

COMMENCEMENT AT PINE GROVE

By Roswell Shelley. Odell, East Hood River Valley, May 16.—Last Saturday evening we attended the commencement exercises at the Pine Grove school.

The exercises began promptly and were conducted without a hitch. The program rendered is as follows: Chorus—"Let us improve."

There were eight graduates in the eighth grade who were presented with diplomas by County Superintendent Neff, and four graduates in the tenth grade who received diplomas at the hands of Hans Lage, chairman of the board of directors.

chastened by the storms of adversity that has swept our pathway; to such as have steered their bark away from the rocks and reefs of life's ocean and have already cast anchor in the harbor of contentment and peace, such reflections, such recollections and such lessons of their own past lives, and only to such does this picture unfold its lights and shadows, its victories and its defeats.

To offer advice on such occasions is almost a waste of words, but to encourage is well, for life's lessons are dealt out by the stern decree of fate on the dial of Time's relentless clock that keeps ticking, ticking until Poe's Raving poem is ever with us.

The salutatory by Blanche Harbison was full of gratitude and kind words concerning the opportunities that were offered to pupils of Pine Grove.

The class prophet, Mr. Vannie, drew a pretty personal picture of the future of the Pine Grove Class of 1905, while Mabel Robinson rounded up in her valedictory a most charming picture of the future of greater Hood River valley, with its orchard homes, its crystal streams and its scenic effects—all of which is in line with any work as the Odell writer for more than two years.

There might be some excuse for accusing promoters and real estate dealers for emitting hot air, but when the school children are infused with the same thought and put it in such terms as did Mabel Robinson in her valedictory. Then we should be willing to concede that there is something besides hot air concerning the future of the valley of Hood River.

Miss Riddell and her able assistants are to be congratulated upon the success of the school while the board of directors are also worthy of commendation for the support given these teachers. Such schools in this, the garden spot of the Northwest, mean much toward the intellectual and moral development of any community, and human as we are, we do not forget the necessity of proper training of the young.

Gilbert Edgington and Mr. Wright were callers at Odell Saturday on their way to their homesteads near Dukas Valley. The ice cream social at the home

of L. D. Foyed was well patronized last Friday evening, notwithstanding the cold evening. Odell people always rally for any good work.

SOMETHING DOING AT ODELL. The first official act of Police Judge Poole was to round up five or six of the Odell sports who were funny last Friday morning and give them two days each; so under the direction of Marshal Clark they were put to work on the Odell water works.

This week is a busy one at Odell. A strawberry dance at the hall Wednesday night was given by town parties.

A high grade moral and intellectual entertainment was given at the Odell church Wednesday evening, the 17th. This entertainment was given by Mrs. Weathered, who has been Oregon's commissioner to four different world's fairs. The entertainment was replete with information. Mrs. Weathered is a resident of Hood River valley, contenting which we are very proud. A large attendance greeted her.

THE BIG DAY COMING. The event of the week will occur on Saturday, when the Little White Store people will give an old time picnic. Ice cream and soda pop will be served.

In the afternoon there will be a game of base ball on the Elrick place. This entertainment was given by Mrs. Weathered, who has been Oregon's commissioner to four different world's fairs. The entertainment was replete with information. Mrs. Weathered is a resident of Hood River valley, contenting which we are very proud. A large attendance greeted her.

Last week William Elrick finished up a substantial piece of work connecting with the ditch in the Little White Store park. He laid a six-inch wooden pipe tared and jointed diagonally across the street to the south-west corner of his place, and by means of a stand pipe throws it into a flume, which in turn carries it to a run.

short distance, which forces it through a pipe to his house. This will prove a luxury, furnishing water for domestic purposes and for irrigating the garden.

R. G. Boardman is placing a watering trough at this stand pipe, which will prove a public benefit.

Mrs. C. L. Rogers is now a home at Odell after having spent 12 weeks in a Portland hospital. She is slowly regaining her health. Her friends wish for her a speedy and final recovery.

The upper Mount Hood settlement seems to be veiled with mystery. A double murder which will soon be partially avenged through the execution of Norman Williams; then follows rumors and evidence of another recent murder. It reminds me that truth is often stranger than fiction. The plot is laid bare for a story that would prove a thrilling tale and be eagerly sought for, too, were the facts alone told.

Miss Nettie Kemp and Miss Roberts of Portland, and Miss River Sunday and drove to Odell, spending about two hours here, and returned to Portland in the afternoon. Nettie's friends are always glad to see her. Her mother was absent from home so Nettie returned without seeing her.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Poole spent Sunday with Harry Keamp at his ranch. Such an outing is a luxury.

Work is being pushed upon the lateral that will lead the water to the neighborhood west of Odell. Water will probably be turned on there soon after June 1.

TAX RETURNS ARE SHORT THIS YEAR. Special Correspondence. Willow Flat, East Hood River Valley, May 16.—Supervisor Massee had a force of men last week working on a new grade connecting the Sears road with the old Mount Hood road at the foot of the Straight hill. When entirely completed this will furnish a much better and shorter road to the Flat than the old road.

J. M. Lenz, assessor in road district No. 8, tells us that the amount of money received from the county this year is less than last year, and we see no just cause why the valuation should be less than a year ago. Individually our taxes were \$5.00 per acre higher than a year ago. If the same conditions exist all over district No. 8, it is self evident that the amount of money received from the county should have been greater instead of less. Can it be possible that the county officials, take their spite out on Hood River, in this manner, by giving us any amount they see fit?

Along this same line, school district No. 74 levied a special tax based on the valuation of 1903, expecting it to raise a certain sum of money. When the lists were published this year it was found that the money allowed to it was but a trifle over two thirds what it should have been. And we know of real estate assessed in 1903 that was exempt in 1905.

We are at a loss to understand the why and wherefore of these conditions, but nevertheless we respectfully ask those in charge at the county seat to explain.

A Japanese contractor from Portland was up one day last week rounding up the Japs to pick berries at White Salmon. We understand that he succeeded in getting about 8000 berries, but that they could get their old jobs back at the end of the berry season. But it may be possible that when they ask about July 1 to be taken back that they will find other boys have their places.

Frank Waterbury of Grant County is visiting his brother, E. Waterbury, at White Salmon. This is the first time they have seen each other in twenty two years. Mr. Waterbury is a miller by trade, and has traveled extensively over the northwest. He says that in all his travels he has never seen a place where such a diversity of crops can be grown to such a state of perfection as in Hood River valley.

The Hood River Orchard Co. have started the potato planter. We understand that they will probably plant 200 or 300 sacks.

The Davidson Fruit Co. is having a large addition built to its strawberry packing house. This is imperative as they have about 35 acres of berries on their ranch. This means that during the packing season, the Flat will take in the appearance of a thriving village. About 300 people will be required to take care of the crop raised on the various ranches on the Flat.

MOUNT HOOD. Louis Burkhardt sent 30 boxes of Ben Davis apples to Portland last week realizing \$1.50 a box, some selling as high as \$1.75. Mount Hood apples are hard to beat.

Dave Miller has recently finished building a barn on his land near Trout creek. Mr. Miller is one of the successful strawberry growers of the lower valley and has planted 14 acres to strawberries. He expects to make this his home for the present, being thoroughly convinced of the superior advantage of this section.

Charlie Thomas has begun his duties as ditch walker for the Middle Fork Irrigating Co. This company has recently been reorganizing. The ditch until now it is in good condition.

Jesse Davidson is down on Willow Flat building a packing house for the Davidson Fruit Co.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

This falling of your hair! Stop it, or you will soon be bald. Give your hair some Ayer's Hair Vigor. The falling will stop, the hair will grow, and the scalp will be clean and healthy. Why be satisfied with poor hair when you can make it rich?

Thick Hair

My hair nearly all came out. I then tried Ayer's Hair Vigor and only one bottle stopped the falling. Now my hair is thick and healthy. —Mrs. J. M. Smith, Saratoga, N. Y.

Mr. Sanford, the peddler, was in Viento Friday, and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, taking the morning train for the Locks.

HUSUM PEOPLE WILL ASK FOR NEW ROAD

Husum, Wash., May 17.—The citizens of Gilmer and Trout Lake will petition the county court this fall for a road to connect with the Trout Lake road, down Gilmer creek, which is a fine grade and will save pulling up the long grade at Oak Ridge. People coming from Trout Lake now have to go to the falls before they can get to Gilmer and the same of the Gilmer people going to the lake. It will make a difference of ten miles travel.

The Wickens & Tompkins Co. mill is running now and putting out some fine pine and fir lumber. They have put in a lumber yard at Underwood, and can furnish all kinds of lumber of all grades. Any one wanting lumber should call on Smith and Clark. They can furnish you prices.

The new road built by the Underwood people offers a splendid grade. Will Gilmer hauled the first load of lumber over the new road for Wickens Tompkins & Co. A few improvements can be made by widening some of the short curves.

Charlie Hallenlock proved up on his homestead May 16, at White Salmon. George Gilmer and E. L. Hattman were witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Hallenlock will leave for San Francisco for a short trip.

E. L. Hattman is going to Golden-dale for a few days. The Tompkins have built two new loggers and many are doing the logging for the mill company. They built an old fashioned log wagon or truck. The wheels are made of lead. They can haul 2000 feet to the trees.

The Grangers will have a celebration in Underwood on the 24th, next Saturday. Mrs. Whitcomb, George Gilmer's mother, has been sick for the past few days, but is some better. Church and Sunday school is conducted here by the Baptist church. A good many homesteaders are coming in to do their spring work. The farmers are improving their places, building new houses and preparing to set orchards. We have had some nice rains this last week.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WHITE SALMON

White Salmon, Wash., May 16.—The citizens of White Salmon have begun the improvements of Jewett avenue. The street will be graded, macadamized and sidewalks laid.

Mrs. Anna Chubb, formerly Miss Anna Weinmann, Robt. A. League, formerly Rada A. Simons; Alice Martin; Elwood M. Peck and Charles E. Hallenlock all made final proof of their homesteads before U. S. Commissioner, J. O. MacInnes, Monday, May 15.

R. Helting, the stockraiser of Gilmer, was in town last week and reports that the Camas Prairie region never looked finer, and that there will be a big crop of early hay this year.

C. M. Wolfard & Co. are having the interior of the store painted and decorated.

Frank Inspector Ingram made a visit to White Salmon last week. He inspected a number of orchards and reports much improvements. The orchardists are beginning to see the value of careful cultivation and spraying and are doing the work cheerfully.

The White Salmon Fruit union is purely co-operative. Each member has a voice in the election of the officers, the choice of the manager and has the liberty of examining all books, shipments, prices, returns, etc., at pleasure. The union has done much already towards erecting that kind of an association in the White Salmon valley that has done so much for the advancement of the Hood River valley, and the members are joining each day. Most of those who have joined feel that this organization is no longer an experiment, but a permanent institution, and that in the course of a few years there will be that society among the growers on this side as that which characterizes the growers of Hood River valley.

R. B. BRAGG & CO.



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HOSIERY

Black Cat Hosiery is the only medium-priced Hosiery that has real wearing merit. If you want good goods in this line you must buy this brand. Most merchants don't like to handle this line of hose because the profits are less than most any other brand, but the wearer gets more for his money than any other hosiery he can buy.

Ladies' SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Knit Vests, 10c and up. Knit Union Suits, both in knee and ankle lengths Muslin Underwear gowns, 50c and up. Skirts, 50c and up. Corset Covers, 25c and up.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have made arrangements again this season for the exclusive sale in Hood River of Sweetland's Ice Cream. This famous delivery has stood the test for seventeen years with a constantly increasing sale. Beyond all question it is the best and purest ice cream made, and has won a reputation as "The Ice Cream of Quality."

HOOD RIVER NURSERY.

Stock Grown on Full Roots. We desire to let our friends and patrons know that for the fall planting we will have and can supply in any number Cherry, Pear, Apricot, Peach & Plum Trees, GRAPES, CURRANTS, BERRY PLANTS, Shade and Ornamental Trees. Also, all the standard varieties of apple trees. Can supply the trade with plenty of Newtown, Spitzenberg and Jonathan apple trees.

Hood River Flour

No matter whether you eat to live or live to eat, you should eat the best; and when you get our Flour you get the best—and it is pure and clean. "CUPID" is the best Flour ever put on the Hood River market. "HOOD RIVER" is unequalled by any similar priced flour. Beware of artificially bleached flour—you will live longer. Ask your grocer for Hood River Graham and Farina. Hood River Milling Co.

Come and Drink 20th Century ...SANITARY SODA... From our NEW SODA FOUNTAIN The fountain selected for exclusive use at the World's Fair, St. Louis, because of its ABSOLUTE PROTECTION TO HEALTH Syrups in Sterilized Glass Containers on Ice in Plain Sight. No Corrosion, no germs. Delicious, Healthful. Be Sane Be Sanitary and BRING THE CHILDREN KEIR & CASS, Smith Block. Reliable Druggists.

LARAWAY, Who has had over forty years experience in Iowa is opening JEWELRY STORE IN HOOD RIVER.