

## ESTIMATE 109,175 CRATES.

### Hood River's Strawberry Crop a Record Breaker.

The Hood River strawberry crop has been estimated by the growers at 109,175 crates. The Davidson Fruit company has compiled a few statistics for the company by the growers which are surprising to the best informed. The company sent requests to all the growers asking for a statement on the acreage in bearing and in new plants and the grower's estimate on his coming crop. Two hundred and forty growers reported 87 1/2 acres in bearing plants and 37 1/2 acres in new plants, while the total estimate for this year's crop is placed at 109,175 crates. H. F. Davidson says there are about 30 growers yet to report who have an additional total acreage of 50 acres, which would add 6,250 crates to the total estimate, making it over 115,000 crates. These statistics do not include any new acreage owned by people who do not have any bearing plants.

This estimate appears all the more startling when it is considered that for the past two years the Davidson Fruit company has gathered statistics in the same manner, and each season the crop exceeded the estimate. Last season the estimate was about 40,000 crates, when the total shipments exceeded 57,000 crates. The estimate this year of 110,000 crates (in round numbers) from 880 acres is at the rate of 125 crates to the acre—a very conservative estimate.

If prices are as good as last year, the Hood River strawberry growers will receive over \$200,000 this summer.

### Council Proceedings.

The city council held a short meeting Monday night. The sewer question assumed more definite proportions, and that Hood River will soon be furnished with a sewer system seems now assured. Mr. Paget of the firm of Paget & Clark, civil engineers, Portland, was present and explained the situation to the mayor and councilmen. A survey and estimate for sewers was made by this firm two years ago, but the city has grown so in that time that a new survey must be made which will meet the needs of an enlarged sewer district. Mr. Paget was of the opinion that Hood River ought to put in what is known as the single sewer system, that is a system to carry off house sewage alone. This would cost much less than a double system, which includes large pipes for taking care of surface water. This system can be put in later, and in the meantime the surface water can be taken care of by ditches along the streets. The special committee on sewers was authorized to continue its work and to secure the services of a competent surveyor to make surveys and estimates.

Mayor Coon vetoed ordinance No. 71, which provided for monthly meetings of the council instead of meetings every two weeks. The veto was sustained by a practically unanimous vote. Mayor Coon's veto message is as follows: "Hood River, Or., April 13, 1903.—To the Common Council of the City of Hood River—Gentlemen: I hereby return to you, without my approval, ordinance No. 71, passed by the council on April 6. I am of the opinion that there is not sufficient reason for fixing the times of the meeting of the council one month apart. On the contrary, there are many matters of importance demanding your attention. The people, if I mistake not, will expect reasonable activity on your part and will be pleased to have the public business despatched without unnecessary delay. I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,  
T. B. COON, Mayor.

The council granted a petition from William Thompson, asking the right to lay piping down State street, from Dr. Adams' corner to Third street. Mr. Thompson will use the same to furnish water for his street sprinkler.

The report of the committee on streets, which had charge of the petition of M. F. Jacobs and others, to open a street along the east line of Paradise farm, was accepted and the subject ordered continued under the same committee. The members of the council desire to make the proposed street but find objections from some of the adjacent property owners.

Ordinance 72, granting Joe Wilson the right to lay pipes in the streets, was favorably reported. The ordinance was given second reading and secured final passage by unanimous vote.

An ordinance was presented giving the Hood River Lumbering company the right to erect poles and string wires on the streets of Hood River. And Winans explained that his company desired to bring in a line from the hills, and wanted the right to string wires in the streets. The matter was referred to the committee on streets and public property.

The question then arose whether or not the Pacific States Telephone company had a permit from the city of Hood River to place poles in the streets, and the committee on streets was requested to look into the matter.

Adjourned.

### Moster Items.

Mosier, April 21.—W. Crosier came up from Portland and spent a few days visiting old friends last week.

Messames A. Stewart and L. Smith were visitors at Hood River this week. Mrs. L. V. Wood and daughter Marian returned from The Dalles, Tuesday, after a week's stay.

"Grandpa" McGregor is a resident of Mosier this week. He has returned from Heppner, where for the past three weeks he visited his daughter.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowland is dangerously ill with pneumonia. The names of W. A. Hinshelwood, Leslie Root and Nancy Miller may be added among the patients who are convalescing.

Will Kruger returned from Goldendale during the week. Will reports flourishing conditions at Goldendale and vicinity.

On Monday last the C.R. & N.Co.'s surveyors were at work, in a professional capacity, surveying a track for the building of a dock near the depot. This, when completed, will fill a long felt want to the general satisfaction of the community.

Miss Nell Davenport and nephew, Lewis Gunning of The Dalles, are visiting at Mosier this week.

Mrs. A. Watt went to Portland Wednesday to enter St. Vincent's hospital for treatment. Mrs. Watt's father accompanied her to Portland.

Messrs. Russell and George Hestley were transient visitors at The Dalles Monday.

Edwin B. Wood spent Sunday with friends at Mosier, returning to The Dalles at 8:30 o'clock, Sunday evening.

down to attend the club party on Friday. They returned to their respective homes in The Dalles, Sunday.

The Friday Night club gave their weekly party at the residence of William Hinshelwood. An enjoyable evening is the verdict of those who attended.

School began in district 52 on Monday, with Mrs. J. P. Shaw at the helm.

Miss Elizabeth Schoelling and the Misses Zoe and Alice Gunning spent Sunday with Miss Nell Davenport.

Miss Edythe Lapiro returned to The Dalles, Sunday evening, after a brief visit.

### Odell Notes.

G. W. Brown, who taught the Odell school, has moved his family on the West Side, where he bought five acres of land near the Idlewild cemetery.

John Leland Henderson of Hood River, assisted by a party of four men, is surveying the Roberts place, one time part of the William Odell donation land claims. The land is being cut into three tracts and will be placed upon the market by Mr. Livingstone of Portland. This is a very desirable piece of land and will make three valuable homes, and no doubt will find quick buyers.

The following pupils at Odell passed examination in the 8th grade: Hope Shelley, Bertha Lafferty and Edith Coppie.

The road grader with six horses attached is now turning the soil in this district under the guidance of W. H. Sears, and we have a promise of better roads in the future.

Horses are in great demand. F. P. Friday was yesterday making a house to house search trying to hire one but failed. B. F. Young went to The Dalles yesterday after another lot, having sold down to his buggy horse.

Ed Miller of Mount Hood passed here yesterday with two strangers showing them the country.

Holman's meat wagon is out on its first trip of the season today. They will furnish Odell and vicinity with meats twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Chenoweth News.

Elmer Wise is quite sick and confined to his room.

Bert Veitch and family have moved to the Coulter logging camp, just west of the Underwood farm.

Supervisor William Orser is engaged with two or three men improving the hill at Walker brother's.

Trout fishing in the Little White Salmon has been good of late, and many sportsmen have been on the stream.

Albert Yandle, who cut his foot open with an ax, a couple of weeks ago, is getting along nicely, and is now around on crutches.

A. G. Wise, a newcomer, lately from Missouri, has purchased the homestead right of Billy Woods to his place on the hill just above Drano.

Harry Wellenbrook is the proud possessor of a \$15 watch, which he won at a raffle, Monday night, at the camp of the Washington Lumber company.

John H. Hill has been appointed, postmaster at Chenoweth, Wash., succeeding J. A. Fisher, who had held the office for the past 10 or 15 years.

Things were lively at Oregon Lumber Company mill a week ago Saturday. Leslie Murray had his arm thrown out of joint in an altercation over some trivial affair in the mill and the scrap did not last long, but the onlookers say it was lively enough while they were at it.

### Pine Grove Gleanings.

April 21.—Charles Slater of Portland visited his parents a few days last week.

Mr. Newman and family have moved onto the place recently vacated by Robert Hartson.

Miss Lulu Thomas began a summer term of school at Kingsley, Ore., last Monday.

There is to be a social dance at Mr. Lacey's Friday night.

L. E. Clark expects to begin work on his new house soon.

M. Mott has purchased a lot in Hood River and will build on it. He expects to have his new house ready for occupancy in June.

D. G. Gunnell starts for Southern Oregon this week, where he expects to remain during the summer.

Our school closed last Friday. The patrons are much pleased with the work done this year by Professor Gunnell and Miss Smith, and hope that their services can be secured for next year.

### The Easter Hat.

Hood River, April 13, 1903.—Editor Glacier: As Easter Sunday, like Christmas, comes but once a year, I, in common with many others, deemed it my duty to attend Easter services, and my choice fell upon the U. B. church. It took me longer to primp than usual, and consequently was a little late, and of course every available seat was full, and the usher did not like to leave his seat for fear he might lose it. But brother George, who was sitting in the last row, saw how lonesome I was feeling, and squeezed sister George a little bellows so made room for me by his side.

The church looked very pretty in its Easter dress; that is, so much of it as I could see, and that covered the upper half of the windows and all of the ceiling. But the display of Easter hats was far ahead of my fondest anticipation; and I will say, confidentially, that that was all I went to see, anyway. Of course I could hear very well. But I was glad I went just to see the Easter hats, for I could not have seen anything else if I had wanted to. And there was such a variety of them, too. Why, some of them must have been two feet across! And such an emporium of things that was on them! There were feathers, and flowers, and grass, and birds' tails, and birds' heads, and wings, and yards and yards of ribbons done up in such cute, exquisite knots and bunches; and one hat in particular looked as though a bouquet of bellows was attached to it. Brother George was so uneasy and fidgety that he attracted my attention. He was peering and bobbing around like a disoriented cork on a troubled sea. I wanted him to keep still so we could hear what was going on in front, as Mrs. Hanna's class was saying something (at least that is what the programme called for). Then brother George said something dreadful, "Blank Easter hat!" I gave him a withering look, and sister George done the same, and he immediately settled down in his coat collar until his head was level with the back of the seat and kept quiet and listened. I know what was the matter—he went there to see, and churches is not the place to see anything but hats. You can't learn anything much with your eyes; it is your ears that you learn with. A church ain't a theater. A theater is a show. Some people call it a "holly show," but it ain't; it is just a place where naughty old men with high foreheads go to raise a row about hats. One year the common council of Portland was composed of these bad old men. There was not a single married man in the lot, and they passed an ordinance requiring the ladies to re-

move their hats in theaters. It was suggested that this ordinance be made to apply to churches, but they said they would not monkey with the churches, that they never went to church and didn't care if the women wore three hats apiece. So that disgrace was averted. I did see the children, however, after church was out, and they looked very pretty and happy in their white dresses and Easter hoppers.

In the evening I attended the Congregational services. It was simply another hat show, interspersed with songs by the children. I saw nothing but hats, only once when a little white hand reached up on the arms of a white cross. I suppose there was a child lower down, but I could not see on account of Easter hats. Yet I enjoyed the services very much. The children done extremely well. Miss Vaughn's solo was a complete surprise to me. I did not know that Hood River possessed so sweet a singer, and how we may often have the pleasure of listening to her full, rich voice. The children's song service around the cross deserves special mention and reflects much credit on those who had it in charge as well as the performers. The unpleasant feature of the evening was the faulty ventilation and the little care taken by the janitor to keep the temperature even and comfortable.

### ONE OF THE LISTENERS.

While surveying on Dutch Flat, Wednesday, J. B. Goit came across a bearing tree which was marked 1/8, and referring to his field notes, Mr. Goit found that it was blazed July 23, 1859, by Daniel Murphy. This is one of the oldest marks to be found in this section, as the base line was surveyed by D. P. Thompson in 1858. The tree is a scrub oak and the mark is very clear. Mr. Goit intends to send it to Geo. H. Himes of the Oregon Historical Society, to whom all such relics are valuable.—Chronicle.

Colonel P. G. Swift, special agent of the land office department, who has been in The Dalles for some months past, having been sent here to examine into the alleged land office frauds, left this morning for Seattle, to remain a short time with relatives before going on to his home at Rice Lake, Wis. Colonel Swift is a splendid gentleman, and

those who became acquainted with him will be glad to learn that he contemplates returning to the coast to make his home here. He spoke in the highest terms of the outgoing and new officials in the land office, and did not hesitate to say that the idea of fraud must have originated in the fertile brain of some one, and his report to headquarters was to that effect.—Chronicle.

The first time a neighbor wishes to borrow the Observer lend it to him with pleasure. The next time manage to throw a little surprise into your face as you hand it over. The third time gently intimate that you like to keep your paper in the house; and the fourth time tell him he had better subscribe. Some men would actually walk a mile 52 times a year to keep the editor from getting what belongs to him.—More Observer.

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