

The Famous Hood River Valley.

BY CAPT. JAMES P. SHAW.

Hood River Valley is a gem all by itself. It lies in the northwestern part of Wasco county, 23 miles west of The Dalles...

This valley has an elevation of 200 feet at its northern terminus, and 1800 feet in the upper or southern part. Its width from east to west, is from five to eight miles, and from north to south, 20 miles.

The surface is generally rolling, the elevated portions being considered the strongest soil.

The valley lies picturesquely enfolded between two mountain ranges that reach a general elevation of 2000 feet above sea level.

Mount Hood, snow crowned and ever beautiful, forms an impassable barrier to the valley's further progress to the south...

Hood River, a tortuous and ever restless stream, its icy waters flowing from glacial caves from under Mount Hood, divides the valley into East and West divisions.

It is not alone the chemical elements of the soil of this section that give superiority to fruit grown upon it, but the climate as well.

Nowhere else has there been a spot of earth found where the apple, cherry and strawberry are grown that can approach the matchless size, flavor and color of these fruits as sent out over the country from Hood River.

The climate in this little paradise is all that the most critical could wish.

The air comes laden from the mountains with sweet smelling fragrance of the fir and pine, giving health to the inhabitants as it spreads over the valley.

While this is not a damp climate, the precipitation is sufficient for most purposes.

Fine fir timber abounds in the upper valley, sufficient to supply the inhabitants for many years to come.

Unimproved lands in the upper valley sell today at prices ranging from \$12 to \$25 per acre, while improved ranches in the lower valley, that are planted to fruit and partially or wholly in bearing, command good prices, ranging up to \$400 per acre.

Hood River will ship this season 240 car loads of strawberries that averages to the grower \$1.75 per crate.

The City of Hood River is a picturesque little town of 1400 inhabitants. It lies nestled along the south bank of the matchless Columbia River, on the line of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

The river itself is a marvel of wonder and beauty from its source to where it mingles its crystal waters with those of the Columbia, and together they flow peacefully on to the sea.

The city is regularly laid out; has wide streets that are lined with oak trees—a species of that tree peculiar to the Pacific Coast—

To the north, across the Columbia River, in the State of Washington, stands Mount Adams, resplendent in its beauty of perpetual snow, its hoary head piercing the sky at an elevation of 12,240 feet above sea level.

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CANTATA OF QUEEN ESTHER.

Musical and Spectacular Cantata to be Given at the Opera House Under the Auspices of the Congregational Church.



The musical and spectacular cantata of "Queen Esther" will be given at the Opera House, Hood River, Monday and Tuesday, May 30 and 31, under the auspices of the Congregational church, assisted by many citizens.

The production will be under the management of A. H. Newton, musical director and costumer, who has spent considerable time and pains to drill the local talent for this superb production.

CAST OF CHARACTERS. Esther, the Queen.....Mrs. A. Jayne Ahastuer, the King.....J. E. Dunbar Haman.....A. H. Newton Mordecai's sister.....Miss C. Copley Zeresh.....Mrs. Margaret Reid Beggar.....M. W. Dukes Prophetess.....Misses M. Baker, N. Clark Median Princess.....Miss Cora Copley

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To Present the Spread of Fruit Pests. The supervisors of San Bernardino county, California, are drafting and expect to pass a very strong ordinance for preventing the spread of fruit pest.

No Circus or No Memorial. War veterans have delivered an ultimatum to the Seattle city authorities: If the circus is permitted to show on Memorial day there will be no public observance of the day in honor of the country's war dead.

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