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**"When Time brings Christmas joys, a Bank Book is best for Boys."**

There is no better gift for your boy than a Bank Book.

The earlier the impression is made on the youthful mind to save, the better it will be for the boy and you will have reason to be proud of him when he proves the comfort of your hopes. It will help to build him right and teach him the value of time and money and fortify him for a business career. Start him with One Dollar.

4% Interest Paid on Savings

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
Capital \$100,000 Surplus \$35,000

Bank Advertisement No. 37

The apples haven't sold as readily as we could have wished and the early returns have left something to be desired; but the later returns are better and when we think of any other country on earth, we know we have much to be thankful for. So let us put dull care away for a week and even if we haven't money to spend for luxuries, let's have a Merry Christmas.

Then with our hearts full of the Christmas Spirit, we will be ready for the New Year with all its hopes. Some of them may not be realized, perhaps, but we can at least see that all of those hopes which depend on our own efforts are made real.

Just by way of getting a good start for a Happy Year, we suggest the rule of the old lady, who explained the calm and peaceful manner in which she was able to approach old age, by saying that she only takes her troubles once, while most people take them three times; before they come, when they come and afterwards.

Also, by way of keeping a good start when we get it, let's try this one:

"If you are right, you can afford to keep your temper,

If you are wrong, you can't afford to lose it."

BUTLER BANKING COMPANY

## Modern Methods

These days the average farmer has about all the advantages of his town neighbor if he cares to use them. The farmer can do his banking by mail if he cares to take advantage of modern methods. It is safe, prompt, and the thing to do. Many of our customers are banking that way. They mail us their check and we at once credit their account and mail them a duplicate deposit slip. It is much safer to have the money to your credit than it is to carry around checks.

## Hood River State Bank

## Announcement!

In preparation for our Holiday Trade we have spared neither time or patience in the purchasing of new stock, and, justified by our increasing success, we have widened our assortments, both in designs and prices.

The showing will permit of many individual selections and of particular interest and assistance at this time to those contemplating purchasing gifts for Christmas.

... F. H. COOLIDGE

## Reed & Henderson

Incorporated  
Real Estate and Insurance--Money to Loan

A sensible Christmas present is a FIRE INSURANCE POLICY for your family--It protects.

We carry over \$900,000 of insurance on our books for the people of Hood River County.

Watch for the announcement of our FREE TRIP TO THE PANAMA EXPOSITION; it will appear next month.

## Wishing One and All Merry Christmas

**Kresse Drug Co.**  
THE REXALL STORE  
Victor Victrola's Eastman Kodaks

## FORD and DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS

Columbia Auto & Machine Co.

## T. J. KINNAIRD Groceries

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit in Season  
Flour and Feed

Phone 2121 Hood River, Oregon

**Satisfactory Titles**  
are demanded by the wise buyer. Our work is unquestioned and guarantees protection.

**Satisfactory Insurance**  
is deemed a necessity by the wise property owner. We represent 10 strong companies and have millions of insurance in the Valley.

**Satisfactory Bonds**  
may sometime be required of you, contract, court or security. When in need of such service inquire of us.

## Hood River Abstract Company

Dates Figs Raisins Currants Mince Meat Popcorn

Pickles Oranges Nuts Candy Raisins Dates Mince Meat Fresh Oysters

Celery We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Mixed Nuts The Star Grocery, Perigo & Son  
"GOOD THINGS TO EAT"

Cranberries Candy Shelled Nuts Cigars Oysters

Rubber Stamps that Will Print Made to Order at the Glacier Office

## RATE HEARING DRAWS CROWD

CONSOLIDATION IS RECOMMENDED

Duplication of Expenses Will Thus be Eliminated--Representatives of Many Large Concerns Here

Judging from the presence of representatives of large hydro electric companies and their interest in the case, the eyes of the northwestern power and light business were centered on the rate case being heard here last week by the State Railway Commission. Commissioners Aitchison and Miller began the sessions of the case Thursday afternoon at the rooms of the Commercial club. With more than a dozen representatives of other large power companies, among them the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., officials of the Pacific Power & Light Co. and the companies involved in the Hood River Gas & Electric Co. and the Hydro-Electric Co., and scores of ranchers and business men of the city present, the assembly room of the club was crowded.

With a crew of experts Commissioner Aitchison last fall made an investigation of the physical properties of the plants and the books of the companies concerned. The survey of the lines and electrical apparatus was conducted under the direct supervision of the chief engineer of the department of electrical engineering at the Oregon Agricultural College and utility engineer for the Commission.

The first step of the Commission was to place Prof. Dearborn's case in evidence, the electrical expert taking the stand. He was followed by W. T. Neil, an electric engineer of the Commission, who made the investigation for Prof. Dearborn. Commissioner Aitchison then submitted his personal report to the Commission. This was followed by a report from a committee composed of E. O. Blanchard, Truman Butler, M. M. Hill, and J. M. Gilbertson, all to the effect that the real estate owned by the companies, Mr. Blanchard, who appeared on the stand for the committee, stated that he and his fellow committeemen had rested under a misapprehension as to just what was asked of them, and had made a valuation of the land as based on its adaptability for agricultural purposes. Commissioner Aitchison asked him if he thought his committee could get together and value the land as hydro electric property. Mr. Blanchard stated that he did not think he was qualified to value the real estate on this basis, but offered to see the other members of the committee.

What the committee was present for the companies involved, the consumers of the valley fought their case without the assistance of an attorney. J. C. Howland, W. W. Rodwell and A. L. Mason appeared Thursday afternoon, and all three asked questions. Several times, filled with quick repartee and sarcastic remarks, took place between Mr. Mason and Commissioner Aitchison and relieved the monotony of the technical trend of the hearing Thursday afternoon.

Roy D. Smith, road supervisor of the Barrett district, addressed the Commission during the afternoon and asked the rights of power companies to place poles at the side of the public roads. Commissioner Aitchison replied to the effect that he was under the impression that the companies had obtained franchises from the county court. Mr. Smith went on to say that poles at the roadside in a number of places on the West Side were in a dangerous condition. He was asked to make a formal report to experts of the Commission and such conditions would be looked into.

The committee, composed of Mr. Blanchard and others, did not make a second report, the members not having felt competent to make the report asked for by the Commission.

Most all of the testimony taken at the hearing, which was completed late Friday afternoon, was of a technical nature. To refute certain statements made in the report of Commissioner Aitchison, the light and power companies placed on the stand at 11 o'clock an electric engineer and expert from Seattle. The close questioning to which he was put by Commissioner Aitchison formed one of the most interesting parts of the whole hearing. At moments Engineer Gray would make an endeavor to evade Commissioner Aitchison's questions by lengthy explanation. He would be brought sharply to task by a sharp "Yes or No."

Judging for a recommendation by Commissioner Aitchison in his report and of a statement of Attorney Laing to the effect that it would be accepted by the companies, the two local light and power companies will be consolidated.

The Hood River Gas & Electric Co. was formed as a subsidiary company of the Pacific Power & Light Co. for the purpose of competing with the Hydro-Electric Co. The Pacific company has since secured control of the company's utility, and to prevent unnecessary duplicated costs of operation, the consolidation will be made.

## W. L. CLARK SAYS APPLE WILL ATTRACT

W. L. Clark, with the exception of C. N. Ravlin the only Hood River man to have inspected the huge apple prepared by Hood River for display at the San Francisco world's fair in the Palace of Horticulture, is enthusiastic over the unique exhibit.

"Of course, I have known pretty well all along what the apple would look like," says Mr. Clark, who viewed it Saturday. "But it far surpasses my expectations. Its dimensions are 15x17 feet. It is simply immense. It will be a winning attraction. I do not base my predictions on my own views, but the Oregon World's Fair Commission is of the opinion that it will create more attention than any display in the Oregon exhibit.

"Within the apple is the picture map of the valley. One can imagine himself looking at local scenes. The perspective is excellent and the spectator is given an idea of Hood River as to its location in respect to Mount Hood and the Columbia river. The miniature train of the O.-W. R. & N. line is constantly moving along by the Hood

## DOCK APPROPRIATION REPORT FAVORABLE

Secretary Ravlin, of the Commercial club, has received a telegram from N. J. Sinnott, representative in congress for the second Oregon district, who states that the house committee on rivers and harbors has reported favorably on an appropriation for a survey of the mouth of Hood river looking toward the construction of a public dock. The Commercial club began the agitation for government support the first of the year, and Representative Sinnott made every effort to cooperate with them.

While Hood River can maintain a very convenient dock at the foot of First street during the high water period, conditions have been growing worse each year during the low water period. A bar seems forming at the mouth of the Hood river and river boats have had difficulty in landing at the present location on the east side of the stream. A public dock will not only be of the greatest benefit to river shipping, which bids fair to increase with the opening of the Panama canal, but it will be of inestimable aid to the ferry systems plying between Hood River and points on the North Bank.

## N. W. FRUIT EXCHANGE TO MOVE TO SEATTLE

With the new year the Northwestern Fruit Exchange will have headquarters at Seattle. The general offices in Portland will be closed and the staff of 35 persons will go to the new headquarters.

The reasons prompting the Northwestern Fruit Exchange to change headquarters are that its greatest volume of fruit shipped comes from Wenatchee Valley and Yakima Valley, and the assured rapid increase of production of apples and peaches from these Washington districts determined the management to have headquarters nearer these valleys of large production. Moreover, the offices of the chief executives have always been in Seattle.

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## U. OF O. GLEE CLUB COMING JANUARY 1

When the University of Oregon Glee club makes its initial bow at Heilbrunn hall Friday night, January 1, Hood River will be tendered an innovation in the line of music and college sketches. A program of solos, sketches, quartets, ensembles and stunts comprising a two-hour entertainment, which is to feature the eighteenth annual tour of the college songsters.

"The club contains three soloists of note in the persons of Paul Sprague, tenor; William Vawter and Albert Gillette, baritone; and Michael, who was in the city yesterday to complete arrangements for the annual concert. One feature of the program will be a sketch, "Tempus Fugit," acted by the club's vaudeville stars, Bert Jerard, of Pendleton, and Merlin Batley, of La Grande.

Forty candidates appeared for the tryouts at the University this year and the elimination contest brought out 22 singers composing a well balanced club, a talented quartet with every member a soloist, and individual stars. The program is as follows:

"Jolly Fellows,"  
"Tenor Solo," "Songs of Araby," "Paul Sprague."  
"Gretelien."  
"Baritone solo," "Solo of the Sword," (from the Opera "Tofano") William Vawter.  
"Beam from Yonder Star," Sprague, Lyman, Gillette and Heidenreich.  
"The Violet," (Old German Folk Song), Kaufman.  
"The Toast."  
"Xylophone Solo," "Poet and Peasant Overture," Vern Apperson.  
"Baritone Solo," "Bedouin Love Song," Albert Gillette.  
"Tempus Fugit," Jerard and Batley.  
"Comrade Song."

**Christmas Entertainment**  
A Christmas entertainment will be given at the Asbury M. E. church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Double male quartet will render a number of Christmas carols. Santa Claus is expected to be present.

## MERRY XMAS SPIRIT ABOUNDS

HOLIDAY CHEER IN HOOD RIVER

Days Required to Handle Heavy Parcel Post Mail--Fruit Association Distributes Funds for Holiday Purchasing

Santa Claus has already been abroad in Hood River. The Philanthropic committee of the Woman's Club has visited the homes of the poor of the city and community and have left useful gifts of food and clothing.

And not a boy or girl in the entire valley has failed to be on the alert for old Kris Kringle the past few days. Baby lips have frilled about the beneficence of Santa and the speed with which his reindeer, Dancer and Francier, travel to reach the home of good boys and girls. Little boys have been leading meritorious lives, the expectancy of Santa's commendation of good boys has been more effective in results than New Year's resolutions will be and kindling boxes have been filled and the chores attended to with alacrity.

Trading has been good at the Hood River stores during the past few weeks. Because of the comparatively short residence of a large number of people and their relatives in other parts of the country, many gifts have been received and transmitted through the mails. For the past week, lines may have been seen almost any day at the parcel post window of the local postoffice. And the burdens of packages for city delivery men have been so great that the transfer wagon of A. R. Crump & Son had to be called in. The wagon made its first Santa Claus trip Saturday morning. It was loaded with hundreds of packages for all parts of the city.

However, Postmaster Lucas says that the parcel post business has not been a heavy this year as last holiday season. Still it has been necessary to call for an appropriation for the purpose of employing assistance for the rural carriers. On Tuesday morning Ole Nelson, carrier on rural route No. 4, employed his brother-in-law, who with his wagon assisted him in distributing Christmas presents to the people of the East Side.

For the purpose of providing the growers affiliated with them with Christmas funds, the Fruit Growers Exchange made a distribution of 10 cents per box on Spitzenburge and Newtowns. The Exchange had previously distributed as much as 30 cents per box on pools of early apples.

The Apple Growers Association has also made distributions of funds to its growers, composed of a majority of the orchardists of the valley. Up to the present time 30 cents per box has been distributed on the apples delivered in time to enter the early pools.

## MCCURDY QUESTIONS STANTON'S ELIGIBILITY

At the meeting last Friday, when Hood River Irrigation District nominations were made, the eligibility of Judge Stanton as secretary of the district was questioned by G. A. McCurdy on the ground that Judge Stanton could not hold two remunerative offices in the county. Mr. McCurdy submitted an opinion from State Attorney General Crawford to the effect that it was doubtful if Judge Stanton could hold the two positions. F. Fenwick, who presided at the meeting, overruled the objection made by Mr. McCurdy.

Nominations were as follows: Directors--R. W. Kelly, J. O. Anderson, E. E. Stanton, Frank Fenwick, E. W. Sweeney, L. B. Arneson, F. W. Buff and H. K. Arnold; assessor, Paul R. Hughes; J. C. Bowman, collector, and D. L. Pierson and J. J. Gibbons, treasurer.

## NEW ORCHARD COMPANY INCORPORATED

A new orchard company, the Associated Fruit Growers, with R. F. Marquis, his wife and Mrs. E. E. Stanton named as incorporators, have filed papers of incorporation with County Clerk Hanson. The articles of incorporation recite that the company shall do a general orchard business and shall have the power of disposing of and acquiring land and developing the same. The capital stock has been given at \$70,000, to be divided into 7,000 shares.

The new company now holds fifty and a quarter acres of orchard land, twenty and a quarter acres having been deeded by Judge Stanton and the remainder by Kellogg & Marquis.

## DAVIDSON SAYS EXPORT TRADE BETTER

Advice received from H. F. Davidson by officials of the Apple Growers Association are to the effect that the export demand on Newtowns is getting much better, and apple men are looking for a better tone to the apple market. Shipments from the local warehouses continue.

However, tomorrow everything will be quiet around the Association buildings. The offices and warehouses will be closed, in order that all the employees may spend the day at home with their families.

## POWER COMPANIES EXPECTING TROUBLE

The Hood River Gas & Electric Co. and the Hydro-Electric Co. are looking for trouble at their plants when the ice on the Hood river begins to break up. "As yet," says H. G. Humphrey, manager of the latter company, "we have not had very much trouble. But I was surprised the other day to find how solidly the river had frozen over in places. Ice jams are sure to form, when the thaw comes, and we will have to keep crews of men at our headworks to prevent damage."

The river is frozen over above the Tucker bridge. Thick ice has formed above the dam of the Hood River Gas & Electric Co.