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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HOOD RIVER - OREGON

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The Rexall Store

Bank Advertisement No. 14

Up to this time we have deemed it advisable to use our entire capital, surplus and undivided profits to assist our customers in the development of Hood River Valley. On this account we have not invested any of our capital in a bank building. This fact has given rise to an opinion that we are not paying our full portion of the Valley's taxes, and a little information in this connection would seem to be in order at this time.

The taxes paid by the Butler Banking Company and by Leslie Butler and Truman Butler for 1913 in Hood River County amounts to \$2750.90. This, of course, does not include the taxes paid by our other stockholders. It does, however, include the taxes paid by Leslie and Truman Butler on their interest in 285 acres of land, 120 acres of which is now under cultivation.

We assume that the total figures are all that are of interest to the public, but further data is available at our office to anyone who is interested. Assuring you that our position with reference to any matter of public policy is based on our interest in the entire Valley and hoping to have the pleasure of discussing questions of general interest with any of our customers who would value our opinions, we remain faithfully yours,

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SPRAY TALKS ATTRACT GROWERS

CLUB ROOMS FULL LAST SATURDAY

Experts Advise Rigid Applications of Spray - Experiments for Scab Relief Will be Conducted

The spray meeting at the assembly hall of the Commercial club drew out a large crowd Saturday. Saturday afternoon the big room was overflowing; orchardists stood in the doors and sat on the floor around the edges of the room.

Prof. L. F. Henderson, chairman of the horticultural committee of the Commercial club, which called the meeting, presided. The first speaker was H. G. Frazier, of Seattle, who explained the convenience of the new spray material, Soluble Sulphur Compound.

Prof. H. T. French, of the Oregon Agricultural College, followed. Prof. French, who was formerly connected with Prof. Henderson at the University of Idaho, stated that he had not been in the Hood River valley for 15 years. "But I am glad to be here again and see my old friend, Prof. Henderson again. And yet I don't mean that; for he is the kind of a man that never grows old."

"I am glad to be out here in a country where such a spirit is displayed; a spirit of progress. In recalling the pioneer days of the fruit industry Prof. French paid a tribute to E. J. Smith."

Prof. French urged the farmers to look upon their work as a business and to conduct it as such. He called attention to the field extension work that the agricultural colleges would conduct. "The colleges would not be of much account," he said, "if we couldn't get the information that they are gathering to the farmers. We will have women helping in this work."

"I note that you are taking an interest in dairying here. It is a good sign. Over in Idaho I have found that the most prosperous orchardists have a cow or two."

C. C. Starring, who has charge of the cover crop and irrigation experiments of the local horticultural experiment station, closed the program of Saturday morning. Mr. Starring stated that he would be glad to have anyone always ready to assist in as much as they were able to act in an advisory capacity, but that it was deemed best to concentrate their efforts on problems that were causing a loss to growers.

The program of the afternoon was begun by Wilmer Sieg, who told of the need of controlling the disease of a fungus nature. According to Mr. Sieg, growers should congratulate themselves because their troubles are such as do not affect their trees. He urged cooperation on the part of the growers in controlling scab.

Prof. Jackson followed with an address, giving detailed information on the different spray materials that have been tested out by the experts of the Oregon Agricultural College. He urged the necessity of frequent applications of sprays at the proper periods in order to get satisfactory results. He desires the cooperation of all orchardists in spray tests. The growers will be furnished with blanks on which to record their experiments, and they will work together with that of the station and the college experts, it is thought, will solve the problems.

J. R. Winston, pathologist of the horticultural experiment station, began his address in an optimistic vein. "In the east, where they have as much moisture as is had here," he said, "scab is controlled, and we should bring about such conditions here."

He explained that the station would conduct experiments in the Upper Valley and on the East and West Sides.

J. T. Seeley addressed the meeting, explaining the materials used in the preparation of oil sprays and in Atomic sulphur.

At a question from Frank W. Cutler, Prof. Jackson said that from observations it had been determined that scab fungus wintered over on dead leaves that fell from trees. The Maine experiment station, he stated, had found the fungus being carried over during the winter on twigs.

A general discussion followed the fixed program.

Those who have been indulging in a smoke at the recent meetings were rebuked by the chairman at the opening of the meeting. "I was asked," said he, "by some ladies who desired to attend today's meeting, if it would be a horticultural meeting or a smoker."

AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW OF US

Mosier, Ore., March 2, 1914.

Editor Glacier: The writer of this letter does not reside in Hood River valley, but still he takes a great interest in your far famed garden spot, that has made itself famous by the wisdom, industry and intelligence that has made Hood River world renowned; famous not alone for its unexcelled specialty, the apple, but also as an up to date, progressive community, always in the lead with progressive ideas and methods. I have read also of your well organized and influential Commercial club, also of the high grade of intelligence of the farming class and orchard class. Now, knowing and believing all this to be true, the writer is at a loss to know and understand why the most important and far reaching benefit of enterprise, namely, the construction of the Columbia river highway, which is up before you at this time, should meet with defeat at the voting of the bonds.

The writer, however, does not believe, notwithstanding the rumors, that the defeat of this worthy and meritorious project will be accomplished—namely, the construction of the highway from Multnomah to the Wasco county line. Will the high merit, the dignity, the progressive spirit of your fair county be lost in the hour by defeating the bond issue, which, if carried, will place you in a higher and more renowned class than before, as well as bring to you an era of prosperity you little dream of now.

Granted that a number of farmers

raise fruit for the very love of it, I imagine that a majority of them do so for gain, and to enhance the value of their holdings by improvements; but still always as a rule, hoping to sell at a greater profit. The selling at greater profit has brought fruit land up from \$250 to \$1500 per acre. This achieved by your constant advertising and the merit the investor saw in your land.

In other words, the incoming of new blood and money to your valley created values. All the advertising stunts of attracting outside capital have already been exhausted, and the hope of securing newcomers through those efforts is practically a thing of the past. But you hold today within your own hands the power to put yourselves in direct contact with a half million people in Oregon alone, to say nothing about the thousands of others who will visit you. People will swarm over your valley and seeing it at various seasons of the year in its various stages of beauty, the charm will hold many. Seeing your orchards at budding time, and in blossom time, and in your golden-green harvest, who dares to dispute the untold benefits which will result from these observations?

The tourist travel is building and populating many of the eastern Oregon towns. You must have people to have values and business. The writer became resident of Oregon, caught by the wonderful variety of wild flowers and the excellent fishing sport. Sentiment and beauty cut a wide swath in human affairs.

Increased population and new developments, brought about by having this great utility and tourist road, will greatly lessen the tax, and by the time the bonds mature your population will have doubled. Never in the history of time so far as your valley is concerned, will there be a project that means so much to every property holder as the building of the Columbia river highway. You are not a commercial center, a shipping center, a mining center, nor a manufacturing center. Some towns pay half as much as you will vote to secure an industry, just as a bonus. And that industry would mean only a fraction of the benefit as compared with your highway.

The writer fully believes that in three years after the completion of the highway, your valley will have provided large tourist hotels, probably the finest in the west, to accommodate the thousands who will visit you, and who will not be satisfied with one day's outing in your charming valley. This belief is based upon what the writer saw upon recent travels, citing British Columbia as one instance, where the C. P. R., the Grand Trunk R. R., and the Canadian Northern R. R. have built and are building tourist hotels—whole chains of them, costing in the millions. This is the tourist age. Countries in Europe have become rich by it. It is developing our cousin, British Columbia, and we have more to offer to this brainy, leisure class, more than most places.

The real head of the Pacific Highway, Samuel Hill, favors the Hood River, Oregon, or inland route to California, and he knows whereof he speaks. He may pour millions into the Willamette route, but they will never present to the tourist the wonders of the Columbia gorge and the Deschutes canyon nor the vast fertile plains of eastern Oregon. The whole route is of intense interest, and can be built and maintained for half the cost of the Willamette route. It is well to have both routes, but let us have the best, seasonal meaning much.

The writer notes by the papers that Jackson, Benton, Josephine and other valley counties have voted highway bonds with a spirit. Why? Because they realized the immense value accruing to them. Yet, great as the value would be to them, it would not be half so valuable as to Hood River, for the very reason that the trade and traffic the highway would bring to them would be divided between a large number of towns, while Hood River would receive the direct benefit from the largest center—Portland; and further, our season of travel continues half as long again as the Willamette route.

I take it that nearly all the big men who can do things, and who do do things, are in favor of the bonds. They see it they know. Let the weaker ones fall in line.

The small or medium farmer in some of your outlying districts seem to oppose the bonds, claiming, no doubt, that they should have good roads at home first. This ground is well taken, from their standpoint. Will the defeat of the bonds give them good roads? Assume that it will. They will fall far short of the great, broad benefits which will accrue to the valley as a whole, if they fail to support the bonds. Does the fact that the best brains of Multnomah's foremost citizens approve and are working tooth and nail for the Columbia river highway, unselfishly, mean nothing? One rich man gave \$10,000—for what purpose? Not to make money for himself, or for any selfish motive. No, but with insight into the future as to the great good and general benefaction of all those within reach of the Columbia river highway. Think it over. Your sister, county, Wasco, is anxiously awaiting your decision, ready to hook on and continue the good work. Don't lose your grip—lose faith. Your action in this great important matter is being watched by thousands outside your county. Make good your standard of progressiveness.

I have no doubt that all this herein stated has been thought of and written before, but even so, a repeated sermon may at some time convert.

One cannot fail to bear his part.

For one great cause we all unite.

No one can tell, nor can we see, what lies beyond this snow, night. With faith and hope breaks bright the morn.

Dispelled our fears, and there they stay.

The caravan, Prosperity, shall swing along our great Highway.

—J. K. McGregor.

PARKDALE CREAMERY MEETING SATURDAY

Clarence E. Coffin, a member of the committee on organization, announces a creamery meeting at Parkdale next Saturday morning as soon as the train arrives there from Hood River.

"We have already secured between \$3,000 and \$3,500 in stock subscriptions," says Mr. Coffin, "and growers have offered the milk from more than 400 cows." The shares of stock are \$25 each.

STRAWBERRIES SATURDAY TOPIC

METHODS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED

Growers will Gather at Commercial Club to Hear Addresses of those who Have Been Successful with Berries

The horticultural and agricultural committee of the Commercial club will again be in the lime light this week with a big all day meeting for strawberry growers on Saturday. There are so many important problems before the strawberry growers this year that everyone interested is strongly urged to attend this meeting.

The first thing to be considered at the morning session will be the new package for shipping berries. There are two styles to be considered, pints and quarts, and one or the other will be adopted at this meeting. This will be followed by a discussion as to what the growers are going to pay for picking and packing, with a probable result that some definite scale will be decided upon which will be maintained throughout the various berry sections of the valley.

In the afternoon E. N. Benson, who a few years ago was known as the Strawberry King of Hood River, will give a lecture on the culture of strawberries. Mr. Benson is the best posted man on this subject there is in the whole state of Oregon and he has a way of striking home his facts that makes his talk of very high value to those interested in berry growing. To those who heard Chris Myhre in Junction City, at the creamery meeting at the Commercial club two weeks ago, it is only necessary to mention that Mr. Benson is to the subject of strawberries what Myhre is to creameries. Their methods of delivery are similar and both speak from long and thorough practical experience.

Mr. Benson will take up all branches of the strawberry business. Planting; when and how to cultivate; when to irrigate in the different sections and soils of the valley; proper and improper methods of fertilizing; when to top; the importance of cutting runners; the importance of fall work. He will also tell why it is not necessary to pick off blossoms from young plants. After 16 years of strawberry raising Benson knows the game from A to Z; he has grown berries under every possible condition and has experimented with every method of berry growing known, so that what he has to say is backed up by years of actual study and results in the strawberry field.

Another subject for the afternoon session will be a discussion on strawberry plants. It is hoped to have Mr. Newton of Canby, Ore., here for this. Newton is the manager of the north-west branch of the R. M. Kellogg Company, the largest grower of strawberry plants in the world. He is also to be associated with E. B. Cloud in the new cannery which is coming to Hood River, and expects to make this city his future home.

To conclude the afternoon Professor Lewis of Corvallis, expects to be here to give a talk on fertilizers and to tell us what not to do in putting on commercial fertilizers. Prof. Lewis spent several days here last week in checking up the work of the local experiment station and observed what many of the orchardists were doing in the way of restoring fertility.

Prof. L. F. Henderson, chairman of the Commercial club's horticultural committee, will handle the strawberry meeting, assisted by C. W. Hooker. The latter was a member of the northwest committee which assembled in Portland last fall to consider a standard package for the northwest for berries and fruits of all kinds, and he will be in an excellent position to explain the sample packages which will be shown Saturday.

"It is absolutely necessary for us to decide upon that standard package here for strawberries," said Mr. Hooker at the Commercial club recently. "Our old crate shut us out of many good markets last year and we are certain that any longer. We have either got to adopt a full pint or a full quart measure. I favor the pint, as with that we can use all of our old carriers and it gives the consumer not quite as many berries as before at a little less money. The grower will make just as much money, if not more, and he will not have to pay as much for picking and he will gain two hallocks of berries to every carrier. It is up to the growers themselves, however, upon a standard package we will use."

On Saturday, March 21, the Commercial club is planning in its series of horticultural and agricultural meetings, an afternoon devoted to expert talks on truck gardening, both for the private garden and in quantities to be used by the creamery and the Produce Exchange; corn growing, and possibly a special lecture on hogs.

Those attending the Saturday meeting from valley points will be given special fare rates over the line of the Mount Hood Railroad Co. The local hotels will also make reduced rates.

DUNCAN IS AGAIN FISH COMMISSIONER

Burnette E. Duncan was again made a member of the State Game Commission last Saturday by Governor West. While numerous press dispatches have declared that the reorganization of the Commission was a political scheme of the governor's, local friends of Mr. Duncan, who know the absence of politics, can see no political significance in his reappointment.

"My appointment has absolutely nothing to do with politics," says Mr. Duncan. "Those here, who know me, know that I took my place last year on the Commission for the good of sport in the state of Oregon. I do so again, to work for the interest of all true sportsmen in the state of Oregon."

Physicians Move Quarters

Dr. F. Watt removed this week from his former office in the Hall building to the corner rooms on the second floor of the Smith building. Dr. J. H. McVay will occupy the rooms vacated by Dr. Watt, while Dr. Dutro, who formerly occupied the present offices of Dr. Watt, will be located in Room No. 11 in the Hall building.