

COL. TUCKER IS 63 YEARS OLD

In celebration of Col. Tucker's birthday, Col. and Mrs. W. F. Tucker, who returned Wednesday of last week from a visit to Manila, on Thursday entertained at luncheon a party of friends at the Mt. Hood Hotel. Col. Tucker, U. S. A., retired, was formerly paymaster of the Island Department and was stationed at Manila. Later he filled a like position at Vancouver Barracks and at the time of his retirement Col. Tucker was stationed at Chicago, paymaster of the Lakes Department. In 1908 Col. Tucker was honored with the commission of assistant paymaster general of the United States Army. As a moment of his active army days, the commission, after she had placed in a handsome frame, was again presented to Col. Tucker Thursday by his wife.

The voyage of Col. and Mrs. Tucker from Manila was made aboard the U. S. Army Transport Sheridan. A military party of 55 had been ordered to embark on the transport at Honolulu, and since Col. Tucker was not sailing under orders, it was expected that he and Mrs. Tucker would remain at Honolulu for the arrival of the next American bound transport.

"Just as we were making ready for entrance to the harbor at Honolulu," says Col. Tucker, "we received word of the diplomatic break with Germany. Almost simultaneously with our arrival the crews of German boats interned in the harbor fired their vessel, and within an hour the town was under martial law. The commanding general came aboard the transport the next morning, and in my conversation with him I confirmed the news that no accommodations would be available for Mrs. Tucker and myself. After offering my services to the general, if I were needed, I proceeded to get comfortable quarters at the Young Hotel. I imagine the pleasantness of my surprise within a very short time on receiving an order from the general with a message that a naval officer, who had received orders transferring him to Honolulu post, and his wife would vacate the Sheridan. The place, the message stated, would be held for Mrs. Tucker and me, if we wanted it, and you may be sure we did."

Col. Tucker was retired in 1906 because of very poor health. He came to Hood River a very ill man. But today, despite his 63 years, he carries himself with an erectness of bearing that might put to shame many men far younger.

"It was particularly gratifying to me," says Col. Tucker, "to meet so many of my old associates on our recent journey and to have them compliment me on my good health. Many of them, when they last saw me, expected soon to hear that I had crossed over. I told them that in my opinion had worked a cure for me—plenty of out-door exercise in the healthful air of Oregon. You ought to then have seen a number of them asking me to pick out a location for them here in the Hood River Valley. I could be busy for the next few months filling commissions and taking options on real estate, but I declined the responsibility. You may be sure I did not falter in my recommendations of the Oregon country for its healthfulness, but I advised my friends to come and look for themselves, and then they will locate."

Col. Tucker, who with his wife left Thursday afternoon for their Upper Valley ranch home, El Corregidor, named for the famed fortress guarding the entrance to Manila harbor, paid a high tribute to the late General Funston.

"For two years at Vancouver," said Col. Tucker, "I was on General Funston's staff. News of his sudden death filled me with a sincere grief. He was one of our greatest military men and the country will feel his loss."

CUTLER GRADER TO CROSS THE PACIFIC

The Cutler Fruit Grading Co., now engaged in building an addition to its factory, has just received through its San Francisco agents an order for machines for use in New Zealand orchards. The harvesting season for apples begins in the Antipodes in March.

The manufacture of grading machines is a side line for Frank W. and Asa B. Cutler, brothers and East Side orchardists. The machine was primarily invented by the former, a graduate of the mechanical department of the University of Illinois for use in private orchards. But the Cutler grader has become so popular that it will be necessary to increase the factory this year to dimensions of 100 by 60 feet and a score of mechanics will be employed in the plant. The Cutler machine, which sizes the fruit by a system of actual apple counterweights, was used in fruit packing demonstrations at the Spokane Apple Show and at Corvallis at the Oregon Agricultural College Farmers' Week activities. Numerous orders from other Northwestern apple districts have already been received for 1917 delivery, it is said.

Reception for Legislators

Local organizations joined in planning a reception for the joint legislators who represent Wasco and Hood River counties at Salem. Senator George R. Wilbur, who made a splendid record during the session of the legislature, came here from Hood River for the reception, which was held in the parlors of Hotel Dallas last Friday night. He gave an interesting talk. Rev. Frank Maples presided as chairman. C. J. Bright delivered the address of welcome. Dr. J. E. Anderson and Mrs. Alexander Thompson, representatives, made short addresses. Music was furnished by Mrs. Carlton P. Williams' chorus. Due to the fact that the meeting had not been well advertised, the reception crowd was small. Following the speeches refreshments were served by high school girls. Those at the reception evidenced the highest regard for the local legislators. Probably no delegation at Salem was so widely and favorably known as that of Wasco and Hood River.—The Dallas Chronicle.

Hurlbert Gets Commission

C. M. Hurlbert, county engineer, has received notification that he passed successfully recent examinations and has received a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Army Engineering Corps, Reserves. Mr. Hurlbert, who owns an Oak Grove orchard tract, is the son of W. H. Hurlbert, of Portland, where he formerly resided.

Mr. Hurlbert, whose appointment will automatically discharge him from his membership in the 12th Co., C. A., of this city, is a graduate of the University of California, where he participated in military drills. Following his graduation Mr. Hurlbert was engaged in road building in Alaska.

WOMEN OFFER PRIZE FOR CHEAPEST DRESS

As a fitting climax to the discussion of "Rational Dress for Young Women," the members of the Hood River Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon of last week unanimously adopted a resolution which provides a prize for the young woman of the graduating class of the Hood River High School who next makes for the least money the most artistic graduation gown.

"The subject of proper dress for school girls," says Mrs. William M. Stewart, who had charge of last Wednesday's program and who delivered the opening talk, "is one that deserves the greatest of attention. Skirts should be longer and necks higher."

Mrs. Stewart was assisted in her preparations for the day's program by Mrs. S. A. Mitchell and Mrs. D. H. Drewery.

Others who spoke on the subject were: Mrs. W. F. Rand, president of the Hood River Parent-Teachers Association; and Mrs. Alma L. Howe, a member of the city school board. A letter by a local banker, on "Woman's Dress from the Business Man's Standpoint," was read. Mrs. H. Castner, president of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs, who attended the biennial national convention held in New York last year, delivered a talk, dealing with the effect of the day's discussion of that body on views on rational dress for girls. Then the unique plan of having the local club women, assembled at the Hood River County Library hall, imagine themselves as forming the national convention, was carried out. Representing women foremost in America's club circles, local club members arose from their places in the audience and read excerpts from the reports made at the New York meeting. A question box discussion followed.

One of the pleasant features of the meeting was a Japanese solo rendered by Mrs. D. H. Drewery. The stage of the assembly hall had been beautifully decorated with Japanese emblems. Mrs. Drewery was accompanied by Mrs. E. D. Kanaga at the piano. Both were dressed in Japanese costumes.

AUTOS TO REPLACE OLD STAGE COACHES

Arrangements now being made mean that 2,000 horses which heretofore have drawn touring stage coaches through Yellowstone National Park will be sold for use in European armies and their places taken during the coming summer by automobiles.

Under the plans now being worked out there will hereafter be three companies instead of seven controlling hotels, camps and tours of the famous park. The former arrangement caused a multiplicity of service that was somewhat confusing to the public. Under the new deal the general service will be brought to a high standard of efficiency, which will mean that the park, with its great natural wonders, will be more easily viewed than before. Under the new management Howard H. Hays, who has had charge of numerous camping outfits dictated by the government, will be the general tour agent for the Chicago, Union Pacific, Northwestern Tours.

Please Turn Backward, Oh Time!

Who, when he reads the clipping submitted by L. W. Bishop and reproduced below will not wish that time might turn back at least with respect to the items of food products?

One hundred years ago today, 1816-1817, prices of food products taken from an old account book begun in 1800 by Joshua Kendall King, great grandfather of Jennie and Carrie Stoutenberg, of this village, at that time residing two miles west of Cliff-top Springs, on the road to Shortville, in the Popular Tavern, Farmington, are as follows: Beef, per pound, 5c; mutton, 9c; veal, 6c; smoked ham, per pound, 12c; a pig for roasting, 75c; potatoes, per bushel, 30c; butter, per pound, 12c; honey, per pound, 12c; beans, four quarts, 25c; vinegar, one gallon, 32c; cider, one gallon, 35c; whiskey, one half pint, 12c; setting two horsehoes, 50c; one week's board, \$2; one day's work with team, \$1.

Mr. King was the first tavern or hotel-keeper to abolish the sale of liquor in this vicinity and was known as a strong temperance man. The place is owned by Douglas S. King, of Rochester, a grandson of Joshua S. King.

Another entry is as follows: "February 3, 1802. This day fell a snow over shoes. It is the first we have had this winter to make the ground white."

In January, 1800, prices were as follows: Potatoes, per bushel, 20c; turnips, per bushel, 20c; rye flour, per pound, 2c; pork, fresh, per pound, 5c; tobacco, per pound, 6c; mutton, per pound, 8c; salt pork, per pound, 7c; butter, per pound, 10c; a load of stone, 26c; a day's work threshing, 40c; a day's work butchering, 30c; a day's work logging, 60c; a corn broom, 13c.

Association Primary Saturday

The annual nominating primaries of the Apple Growers Association will be held Saturday, when candidates will be named for the board of directors of the shipping organization. The by-laws of the organization provide that six of the old board, composed of 11 members, must be renominated at the annual election to be held on the first Saturday in April. Two new members must be elected.

The personnel of the board now is as follows: O. B. Nye, R. H. Wallace, W. B. Dickerson, J. C. Porter, C. A. Reed, J. R. Nummaker, A. G. Lewis, E. W. Birge and E. H. Shepard. Walter Kimball and P. S. Davidson, the latter president of the board, recently tendered their resignations.

Bible Class Entertains

With 50 men of the city and valley present, the Men's Bible Class of the Asbury Methodist church entertained Wednesday night last week with a banquet at the church parlors. Toasts were responded to by the following: Judge R. C. Glanville, formerly a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court, who is now a West Side orchardist. "By Products and Conservation," Glen B. Marsh, a West Side orchardist.

"The Need and Advantage of Bible Study," John Baker, County School Superintendent. Gibson, Roy D. Smith and J. C. Gilmore. A talk was also given by Rev. Elijah Hull Longbrake, minister of the Asbury church.

Songs were rendered by the ministers' quartet, composed of Rev. Longbrake, Rev. J. L. Allen, pastor of the Heights Baptist church, Rev. Morris Goodrich, pastor of the United Brethren church, and Rev. D. M. Carpenter, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

LARAWAY WILL ENLARGE BUSINESS

Simultaneous with his removal from the Smith building to the west portion of the Cran block, W. F. Laraway, who has been in the jewelry business in Hood River since May, 1905, will materially increase his stocks and his business in general. The west portion of the Cran block is now undergoing remodeling and will be handsomely equipped to meet the needs of a modern jewelry store. Showcases on both sides of the store room will display the handsome silverware, cut glass articles, and precious stones carried by Mr. Laraway.

Mr. Laraway will also provide an optical parlor at his new place of business. Every provision will be made for filling optical prescriptions. Lenses will be ground here. "Get your prescription where you desire," says Mr. Laraway, "and let us fill them here at home."

The new Laraway jewelry store will be made one of the most complete places of business of its kind in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Laraway, who is known for his work from the Mississippi to the Pacific coast, was formerly located at Glenwood, Ia. Some of his old patrons of that state still send their work here to him. He takes a pride in work well done and in offering for sale only the best goods obtainable. "My friends do not want to forget," says Mr. Laraway, "that our repair department is going to be made better than ever when we get in our new quarters."

CITY ASKS ROAD TAX APPORTIONMENT

A committee of city residents has been appointed to consult with County Judge Blowers and members of the county court and to make a report on the apportionment to the city 70 per cent of the funds raised here this year for county road improvement. In former years Hood River county has not been called on to pay a portion of the county road fund, but levies have merely been made on rural road districts, all of which under law have been apportioned the sum of 70 per cent of the fund so raised from tax on property in their borders for local improvements. The residents of the city last December adopted a charter amendment which excluded municipal territory and threw in the county a steel bridge crossing Hood river. As a retaliation former County Judge Stanton ordered Hood River raising county road funds under the heading of a general fund and the assessment fell on city property. Hood River taxpayers, their annual statements showing an increase of 40 per cent over last year, have raised a protest.

"While the county authorities will be willing to meet the city taxpayers half way and effect a compromise," says Judge Blowers, "we cannot return a full 70 per cent of the tax to be paid by city residents for road purpose without seriously crippling our road fund for the year. I assure the people of the city that the burden of a road fund will not fall on them next year, although I think it just that the city property should pay its portion of the fund to be provided for constructing new bridges and other general work. I have written to County Judge Gunning of Wasco county, and I find that such a policy is in effect there."

SUNDAY TRUCK SAID TO DAMAGE ROADS

Although Rev. W. A. Sunday by his voluntary contribution of \$500 for the improvement of East Side highways last summer won the unqualified thanks of his orchardist neighbors at the time, the noted evangelist is today being keenly criticized for allowing his recently purchased automobile truck to travel over the valley roads softened by winter rains.

Indignant at the alleged damage the big truck is causing ranchers have been calling County Judge Blowers, asking that he prohibit the use of the roads to the truck.

"We have not forgotten the \$500 Mr. Sunday gave us for better roads," said one rancher, "but this truck, if allowed to operate, will cause \$5,000 worth of damage."

COUNTY WILL HAVE ROADMASTER, 1918

Hood River county will have a roadmaster next year, according to announcement made Monday by County Judge Blowers, who says that between now and January 1, 1918, the county will engage in a work of preparing a comprehensive system for highway construction.

"Thus," says Judge Blowers, "when we point to competent roadmaster, he will be able to begin at once on road construction."

Numerous citizens have petitioned the county court to appoint a roadmaster immediately, but following Judge Blowers' announcement, citizens express the sentiment that his course is the proper one. County road supervisors have already been appointed for this season, and road improvement on a comprehensive scale has been started in a number of districts.

COAST ARTILLERY COMPANY INSPECTED

Lieutenant Col. P. M. Kessler, of Seattle, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., was here Saturday afternoon evening making an official inspection of the recently organized Company 12, Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G. Equipment and the quarters of the local company were inspected by the visiting officer Saturday afternoon and in the evening the company was placed on dress parade.

Col. Kessler was accompanied here by Sergeant Frank J. Jarak, of Eugene, who will visit the local company at intervals and instruct them in drills.

How to Prevent Croup

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptoms—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable everywhere.

Please your wife, Mr. Citizen, by suggesting Sunday dinner at the Oregon, for \$5c, that you may avoid the worries of Sunday cooking.

Pacific Fruit and Produce Co. CASH BUYERS

We are desirous of making arrangements to buy Hood River fruit for CASH. We shall soon open a permanent office at Hood River, the same to be in charge of Mr. R. R. Gill, who temporarily can be found at the Oregon Hotel.

We wish those who expect to have fruit to market this coming season would investigate our proposition. We shall not ask anyone to sign contracts with us. It will cost you nothing to join our selling organization and should you not like our style, it will cost you nothing to quit. We bought a few cars of Hood River strawberries last season, paying from \$2 to \$2.35 per crate, and found the business profitable. Our operations in the past have been largely confined to the Yakima Valley. We gladly refer you to any fruit grower in that valley.

We challenge any shipping organization that was ever hung together to match the average of our returns. Ask your banker to advise you regarding our responsibility. When you sell us fruit you don't go home without your money.

If you MUST and WILL consign your fruit, we will make liberal cash advances and handle on consignment, but we do not commend the practice. We operate in forty different towns and cities and have responsible and competent representation in others.

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Today and Tomorrow Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9 DeLuxe Feature Film Co. presents JOHN MASON and Alma Hanlon in "The Libertine" A Photoplay from Life A strong and gripping story of modern life with a surprise finish like the breath of June roses, bringing close to the hearts of the audience the powerful and timely moral of a great old play—forever new. Adults 25c Children 15c MATINEE AND EVENING THEATRE MATINEE AND EVENING Douglas Fairbanks, Sunday-Monday, March 18 & 19 Our Next Big Attraction "THE FALL OF A NATION"

Bankers' Convention Interests Auction Sale White Salmon Firemen Win D. P. Smith Makes Unique Picture One of the most unique landscape sketches of Mount Hood and the Hood River Valley, a picture of the snow peak with a foreground of orchard scenes made by D. P. Smith, a West Side orchardist, by the system of innumerable India ink dots, was exhibited in the show window of A. S. Keir's drug store Saturday. Mr. Smith estimates that the sketch is made up of more than 3,000,000 dots and its execution has required all winter. Viewed at some distance the drawing resembles a Japanese print. The picture was placed in a handsome frame at Slocum & Canfield's last week.