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AN OPEN LETTER

Dame rumor with intent of filling in a dull period has misrepresented some facts. It is due to you and to our future, that these be correctly stated, and briefly as a true version will permit.

In 1908 we completed and occupied buildings through Second to Third streets. This enabled us to store an immense stock that had to be bought far ahead in carload lots. Then came two important changes.

We sold out our stock of heavy building material, such as doors, windows and mouldings, and many large factories opened distributing warehouses on coast, thus making car load buying unprofitable, except in heavy stuff like nails and roofing. This left us surplus floor space—not earning full measure. For insurance economy our store is divided by fire walls, the first wall 100 feet west from Second street, the next wall 150 feet. Beyond this is 50 feet extending to 3rd street, making on short notice three, two, or all one, distinct and separate buildings.

This last section we have leased for a long term of years to J. C. Penny Co., Inc. We will give possession March 1, 1917, and make the fire wall solid. We have not sold them, or any one, any part of our business or merchandise. We still have room to double our stock and will be in shape to serve you more efficiently under a much reduced expense. While receiving a nice income as rental from a concern very highly recommended in 10 cities where we made inquiry, we have no interest in their business beyond that of landlord, but was glad to learn that the manager here is also a partner.

This is all there is of the many tales in circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

STEWART HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO.,

By W. M. Stewart, Owner.



We Have Your Suit HERE

There is not a single doubt of that. The best clothes makers in America have foreseen what you will want, have anticipated your every whim and fancy. We have hundreds to select from at this Live Store—The Beaufort, The Lenox, The Beltsac The Suffolk—all made by

The House of Kuppenheimer

Prepare to look prosperous for the holidays. Now is the time for you to get the best selections of style and fabrics. Our stock is most complete, our service is at its best right now. Meet clothes satisfaction face to face at this store. You will know real service after purchasing.

\$20 \$22.50 \$25

J. G. VOGT

The E. A. Franz Co.

Furniture and Rug Department

ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL CLEARING SALE

Lowered prices on almost every article in the store to reduce stock to lowest possible point before inventory February 1st.

A good opportunity for investing Christmas money.

You've never been disappointed in this event. You'll not be this time unless you delay too long.

REXALL WHITE PINE AND TAR. MENTHOLATED COUGH SYRUP

REXALL CHERRY BARK COUGH SYRUP

For Colds and Grippe

Guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be cheerfully refunded.

Kresse Drug Co.

THE REXALL STORE

Come in and Hear the Latest January Records Eastman Kodaks and Supplies—Victor Victrolas and Records—\$15 to \$400

REXALL COLD TABLETS

REXALL GRIPPE PILLS

Charter No. 772

CONDENSED REPORT OF

The First National Bank

of Hood River, Oregon, at close of business December 27, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$303,897.97
United States Bonds	100,000.00
Bonds, Stocks and Warrants	33,489.14
Building and Fixtures	51,497.00
Real Estate	4,255.00
Cash and Exchange	101,773.14
	\$594,912.25

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	26,844.14
Circulation	100,000.00
Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank	10,000.00
Deposits	358,568.11
	\$594,912.25

Gain in deposits over a year ago \$50,000

Attest: Correct E. O. BLANCHAR, Cashier.

JUST ARRIVED! A new line of samples, including all the latest designs in Tweeds, Worsteds and Cheviots.

Come in and look them over.

MEYER, The Tailor

108 Third Street

The Fashion Stables Cars

To and from Parkdale are running on changed schedule. Automobile now leaves Hood River daily at four o'clock instead of four-thirty. Cars leave Parkdale daily at seven-thirty a. m. except on Sunday. Parkdale-Hood River trips are made every Saturday night, machine leaving at six-thirty. Travel right, when seeing the Mid-Columbia district and tell your visiting friends about the excellent service of

The Fashion Stables

Telephone 1201 Hood River, Ore.

Groceries of Quality

Prompt service and satisfaction for our patrons. These are some of the things that we incorporate in the principles of our business.

We invite your better acquaintance during the year, 1917.

ARNOLD GROCERY CO.

PINE GROVE EVENT NEAR

THE INSTITUTE PROGRAM IS OUT

Fourth Annual Community Assembly Bids Fair to Be Better Than on Former Years

The fourth annual community institute of the Pine Grove orchard district will begin tomorrow, Friday, evening and continue until Sunday evening. The Pine Grove institutes have become permanent mid-winter happenings for the Hood River valley. The work of harvesting the apple crop is just completed, and the meetings, addressed by the state's best talent, draw large crowds from other sections under the joint auspices of the Pine Grove church, the Pine Grove grange, the Parent-Teacher Association, the W. C. T. U. and the Pine Grove schools. The committee in charge of this year's institute is composed of the following: Rev. E. C. Newham, pastor of the church; Mrs. P. B. Laraway, president of the Aid; Mrs. G. H. Stanton, lecturer of the grange; Mrs. Isaac Jeffries, president of the W. C. T. U.; W. C. Keck, superintendent of the Sunday school; C. K. Benton, president Parent-Teacher Association; N. E. Fertig, principal of the school. Russell A. McCully is secretary of the organization.

The entire program for the event is as follows: Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, C. K. Benton, chairman—address, Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University; cornet solo, A. J. Graf. Saturday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, C. T. Roberts, chairman—violin solo, Miss Maude Ferris; address on road construction, C. M. Hurlbert; vocal solo, Mrs. M. Thrane; Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 o'clock, Mrs. G. H. Stanton, chairman—songs by school children of the upper grades; address, A. G. Johnson, of O. A. C.; musical selection by trio, Miss Ferris; C. K. Benton and Geo. A. West; "Making the School Serve as a Social Center," Dr. Fred D. Merritt, of the University of Oregon. Sunday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, Sunday school, W. C. Keck, supt.; lesson subject, "Reverence of Jesus for His Father's House," at the station, George Lage, recitation, Perry Dodd; recitation, Miriam Grow; song by "The Upstreamers"; sermon by Rev. Newham; anthem by choir; institute sermon, Dr. Doney. Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, Hayes Bickford, chairman. The Sunday evening numbers will consist of special music and addresses conducted by the Young Peoples' Class of the Sunday school. Saturday noon a community luncheon will be served.

POSTOFFICE CAMPAIGN IS BEGUN

Although some slight opposition was recently expressed, when it was proposed that congress be asked for \$60,000 to be used in purchasing a site and erecting thereon a postoffice building, those against the proposed appropriation claiming that it would be "pork," now that the house of representatives has adopted a bill carrying the appropriation, a united effort will be made to hasten action on the part of the senate to secure the new structure as hastily as possible. The secretary of the Commercial Club, business men and orchardists are wiring Senators Chamberlain and Lane to take up the appropriation at once and run it to a final conclusion. Mr. Scott will secure photographs of both exterior and interior views, which, he says, will plainly show that the present quarters are altogether inadequate for the amount of business conducted by the local office. The receipts of the local postoffice reach annually the sum of approximately \$20,000. Mr. Scott received a telegram from Congressman Simpson last Friday evening, the message announcing that the House had just adopted the bill carrying the appropriation.

INTEREST LAGS ON ANTI-ALIEN BILL

While agitation over their ownership of land in the Hood River valley frequently crept out at Commercial club meetings and other gatherings during the year 1916, there were numerous protests from prominent citizens against the increase of the local Japanese population were voiced, last week after Senator Wilbur had introduced an anti-alien land owning bill, a general apathy on the question seemed to prevail here. The proposed legislation was not even mentioned last week at the weekly "legislative luncheon" of the Commercial club at the Mount Hood hotel. "The anti-alien land owning bill has aroused a strong and concerted protest on the part of the Japanese residents of the valley. Speaking for his countrymen, M. Yasui, a member of the community's only Japanese mercantile concern, says he feels sure that the proposed bill, if adopted, will renew the international question raised when similar tactics were pursued by the legislative assembly of California a number of years ago. While the local Japanese says he cannot speak with any authority, he declares that he is well enough posted to state that the Japanese government will enter a formal protest against the bill. "While we do not feel that any great harm would be worked on Japanese people," says the Japanese merchant, "the proposed bill appears to us as a direct act of discrimination against the Japanese land owner. It comes at a time when there is no necessity for such action on the part of Oregon legislators. I believe that those who are promoting the measure lack information."

"Japanese residents of Oregon have been steadily decreasing since 1910. A crew of painters and interior decorators finished a week's work at the passenger station Saturday, and the interior of the building is now resplendent with newly tinted walls, the glossy surface of newly varnished woodwork and a general renovation.

ing men, women and children, was 3,243. In 1910 the total population was an approximate 5,500. In Hood River county at the present time my countrymen, including women and children, reach a total number of approximately 325. The "Blue Book" placed them last year at 343. In 1910 there was 500 Japanese in the valley. So you see that Japanese population has materially decreased.

"I know that it is the intention of my government to continue the restriction of immigration to this country. For the past several years only the immediate members of families of men who had already settled in America have been allowed to immigrate. Where children have passed the age of 20 years they have been refused the privilege of joining their families. I think that a study of land transfers in the Hood River valley will show that more land in the past few years has been purchased from Japanese holders than has been bought by Japanese. I know now of numerous Japanese land holders who would like to dispose of their property. It is true that a great many strawberries are grown by Japanese. But a very large percentage of the land on which the crops are produced is held under lease. You will find land owners who want to lease their property, but to Japanese ranchers only.

"Hood River county's sheriff, Mr. Johnson, was just in my store. He told me that since he had been in office he had never had to institute criminal proceedings against a Japanese."

Mr. Yasui declares that his country has restricted immigration to this country for the reason that she has her own colonization problems to consider. "My home country," he says, "has vast areas of land in Korea, Manchuria and China that she desires to develop and improve. She needs all of her people for the settlement of this territory."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce, according to the Oregonian, made a formal protest against the bill. The Chamber takes the position that the measure has been fruitful of unending conflict in the past and that it seriously will jeopardize the friendship and the commercial relations between Oregon and the Orient at a time when special care should be taken to preserve the friendly relations between them.

At the meeting of the legislative committee of the Grange and Commercial Club last Thursday afternoon, the anti-alien bill drew some discussion, creating a difference of opinion among the committeemen. Some talk in the past week has been heard on the street. It seems apparent that no concerted action will be taken on the part of local people to secure passage of the measure.

20 ATTEND FIRST LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

With about 20 present at the Mt. Hood hotel, the Hood River Commercial Club last Thursday held its initial legislative luncheon. The commercial organization will hold weekly luncheons each Thursday while the legislature is in session. Today's luncheon will be given at the Hotel Oregon. The chief topic under discussion Thursday was that of road legislation. The club will probably send representatives to Salem by the first of next month. It was the consensus of opinion that the club would urge its senators and representatives to vote for no road bill until the proposed reconfiguration of Oregon's road laws come before the two houses of the legislature.

Following the luncheon a joint committee representing the Commercial Club and Pomona Grange met and discussed bills at the club room. R. E. Scott, E. O. Blanchard and C. D. Nickelson represented the club, while the commercial committee present was as follows: A. I. Mason, G. H. Robbins and E. W. Dunbar. All present, except Mr. Mason, favored the proposed expenditure of \$25,000 annually for two years in exploring Northern scenery. The bill introduced by Dr. J. E. Anderson, providing for an appropriation of \$5,000 a year for the maintenance of a local experiment station received unanimous support.

The members of the committee expressed the opinion that in the designation of state roads, the Columbia River Highway should be confined to the Columbia river gorge lying between Portland and The Dalles. The Wilbur anti-alien land ownership bill caused an equal division of the committeemen.

VALLEY SAID TO BE SHORT ON MOISTURE

Fruit growers of the valley welcome the recent change in the weather, a lower temperature accompanied by rainfall. The abnormally warm days of two weeks ago, causing a flow of sap and the swelling of buds, created alarm. Growth of fruit trees, however, has been stopped by the intervening cold weather. The Hood River valley is shy this winter several inches of moisture. With the snowfall in the mountains to the west of the valley negligible, it is feared that irrigation districts supplying the West Side orchards will run short on a water supply before the season of 1917 is ended.

"We need all the rain we can get," says Sam. G. Campbell, "and about two feet more of snowfall."

Odd-Fellow-Rebekah Party Held

The first of a series of parties to be held monthly throughout the winter by the members of the lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, was held Monday night at Odd Fellows hall. A luncheon was served, followed by dancing and cards. Mrs. Edgar Franz gave a classic dance and musical numbers were rendered by Miss Lillian Brock, M. P. Warren and Geo. A. West. This evening the Idlewild lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold practice initiatory work, preparatory to beginning work with a class next month.

O-W. Station Now Resplendent

GREATER SUM IS DESIRED

COURT TO HEAR ORCHARDISTS' PLEA

Local Expenditure for Horticultural Work Dwindles to Insignificant Sum in Comparison

When the county court meets for its regular session next month a strong effort on the part of orchardists of all parts of the valley will be made to secure a larger appropriation than the \$600 included in the year's budget for the inspection of orchards and the prevention of fruit pests. The sum of \$400 was appropriated by the county court for fruit inspection last year. The question was raised at the January meeting of the county court several weeks ago, when Prof. L. F. Henderson, incumbent in the office of county fruit inspector, tendered his resignation, declaring that from a county standpoint he could not afford to accept the position. Prof. Henderson further states that an appropriation of so small a sum of \$600 is mere wastage. Working in conjunction with orchardists Prof. Henderson has written to every other important fruit section of the Northwest to ascertain the annual appropriation made for horticultural inspection. His investigation has proven that the sum spent for such work in Hood River is but a fraction of the appropriations made in other districts. According to figures gathered by Prof. Henderson, Jackson county, for the past several years, has spent annual sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$16,000, in maintaining a capable corps of fruit inspectors. Chelan county, Washington, spends \$2,500 annually in fruit inspection. North Yakima county last year spent more than \$9,000. In addition to the work done by county deputy horticultural inspectors, the state maintains a corps of ten district fruit inspectors, each of whom receives the annual sum of \$1,500.

Prof. Henderson states that, despite the limited funds at his disposal last year, by working in conjunction with Superintendent Childs, of the experiment station, he saved the county the sum of \$16,000. In a report to the county court he warns the orchardists that some drastic steps must be taken to weed out numerous disease pests that he found on tours of inspection last season.

Prof. Henderson has asked the county for an appropriation of \$2,000 to carry on the work of horticultural inspection. In case the members of the court think this too large a sum to expend on the work, he offers to conduct the work for \$100 per month for 10 months, provided the court will pay his expenses of transportation. The court at its January session declined acting on Prof. Henderson's resignation, postponing the matter until a public hearing could be given all orchard interests at the February term of the court.

SEVERAL CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS LIKELY

It is likely that three or four Rural Credit Loan Associations will be organized by the orchardists of the Hood River valley. The trend at the present time seems to be for the residents of each section covered by a large irrigation system to organize a loan society. Ranchers of the West Side under the ditch of the Farmers' Irrigating Co. have already organized an association, and a meeting will be called next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Commercial club for the organization of Oak Grove and other West Side orchardists whose property is covered by the Hood River Irrigation District. The East Side, which is covered by the East Fork Irrigation system, will probably follow suit, and it is likely that a rural credit society will be formed in the Upper Valley.

At the meeting of the first association organized the following were elected members of the board of directors: August Guignard, H. L. Vincent, C. E. Marsh, J. Foley and S. G. Oxborrow. Mr. Guignard and Mr. Oxborrow were elected respectively president and temporary secretary. Since Mr. Oxborrow resides in the Hood River Irrigation District, it will be necessary for the Farmers' Irrigating Co. rural credits association to elect some one to succeed him on the board.

Lodgers Build Brother's Garage

Members of Idlewild Lodge of Odd Fellows participated in a "garage building bee" Sunday. The event was a surprise to their fellow Odd Fellow, A. L. Vincent, who was busy laying the foundation for a home for his new car, when the following neighbors and friends appeared: C. E. Marsh, sec.; W. E. Shay, C. C. Anderson, Bruce Norton, W. E. Gatchell, Tim Beatty, O. A. Lakin, T. D. Waldie, Clyde Arnold, R. E. Johnson and C. E. Hayward. The new building was rushed to completion and when the work was finished the amateur carpenters after viewing the results of their handiwork, were tendered a sumptuous dinner by Mr. Vincent and wife.

Rifle Club Elects

The Hood River Rifle club, organized according to specifications of the United States War Department, has elected officers for 1917 as follows: R. E. Johnson, pres.; P. F. Snow, vice pres.; Geo. I. Howe, sec.; H. H. Fields, treas.; A. R. Cruikshank, executive officer. The Rifle club is now making arrangements for quarters for an indoor target. Target practice on the range established on the Eutton place will be resumed with the coming of spring weather.

Artillerymen Plan Ball

Although the date of the event is a month away, the members of Twelfth Company Coast Artillery, are already making preparations for a Washington birthday ball. With members from all districts, the artillery company is the pride of the entire county, and the approaching ball will probably be attended by the largest number present for such an event this year.