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Select it now—that
"VICTROLA"
 You're going to give for Christmas

As a Christmas gift the Victrola will be more popular this year than ever before.

Therefore, why not make your selection NOW and have it put aside for delivery Christmas week? Our stock is now at its best—a leisurely selection now is more pleasant than a hurried choice during the Christmas rush—come in this week. Remember, we have Victrolas to suit every purse—\$15.00, \$25.00, \$40, \$75.00, \$100 and up to \$350.00—and we will gladly arrange easy terms of payment if desired.



The \$100 Victrola



**Everybody Should Attend
 Great Rexall One Cent Sale
 at the Rexall Store
 Bargains for Every One**

KRESSE DRUG CO., *The Rexall Store* Victor Victrolas and Records
 Come in and hear the latest December Records.

"If Time leaves your family dependent, a Bank book is their greatest safe-guard."



We will be pleased to meet those who contemplate making a banking change or opening a new account.

As custodians of public funds we assure safety first and endeavor to render to our customers every legitimate aid in keeping with reasonable banking. You will find efficient and courteous service as a depositor and we extend our good will and advice to prospective customers as well.

4% Interest Paid on Savings

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 Capital \$100,000 Surplus \$37,000

Kyanize Wood Finish
 is so wonderful that factory authorizes giving you a can. If you did not receive a certificate come to us for arrangement. Kyanize automobile varnish color is so perfect that you cannot afford not to try it.

Oils
 are adapted to special use. We have it at prices ranging from 40c to 95c per gallon. You get what you need and pay less for it. Non-flowing oils, cup grease, graphite grease, gun oils, solvents.

Automobiles
 The peculiar adaptability, great economy in oils, fuel and tires, makes the Franklin a success all its own. The mechanical construction is perfect. The finish could not be excelled. You ride in a Franklin to rest, generally you rest after a ride. Let us show you the new Model 8.

The Holiday
 demand will be met by a wonderful display of useful presents in Cutlery, China ware, Tools, Furniture and Rugs, Smokers' Sets—hundreds of desirable gifts in all departments.

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 Furniture, Hardware, Oils, Paints
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The Only Place to get Accurate Abstracts of
 Land in Hood River County is at
 the office of the
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 considerably by buying your meats at this market. Not at the sacrifice of quality either. You'll find our meats choice prime and tender. No better to be had anywhere at any price.

E. M. Holman
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Exceptional Buys in Used Cars

- 1 Model "E" 5 passenger Maxwell. Just overhauled and in good shape. Good top and side curtains; tires all good; Presto tank; chains, tools, etc. Terms. **\$275**
- 1 Ford Runabout; completely overhauled; brand new body; Bosch Magneto; terms; this car is a snap at **\$260**

Come in and look the above cars over and get a demonstration.

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**These Are Not Specials
 Just Our Regular Prices**

- 9 pound sacks Cream Rolled Oats 40c
- 9 pound sacks Corn Meal for 30 cents
- 10 pound sacks Graham Flour 50 cents
- 50 pound sacks Dairy Salt 50 cents
- Bulk Queen Olives 20 cents per pint
- Hershey's Cocoa 40 cents per pound
- Premium Oat Flakes 30 cents per package
- Tall Minced Clams two for 25 cents
- Sweet Midget Pickles 15 per pint
- Del Monte Catsup and Pumpkin 60c can

The Star Grocery **Perigo & Son**
 "GOOD THINGS TO EAT"

The Store of Practical Gifts

The Spirit of Service has never been better demonstrated in the Live Store than it now is in our showing of practical Christmas Gifts for Men, Young Men and Boys. You will find here men, who know what men want, you will find back of our whole hearted hospitality, merchandise of supreme quality, clearly, conveniently displayed in crystal glass cases and cabinets. Our spacious aisles are never taxed by even the excessive crowds of Christmas time; our welcome, our service and your satisfaction will follow so smoothly as to add a greater degree of pleasure to your every purchase from the multitude of practical suggestions.

Kuppenheimer Clothes
 Suits and Overcoats
\$20—\$40

Christmas Gift Suggestions
 Hand Bags, Suit Cases, Slippers, House Coats, Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Shirts, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs.

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**TRIBUTE PAID
 PIONEER WOMEN**

VALLEY MOTHERS POSSESSED FAITH

D. A. Turner, Earliest Pioneer Surviving, Tells Interesting Stories of Days Before The Orchards

On land, some of which has since sold for \$1,000 per acre, the Hood River valley homesteaders a half century ago found difficulty in making a living. Some of these pioneers are today among the apple district's wealthiest orchardists.

"But had it not been for the wives of those settlers," says David A. Turner, the earliest surviving pioneer of the community, "I do not believe a single one of them would have remained here."

No man knows better the history of the mid-Columbia region than does Mr. Turner; for he has lived it.

Mr. Turner was born in Randolph county, Missouri, September 21, 1836. His mother was a Kentuckian and his father had emigrated to Missouri from Virginia. The lure of gold carried Mr. Turner to El Dorado county, California, in 1857, but after four years of the life there he came with William Odell to Hood River, settling where he purchased the squatter's rights to a homestead plot in the Odell district, the place now being owned by Dr. M. Thorne.

Mr. Turner was in the Hood River valley then ten years longer in the Hood River valley than any other surviving pioneer.

"I pay my tribute to the wives of us pioneers," he says, "because we have seen their husbands pleading with them to pull up stakes and leave for a more fertile region. I have seen women helping their husbands saw wood day in and day out; I have seen them assist with the farm work. But a woman is more home loving than a man. These mothers of the Hood River valley had grown tired of the ceaseless moving from place to place. Perhaps they had some foreknowledge of the days of prosperity that were to come. They certainly had more faith than the men had, and they have deserved all of the reward they have received."

When Mr. Turner and his partner reached the district now known for its hundreds of acres of flourishing orchards, the families residing there were numbered on one's fingers. Nathan Benson was occupying the place now owned by F. H. Button. Nathaniel Coe, known as the founder of Hood River, was residing on the Hood River townsite. William Jenkins, whose name is known to pioneers and who a few years later was to meet with a tragic death by drowning in the Columbia, was residing on the place later owned by Dr. W. C. Adams and now known as Paradise farm. On Indian creek was the pioneer home of James M. Benson. On the East Side, now the most thickly populated section of the valley were but two families, those of Peter Neal and Jerome Winchell.

Mr. Turner recalls but one other man in the valley at that time. This was A. C. Phelps, who was engaged in making whiskey kegs on a little creek west of the valley's first manufacturer. "For many years," says Mr. Turner, "this keg manufacture was the chief industry of a present dry community. The hillsides west of town were all covered with oak trees, the timber of which was of a fair quality. There was great demand for the kegs at The Dalles. Whiskey was shipped there on board the Columbia steamers in barrels. But the barrels were too heavy for burros, and the fire water would be transferred to five and six kegs to be packed to the mines of Idaho and the eastern part of the state."

The first man ever to drive a team of oxen direct to the Hood River valley was Davies Diver, who with his family settled in the Summit district on a ranch now owned by Geo. T. Pratt.

"I remember how astonished we all were when he drove down by the way of Mosier," says Mr. Turner. "There were no roads, no bridges, and the feet were considered the most remarkable one we had any record of."

The winter of 1861 and 1862 was the most severe in the records of Oregon's history.

"The county was paralyzed from Portland to Walla Walla," says Mr. Turner. "On New Year's Day the ice that had formed in the Columbia put an end to boat traffic. One of the boats was forced to tie up here at Stanley's landing. The caretaker, who swept the decks of the craft each day, measured each day's snowfall. His records showed at the end of the snowfall a total of 13 1/2 feet. The river remained frozen until March 19."

"It would be impossible to tell you what we went through that winter. My partner, who had taken up an adjoining claim, and I had laid in a lot of barley. Our food for weeks consisted of barley and poor venison. The Neals, our nearest neighbors, were without flour for a period of five weeks. I finally grew so desperate that Jerome Winchell and I set off for The Dalles for provisions. The entire trip consumed four days."

"We came down to the Columbia and walked up on the ice. At Rowena George Snider had a settlement. I became terribly thirsty when we were opposite this place, and fearing to drink from one of the air holes in the ice we went ashore and called at his place. There were five dead cows on the man's front porch, and between the Snider place and The Dalles we counted hundreds of dead horses and cattle. I shall never forget the horror of that winter. It caused the death of all the cattle in the Hood River valley. Of course, the Neal and Winchell families slaughtered some of their animals for food, but the beef was so poor that it had but little nourishment in it. Actually, the cattle were so thin that they would scarcely bleed when struck."

"On our return trip from The Dalles we were accompanied by George Carron, a saddler. He, too, carried a bag of flour thrown over his shoulders. As we passed up through a lot by Stanley's landing the last poor fellow of the community was standing in the path ahead of us. Carron was ahead. You know a starving cow is very fractious. The animal thinks man should feed her. She attacked Carron. However, she was so weak she could do him little harm. But her wild bellowing and lunges frightened the man, and dropping his bag of flour he took to a willow tree. The cow then turned her attention to the flour bag, making wild hooks at it with her horns. Flour, however, was too precious for cows, and we drove her away as quickly as possible."

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"This," says Mr. Sieg, "is something for the growers to decide for themselves, and we will make no recommendation either way. If the tax of a cent a box is voted by growers, then we will act as collector for the Council."

**CITY TAX LEVY IS
 PLACED AT 11 MILLS**

While the library maintenance levy, which was a mill last year, was decreased to a half mill at the budget meeting of the city council Monday night, the general fund levy was increased from five and a half to seven and a half mills. Other levies, two mills for a road fund and a mill for the water bond sinking fund, brought the total city levy for next year to 11 mills. The increase in the levy was made necessary because of the decrease of \$200,000 valuation of property in the corporate limits of the city.

No discussion at the meeting place of the city council has been warmer than that over the proposed expenditures of next year. A number of taxpayers were present. Attacks were made on the library appropriation and the action of the council in including the budget a sum of \$700 to be used in a publicity campaign by the county next year. The latter appropriation is contingent on the appropriation of like sums by both the county and the Commercial club.

Talks on frugality were made by A. W. Outbank, John Otten, C. D. Nickelsen and J. T. Holman. Mr. Nickelsen suggested a saving in the rearrangement of the salaries of city officials.

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