidson, president of the association, presided and talks were given by Messrs. Davidson and Sieg and by other officers of the new association. There were many who sought information and this was gladly given and to the satisfaction of all. Of those who attended the meetings there were few who did not sign the contracts, and these were mostly those who desired more time.

It is the desire of the association to hold a meeting of directors Saturday and complete the organization. It is therefore being urged upon all who have not already signed a contract to do so before that date.

"We cannot complete the organization," said Mr. Sieg, "until we know definitely how much fruit we will handle. There are some of the smaller growers who have not yet signed. Probably they feel that their crop is not large and that it is not so necessary for them to give us the desired information. However, we want to get all of this information at hand just as soon as possible. The more nearly unanimous the growers of the valley are in expressing themselves and giving us the needed information the more successful will the organization be."

"The conduct of the new organization requires that we assume some large financial obligations and it is

APPLE PRICES SAID TO BE MISLEADING

Apple prices quoted from other districts should be taken with not one but several grains of salt, according to local shippers in referring to paid advertisements which have appeared in fruit publications recently. These statements are in most instances from small districts where the quantity of fruit handled is too small to count, so they declare.

It is well known that districts having a small crop but a large percentage of young orchards produce a relatively larger proportion of large and fancy fruit. Where this is small in quantity, as is generally the case, the returns are deceptive when compared with a district shipping a large tonnage and from older orchards.

Returns from Mosier, as quoted by a Portland exchange, may in some instances appear better than those of Hood River, but analysis of the returns shows that in some instances the prices for extra fancy fruit of one variety was based on so small a shipment of the size marketed as to mean little or nothing.

The Underwood district during the past season shipped through the Northwest Fruit Exchange. It is authoritatively stated that the net returns on fancy and extra fancy fruit for that district the past season were about 70 cents, while the balance of other varieties brought around 40 cents.

"Statements made by the Northwest Fruit Exchange about prices obtained for Mosier fruit should not be taken too literally," said Mr. Sieg of the Apple Growers' Association, "for in many instances they were based on a small amount of fruit marketed. For example, Underwood obtained \$1.75 for one lot of extra fancy Newtowns, but it was shown that there were only nine boxes in the lot and these of extra large size. On the other hand there was at least a portion that only brought back about half the freight, the balance coming out of the orchardist's own pocket."

To Telephone Patrons

The Home Telephone Company is preparing to issue a new directory and all patrons who desire changes are requested to inform the company at once in order that they may be included.

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therefore necessary to have as many sign the contracts as possible before these obligations are assumed.

"From our experiences so far, and especially last week at these meetings, there is nothing but what spells success for the new organization."

H. F. Davidson concurred with Mr. Sieg in his expression of optimism and seconded his request that all growers who have not already done so sign up this week. At the meetings held last week over 250 contracts were secured.

Contracts have been mailed to out-of-town growers and the response has been gratifying, showing that non-resident as well as local growers are fully alive to the necessity of co-operation in the marketing of Hood River's fruit.

This week a circular letter is being sent out to all those in the valley who have not already signed urging them not to delay later than Friday, May 9.

ADVISES PORTLAND TO BUY RESERVE

A new and more encouraging phase of the proposition involving the Bull Run Reserve now pending before Congress was made public last of the week when Senator Lane wrote the Portland Water Board advising them to take steps toward the outright purchase of the entire reserve.

Hood River has been fighting a bill framed by the Portland Water Board and now in Senator Lane's committee which would extend the reserve so far into Hood River county as to prevent a road being built from Hood River Upper Valley to Multnomah county. Concessions were asked by Hood River which would permit the construction of such a road, but they were not granted by Portland.

Judging from the tenor of Senator Lane's letter, the bill is not likely to be passed without opposition, especially so in view of Senator Lane's recommendation.

Members of the Portland Water Board differ from Senator Lane, saying that so long as the reserve remains under Federal control the public can absolutely be barred from the watershed, in addition to having government aid in the protection of fires. On the other hand, Commissioner T. B. Wilcox said if the city purchased the property, any railroad or other corporation then would have the right to condemn rights-of-way through the reserve, and nothing could be done to prevent such encroachment.

The board determined, however, to look into the situation more thoroughly, and instructed the City Auditor to communicate with Senator Lane, asking him to make a thorough investigation in an effort to determine what sum the city would have to pay the government for the land in the reserve which is still Government property.

In the reserve which the city would have to purchase if it undertook to secure deeds to the property are 222 square miles of territory, or 142,000 acres. Of this only about 100,000 acres are still government property, the remainder being owned by private individuals, of which the Water Department controls about 4000 acres. It is said the purchase of the portion owned by the government would be a comparatively easy matter, but the city would in many instances be forced to acquire by condemnation proceedings in the courts an amount of the privately owned land for which large sums would have to be paid.

Senator Lane notified the board, however, that he had introduced in Congress the bill which prohibits any encroachments on the reserve for the construction of wagon roads, flumes or ditches, which was drafted by City Attorney Grant and Superintendent Dodge of the Water Department, some time ago, and that he would make every effort within his power to have the bill passed.

What appears to be needed most is a downward revision of the middle-man.

This country employs 800,000 women in its industries.