

CRAM HAS BIG ESTABLISHMENT

Frank A. Cram, the up-to-date merchant, has been pursuing a vigorous policy of expansion since the first of February, and today has one of the largest clothing and drygoods stores in the county.

The former location of the Williams pharmacy is now filled by Mr. Cram with a large stock of clothing and shoes. The floor space of this foremost establishment has been almost doubled and an eight-foot basement, extending the full area of the

Often brick affords room for storing an enormous quantity of goods, making it possible for Mr. Cram to carry by far the largest stock of goods in the city.

When Mr. Cram left the employ of Williams & Co. of The Dalles to branch out for himself, he was advised by some of his best friends in the city that it would be the mistake of his life to come to Hood River, where they said there was no business.

Today the business of the Up-to-Date store speaks for itself. No other business in the county has made the rapid advancements this store has since September 1901. Mr. Cram has no intention of sitting down, content that his business is big enough, but has several extensive enterprises in contemplation for the future.

Mr. Cram's business affords a splendid gauge of the thriving condition of Hood River valley. Although 1904 was not a successful berry season in regard to prices, and the sawmills were not in operation, his business for December last year was 16 per cent above that for the same month in 1903.

The increase for the whole year was 29 per cent over that of the preceding 12 months. "February and March are what may be called dull if there are any dull months in business in Hood River," remarked Mr. Cram. "April has always opened out with a good lead, which is maintained all through the year. Yes sir, there is money in Hood River, and it can well be said that every month is a good business month."

"Hood River people are intelligent and careful buyers. While, of course, there is bound to be some business done out of town, from actual observation I am able to say that twice as much goes out from The Dalles as from Hood River, taking into consideration the relative size of the two cities."

"Hood River people are learning more and more that it pays to buy goods at home. While local merchants expect to be in business for years to come and are here to make friends with each customer, an out-of-town businessman will endeavor to drive the best bargain he can for he knows he may never see the customer again."

"My business is conducted strictly on a cash basis. In this way I am enabled to secure goods on close figures from the wholesalers and by taking advantage of the discounts can place the clothing and drygoods on the market at astonishingly low prices. In this way the customer has come to realize that he can make money by paying cash for his goods. It is a surprising what a lot of people in the town and valley have learned to do business on this basis."

Mr. Cram has introduced another metropolitan feature in his store fixtures by the addition of a cash carrier system, which an expert from San Francisco installed the first of the week. Mr. Cram proposes in this way to secure the services of a competent man to take his place at the desk, while he himself gets into the store to assist personally in the sale of his goods.

Prosperous Trout Lake Region. A writer in the Goldenlake Sentinel writes as follows about the Trout Lake country: Much has been said about our prosperous and fertile valley, but the half has never been told, or shall we at this time attempt to magnify it. A. A. Byrket claims the honor of being the first person in the country to experiment with red clover, the great cattle feed; irrigation was applied and the result is well known by those who have been fortunate enough to be in our valley in the summer time and behold the large fields of clover under the system of irrigation; dairying is engaged in almost extensively.

Trout Lake has become a famous summer resort. Many who have toured Europe and resorts of high reputation compliment our own as being almost equal to that of foreign countries, —natural scenery and ideal climate; we are situated about twelve miles from Mount Adams.

Our valley has made a steady growth in population as well as large fields of grass; we boast of daily mail, one of the best schools in the county, two general merchandise stores, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, two post offices—Trout Lake and Guler, religious and secret societies, among the latter a Masonic lodge, and an I. O. O. F. will be instituted in the near future; co-operative butter and cheese factory, telephone system connected with long distance phone and a large hotel. We are informed Mr. Guler intends making some extensive additions to his place in the spring.

The ranchers as a rule are prosperous; a great many of the settlers are from the east, and have prospered in their adopted state in a way that would have been impossible in the eastern states. We can also boast that our fellow rancher and neighbor, Wm. Coate, has been twice chosen by the people of this county to represent it in the legislature. We expect to see many eastern people in our valley next summer who will attend the fair at Portland and take a side trip to Trout Lake.

Arrival Decision on Williams' Case. District Attorney Menefee and Deputy F. W. Wilson argued the Norman Williams case before the supreme court last week. The court is expected to render a decision within two weeks, or it may be a month before the fate of Williams is decided.

decidedly dark for Williams says The Dallas Chronicle. However, as Mr. Wilson says, two things are very uncertain to hang upon—a horse race and a decision by the supreme court.

Trail Around Mount Hood. Adolph Aschoff, supervisor of the north half of the Cascade Forest reserve, hopes to have a trail completed early this summer between Lost Lake and Government camp at the headwaters of the Sandy. This is the first work laid out by the supervisor for his rangers. When this trail is completed it will be possible to ride on horseback the whole distance around the base of Mount Hood. Trails from the Barlow road around the east side of the mountain to Cloud Cap Inn were completed last summer.

These paths or trails are made for the convenience of rangers in patrolling the forests, but will be open to the use of tourists. The trip of 50 miles around the base of Mount Hood near the snow line will furnish an unique attraction to Eastern visitors to the Lewis and Clark fair, says Mr. Aschoff, who regrets that an electric road has not been constructed to the mountain before this. He says such a road would have been a paying attraction this summer.

Supervisor Aschoff is anxious because of the light snow fall in the mountains, to place his rangers in the field by April 15. Supervisor Aschoff, who was in this city today, says he has never seen so little snow in the mountains at this time of the year. Mountain streams are lower now than during the summer months, and some of them have no water in them at all. On Larch mountain, where Mr. Aschoff during the month of January, he found the ground bare of snow, where usually there is seven and ten feet of snow at this season of the year. At Marmot, Clatskanie county, grass has made a splendid growth and cattle are feeding on the range.

Guide Yocum was down from Government Camp last week, says Mr. Aschoff, and he reports having made a garden in the month of February, and that early vegetables are already showing their heads above the ground, within a few miles of the snow line of Mount Hood. Fruit trees are in full bloom at Marmot. Supervisor Aschoff fears a frost will damage the fruit.

Eastern Fruit Notes. Strawberries will be ripe at Alvin, Texas, by April 1.

At Decatur, Ark., strawberries are in fine shape for good crop, but blackberries were damaged considerably by the last cold snap. Peaches are all killed. Pears were slightly injured. Plums, cherries and apples are all right now. The outlook for strawberries is the best for years.

About 500 acres in strawberries were represented at a meeting in Tyler, Texas, last week. It was resolved that only the best fruit should be packed and that there should be rigid inspection. It is believed that this policy will result in better prices and in advertising berries shipped from that country. Upon consultation it was found that it will be necessary to import pickers to handle the crop.

Chamberlain's Remedy Elects Alderman. I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for affections of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Shenick, 229 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right talking through the campaign, and I think this medicine that I won my seat in the council." This remedy is for sale by Williams' Pharmacy.

Sent First Apples to Teddy. W. R. Winans, who lives the mountains at the falls of Hood River, has the honor of sending the first box of Hood River apples to President Roosevelt. The apples were sent to the White House in October 1902, at the close of the fruit fair in that year. The apples were some pumpkins for size and beauty and were judged premium fruit at the fair. There were 35 apples in the box, accompanied by the following inscription: "To Teddy Roosevelt and family: From the wild and woolly West, Where the apple grows the best, And the bears and mountain lions love to roam, Where manhood reigns serene amid the rugged mountain side, And you meet the true rough rider in his home."

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Again They Praise the Big Apples. "We never saw such apples," was the verdict from John O'Neil of Bakersfield, Cal., to whom John Lawless of Hood River sent two boxes of apples a short time ago. Mr. O'Neil is a cousin of Mr. Lawless. He distributed the apples to neighbors of his, recent arrivals from the East, and they were all of the opinion that such fruit cannot be equalled elsewhere.

Among the varieties included in the two boxes Mr. Lawless sent to California were Winesaps, Ortleys, Newtowns and Spitzenbergs.

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Not so Sporty Now. A sportsman at Seio killed a meadow lark recently. Now he knows there is a state law against such despicable business.—Salien Statesman.

Mrs. Gonde Hamlin, who is in charge of the municipal museum of Chicago, will collect material for a municipal exhibit from the prominent cities of the United States for exhibition at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

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Incredible Brutality. It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son "My boy" he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c at C. N. Clarke's drug store.

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