

HOOD RIVER CONCERN UNDER INVESTIGATION AS TO USE OF MAILS

Federal, State Governments
Inquiring Into Affairs of
Associated Fruit Growers.

WOMEN ARE IN COMPANY

One Is Attracting Much Attention in
Community Because of Promise
of Some Persons Connected.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 13.—Officials of the postoffice department and representatives of the state corporation commissioner spent the past two days in Hood River investigating the affairs of the Associated Fruit Growers, a corporation, in the matter of the sale of its stock and use of the mails.

The corporation was organized in 1914 by E. E. Stanton, county judge, and R. F. Marquis and their wives, who pooled their fruit land holdings, said to be worth about \$20,000, and capitalized for \$70,000, issuing to themselves \$16,400 worth of the capital stock of the company and disposing of considerable of their private stock, having a par value of \$10, at approximately \$15 a share, when its actual value is alleged to have been worth less than \$3.

Permit Was Revoked.

After the stock selling campaign had been conducted for about one year, the corporation commissioner revoked the permit. Subsequently suit was filed against the corporation in behalf of complaining stockholders by County Attorney Derby of Hood River. The case is pending against the corporation, Mr. Stanton and Mr. Marquis, and is scheduled to be tried at the January term of the circuit court.

The complaint alleges fraud on the part of the defendants, Stanton and Marquis, in the formation of the stock company and the subsequent sale of the stock.

Stanton Is County Judge.

It is reported that all of the records and files belonging to the corporation are now in the hands of government officials who are conducting an investigation preliminary to bringing the matter before the United States grand jury.

The case is causing deep interest in Hood River county, as one of the principals, E. E. Stanton, was elected county judge on a recall petition, and has two years longer to serve.

Commercial Club to Raise Debt.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 13.—The annual meeting of the Hood River Commercial club was largely attended and the volume of business held the session until nearly midnight. One of the important matters under consideration was the balance of an indebtedness of practically \$1100 that had been handed down from one board of directors to another and is facing the incoming board.

A voluntary subscription was taken among the members present and in a few minutes more than one-half of the indebtedness was wiped out. A committee consisting of Kay W. Sinclair, C. E. Coffin, C. D. Nickelsen, W. L. Nichols, Dr. J. D. Guttery, C. C. Lennon, G. W. Birge, Earl Franks, J. H. Hackett, was appointed to interview the absent members to secure sufficient funds with which to wipe out the entire indebtedness of the club.

Upon motion of Leslie Butler, president of the Butler Baking company, a resolution was passed favoring a tax of \$1 a horsepower to be levied on all automobiles in the state for good road purposes.

A resolution was passed favoring an appropriation of \$25,000 by the state for an advertising fund with which to advertise the beautification of scenic attractions of the state during the coming season.

Klamath Falls Is Strong for Road

City Council Accepts Engineer's Estimate of Costs and Only Terminal Sites Are Now Lacking.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 13.—Final legal action was unanimously taken by the city council Monday in preparation for the construction of the Strahorn railroad. An ordinance passed its third reading authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 worth of railroad bonds. The city engineer's estimate of a railroad from Klamath avenue and First street, 19.8 miles to a point at Daisy, where the proposed Bonanza intersects, at a cost of \$300,048, was adopted.

This changes the original plan of Strahorn to start construction from Mills on Upper Klamath lake. Such work will be undertaken by Strahorn later. A resolution declaring the route estimated by the city engineer as adopted as the municipal route was passed. Resolutions authorizing advertising for bids from 4 to 6 per cent and for bids on the railroad contract were passed.

The only remaining stipulation for Klamath Falls in the railroad movement is the provision for terminal sites. Committee in charge of this work are now active and report favorable prospects.

Justice Will Try Pendleton's Mayor

Circuit Court Throws Out Appeal on Ground of Prejudice and Case for Using Indecent Language Remanded.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 13.—As a result of the decision of the supreme court Tuesday, Mayor J. A. Best must stand trial before Justice of the Peace Parkes on a charge of using profane and indecent language in a public place.

The mayor had asked for a change of venue, alleging Parkes was prejudiced because he did not receive the appointment as city recorder. Parkes refused to grant a change and Circuit Judge Phelps upheld him.

The complaining witness is Arthur Gibson, one of Best's strongest supporters during his mayoralty campaign and whom Best later had arrested for violating the anti-ragging ordinance. Best's alleged offense was committed early in the year at the end of a boxing bout in the theatre. He is charged with having called a man in the gallery vile and obscene names in the presence of the entire audience, part of whom were women.

League Will Oppose "Freak Legislation"

The Anti-Blue Law league, which conducted the campaign against the Sunday closing law which was repealed at the recent election, met Saturday night and perfected a permanent organization by electing the following officers: President, Dan Kellaher; vice president, C. E. Ernst; secretary, P. McIntosh; treasurer, John A. Walters. Mr. Kellaher said the league will oppose "all freak legislation which would interfere with the personal rights guaranteed to every citizen under the constitution." "We will be on the job all the time," he said, "and we are not going to stand for attacks on Sunday amusements."

Puget Sound Lumber For Canal Delivery

Seattle, Dec. 13.—W. R. Grace & Co. announced Tuesday the securing of two contracts calling for the delivery at Balboa for the Panama canal commission of 7,000,000 feet of Puget sound lumber. Six million feet of the lot

will be shipped on the steamship Tur-ret Crown, barge St. David and the Norwegian steamship Thirbergen, formerly the American steamship George Fenwick. The latter vessel sailed from San Francisco for the sound last night. She will load 2,500,000 feet at Everett, Bellingham and Tacoma mills.

Former Albany Passes.
Albany, Or., Dec. 13.—J. J. Graham,

who died in Portland Tuesday, was a former well known resident of this city. He was at one time a member of the city council and prominent in local affairs. He has been in the automobile business in Portland the past few years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge. The funeral in this city will be under the auspices of that order. He will be buried in Masonic cemetery.

Nut Growers Will Meet at Corvallis

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 13.—Oregon prune growers and growers of walnuts and filberts, as well as producers for market of fruits and vegetables of any kind, have an opportunity to meet the leading men of the state in these lands, along with specialists of the agricultural college and outside states, at the prune growers, nut growers and marketing conventions to be held at the college the first week in January.

Mark Weatherford, well known Albany attorney, and Mrs. Weatherford are guests at the Imperial.

FREE BAKING EXHIBIT TOMORROW, 2-5, ON SIMPLEX UNIVERSAL COMBINATION RANGE—ANGEL AND DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE—6TH FLOOR

This Store Will Not Be Open Any Evening: We Close at 6 P. M.—Shop Early in the Day: Morning Hours Are Best

- A Meier & Frank Merchandise or Glove Order Solves the Gift Problem—Issued in Any Amount, \$1 or More—Redeemable in Any Department at Any Time.
- Santa Claus Here Daily 10-12 and 2-5. Free Souvenir House with Candy to Children Accompanied by Grown-up, 10 A. M. to 12 M.—Sixth Floor.
- Skirts Accordion, Box or Knife Pleated—Finished Ready to Put on Band—for \$1, if Materials Purchased in Our Dress Goods Shop—Second Floor.
- U. S. Postal Sub-station, Express Office and Accommodation Bureau on Basement Balcony—Packages Checked and Wrapped Free. Shop on a Transfer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Buying Is On in Good Earnest HERE!

BOOKS—A Few Holiday Suggestions From Our Newly Enlarged Book Shop

—To the lover of books no gift is quite so welcome or so dearly esteemed as a good book. There are books and books—for every taste—Travel, Art, Music, Drama, Fiction—all the best and most popular titles are to be found here. Come in and browse around—you'll find just what you want most.

- 50c EDITIONS AT 19c**
 - Christmas Day in the Morning.
 - Brotherly House.
 - Under the Christmas Stars.**A FEW TITLES FROM HUNDREDS**
 - "Under the Northern Lights," Alaska Poems, by "Platinum Bill." Paper, \$1.00; Cloth, \$1.50; Leather, \$2.25.
 - "The Columbia, America's Greatest Highway," Samuel C. Lancaster. Cloth, \$2.50.
 - "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," Robert Service, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.
 - "Hungry Stones," Tagore, \$1.35.
 - "Fruit Gathering," Tagore, \$1.35.
 - "Lincoln Packet and Washington Packet," books with framed portraits, each 75c.
- JUVENILE GIFT BOOKS**
 - "Tales From Shakespeare," Doran, \$1.50.
 - "Boy Mechanic," Vols. I and II, ea. \$1.50.
 - "Billy Whisker Stories," 80c.
 - "Bedtime Stories," Burgess, 50c.
 - "Old Mother West Wind Series," \$1.00.
 - "Alcott Series," \$1.35.
 - "Child's Garden of Verses," Stevenson, 25c to \$1.50.
 - "Treasure Island," Stevenson, 25c-\$1.50.
 - "Anderson's Fairy Tales," 25c to \$1.50.
 - "Grimm's Fairy Tales," 15c to \$1.50.
 - "John Martin Annual," \$1.00.
 - "Arabian Nights," 50c to \$2.00.
 - "Rinky-Tink of Oz," \$1.00.
 - "Paper Dolls," 10c to 50c.
 - "Paint Books," 10c to \$1.00.
 - "Cutout and Scissors Book," 25c to 50c.



MEN! Christmas Sale

Fine Neckwear

\$1.50 Ties 98c

—Beautiful Christmas neckwear that will appeal at once to men and women seeking gifts for men. Rich, lustrous silks in generously cut wide flowing-end shapes. A bewildering array of clever new patterns, including broad-cades, stripes, dots, ombrés, changeable and all-over effects. Discriminating men of every taste will find in this assemblage a tie to satisfy their fondest desire. Some exclusive designs to be found only in the highest priced scarfs. All of these ties are made with the convenient slip-easy band to save time and wear. Packed in fancy box if desired. Choose liberally for gifts in this sale—any selection you may make will do credit to the taste of the donor and delight the recipient.

SILK FRONT SHIRTS, \$1.50

—Another out-of-the-ordinary value and acceptable gift for men particular about their dress. Bosoms and cuffs of silk and bodies of mercerized material to match. Plain and novelty striped effects, including the wanted satin stripes. All sizes.

—Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor



"Vogue" Painted Wood Novelties for Xmas Gifts

—Unique gifts—that are most original and altogether delightful. We list but a few:

- GAILY PAINTED BUCKETS—for sending home-made candies, jellies, etc.; 3 sizes—85c, \$1.65, \$2.50.
- DUTCH GIRL—Safety-Pin Holders, \$1.50.
- BLUEBIRD GIFT BOXES—Dainty hand-colored boxes for your holiday gifts, 8c to \$1.25.
- "VOGUE" GIRL—Flower holders, enameled and painted, priced at \$1.25.
- STOCKING DARNER, in jolly designs, 50c.
- FISHERMAN—String Box—comical old fellow, \$1.50.
- Art Needlework Shop, 2d Floor.



Holiday Sale 200 Suits

\$25 to \$29.50 Values

\$17.85

ONE STYLE PICTURED

—Misses' and women's tailored suits in smartest styles for holiday wearing! There are loose, semi-fitted and belted styles. Very smart models, with

VELVET AND FUR TRIMMED COLLARS

—In black, navy, green, brown and gray serge, poplin, broadcloth and gabardine. All the smartest midwinter styles are here in all sizes, tomorrow \$17.85.—Apparel Shop, 4th Flr.



\$3.59 Japanese Crepe Kimonos, Special \$2.75

ONE ILLUSTRATED

—Light blue, red and pink crepe kimonos, beautifully embroidered. Gifts that are dainty—practical and most acceptable. On sale Thursday at \$2.75 instead of \$3.59.

\$1.50 TO \$2.00 PETTICOATS, 98c

—One lot of good sateen petticoats and percale petticoats in black and colors, some in fancy Dresden polka dot and stripe design. Excellent values Thursday at 98c.

\$10.00 WOOL SWEATERS, \$7.45

—Good quality wool sweaters in the most desirable shades, some trimmed with self shade, others with white. Made with sash or belts—in good practical styles, Thursday \$7.45.

—Third Floor Sixth Street

Christmas Sale Boxed Hosiery

—This event offers splendid opportunities for the selection of good, useful gifts for women and children, at special prices by the box. Included are fine silk, lisle and cotton qualities. We list a few items from our wonderfully complete, new assortments.

WOMEN'S \$2.00 THREAD SILK HOSE

Box, 3 Pairs, \$5.50

—All pure thread silk hose, in assorted colors or one color to the box.

WOMEN'S \$1.50 THREAD SILK HOSE

Box, 3 Pairs, \$4.25

—Pure thread silk hose, in assorted colors, or one color to the box.

GOTHAM GOLD STRIPE SILK HOSE

Box, 3 Pairs, \$3

—Famous Gotham Gold Stripe Hose, in special box of 3 pairs, \$3.

WOMEN'S 40c FINE LISLE HOSE

Box, 6 Pairs, \$2

—Women's full-fashioned mercerized lisle hose, with double garter welts, six-thread heels and toes. Black only. Sizes 8½ to 10.

MISSSES' BLACK CAT LISLE HOSE

35c, 6 Pairs, \$1.80

—Misses' fine ribbed mercerized lisle hose, with reinforced seamless feet. Black and white. Sizes 5½ to 10.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BLACK CAT Famous Hose

—Wear like iron. Have triple knees, linen heels and toes. Medium weight in black and tan. Sizes 6 to 9½, at 25c pair, 3 pairs, 70c. Sizes 10 to 11½, at 35c pair, 3 pairs, 90c.

INFANTS' PURE THREAD SILK HOSE

60c, 3 Pairs, \$1.65

—Infants' pure thread silk hose, in white only. Sizes 4 to 6½. Pair, 60c. 3 pairs, \$1.65.

CHILDREN'S FINE RIB'D LISLE HOSE

25c, 3 Pairs, 70c

—Children's lisle hose, in sizes 5½ to 9½. Black and white. Made with seamless feet.

WOMEN'S "SILK MAID" HOSE, \$1.15

—The best silk hose made to sell at the price. Ideal silk stockings. All staple and novelty shades.

WOMEN'S FINE BURSON COTTON HOSE

25c, 6 Pairs, \$1.35

—Burson medium weight cotton hose in plain black. Seamless feet. All sizes.

WOMEN'S 60c BOOT SILK HOSE

Box, 3 Pairs, \$1.65

—Fine boot silk hose, in black, white and colors.

—Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

New Christmas Slippers

—Choose from our great new stocks of luxurious, comfortable house slippers for personal wear and for gifts. We have an unusually fine assortment for men, women and children at a wide range of prices. Here are three good suggestions:



MEN'S SLIPPERS, PAIR, \$1.50

—"Rest Rite" felt slippers, as illustrated. Soft-padded soles; colors dark blue, gray and wine. Good-looking and comfortable.



WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, PAIR, \$2.25

—Daniel Green "Comfy" Morning Glory De Luxe, as pictured. Beaded collar. Austrian blue, light blue, lavender, orchid and old rose.



CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS, \$1.25

—Children's and Misses' "Siesta" booties. Heavy wool-lined soles. In blue and red. One style as illustrated. Sizes 5 to 10½, \$1.25. Sizes 11 to 2, pair \$1.50.

—Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

Two New Models 'Welworth' Blouses \$2

—There is always wonderful value in the "Welworth" Blouse! And this week's shipment shows two exceptionally attractive models. The materials are

VOILE AND SILK CREPE

—The voile has touches of embroidery and deep collar edged with lace, while the silk waist is on plain tailored lines with touches of hemstitching. Good value these at \$2. Here only in Portland.

—Blouse Shop, Fourth Floor.



300 Pairs Men's 50c-75c-\$1.00 Bath Slippers

23c

—An acceptable gift at a sensational reduction in price to dispose of the entire lot in one day. Extra heavy broadcloth, fancy crash uppers, leather and carpet soles. Colors and combinations in good variety to match bath-ropes. 50c, 75c and \$1 bath-room slippers tomorrow 23c.

Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.



Hand-Decorated Cake Plates 89c

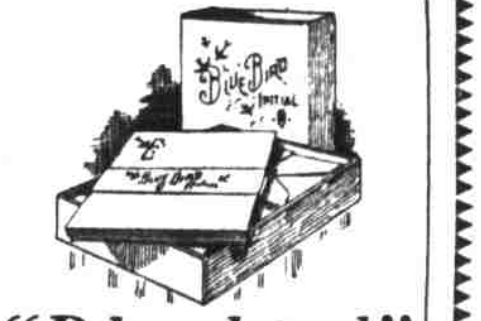
—Hand-decorated German China, in mat rose decoration, as illustrated. Also hand-decorated Nippon China Cake Plates, in white and gold decoration. See these ideal Christmas gifts tomorrow at, each 89c, instead of \$1.25.

\$1.50 SALAD BOWLS at \$1.14

—Salad Bowls in Nippon hand-painted white and gold decoration to match Nippon Cake Plates above. Special, \$1.14.

75c Silver Deposit Lemon Set 49c

—Silver deposit glass Lemon Dish, with silver-plated fork, as illustrated. —Basement, Fifth St.



"Bluebird" Initial Stationery Box 39c

—24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes, or 24 correspondence cards and 24 envelopes to box. Artistic gold initial stationery in pretty bluebird design.

—Stationery Shop, Main Floor.

Sugar-Cured Ham, Pound 20c

—Fine quality sugar-cured Hams that average from 10 to 12 pounds each, lb. 20c

Mixed Fruit Peel, equal quantities of citron, orange and lemon peels, mixed together, lb. 22c.

Boiled Cider, one of the best, quart 29c, pint bottle 17c.

Pure Apple Butter, made from selected Hood River apples; none delivered, lb. 10c.

Rice, New Jap., 5-lb. pkg., 22c. 2-lb. pkg. 8c.

Graham or Whole Wheat, one of the best brands, 9-lb. sacks 42c.

Victor Bacon, sugar-cured, whole or half strips, lb. 27½c.

Chow Chow, Cross & Blackwell's genuine imported, qt. 65c, pint 35c.

Pickled Walnuts or Onions, Cross & Blackwell's, doz. \$2.60, ½-pint bottle 22c.

Coffee, Tea Room blend, freshly roasted, lb. 35c.

Tea, English Breakfast, our regular 40c grade, lb. 29c.

California Sliced Peaches, put up in good sugar syrup, dozen \$1.60, large can 14c.

New California Prunes, extra large size, 5-pound box, 95c.

Table Raisins, fine quality, extra large new California Imperial cluster Raisins, 5-lb. box \$1.10.

—Ninth Floor, Fifth St.

SALE "OREGON CITY" INDIAN ROBES

—You would have difficulty in finding a more acceptable holiday gift than one of these handsome new Indian robes—of the excellent quality for which the Oregon City Woolen Mills are famous.

Regular \$10.00 Robes, Large Size, \$7.75
Regular \$ 6.50 Robes, Large Size, \$5.15

\$20.00 and \$22.50 CHASE PLUSH ROBES AT \$15.20

—The famous Chase plush robes, 60 and 72 inches in size. Heavy, durable and handsome—will not lose hair and will give a lifetime of service.—Luggage Shop, Sixth Floor.





Boys' Eiderdown Bath Robes \$3.50

—What gift would any boy appreciate more than a bath robe? We have a big collection of boys' bath robes, in all colors and color combinations. Blues, greens, browns and reds. Good length robes, large sailor collar, 2 patch pockets, rope tie at neck and waist, all seams are piped, satin yoke at neck. Sizes to fit all boys from 4 to 18 years at \$3.50.

OTHER PRICES \$2.75 to \$5

—Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor

