# Hood River Glacier.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1896.

No hard times with Hood River apple growers. Here is a statement from J. M. Hixson & Co. of Seattle on a consignment of 24 boxes of apples shipped by Mr. H. Prigge, which ought to be considered satisfactory. We publish the statement and letter in full, as follows:

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24, 1896.—Mr. H. Prigge, Hood River, Or., in account with J. M. Hixson & Co.:

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| Feb.5—2 bxs 4-tier Baldwins, sold $2, | $ 4 00 |
| 5 bxs 5-tier, $1.75 | 8 75 |
| 9 bxs 5-tier Spitzenbergs, $2 | 18 00 |
| 5 bxs 4-tier Spitz—4 sold at $2, and 4 at $2.25 | 9 00 |
| Total | 47 75 |
| Freight $7.45, hauling 50c, com., $4.80, | 12 75-35 00 |
| Feb. 25—Check | $35 00 |

Dear Sir: All we can say is, your apples on hand not reported on are going at about the same as those reported. The last shipment is at the depot, arrived a few minutes ago. Will get them up soon. If you have more Spitz, Baldwins, or in fact any apples you raise, we can get the top price. We want some Yellow Newtown Pippins, to show these fellows what can be raised at Hood River. They all think Yakima and Walla Walla excel with that variety. Wenatchee beats Hood River on Ben Davis. You beat all on Baldwins and Spitz.

J. M. HIXSON & Co.

The friends of the tariff bill in the senate have given up all hope of its passage during this session. Five free-silver republicans refuse to vote for any tariff bill unless a free-silver measure is first adopted by the senate. And probably if these free-silver senators needed more votes to defeat the tariff bill they could get them from among the republican senators from the Northwest. Oregon's senior senator still votes for the tariff bill, but his successor's election is not far off, and he can't afford to take any chances. It will be a long time before the Wilson bill will be repealed in its entirety, and if the income tax feature of the bill had been allowed to stand, there would be sufficient revenue to run the government and our "infant industries" would not suffer for protection.

The Fossil Journal tells of a "Mother Hubbard" dance held at Winlock school house, where the boys carried too much tangle foot, and a free and easy fight was the consequence. One of the boys got a rap on the breast bone from a pistol in the hands of an old lady and had to be carried to a neighbor's, where, at last accounts, he was under the care of a doctor. Soon after the fracas, supper was called, and all hands sat down and enjoyed a first-class repast, as if nothing out of the ordinary had taken place. After supper everything went well, there being only one more fight, and the dance was enjoyed greatly by all present.

A meeting of the republican county central committee was held at The Dalles last Saturday. It was decided to hold the county convention on Saturday, March 28th, and it was recommended that country precincts hold their primary conventions on March 21st, at 2 p. m. The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate at large for each 25 votes or fraction of over one-half thereof cast for Governor Lord at the last general election.

The deficiency in the revenues of the government amounts to about $30,000,000 a year. The income tax, if it had been allowed to stand, would have covered this, and there would be no need now of tariff tinkering to increase the revenue. The Wilson bill complete would have been all right as a revenue producer.

Although the time for the nominating conventions of the different political parties is close at hand, we have heard no mention of any one for a county office except Captain Blowers for county judge. Hood River candidates may be plentiful enough when the conventions meet.

Senator Dubois says the silver republicans of the Northwest will permit no tariff legislation in this congress or any other that does not recognize free silver, and the same issue will be raised in the St. Louis convention.

Hon. John Michell of The Dalles will address the republicans at Grass Valley, Sherman county, March 7th.

"Bill Nye," America's greatest humorist, died at his home in North Carolina, last Saturday.

### Soldiers' Pensions in the Homes.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar of Goldendale, a member of the board of trustees of the soldiers' home at Orting, Wash., furnished the Agriculturist with the following information:

"Some criticism having been made of the management of the Washington soldiers' home at Orting, and it being asserted that in most other states the pension of the inmate was turned over to him entire, we have taken the trouble to ascertain the facts from the report of General Franklin, president of the board of inspectors of homes in the states. But two states, Illinois and Michigan, take none of the pensions of inmates; Kansas, Nebraska and Vermont take all. Minnesota, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island take all but $2 to $4 per month. South Dakota and Connecticut take all for dependents, if any, and balance to home. Wisconsin and New Jersey have a graded assessment for the home. Pennsylvania takes 80 per cent. Ohio charges for postage, etc., and takes half the pensions. Iowa appropriates all but one-tenth. New York takes all but $6 per month. Washington takes but one-fourth, and this sum is used to pay such inmates as can do light work in the home and hospital for their extra duty; provided the pension is more than $4 per month. If only $4 or less, he retains it for his own use; and provided further, if the pensioner has a family he is required to send to his family the whole of it. The board of managers of the national homes recommend that the pensions of all inmates of homes cease entirely during such time as they continue inmates, but no such action has been taken, and the boards of all homes are given discretionary control of pension money of all inmates so long as they continue inmates."

### In Answer to W. L. A * * * *.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?—Matt. vii., 16.

EDITOR GLACIER: In your last issue you permit W. L. A. to draw his sword and throw away the scabbard, so, as master of ceremonies, you will no doubt allow an obscure champion to arise and enter the lists.

We have reason to thank God that such case-hardened specimens as W. L. A. do not predominate among the human kind; nevertheless there is enough of them in existence to cause a running sore in every community.

I have met such persons in many places, and a curious lump of contradictions they always are. In one breath they rave at their maker and revile all the efforts which their fellow men make to restrain evil and lift the fallen. In the next breath they tell with pride of their good mothers and of their fine old Covenenter ancestry; tacitly admitting that any trace of decency that may have ever dwelt in their systems had its origin in Christianity.

What will descendants owe to such progenitors? If their progeny end on the gallows, who will be to blame? If, by the grace of God, they rise superior to their training, what a pang it will cause them when they contemplate the rotten link that once existed in their chain of antecedents.

Allowing that Christianity is a mere chimera, as W. L. A. would have us believe, what a blessed thing it is, after all. Who wants to get away from it? Only a short time ago I talked with a man who has nearly the same antipathy for churches and religion which W. L. A. seems to have. He lives nearer a church than I do, and in the midst of poorer soil, but he assured me that because of his church environments, land was selling like hot cakes in his neighborhood, for "you know people like to bring up their families under the influence of such things."

No one will deny that in ages past much evil has been done in the name of religion; but in those darkened days bigotry was a power and temporal supremacy was the end sought after.

But how often, I ask, have great reforms been conceived and carried out in the name of anything besides Christianity? How much do we owe to infidelity and agnosticism? Who does not owe a debt to Huss, Luther, Melanchthon, William the Silent, and the stern old stock which has always existed throughout the world? Each and all have added a word, and some a page to our Magna Charta of religions and political liberties. Now comes a lot of parasites like W. L. A., ready to profit by the toil and conscientious work of others. At the same time, like a venomous reptile, they are ever ready to sting the hands of their friends. Who shall say that such are not an excrescence among men? Who shall say that they will not finally reap what they have sown?

What a rejoicing and clapping of hands always takes place among the W. L A.'s whenever an occasional minister's son or a Sunday school scholar goes astray; but the heathen origin of the thousands of criminals who throng our jails or roam at large to prey upon society goes unquestioned.

He refers unfeelingly to the death of Newton Thomas. If I am not misinformed, the sermon was reprinted entire in Eastern papers by the special request of Dr. Thomas. If any one under such an affliction does not wish their dead to have Christian burial, why do they engage a minister? There is nothing to hinder them from carting away the remains of their departed ones and dumping them into a hole alongside the carcass of the family horse or pet dog. If they persist in having a Christian minister and he offers the words of comfort usually employed on such occasions, they should make the best of it.

Without doubt this contribution will bring forth an unusual roar of intolerancy, rage and ridicule; but fire away, old man! All the evil you can ever do must be done quickly, for thy days are numbered. R. E. H * * * * * * *.

### Taxes Nearly Due.

The tax roll is about completed, and will be placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection tomorrow. The law provides that the roll shall be completed by the county clerk by March 1st, but Mr. Kelsey is oftener a little ahead than behind time. A glance over it showed it to be of unusual excellence, as regards descriptions, so much so that the data from it would be sufficient to convey title, without legal aid. Taxpayers will all be notified within three or four days of the amount of their taxes, which may be remitted by mail, in case the payer has not the time or inclination to make a trip to town for the purpose. Taxes will become delinquent by April 1st, and a disposition is apparent this year not to extend the time.—Chronicle.

### Officers of the Third Regiment.

The present list of officers of the Third regiment, O. N. G., is as follows:

Colonel—Geo. T. Thompson.
Lieut-Colonel—J. M. Patterson.
Majors—J. S. Booth, W. S. Bowers.
Inspector rifle practice—Captain Ad. Kellar.
Surgeon—Dr. O. C. Hollister.
Adjutant—Lieut. H. H. Riddell.
Quartermaster Lieut—A. N. Varney.
Commissary officer—Lieut. E. F. Sharp.
Signal officer—Lieut. A. Winans.
Assistant surgeon—Lieut. F. C. Brosius.

A teachers' institute convened at Dufur yesterday and will be in session three days.

### Report on Hood River Union.

Please allow me space to give inquirers and others some account of the workings of the Hood River Fruit Growers' Union, which is a local association and managed as a co-operative concern, no attempt being made to do a commission business. We ship strawberries in carloads. We own a warehouse on the side track and boxes are kept on hand for the accomodation of our members.

The success of last year's business may be judged from the following statement of average net returns, stated in periods, as follows: May 14–19, $4.15; May 20–24, $3.03; May 25–29, $2.45; May 30–June 3, $2.03; June 4–8, $1.77; June 9–13, $1.51; June 14–18, $1.75; June 19–23, $1.10; June 24–29, $.98.

The total average for the season was $1.85 cents per crate. This is about 13 cents more per crate than the average secured by the Oregon Fruit Union for the Hood River berries handled by them. Had we quit shipping at the same time with the Oregon Fruit Union our average would have been about 20 cents better. Our Union expenses amounted to five and two-fifths per cent on net returns. A good share of this went to pay for the warehouse and to create a reserve fund of about $300, with which to start next season's business.

The writer was sent East to make disposition of carload shipments. The expense of agent did not exceed 1½ per cent on net returns. A single day's work in Omaha is known to have saved more than the entire expense of the trip through Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, and as far as Sioux City, Iowa.

The whole amount lost by failure to collect was less than $20. This was made good to growers out of the union fund. Mr. H. F. Davidson is the efficient secretary and shipping agent. A Portland bank is the depository of the funds and growers receive checks at any time for amounts due them.

Shipments are usually billed to the union itself and it would puzzle a bureau of information to know the final destination, as a car may be diverted at any time. We prefer to get our own information and try to see that "our folks" are not outgeneraled.

Our experience goes to show that a local union is all there is any use for. It should maintain its own individuality and independence and "refuse to surrender."

The great majority of our growers now believe in the local union. We were incorporated in 1893. Of course nothing succeeds like success.

T. R. COON.
Pres. H. R. F. G. U.

### Memorial to Congress.

The committee of The Dalles Commercial Club, consisting of Messrs. Bradshaw, MacAllister, Schanno, Laughlin and Whealdon, met Saturday afternoon and formulated the following memorial to be presented to the present congress at once:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: Your memorialist, The Dalles Commercial Club, of The Dalles, state of Oregon, through our senators, Hon. John H. Mitchell and George W. McBride and our representatives, Hon. Binger Hermann and W. R. Ellis, respectfully represent that from the best information we have been able to secure the date of the opening of the Cascade locks of the Columbia river, to navigation, is still a matter of doubt and uncertainty.

Large agricultural, horticultural, wool lumber and transportation interests are involved, and we believe thousands of dollars daily will be realized by the inhabitants of the Columbia river basin as soon as the transportation companies can depend on passing their steamboats from the lower to the middle Columbia. Therefore your memorialist desires to urge upon the attention of your honorable body and pray that you will consider favorably:

First: The urgent need of the appropriation of $179,597 asked for by the chief of engineers of the U. S. A. whose report for 1895 says, "and can be profitably expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, A. D., 1897," to construct the walls between the first and the second locks of the canal, and to protect from the powerful force of the falls the breaking of the outer walls of the lock by erosion.

Second: The importance of the continuing an organized body of mechanics and artisans, who can economically and expeditiously complete the work, also the expense of housing and replacing the large plant required.

Third: The great loss to commerce should the locks remain closed for another year by reason of a few weeks delay in making this appropriation for which we will ever pray.

### A Tender-hearted Deputy.

Charles and Phil Warren of Vento were arrested last week by Deputy Marshal Humphrey and taken before the United States court at Portland on a charge of cutting timber on government land. The Oregonian says: "He went to Hood River and took a carriage and drove nine miles down the river and there he found the Warrens, right in the act of cutting the timber. Of course, he arrested them, but as he had seen Mrs. Warren out helping to use a big crosscut saw to cut the trees into cordwood, and found that they had been living on the land four years, and always intended to homestead it, but could not until it was surveyed, and saw that Mr. and Mrs. Warren had seven children, the oldest 14 years of age, and learned that they were cutting some cordwood to buy some food for those children, Humphrey's heart failed him. He had to bring his prisoners down here, but instead of taking them to jail, he sent them to a hotel and yesterday he made such strong representations to United States Attorney Murphy that he moved the court to let them go on their own recognances."

A Kansas tax payer who also pays tax in Marion county, Oregon, furnishes evidence that there are other regions worse than Webfoot for draining purses. His tax on Graham Co., Kansas, farm lands foots up 56.20 mills against 15 mills on similar property in this state. He can sell his property here for more than he paid for it, while for his Kansas property there is no sale at all at half its original cost to him.—Moro Observer.

### The Fruit Pest Law.

Fruit Commissioner Dosch of Portland has received so many complaints from orchardists who try to keep their trees sprayed and free from pests in regard to their neighbors' scale and caterpillar infested trees that he has about decided to enforce the law in every case reported to him by quarantining the premises complained of.

A very stringent law for the protection of the horticultural industry was passed by the last legislature, and by this law, if persons having trees infested with scale, caterpillars or other pests, refuse or neglect to clean them up, the fruit commissioner is empowered to place their premises under quarantine, and to have the work done by the county, which is an expensive buisness. The law provides that every member of the board of horticulture or the secretary thereof shall forthwith, upon complaint of interested parties, inspect orchards, nurseries and other places suspected to be infested with fruit pests or infected with contagious diseases injurious to trees, plants or fruits. If upon the report of any member or the secretary the board shall be of the opinion that any locality, district, orchard or place is infested with fruit pests or infected with contagious diseases injurious to trees, plants or fruits, and are liable to spread to other orchards or localities, to their damage or injury, so as to be a public danger, said board shall, by an order, entered upon its minutes, declare such place to be under quarantine. A willful violation of any quarantine or other regulation of said board, necessary to prevent the introduction into the state, or the shipment, sale or distribution of any articles so infected as to be dangerous to the fruit-growing interests of the state, or the spread of dangerous diseases among fruit trees or orchards, shall be deemed a misdemeaner, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $100 for each offense, or by fine and imprisonment not less than five nor more than thirty days.

From this it will be seen that a person can not at his pleasure maintain a number of old, infested trees on his place, to breed pests to destroy his neighbor's fruit. Those having trees worth the trouble of saving will do well to have them attended to at once, and those who have only a few of no particular value will be wise to cut them down and burn them.

### Fruit as a Medicine.

As a medicine I look upon fruit as a most valuable ally. When the body is in that breaking-up condition known as scurvy, the whole medical profession look upon fruit and fresh vegetables as the one and only known remedy. I believe the day will come when science will use it very much more largely than it does now in the treatment of the many of the everyday ailments. Impure blood means gout, rheumatism, skin diseases, rickets and other troubles. As it is proved that fruit will purify and improve the quality of the blood, it must follow that fruit is both food and medicine combined. In fevers I use grapes and strawberries, giving them to my patients in small but frequent doses—oranges and baked apples if the others are not obtainable. For rheumatism, plenty of lemons are invaluable. White girls with miserable, pallid complexions, want a quart of strawberries a day; where these are not obtainable, bananas, which contain much iron, are a good substitute. Probably of all fruits, the apple stands unrivaled for general purposes in the household; either raw or cooked it can be taken by nearly everybody, and it contains similar properties to the other more delicate fruits. To my mind the pear is more easily digested than the apple, and for eating uncooked is superior to it. Dried fruits should be used when green cannot be obtained. If soaked for a few hours before cooking, they make a capital substitute for fresh fruits, and they come cheaper to the consumer.

For preserving fruit I look upon bottling in glass bottles as the coming thing. Not by the use of chemicals, such as salicylic and boracic acids, and the various preservatives made from them, but simply by protecting it after cooking from the fermentative germs in the atmosphere. It keeps for years, turns out even more palpable than green fruit, is equally digestible and contains all the virtues of freshly cooked fruit. Canned fruit is not so good; the acid of the fruit dissolves up tin, and I have seen very serious cases of illness as a result. Besides, fruit should be sold much cheaper in bottles than in tins, as the bottle can be returned and used again.—Popular Science Monthly.

### Free Pills.

Send your address to H.E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels, greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by the Hood River Pharmacy.

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The Western Packing and Fertilizing Co., located at Linnton, Or., and engaged in slaughtering range horses, have closed down their plant until the cayuse gets more beef on his ribs. They have slaughtered 6,000 horses since their opening last July, and are now taking an inventory of business. The works will start up again in May.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Corntossel, "which kind o' money do you favor?" "Well, 'Mandy,' replied the old gentleman, "ter tell ye the truth I kinder hate ter express my opinion. I've seen a lot o' fellers sit down and worry 'bout makin' a ch'ice, an' the fus' thing they knew they didn't hev' none of neither kind."—Exchange.

We are sorry if we offended any of our populist brethren last week in making what we supposed would be considered a liberal proposition in their interest to spell out and print their notices gratis. Laws a massa; no man is perfect. They aren't worser 'n R. D. Williams, up in Grant Co., who wants to run on the democratic ticket for "scool" superintendent.—Moro Observer.

"They say eggs should always come in layers." "Yes, and onions in tiers."—Brooklyn Life.


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TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the honorable county court of Wasco county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Martha Purser, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to me in Hood River, Wasco county, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice.

Dated November 11, 1895.

A. S. BLOWERS,
Administrator of the Estate of Martha Purser, deceased. n15d13


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