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## MOSIER DISTRICT SHOWS GROWTH

LARGE ORCHARDS BEGIN TO BEAR

Residents of Community of Handsome Homes are Enthusiastic Boosters for Columbia River Boulevard

The stranger dropping off the train at the station of Mosier, a typical country village set there on the bank of the Columbia with its oak trees giving color to the Craig bound landscape would never suspect, if he had not already had some hint of the beauty of the orchard landscape he was going to behold, that he would see another Mid-Columbia wonderland, where acres after acre of symmetrically planted young orchards greet the eye on every hand. But one has to cross the river Styx to get to the Elysian fields, or the Alps to get to Italy, and so the station has to be braved in order to see the Mosier hills, dotted with homes as handsome as any that can be found in the state of Oregon.

The Mosier district is devoted altogether to tree fruits. It is true that some of the growers have small tracts set to strawberries and small quantities of small vine fruits are grown, but apples, cherries and prunes are the chief products of Hood River's nearest neighbor on the east, Mosier's prunes, though in a more limited way, are as well known in the markets of the United States as are Hood River's apples, and in the fall of the year one can purchase the big luscious plums in Chicago, New York or any of the principal markets of the country, where they are shipped to be distributed to the smaller places.

Fortunate is the visiting stranger who is a friend of Jack McGregor, "Happy Jack" or "Mac," the King of Scotland, as they call him there. Mr. McGregor knows everybody in Mosier district. And then, a matter of more importance to the visiting man who wants to see the community in a short time, "Mac" has just purchased an automobile. He is the pioneer car owner of the little Mid-Columbia fruit town. They tell the story there that he bought the machine with his cherry crop returns. He shipped three boxes from his orchard, and the next day the car was ordered.

Mr. McGregor, as are all of the people of the Mosier district, city and country folk alike, twelve hundred of them, are clamoring for the Portland-Dalles-Hood River highway, as they call their neighbors further down the river; for they want to see it extended on through up the river. "I would just like to mix with your county court down there for a moment," says Mr. McGregor, "and I'll wager they would be willing to keep those convicts recently offered by Governor West and have them continue their work on what will be the greatest highway when it is completed, in the United States." And then he grew more serious but continued his criticism of the local board of commissioners for having discontinued the work on the highway. "We people here are not, however, much interested as we should. None of us are. We ought to remain awake at nights to think of means to hasten that road. Why, if I had a million dollars, I would build a highway, and I would be one of the greatest monuments for myself that man ever set up for himself."

The Mosier district shipped 40 carloads of apples last year. At the present time approximately 5,000 acres of fruit are set to apples, one thousand already in bearing. The output of the district will increase very fast now; for the younger orchards will be fast coming into bearing. While the lack of water prevents the growth of the small fruits cultivated here as well as the raising of cover crops, the Mosier growers are proud of their non-irrigated product, which they say is superior in certain respects. Fifteen thousand crates of Mosier prunes were marketed last year by the Mosier Fruit Growers' Association. R. D. Chatfield, present manager of the association, says he will market 10 carloads of cherries this year. The fruit is finer this season than ever and for the first time carload shipments are being made. The fruit is being shipped through the Northwestern Fruit Exchange. "We have already had a small vinegar plant, a private concern, established here," said Mr. Chatfield last week, and there is talk now of a cannery for the cull and low grade product. The cherry crop was very good this year. "Ginger" having shipped 12 tons from 120 trees.

In the last five years, according to the estimates of the prominent growers, \$500,000 have been expended in the Mosier district in improvements, buildings and land clearing. Nearly \$100,000 have been spent in the past year and a half. Handsome homes have been built there by the following people, most of whom are former Portlandians: Messrs. C. A. McCargar, Ed L. Howe, H. M. Searce, G. P. and C. A. Morden, J. P. Carroll, G. L. Carroll, Dr. C. A. McCrum, Mark A. Mayer, C. L. McKenna, W. H. Weber, Angus Root, Lee Evans, F. E. Shogren, E. B. Vessel, Miss A. and M. Shogren, Ed F. Reeves, C. J. Littlepage, R. H. Cummins, Morton J. Algeheimer, C. C. Isom, R. D. Chatfield and Dr. David Robinson.

Even though the residents of this favored fruit district were able to look at nothing else but their own tree covered hills, they might well be satisfied. But from different points in the valley they are able to see some of the northwest's most scenic spots. Glimpses are had of Mount Hood, while the Columbia gorge is the daily spectacle of the homes in portions of the Mosier district in improvements, buildings and land clearing. Where Morden brothers are developing a tract of 200 acres, sixty of which have been cleared and planted, one of the most delightful views in the whole northwest may be had. Here one may look down across the Mosier hills and on beyond the Columbia, a mere water ribbon at this distance, to the grain fields of Klickitat county, and every moment the shadows of the distant landscape, where the folds of the hills at one moment may be dark gray and then a shifting cloudlet moving away, touched brown or vivid green in the sunlight. Messrs. Morden have a handsome bungalow and the home is supplied with every convenience enjoyed by city dwellers.

Another handsome country residence is that of C. A. McCargar. His bung-

alow is one of the handsomest in the state of Oregon. He has 50 acres of commercial trees in bearing, one of the largest bearing orchards in the Mosier district. Dr. David Robinson, who has a home in Mosier, where he is a practicing physician, is also a fruit grower and is developing a handsome property.

On the bench above the Columbia gorge, just a mile and a half east of Mosier town is perhaps the finest country home in the state of Oregon. Mark A. Mayer, the owner, an old bachelor, who declares he is going to retire and become a country gentleman, is spending a snug fortune in developing a handsome estate. To stand at the west end of his orchard nearly three-quarters of a mile away and look up the roadway leading between an avenue of apple trees to the handsome mansion, with its colonial pillars, glistening white in the sunshine, one could think himself in the far south. If the eyes could be closed and again open on a road way leading down between rows of tall cotton plants, the metamorphosis would be complete. Mr. Mayer, who has spent most of his life and made a fortune in the mercantile business, although a native Oregonian was for many years a resident of New York. He is now connected with Portland business concerns but spends the greater portion of his time in Mayerdale, as he has christened the village surrounding his colonial mansion, the cottages which house his chickens, his farm employes and his fancy horses.

Mr. Mayer is an enthusiastic chicken fancier and has incubated 1200 little chicks this spring. He has a large henry and supplies the Multnomah hotel with the eggs. His chicken houses are kept in the best condition. They are constructed in the most convenient fashion that carpenters can contrive.

While Mr. Mayer's home, surrounded by vineclad pergolas, green lawns and old fashioned and new gardens, is a marvel of beauty from the outside, the eyes of his visitors also feast on a picture of elegance and convenience on the interior. It is complete from basement to ceiling. A dining room with his lamp, if he had been a country gentleman could not have wished for more.

One may consider the town of Mosier insignificant as compared with the hills back of it yet the village itself is growing and bids fair to become more thriving than the ordinary station of 250 souls. The Pacific Bridge Co. is at the present time installing a giant rock crushing plant at the west end of the town. The new enterprise will employ 50 men. The output is to be used by the O. W. R. & N. Co. in ballasting its double tracks now under construction and being planned.

The town has four stores. E. M. Straus, a newcomer whose former home was in Wisconsin, has just opened a large department store. Mr. Straus is also an orchardist and is building a handsome home in the town. Mosier has its library where well filled shelves are made use of by the residents of town and surrounding country.

It is proposed by Mosier people to continue the construction of a highway, two miles of which have already been completed, up the Columbia and thus form a link in the boulevard from Portland. It is declared that for 11 miles of the way the old right of way of the O. W. R. & N. Co. can be made use of and that the road can be built at a slight expense.

The visitor to the town of Mosier or to the country surrounding it cannot be impressed that the citizens of this district are a wonderful little unit in the making of a more beautiful, prosperous and progressive Oregon.

## COUNCIL AGITATES NEW WIRING ORDINANCE

At the instigation of Councilman Bell, the city council at its Monday night meeting, after a discussion, instructed the judiciary committee to bring in an ordinance that will provide for the common use of poles in the city limits by electric power companies and telephone companies. Two power companies, the Hydro-Electric and the Hood River Gas & Electric Co., are doing business in the city as are two telephone companies, the Oregon-Washington Co. and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The council last year passed an ordinance requiring the companies to readjust their lines in conformance with the state law. The improvement of the cross streets between Fifth and the end of the improved portions of Cascade and Oak streets was discussed. The property owners in the districts involved expressed the opinion that it would be better to defer the improvement of these thoroughfares, since they had already been put to heavy expense. It is thought, however, that no serious trouble will be experienced this winter in keeping Cascade avenue free from the silt that will wash down from the unimproved streets.

## MRS. BEAUMONT WILL PLAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Mrs. J. F. Beaumont, wife of Dr. J. F. Beaumont, who owns a ranch in the Summit district, will come here during the chautauqua, and will play several selections on the night of the classical music program. Mrs. Beaumont is one of the best known pianists in Portland. She is also prominent in social and club circles, being regent for Oregon of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The orchestra, which is under management of Arthur Clark, is also making extensive preparations for the occasion. Wm. Chandler, whose artistic playing of the violin is known throughout the state, will conduct the orchestra. He has been busy now for the past two weeks arranging the music for the chautauqua and in selecting music for the different nights.

## Water Permits For County

During the quarter ending June 30, two permits for the appropriation of water have been granted by the state engineer to Hood River county residents. Chas. Gray, of Wyeth, has been granted the privilege of making use of a tenth of a second foot of the waters of Gray's creek for domestic purposes. F. E. Newby has secured the appropriation of three and a half second feet for the use of operating a sawmill. The water appropriated by Mr. Newby is from Perm creek west of the city.

## ALL READY FOR THE BIG EVENT

CHAUTAQUA NOW MAIN OBJECT

Performers Rehearse—Tents Rise Like Mushrooms—New Name Significant of Valley Will Be Chosen

All the family is now discussing the Chautauqua. The baby and grandmother, all are talking of the pleasant days that are to be spent in the woods in the Woodworth park next week. Every convenience will be made for the older people of the community, and a special play ground has been arranged for the children. The shade of old Abe Buchanan, the first white man to drink in the pure atmosphere of the region of the Lava springs, it is probable, has heard of the fete and no doubt will watch the merry makers from the pinnacle of the Lava Beds. Local people will begin to arrive at the place of the sylvan soiree next Sunday and many families will be encamped by Monday.

A competition will be inaugurated at the opening of the Chautauqua to select a new name for Hood River's big annual event. It is becoming more and more apparent that the word "Chautauqua" will not answer. There are "chautauquas" everywhere, the newspapers are full of them, but nowhere on the entire coast is there to be found an event of the nature and scope of the Hood River encampment. A cash prize will be given for the best suggested name, the selection to be made on the last night. Address all names to the Chautauqua headquarters on the grounds, marked "Name Contest."

A special meeting was held Friday morning at the Commercial club for the purpose of considering the encampment from a broader and more comprehensive standpoint. The affair has already practically outgrown its original purpose, that of amusing only Hood River people, and it is plainly apparent that it is making a strong appeal to outsiders; something that was never thought of when George I. Sargent evolved the original idea. Those present were W. L. Clark, E. O. Hancock, P. S. Davidson, Charles Hall, H. F. Davidson, Truman Butler, J. H. Heilbroner, R. W. Pratt, R. E. Scott and C. N. Ravlin. A special committee, consisting of Truman Butler, C. N. Ravlin and J. H. Heilbroner, was appointed to visit Portland this week and extend a personal invitation to the leading railway officials, leading bankers, and light and power people to attend the last two days of the encampment and see for themselves just what the future possibilities are.

It will be welcome news to their hosts of admirers to learn that those famous Dutch comedians, Charles and Gilbert, have consented to produce a brand new Dutch act on the vaudeville program the last night. Gilbert, up to within a few days ago, did not figure on being here during the Chautauqua week, but he has finally arranged his plans so he will be enabled to participate.

The Tuesday night symphony concert under the capable leadership of William Chandler gives promise of being of surprising excellence. Chandler is developing into a leader of whom Hood River may justly feel proud. The following is the program he has arranged:

- March, selected.
- Selection, "Time, Place and the Girl," Howard.
- Waltz, "Pequann," Franz Lehmer.
- Sextette from Lucia Di Lammermoor, Donzetti.
- Barcarole, "Tales of Hoffman," Offenbach.
- Overture, "Salute to Erin," Lamotte.
- Wedding March from Midsummer Nights Dream, Mendelssohn.
- Selection, "Bright Eyes," Karl Hoschna.
- Waltz, "Spring Maid," Heinrich Reinhardt.
- Selection, "Red Widow," Chas. Geust.
- March, selected.

The grounds are humming with industry this week. Tents are going up like mushrooms and in every department there is a hustle that speaks well for an early completion. The tents that are being arranged in groups are so closely intermingled that it is impossible to form any lines as was at first feared. It will be one great big family party from beginning to end. A committee of "mixers" will be formed when the encampment begins whose duty will be to keep things stirring all the time.

On Friday, the 25th, everything and everybody all over the valley will move toward the encampment. The Hood River stores will all close all day and it will be the duty of all to lend their presence to the Chautauqua.

A special train service will be instituted on the Mount Hood Railway on Friday and Saturday. The morning train will leave Hood River at 9:30 o'clock, returning from Parkdale at 1 o'clock. The afternoon train leaves Hood River at 4:30 o'clock, arriving at the grounds in time for dinner. On the return trip it will leave Parkdale about 10:30 o'clock, or after the show. A special Chautauqua round trip rate has been made of \$1.20.

C. K. Osgood, who has been actively rehearsing with his six "Apple Blossoms" has changed his first selection to the popular "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which is just now going the rounds of the big vaudeville circuits. Captain McCann has just sent word that he will be unable to attend the Chautauqua and is therefore obliged to cancel his act.

Those who have seen Dorothy Epping's new original Egyptian dance in rehearsal, unobscuredly so, at the one of the sensations of the Saturday night program. For an amateur Miss Epping possesses a talent in this line that is astounding. The most enthusiastic of her friends say she is a second Isadora Duncan.

The Chautauqua ball, which takes place on Wednesday night, is attracting a great deal of attention. From present indications the beautiful open air ball room will be taxed to its capacity. A. W. Peters will be master of ceremonies, assisted by Crawford Lemmon, Claude Thompson and others of the floor committee. An excellent floor has been laid, nearly as large as Heilbronner hall. Dancing will also be indulged in here every night after the shows.

Rev. Billie Sunday, who is here (Continued on Last Page.)