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And Still It Snowed

We had two "Old-Timers" in our store this morning, and they both agreed we were liable to have this snow for two or three weeks yet. Well, there's nothing like being satisfied—we'd just as soon have snow as slush—in fact, we'd a little rather have the snow. It makes business—cutters, bobs, etc.

We've put up a sign in our front window (painted by our own artist) which says: "Tell Us Your Sleigh Wants Before Our Stock is Broken." It's a mistake to leave it there—it is liable to mislead somebody. But when we put the sign up, we DID have a good stock. Here's what we've got left:

Two Portland Cutters worth \$45 each
One No. 1 "Good Sense" Bob, worth \$45, including hitch
One No. 2 "Good Sense" Bob, worth \$55, without hitch
Four Cutter Gears, worth \$12 each
Two Sets Runner Attachments, worth \$11 per set
One Pair Delivery Bobs, worth \$34, without bed

When you consider that we had a fine and dandy assortment of all the above lines to start with, it looks like the snow has done somebody some good. "It's an ill wind, etc."—we have 'nt the nerve to spring all the rest of the old saying. But, to get down to "brass tacks"—we want to sell the sleigh goods we have left. In other words, it's a "Clearance Sale." Yes, we know you have been looking those words "Clearance Sale" in the face for the past four weeks—every paper and every show window flashes it at you till you hate to see it. But just the same—and so forth, and so forth and so forth! All right! Now you know the story. TAKE ADVANTAGE! "NUF SED."

Let's Change The Subject

Maybe you aren't interested in sleighs and bobs and cut prices, anyway. Let's talk about what is coming next spring.

From the present outlook, there is the best spring coming that Hood River has ever seen for many a day. Maybe there won't be a lot of luxuries sold—but there will be a lot of necessities sold. That's where we come in. We don't sell luxuries, but we do sell the necessities. Can't get along without a plow—sure thing! Must have a buggy—can't walk all the time! Need a wagon to haul stuff—can't carry it on your back—sure! If you have a wagon, or a plow, or a buggy, you can't pull 'em yourself, you use a horse, and MUST have the harness. Here we are again! We've got the whole line of necessities—everything you need from the time you get your place till you sell it again. Mighty good time to look around now and size 'em up. Lots of interesting things in our store—always a good fire in the office, and a glad hand of welcome.

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represents in round numbers the amount of land which we have succeeded in disposing of during the past two years for our clients in Hood River Valley. Not at all bad we are thinking, considering the rather unsettled condition of the general real estate market of the country during that time. We are rather proud of the record, which accounts for our "blowing our horn" in this manner.

* In view of the fact that so much property has been sold from our lists, we find that we are short on some few classes of places, and would be very glad to have listings on any good properties that are for sale in the valley, which we do not now have.

* We are now making up our lists for the coming season's work, which we anticipate will be a good one, and would be glad to have those who have their property listed and those who wish to give us new listings call on us as soon as convenient.

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THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC Co., does not want the consumers of electrical energy for lighting or power purposes to pay for the plant monthly, yearly or bi-annually, they only want a fair, reasonable price on a live and let-live basis; and are not asking its customers to buy our competitor's plant, nor anyone to pay them a price with which to buy our plant; all we have to sell is electrical energy.

Hydro Electric Co.

A Home Company
Phone 134 Third and Oak

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MAYOR APPOINTS CITY OFFICERS

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR THE YEAR

With the Exception of Councilman Taft and Schmelzer, City Official Personnel Remains the Same

The new members of the city council, W. H. Taft and J. M. Schmelzer, sat for the first time with the body at its Monday night deliberations. With the exception of those two members, James Stranahan having been re-elected, the council continues with the same personnel of last year. W. J. Baker and C. H. Sprout are the retiring members of the body.

The appointive offices of the city government were filled as follows: Judge A. J. Derby, city attorney; P. M. Morse, city engineer; Dr. Jesse Edgington, physician; Robert T. Lewis, marshal and street commissioner; Miss Lucile Johnson, water department clerk, and Hugh Smith, water department superintendent.

The appointments were confirmed, when Councilman Stuten, who had voted no against the confirmation, arose and stated that he was forced to vote no as to the appointment of the city marshal. Councilman Stuten declared that he did not hold anything personally against the present marshal, who had been re-appointed, but stated that he had talked with a number of taxpayers and that the time was now ripe for a change in this department of the city government. He called the council's attention to the fact that a petition largely signed, was before the council, asking that a change be made. The reading of the petition was called. When it was finished Councilman Robertson took the floor and pointed out that at least 75 per cent of the signers of the petition were taxpayers. "I do not believe in petitioners," said Mr. Robertson, "the citizens of the city have elected the mayor and council and have signified their desire that we work harmoniously for the good of the entire town. The petition has been signed by men, who do not know whether or not the officers asked to be appointed will work in cooperation with us." Councilman Robertson asked Councilman Stuten if the taxpayers with whom he had talked felt concerned the matter could be laid over for another week and he was sure that the appointed officer could secure a petition with a great deal better showing than the one submitted. He suggested that the petition be allowed to stand without further ado. A number of those signing the petition had thought that Marshal Lewis was going to resign. When it was learned that such was not the case they signified an intention of withdrawing their names. However, a motion was made that the petition be granted. It was lost. Mayes, Robertson, Schmelzer and Taft voting no, and Stranahan and Stuten voting yes.

The petition asked that John B. Castner be appointed marshal at a salary of \$80 per month, and G. A. Van Ande street commissioner at a salary of \$60 per month. Marshal Lewis, the present incumbent, is receiving a salary of \$100 and the expenses of his horse, which amounts to about \$12 a month. He attends to both the police duty of the city and superintends the street construction.

The appointments of committees made by Mayor Blanchard were as follows: Finance—James Stranahan, J. M. Schmelzer and A. C. Stuten; Fire and Water—J. E. Robertson, E. S. Mayes and W. H. Taft; Streets and Public Property—E. S. Mayes, J. E. Robertson and J. M. Schmelzer; Judiciary—A. C. Stuten, W. H. Taft and E. S. Mayes; Health—J. M. Schmelzer and J. E. Robertson; Police and Public Printing—W. H. Taft, A. C. Stuten and James Stranahan.

The salaries of the appointed officers will be set at the meeting of the council Monday night. The committee on G. L. and W. L. Kirkpatrick were granted a permit to open a skating rink in the old armory building, provided they establish fire escapes that would pass the approval of the fire and water committees. They also agreed to close the place at ten o'clock every evening and that they will allow no music there. The armory was closed by the city authorities year before last, an electric piano having been declared a nuisance.

Councilman Taft was granted a leave of absence for two months. He left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, where he will take a boat for the Panama canal zone.

HALL RECOVERS FROM C. P. McCAN

In the case of E. O. Hall vs. Capt. C. P. McCan, which was tried here last week, the jury returned a verdict of \$1325.25 in favor of the plaintiff, who asked that amount in payment for services in the construction of a dwelling for the defendant. This amount was eight per cent of the amount of the cost of labor and material used in the construction of the building; for which amount the plaintiff testified he had been employed to construct the building.

The defendant had set up as counter claim damage caused him in the collapse of a garage previously created by the plaintiff. The garage, he alleged, had been improperly constructed and had been crushed by the weight of the heavy snowfall here last year.

The defendant was represented by Geo. R. Wilbur and W. H. Wilson, of The Dalles, while Ernest C. Smith and H. S. Wilson, the latter of Portland, represented the plaintiff.

HYDRO CO. GETS WASCO FRANCHISES

Authority to construct power transmission lines on certain of the highways of Wasco county has been granted by the Hydro-Electric Co. by the county court of the neighboring county. The city of The Dalles has granted them a franchise over certain of its streets, the time limit of beginning work fixed at March 1.

The Hydro Co. has ordered a large amount of supplies and is getting ready to carry out terms in the stipulation in the grant of franchise.

BOGGESS RECEIVES CARNEGIE MEDAL

Ernest E. Boggress was last week granted by the Carnegie Hero committee at Pittsburgh a bronze medal and \$425 disbursement benefits and \$1000 as needed because of the valiant efforts made by him in the year of 1910 to save the life of a fellow mechanic when an explosion of gasoline caused the destruction by fire of the garage of the Hood River Manufacturing Engineering Co. Mr. Boggress almost lost his life in the flames and the companion, Ray S. Utter, met death.

HOOD RIVER HAS 25 AT SHORT COURSE

Hood River valley is represented by 25 at the winter short course at O.A.C. The men for the most part have registered in the agricultural and horticultural departments, while the women are making art and domestic science their major subjects.

There are not quite as many attending the short course this year as last, due partly to the farmers' week a few time ago. Those in attendance from Hood River are: Dr. and Mrs. Stanton Allen, E. I. Appgar, J. R. Banall, Jr., Sarah N. Butchart, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Butchart, Henry L. Capelle, Wm. Davidson, Chas. W. Hart, H. M. Hosick, Miss Helen Howe, Mrs. H. L. Howe, J. E. Kennedy, Chas. C. Lemmon, Frederick J. Patterson, Walter Plog, Leo M. Thielan, O. T. Wedemeyer.

The following are from Parkdale: Clarence F. Busch, Don D. Green, Howard H. Green, John Goldsberry, Lester P. Harris and Geo. W. Blodgett.

SNOWSHOE CLUB ON ANNUAL TOUR

On their annual tour to the mountain club house near Cloud Cap Inn, the members of the Portland Snowshoe club passed through the city yesterday. They will spend several days at the unique winter club house, enjoying the sport of skiing down the steep trails in the region.

The members of the club, J. Wesley Ladd, Elliott R. Corbett, Henry L. Corbett, Walter B. Honeyman, David T. Honeyman, Jordan B. Zan, Brandt Wickersham, Horace Meeklen, Dr. H. S. Nichols and Rodney L. Gilsan, arrived here on the O.-W.-R. & N. Dalles local and last night and immediately took a special train over the Mount Hood line to Parkdale. They will spend the night at the Mount Hood terminus and journey to the McRush homestead this morning. The journey to the club house will be made on snow shoes. Mark Weygant and William Edick will accompany the snowshoers as guides.

GROWERS MEET DESPITE SNOW

WEST SIDERS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Community Packing and Boarding Houses Proposed—Hitching Racks Wanted—Benson Talks on Pruning

Neither a heavy snow on the ground nor the steady fall of additional big wet flakes that melted on their hats and over their coats prevented the members of the West Side Improvement club from gathering Tuesday afternoon at the Park grange hall to discuss the future needs of the apple district.

During past harvest seasons, both of strawberries and apples, difficulty has been found in feeding and housing the transient laborers who are needed here at that time of the year. At the meeting of the West Side citizens the plan of building community packing houses and to combine with their boarding and bunk houses for these pickers and other laborers was discussed. The matter of packing houses was first brought up by Geo. I. Sargent, who stated that in a few years the district would be producing a great deal more heavily than at present. Because of the many young orchards of the West Side, neighbors whose orchards have not been bearing have been able to assist those who found more work than they themselves could do. Mr. Sargent believes that the community packing house, similar in respect to that erected on the East Side by the Hood River Apple & Storage Co., will be economical for the growers. It will cheapen the cost of packing, grading and hauling the fruit to market. The growers will thus be able to purchase their boxes and other material in larger quantities. The community packing house, he said, will insure a more uniform pack. The growers will be able to hold their odd varieties longer, and the houses will offer a meeting place for the club.

J. G. Earl followed Mr. Sargent and brought out the point that the boarding and lodging of laborers would become a problem at harvest time, and suggested that at the community houses might also be constructed a kind of a hotel for these laborers. A cook could be employed and the men cared for at the central point.

On the motion of Carroll Hurlburt President R. H. Wallace appointed a committee, C. W. Hooker, chairman, to investigate the methods used in other fruit districts.

A number of other growers spoke on these houses. It was thought that they should be about a mile and a half apart. E. N. Benson stated that in a square mile of orchard, when the trees came into bearing, there would be twenty thousand boxes of apples would be produced. "Cut this into half," he said, "and you will see how large a lot of fruit you will have to handle."

The principal talk of the afternoon was the address by Mr. Benson on pruning. Mr. Benson prunes as many orchards as any other man in the district. Last year he cared for 12 orchards in all parts of the valley. He said in part:

"The question of pruning is one of the most delicate that can be talked about, and I do not doubt that I will be criticised when I have finished, but I don't mind being criticised. Some men believe in pruning apple trees and others do not. Some will tell you that nature will take care of the pruning. Indeed, nature prunes. Notice the big forest trees and you will find that they have lost the limbs next the earth, and that these falling away have left the straight trunk. It is the work of the pruner to help nature and to make the tree strong by doing a part of nature's work."

"A great deal of pruning is done to shape the tree. Of the two systems in use, the top and central shoot system, I personally prefer the central shoot. Mr. Benson then told the growers how to shape a tree with the central shoot. "Macy makes a mistake," said Mr. Benson, "with their summer pruning. I do not believe in pruning a tree to get fruit until after it has reached an age at which it may be expected to bear. Then only water sprouts and cross limbs should be taken off. To prune in summer to get fruit the grower should watch for the formation of the terminal bud and do the work at just about this time."

Fear pruning, the expert told the West Siders, because of the shape of the trees, is different from the work that is necessary for apples. He advised as little cutting as possible on trees because of gumming.

The reading of a communication from the Odell Development League which asked that the club take some action toward securing more hitching posts in the city of Hood River created no small interest among the members. It is said that hitching facilities are very poor in the city. On market and shopping days, such as Saturdays, it is almost impossible to find a place to leave a team. The club will communicate with the Commercial club and some action will be taken to get the cooperation of the city officials in securing ground for hitching places and perhaps hitching sheds for the orchardists.

The club will also cooperate with the Odell Improvement club in an endeavor to secure a law for the protection of China pheasants in the valley. The handsome fowls are becoming very plentiful here and the ranchers think that they will thrive and increase rapidly if protected three years longer than at present by the state law.

Prof. G. D. Thompson asked if any of the West Side growers had ever experimented with thousand headed kale as green feed for fall and winter use. He and others that have tried it believe that it will grow successfully here and will furnish an excellent winter green feed. It is suggested that it be planted about the middle of May.

Commission Will Hear Case

The Oregon Railroad Commission will convene here Saturday morning to hear the facts of a complaint filed by O. M. Bailey, an Upper Valley rancher, against the Mount Hood Railroad Co. Mr. Bailey alleges that the road's service is inefficient, freight rates too high and that a freight agent should be appointed at Parkdale.

Rubber Stamp Inks and Pads at this office, also stamps made to order.