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SATURDAY'S MASS MEETING

A massmeeting of growers has been called for Saturday to give final consideration to the question of shipping through the North Pacific Distributors this year. On two or three previous occasions local growers have expressed themselves in favor of the movement. This, however, was when it was believed that all the principal districts of the Northwest, Wenatchee included, would ally themselves with the organization. Wenatchee has decided to do so this season and a new phase is placed upon the matter as a consequence. The directors of the Distributors at first contemplated suspending operations this year. They have been urged, however, by several districts which have already pledged their crops for the present year to go ahead without Wenatchee. The directors have been canvassing the situation carefully and will reach some conclusion at their meeting Saturday morning. They will then know definitely what proposition to submit to the massmeeting in the afternoon and it is urged that there be a representative gathering in order that all may become thoroughly acquainted with the proposition and act upon it intelligently.

WENATCHEE FOOLING HERSELF

Wenatchee prefers to paddle her own canoe this year rather than join the North Pacific Distributors. This action has seriously interfered with the plans of the other Northwest districts to secure cooperative marketing and the Yakima Daily Republic has the following to say about Wenatchee's action:

The Wenatchee apple growers were finally deterred from going into the general Northwestern organization by the plea of some of their jingoes that with Wenatchee apples so much better than any others produced on the face of God's earth they couldn't afford to lose their identity. If they mixed their stuff up with the truck produced by other districts they would lose the splendid reputation which they have because they are especially favored by nature and have advertised widely. In a little while they would sink to the level of Yakima and Hood River, where apples are all wormy, and where they seldom grow larger than hickory nuts.

The Wenatchee people are engaged in one of the most thankless enterprises in the world. They are fooling themselves.

Wenatchee apples are no better than those of other Northwestern fruit districts. At any rate, if they are, nobody knows it. Wherever they have been exhibited in competition with Yakima, Hood River, Rogue River and other Southern Idaho apples they have taken their share of the prizes and no more. They say the time never will come when we can't sell our best Northwestern apples. We note that Wenatchee failed to sell her 1912 crop, although the Yakima and Hood River crops have all been worked off, and we observe further that the Wenatchee apples which were sold did not bring as high prices in the discriminating markets of the world last year as did those produced in either of the other districts.

It doesn't pay to fool one's self. The reasons why Wenatchee fruit-growers should join their Northwestern brethren in the attempt to prevent unnecessary competition among themselves are just as strong as those which have impelled Yakima and Hood River men to try to organize. As the size of the Northwestern output increases these reasons will continue to bear down on all alike. The movement for co-operation is a necessary one, and eventually Wenatchee fruitmen will cut out the flubdub and get down to business with the rest of us.

Jack Johnson must go to the pen. How are the mighty fallen! Yet Johnson is to be pitied rather than blamed. He was dragged out of honest obscurity to pander to the brutal tastes of the white sports. If he has learned the lessons of brutality, cupidity and the like all too well, he is not so much to blame as the men who exploited him for revenue. So long as Jack Johnson could make money for the sport promoters his sins were overlooked. When he ceased to be a drawing card there were none so low as to do him reverence.

One of Hood River's greatest assets is her beauty. You can add to that asset by keeping your place neat and the lawn well trimmed. A well-trimmed lawn and a well-painted house will give a better impression than a place which cost twice as much if the latter has a run-down look.

OF INTEREST TO SPORTSMEN

Hood River has many attractions for the sportsman. These have been a valuable asset in the past, while they promise to be a still greater advantage in the future when Hood River Valley becomes a famous recreation ground.

An important undertaking looking towards the preservation of the Hood River as a fishing stream was begun this week with the damming of the river in order to divert the mouth back into its old channel. This is done in order to permit the fish to ascend more readily than has been possible since the river was turned into the Columbia at right angles. The work of opening up the old channel has already been completed through aid of the state and city. It is now stated that the Commercial Club committee which is in charge of the work will not have sufficient funds with which to complete the dam unless assisted by local subscriptions. No doubt there are many local sportsmen who will be glad to contribute to this cause, the more so on account of the importance of the project. The state has been doing much to preserve fish and game in Hood River county during the past couple of years and it is only proper that local sportsmen should co-operate in the completion of this undertaking.

THE CHAUTAUQUA

Arrangements are being made for the Horticultural Chautauqua this year and the prospects are bright for an even more entertaining and helpful occasion than last season. The executive committee has been fortunate in securing the services of so able a manager as Mr. Ravlin and the success of the Chautauqua is thereby insured. Here is an event which promises to become one of the most delightful of Hood River's institutions. In it are combined almost unlimited possibilities for a pleasant summer outing, rest, recreation, profit and an intermingling of Hood River people which is bound to do much towards promoting an excellent community spirit. At the same time it is an attraction for non-residents who are interested here, giving them an opportunity to get in touch with the Hood River spirit under the most favorable circumstances. By all means the Chautauqua is deserving of every support and encouragement.

PORTLAND'S STAMPEDE

Down in Portland these days the woods are full of candidates for city offices. They have been breaking out of the timber in all directions and right now it looks as though they had the unsuspecting citizens of the Rose City at their mercy. Portlanders are undergoing their first experience with the commission form of government and everybody from the ice man to the janitor is running for a berth as commissioner. The situation is hardly dignified, in fact it is almost ludicrous to the outsider, and it may be a fair question to ask whether the citizens of Portland will not find it a more difficult matter to secure honest and efficient officials under the commission form of government as now in force than under the old method. Judging from newspaper reports it is a case of where many are called but few are chosen and the proverbial needle in the haystack may not be harder to find than the best qualified candidates among the heterogeneous crowd who have heard the call.

NEW MARRIAGE REQUIREMENT

After June 3 some new restrictions will be thrown about the marriage ceremony in this state. In the past there have been few if any restrictions upon this sacrament but with the changed social conditions the need for strict requirements as regards the health of the contracting parties has become more evident. The church was the first to propose some such action but sentiment there was not strong enough to put it into effect. Now the state of Oregon has undertaken to place a needed restriction upon the ceremony. The new law requires that after the third of next month no county clerk in the state can issue a marriage license until the man applying for it shall present a certificate from a regular practicing physician showing that he has been examined and declared physically fit to enter the marriage relation.

In these days when the tendency is, especially in the West, to allow great freedom on Sunday, the effort of the Upper Valley people to keep the day free from sports will be watched with interest. They would make Saturday a half holiday when ball games are to be played, thereby removing the excuse that Sunday is the only day for these sports.

The presentation of that successful and thoroughly humorous comedy "A Box of Monkeys," as presented by the Upper Valley amateurs will be sure to be one of the features of the Chautauqua this summer.

Generous Contributions by the business men of Hood River not only indicate that they have a large share of patriotism but insures a splendid Fourth of July celebration this year.

UNDERWOOD WOMEN ENTERTAIN CLUB

On Thursday the local Woman's Club was entertained by the Underwood Club at the Goddard summer home on Underwood Heights. When they reached the landing they found the barge gaily decorated with miniature evergreen trees, bright flowers and a banner reminding them that in Washington women's votes were as good as men's. Although there were over fifty ladies on board there was plenty of room in the carriages and autos which met them at the Underwood landing and conveyed them around the loop where they could see the orchards of Underwood and the beautiful Hood River Valley in the distance. A delightful luncheon was served by the ladies, proving conclusively that although women are becoming more and more interested in civic affairs we still believe that it is in the home as hostess that woman's chief charm lies.

Wednesday, the 21st, occurred the annual meeting of the Hood River Woman's Club. After a short musical program the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. Charles Castner, first vice president, Mrs. Alida Shoemaker; second vice president, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson; secretary, Mrs. George Thompson; financial secretary, Mrs. H. M. Huxley; treasurer, Mrs. Kent Shoemaker.

The outlook is very bright for an interesting and profitable year in the club.

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BIDS FOR WOOD

Bids will be received by the clerk of school district No. Four until June 14, 1913, for 25 cords of four-foot slabwood and 30 cords of split four-foot body wood. To be delivered at the Barrett schoolhouse. Also ten ricks of sixteen-inch fir or pine wood delivered in the shed at the East Barrett schoolhouse. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. F. H. MILLER, District Clerk. 21-24c

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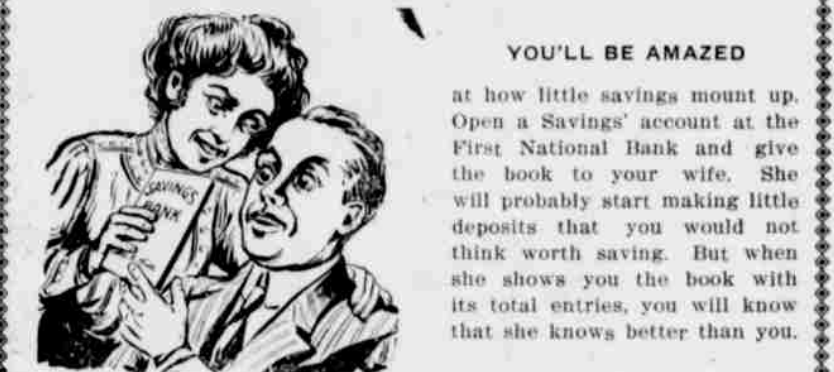
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