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HAWKEYES OUT IN FULL FORCE

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only take twenty years for the saw-mills and lumber business to denude this splendid paradise and leave the land bare to the sun and the unfettered sweep of the winds, to change the climate and to impoverish our water supply. Let us who have the heritage of sane, sagacious old Iowa manifest the spirit of decency and common sense by standing against this unmitigated ignorance and crime against posterity.

In conclusion the speaker gave statistics showing the wonderful agricultural resources and wealth of lowland also those showing the great natural wealth and undeveloped resources of Oregon, and said he looked forward to the time in the near future when the middle and western states would be free of the domination of eastern capital.

The next number on the program was a recitation by Mrs. Adah Rose, entitled, "The Old Hawkeye State." This was, of course, a very popular theme with a great part of the audience and created great enthusiasm. In delivering its inspiring lines Mrs. Rose showed that she has rare talent as an elocutionist and made such a favorable impression with her audience that she was forced to give an encore.

Following Mrs. Rose, Miss Mary Wickham sang, "Here is the Oregon," delighting her hearers who, applauded her loudly.

This completed the program for the morning and an intermission was taken for dinner. While almost everybody took a basket of good things with them there was no danger of those who had not going hungry. Under the direction of Col. Hartley, whom everybody knows is a past-master in picking out a fat and toothsome steer, a lamb or a pig, and a turkey, a delicate brown, red and juicy underneath, was served. The time devoted to the dinner hour was one of the most pleasant of the day, as it permitted the renewing of old acquaintanceship under circumstances that usually make mankind a little more charitably disposed toward his neighbor than any other. Reminiscences were many, boyhood days recalled, old stories retold with good laughter and good cheer were every where apparent.

At 1:30 the meeting was again called to order by President Laraway and to a piano accompaniment. Miss Lella Radford rendered "Home, Sweet Home," with variations, on the violin. Miss Radford's rendition of the this ever appropriate and heart-stirring melody was faultless and brought forth a storm of applause at its conclusion.

The next speaker introduced was M. P. Isenberg, who told of his early life in the great corn state and how he came to leave it for a region that he considered far more desirable to live in.

Mr. Isenberg was followed by Miss Grace Harbison, who played a piano solo entitled, "The Battle of Manila," very acceptably.

Hon. A. A. Jayne then talked interestingly of conditions in the Hawkeye state during his younger life, telling of the crudities of religious life there, of the tremendous cyclones and of some of the causes for immigration to the Pacific coast. He said, in part, that he had been trying to attend the meetings of the society for three years, but until this year had not been able to. He stated that he was born in Iowa and that the first money he earned there was \$40 for which he worked three months. This was earned from an old resident who took a kindly interest in him and taught him how to use a knife and fork. When asked by his benefactor where his parents were born he told him that his father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Kentucky, whereupon he was told that he must have good blood in him, as the old man seemed to think it made a great difference where he was born. The early settlers, Mr. Jayne said, went to Iowa to get away from the influences of slavery. They were good people, mostly of religious faith in Washington county where he lived. They lived, however, constantly in fear of something, for there was freezing cold in winter, hail, sunstroke and cyclones in summer and the ever present fear among them of a warm place in the hereafter. There was no question as to Iowa being a great state, but he didn't think that there were many if any present who wanted to go back. He thought that they preferred staying in Hood River county. Iowa had its good features, but it lacked the Hood River climate and the opportunities for advancement to be found in Oregon.

W. C. Martin also told of life in Iowa and some of the other middle western states.

Mrs. W. E. Laraway concluded the exercises by reading an article from the Oregonian commenting on the fact that many of Iowa's young men were leaving that state and that a combined effort was being made to keep them at home. The article is as follows:

"The Des Moines, Iowa, Capital laments over the fact that the best young men of that state are going elsewhere to seek their fortunes. The merchants of the city have taken the matter up and will try to stop the exodus, which, according to the paper mentioned, is a 'costly drain upon the state's strength.'"

"But you can't stop the exodus from Iowa. Already several thousands of Iowans have come to Oregon and all of them are sending back reports of the beauties and attractions and opportunities of this rapidly growing state. In the letters to their

friends and former companions, they tell of a land free from cyclones and blizzards. They tell of temperate weather in neither winter nor summer. They tell of a land where cherries grow in abundance and to a size of one and one-eighth inches in diameter. They tell of a region not dependent upon one or two industries, but having a multitude of resources from which to draw increasing wealth. They describe thinly settled districts where land is cheap, but where all kinds of fruits can be grown successfully. They give an account of an undeveloped portion of the country in which abundant water powers will make progress rapid so that in the next few years land values will increase many fold.

"The Des Moines Capital and the merchants of that city can succeed in halting the exodus whenever they can change the climate of Iowa or stop the Iowans in this state from writing back home. And not till then."

At the conclusion of the program the annual meeting for the election of officers was held and resulted as follows:

President—W. E. Laraway.
Vice President—M. M. Hill.
Secretary and treasurer—J. H. Osborne.

Directors—M. R. Noble, R. H. Waugh, J. J. Wickham, V. A. Newman.

The affairs of the society are in a flourishing condition and each year is adding a number of new members to its already large membership. Of the several societies of this character at Hood River it is by far the largest. A matter that was taken up for discussion was that of providing permanent grounds for the society to hold its annual event on. It was stated that grounds suitable for this purpose could be secured for a reasonable amount and it was suggested that a point somewhere on the line of the Mt. Hood railroad would be the most desirable. If taken the grounds could also be used as public picnic grounds as well as for the society, but will be known as the Hawkeye grounds.

TELLS OF HOOD RIVER APPLES

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Pollination is a subject of great interest to Hood River growers. Realizing the importance of this subject to growers of the state, we have started a series of experiments and investigations. The problem has so many phases to investigate and we have so little to obtain from experiences of experiment stations and growers, that we are not prepared at this time to say much on this subject. We hope, however, by another fall to be able to have some results that we can publish that will be of interest. All we care to say at the present time is that we consider it a wise policy to plant several varieties in an orchard, giving preference to commercial varieties having the same blooming period. It is generally considered at this time in Hood River that the Arkansas Black and the Orley are good pollenizers for the Spitzenberg, although it is doubtful if accurate experiments have actually demonstrated this as yet. Many of the theories on this subject have arisen from general opinion. Only by careful experiment will we be able to come to definite conclusions on the problems of pollination.

Age of Orchards.—Of the apple trees standing in the Hood River Valley, 82.4 per cent of them have been set out in the past six years; 12.7 per cent in the six years previous to that; 4.4 per cent are past twelve years of age; and the remainder, or 1.5 per cent, consists of top-grafted trees that have been put upon old stocks during the past five years.

The number and size of the orchards set previous to 1885 is very small, all the orchards put out merely for home use, with little or no expectation of their ever coming to be of commercial importance. From 1885 until 1901 some plantings of larger size were set, but it was not until 1902 that the real earnest planting of orchards especially for commercial purposes began. From that date many and extensive orchards have been set, the lumber and acreage increasing greatly each year. Twenty nine per cent of these being set in 1907.

The apples comprise 94.8 per cent of the number of trees standing in the Hood River district; the pears comprise 2.1 per cent; the peaches 1.1 per cent; the cherries, 1.1 per cent; and the nuts 3 per cent. By studying tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 it will be noticed that the larger plantings of the other kinds of fruit run proportionately about the same as those of the apple, the greater numbers having been set within the past few years. It will be noticed that all of the walnuts in appreciable numbers have been set within the past three years. The greater number of the peach trees are three years old; 86 per cent of the pears do not exceed three years of age; and 34 per cent of the cherries are four years old and younger.

The strawberry industry of Hood River is a very important one. It has been the pioneer crop, being planted extensively in the young orchards where the beds are allowed to remain until the young trees commence bearing. Thus a good steady income is realized in these years of great expenditure and, under ordinary conditions, light returns. Formerly the beds were all near town, but of late plantings are more extensive farther up the valley and while in these regions the berries come later, still there is less loss

from frost. The only berry grown is the Clark Seedling, which is a remarkably good shipping berry and because of this fact brings the highest prices in the market, selling the past season as high as \$3.55 per crate. It is a medium to small berry, but of good form and bright attractive color. It is, however, a light bearer, as 15 crates are considered a good crop. Very intensive culture is given by the best growers. Plants are set two ways. The more common way is to place the plants about fifteen inches apart in the row and the rows two and one-half feet apart. The latter distance is better than three feet where irrigation is resorted to. Other growers plant in double rows, allowing 30 inches between the rows and 30 inches between the double rows. This system takes fewer irrigating ditches and gives three thousand more plants to the acre, but many claim that the plants do not do so well. In most cases a water nitrate of soda has been tried in moderate amounts, good results were obtained, while other growers found that a mixture of hen manure and wood ashes gave good returns.

Stable compost or straw is undesirable because it interferes with irrigating. While in some cases the beds are left in bearing from five to seven years, this is generally because the owners are not going to replant and wish to get what they can from the old bed. After the third year a decline generally sets in. Irrigation depends upon soil and plants, the ground being kept moist to give good results, especially during the bearing season. New plants are taken from the strong one year old plants and only one plant to a runner is allowed by the more intensive growers. After the bearing season is over the beds are moved and the tops burned, a new top being grown. Every precaution is taken to have the berries picked, packed and shipped as carefully as possible, great care being taken not to allow them to become heated. A runner one berry in growth and it is handled in a business-like and scientific manner and they obtain financial results that are very satisfactory. There is always a good market for number one fruit handled as the Hood River growers handle their strawberries.

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| Acreage of strawberries in Hood River: | |
| No. of acres of strawberries grown in orchards | 532.25 |
| No. of acres of strawberries not grown in orchards | 324.25 |
| Total acreage | 756.50 |

COMMERCIAL CLUB DAY A SUCCESS

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of ceremonies. The rop was stretched across a bar of wood and bunches of red and yellow ribbon tied three feet apart in the center. Red represented the East Siders and yellow the Hood Riverites. The winners had to pull the colors of the opposing team

across the bar of wood and so many changes were made in the selections of men that it was impossible to keep tab on them. Among the East Side team, among others, however, were: A. L. Mason, who acted as anchor, M. M. Hill, B. S. Galligan, Chris Dethman, V. Winchell, Lawrence Smith and John Mohr. Some of those on the other team were: Lou Morse, Harry Bailey, who held down the end of the rope, Andy Pearson, J. K. Carson, John Zoles and Prof. McKnight. At the word "go" the two teams settled down to a hard struggle in which neither side gained any headway for some time, when the Hood River team got the advantage and steadily pulled the East Siders over the line. The latter claim that the winners had ten men to their nine, but the Hood River team denies the impeachment.

The Hose Race.
At 5:30 the hose races took place on Oak street. The contest was between the high school boys and a team selected from the members of the fire department. The race was won by the firemen, although the school boys made an excellent showing by running the distance in 36 seconds. The time made by the firemen was 35 1/2 seconds.

Big Dinner Event of Day.
By this time everybody was hungry and commenced to drift toward the opera house, where the big public dinner, given by the wives of club members and their lady friends, was in progress. While the sports were entertaining the dinner was undoubtedly the most popular event of the day. A glance into the improvised dining room showed a beautiful sight. Long lines of tables completely filling the room with the exception of aisles left for the servers, were covered with snowy linen. On them roses and sweet peas at intervals made an artistic touch of color, and glittering tableware and the many vases on display added to the attractiveness. And then the ladies! All gowned in white with the exception of a flying vision of pink or blue for contrast. Quickly and deftly they served the diners with the elaborate collation. Hot rolls, meats, salads, creamed potatoes, relishes, coffee, ice cream, cake, fruit and many other delicacies too numerous to mention they supplied. From 5 to 7 over three hundred were fed, and compliments on the excellence of the repast and its service were many.

From 7:30 to 9 the band gave a concert on the square near their quarters



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and many gathered to listen to the music.

Grand Ball Ends Day's Festivities.
The festivities for the day were concluded by a grand public ball held in Odd Fellows' hall, which lasted from 9 o'clock until midnight. To the music of a full orchestra about 100 couples enjoyed themselves whirling in the mazes of the dance. During the evening Prof. Beggs, the dancing master who is at present giving a series of lessons here, entertained the dancers with an exhibition of dancing in which he was assisted by little Miss Whitehead, who showed rare talent in this direction. Mr. Beggs also initiated the dancers into the intricacies of the Paul Jones, a dance in which all could join.

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