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ASSOCIATION MEETS ON MARCH 14TH

A mass meeting of the members of the Apple Growers Association will be held here on Saturday, March 14, when the growers will be given full information concerning the shipment of the past year.

The members of the Association will then be given fully all facts pertaining to the association," says William Sieg. "They will be told of values, crop growing information, and all other data on which to base their contracts for the coming season."

The association clerical department is now engaged in preparing a distribution of pool funds of between 20 and 25 cents per box that will be made the first of the month.

MANUAL TRAINING PUPILS EXHIBIT

The manual training students of Prof. N. E. Fertig, of the Hood River high school, have made exhibits this week at the stores of the Blowers Hardware Co. and the Stewart Hardware and Furniture Co. that have created no small interest. The students, since the department was inaugurated the first of last semester, have made wonderful advancement. They are taking an interest that is gratifying to Prof. Fertig.

The following exhibits have been made in the show windows of the Stewart Hardware & Furniture Co.: DeWalt Bonebrake, a library table; Chas. Johnson, table; Perry Williams, a large cabinet; Howard Cooper, taboret; Madelon Smith, table; and Aubrey Pape, book rack. In the show window of the Blowers Hardware Co. have been exhibited the following articles: Chess board and necktie rack, by Sidney B. Carrine; lapboard, Miss Baker; tabaret, Thurston Laraway; tabaret, Julian Jacobson; stool, Robert McClanathan; and footstool, Sam Coad.

Prof. Fertig takes pride in his classes, and has been spending many hours out of school with those desiring to make progress in their work.

Beautiful Double Wedding

The marriage of Miss Eva Chapman and Donald Mowers and Miss Ruth Chapman and Matthew Ray was solemnized at the home of the brides' parents at 706 Pine street, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Elder N. I. Chapman, of Portland, officiating. The ring ceremony was used. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

The young people are well known in this city. The brides are the two youngest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chapman. Mr. Mowers is one of our rural mail carriers and Mr. Ray is employed as bookkeeper at the Gas & Electric Co., of this city. Both couples will make their home in the city and valley.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Mowers, Mrs. and Mrs. H. W. Chapman and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Howard and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chapman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chapman and daughter, Elsa, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Chapman, of Portland, Mrs. E. C. Mahaney, Mrs. R. A. Mowers, Miss Ruth Chase, Miss Fern Mowers, Miss Hazel Mowers, Miss Edna Howard, Everett Hardman and Marion Howard.

Miss Smith Dies in Portland

Friends here received news last week of the death, in Portland, of Miss Marion Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith. Miss Smith was formerly a resident of the city, her father having been ticket agent at the local O. R. & N. passenger station.

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GEM PROGRAM TODAY

"The Hour and the Man." An Esanay two reel feature. A drama of human appeal. Laws are made forbidding men to murder, yet we murder those who disobey the law.

"Abandoned Well." A Biograph drama.

"The Education of Aunt Georgia." A Vitagraph drama.

Friday and Saturday

"The Question of Right." A Lubin two reel special.

"Father's Day." A Selig drama.

"The Misadventures of a Mighty Monarch." A Vitagraph comedy with John Bunny, Flora Finch, Lillian Walker and Willie Van.

Sunday

"Her Husband's Friend." A Kalem two reel special.

"Her Face was Her Fortune." The first of Mrs. Wood R. Wedd's sentimental experiences. An Edison comedy.

"By Unseen Hands." A Selig drama.

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HALL ANSWERED BY COMMITTEE

In regard to Manager Hall's article in last week's issue of the News, in which he calls attention to the difficulties and dangers which seem to him so very numerous in municipal power plants, I wish to say right here in the beginning that I am not making any personal attack upon Mr. Hall, but am on good terms with him, even if we do not always have the same ideas and opinions. Mr. Hall must, of course, be prejudiced in favor of his company.

Why is it this company uses so much space to warn the people against such an awful danger—the great expense incurred in building and operating, etc? Do the people think for one minute that this company wants to save the valley a lot of money except so that it will finally fall into the company cash box? If the valley consumers have any idea that this company is in existence for any altruistic purpose they have another idea coming to them.

Look back a short time and see what happened when the "Hydro" was busy getting into Hood River. Didn't the Pacific Power & Light do their prettiest to prevent the newcomer from doing business? All kinds of plans were brought into use. Injunctions were issued; contracts were made for current at flat rates and ridiculously low figures were the order of the day. Out here on the East Side there was no immediate danger of the Hydro service, but why all this haste to do business at a loss? The company would let the "dear people" make the rate and they (the company) would stand the loss. However, "the end justifies the means."

By and by the Hydro seemed to be getting the worst of the deal and first we know both companies ran over to Salem and asked the Railroad commissioners to allow them to raise the rates. So the Commission came to Hood River and said a few words and away went the contracts, low rates

and all. The two (?) companies then coupled the two stations and everything was smooth again. And the "dear" people let those fellows do that trick and never raised a finger. Stood very quietly without hitching and were "milked" and have been ever since. I have an idea that those contracts were good until they expired by the time limit.

These straws show which way the winds blow, so don't be misled by any soft soap coming from the power company. I am one of the committee appointed at the Odell massmeeting to take up the preliminary work on this municipal plant, and I can assure the public that we have gone into it with the idea of either climbing over, going around, or tearing down any and all obstacles that interfere with us in carrying out our plans. We know that the object is a good one and also there is no good reason why we can't put it through unless the people vote it down. We have explained the details to the people and have met with approval when persons understood the situation fully.

Our strong point has been as follows:

A municipal plant will not be obliged to add taxes nor water power rental to its cost of operation, so we will benefit just that much over any privately owned. Nor do we have to allow dividends to be sent away from the valley. Any surplus will be used for paying off bonds and we will get all the real benefit ourselves. By this method the valley will get its current at cost.

The proposed power station will be located centrally. A six-mile radius will cover the territory served but we can easily extend the service. There will be ample capacity for taking care of all the business in the city of Hood River as well as the valley. That amount of power available at our sites is ample for some time to come, being up to 4000 horse power at low water.

A competent engineer who was here a few days ago told us we could install for about \$40. per horse power as the site was a good one for low cost. Mr. Hall's \$100.00 per horse power looks a little inflated from our point of view.

This same engineer estimated our main lines at \$750.00 per mile and branch lines much less. The fact that the proposed station is in the center of the district to be served is a very large factor in economy and also in service. One circuit could be in trouble and not affect the others. Where there is but one main line, any trouble puts the whole system out of business.

I have gone over Mr. Hall's items of expense and cut off a little over \$2500.00. But we will take his \$26,700.00 just as he uses it and ask him how the Hood River Gas & Electric company can afford to pay the Pacific Power & Light company more than that each year as rental of plant and lines. Very likely he will reply that the business of the City of Hood River makes that possible.

Well, we here in the valley are not going to confine our business to the valley alone, but will go into the city too, and see what a low rate will do towards increasing our earnings and paying off a few bonds. "All's fair in love and war." Perhaps we can induce that \$12,700.00 deficit they tell about to make a noise like an asset.

Mr. Hall calls attention to the need of a reserve equipment to be ready for emergency service. How about his plant at Powerdale with 250 kilowatt generator dragging from 50 to 100 per cent overload a considerable part of the time. The high tension line from White River does not seem to be a howling success when it is needed the most. The Hydro outfit at Tucker's Bridge is only a joke. The only up-to-date plant in Hood River exists now in blueprints mostly, except for a few piers and holes and piles of rock along the river. At present all is at a stand still. Those big generators we heard about, don't seem to be very much in evidence. Probably the work has been "postponed on account of the weather." I wouldn't say anything about cheap construction and large repair expense (for the other fellow) until I looked around my own dooryard to see how things appeared. It might make me feel as if I could take some of that advice for home consumption.

I will quote a few figures taken from the books of a steam driven electric power plant I had charge of not long ago. This station was of but 100 kilowatt capacity which had a lighting load only. Ran from an hour before sunset to midnight also from 5 a. m. till daylight in winter months.

During one year, September to September.

Receipts	Expense
Current sold	\$8341.00
Labor	\$2683.00
Coal	1602.00
Running	1000.00
Interest on capital at 6 per cent	600.00
Total	\$5885.00
Balance for dividends and depreciation	\$2456.00
Capital stock	10,000.00

The rates for current began at 15 cents, scaling to 10 cents, street lighting was done for about six cents. The

rates for residence and commercial lighting were applied in this manner: the first 9 kilowatts were 15 cents per kilowatt, the next 5 were 12 1/2 cents per kilowatt and over 14 was at 10 cents per kilowatt. However if the consumer used enough current to entitle him to the 12 1/2 cent rate or the 10 cent rate, he paid that rate for all he used. For example, if the meter read a use of 15 kilowatts he paid \$1.50 or 10 cents for all he used and not 15 cents for part and 12 1/2 cents for part. The earnings of this plant show what can be done by a plant which had to use fuel in proportion to its load. A condition not met with in water power.

Here is the whole matter in a nutshell. If the power companies can make a profit by using our river to generate power for us, then there is not a single reason why we can't do it and apply that profit to pay for our own plant and later reduce our rates when out of debt. Why pay rent when we can apply the same amount and own it all by ourselves?

Another point, don't let anyone fill you up with stories as to the great cost of making "juice" and the awful loss in transmission. Those yarns are for campaign purposes only. Forget them. Private capital can be had to build enormous plants that sell current for one-fourth of one cent per kilowatt, using coal at \$1.50 per ton. Those plants are regular money makers.

What particular difference does it make, as far as the operating of the plant is concerned whether a few men in the East or a "bunch of farmers" in the West are the owners? We can do the owning and the running too. This whole thing is in the hands of the valley people and if they vote "Yes" then we will have our plant. The two (?) companies can still be with us as long as they care to stay. The people will decide the fate of both.

There is one thing certain and it is this, the time has passed when any company can play the game in the old way and "make it stick." Hood River ought to be the laughing stock of the whole nation if it stands for any more "bullshg."

J. C. HOWLAND,
Member of the committee of eight,
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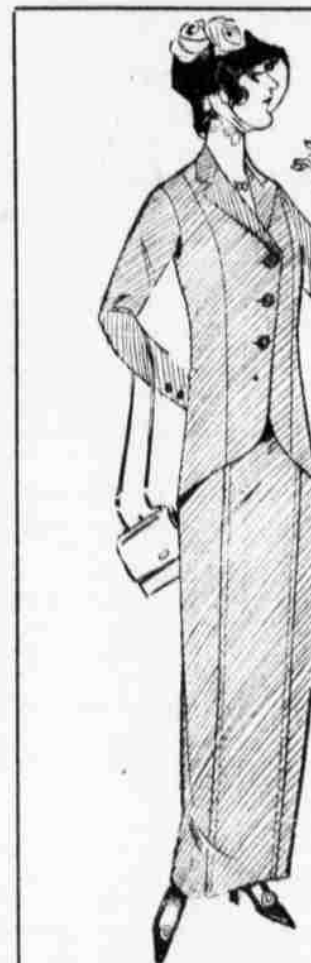
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