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WATER BOARD RECORDS ARRIVE HERE

Findings and records of the State Water Board in an adjudication of the Hood River watershed arrived here last week. The records, enclosed in a large wooden shipping case and weighing more than 50 pounds, were expressed to County Clerk Shoemaker. On receipt of the papers, circuit court takes jurisdiction in the water adjudication, and it is expected that Judge Wilson will set an early date for a hearing.

The case, originally before the circuit court through the case of the Oregon Lumber Co. versus the East Fork Irrigation district, was reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court five years ago. The decision stipulated that the State Water Board should first secure data on all contested claims and render findings before turning the case back into the circuit court. The Water Board has been engaged for four years in its task.

The Water Board's findings constitute a victory for irrigation concerns, which are granted the right of their maximum filings and a reasonable time to develop their plans to use all the water.

Receipt of the records may soon lead to the construction of additional vaults at the county court house. Clerk Shoemaker says that fireproof vaults are already comfortably crowded. The papers sent here for a confirmation in the circuit court are very valuable, however, and will have to be safeguarded.

North Bank Bridge Near Finish

Crews are completing a steel bridge across the White Salmon river, just opposite here, connecting Klickitat and Skamania county, Wash., stretches of the North Bank highway. The new bridge parallels the bridge of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. It will be necessary to construct several hundred feet of new grade to connect the new bridge with the old Klickitat county road, which parallels the White Salmon river gorge for about a mile, entering the city of White Salmon from the rear. Eventually it is planned to construct a section of the North Bank highway along the Columbia bluff just opposite this city.

The Dalles Cherries Valuable

The Dalles cherries on the New York market brought the highest prices commanded by Oregon fruit, according to returns on the first car of cherries shipped by the Cherry Growers' association this season, according to The Dalles Chronicle. Black Republicans, faced, brought \$5.15, the 15-pound lug. Kings commanded the figure of \$5.85 the 15-pound lug. The gross proceeds of the car was \$6.45.

In the same market on the same day Lewiston cherries ranged from \$4.40 downward to \$3.75. Yakima cherries sold for a high mark of \$4.50.

Charlie Johnson Pays Visit

Charles Johnson, Indian, known to all early day Hood River folk because of his extreme fondness for "lum lum," paid the city a visit last week. Charles today is a prosperous landlord. He owns an allotment of Yakima land, where high priced wheat is raised.

"I sometimes feel the call of 'lum lum,'" said Charles, "and would give all my allotment for a quart. But the great white fathers have been wise, and an Indian can no longer waste his substance in riotous living—all same missionary talk. But, honest Injun, now, the passing of drink has been good for me."

Population by Precinct

The following is the population of Hood River county, as reported by the 14th federal census and given by precincts:

Baldwin, 274; Barrett, 659; Center, including part of Hood River city, 655; Dee, 239; East, including part of Hood River city, 685; Falls, 713; Heights, comprising part of Hood River city, 501; Oak Grove, 318; Odell, 965; Park, including part of Hood River city, 320; Parkdale, 555; Pine Grove, 688; Waucoma, comprising part of Hood River city, 822; West, including part of Hood River city, 928.

Sand Test High

County Engineer Cruikshank, who recently sent samples of sand from a pit recently opened by the county in the Belmont district, has received word that the material tests very high for road building material. The material, it is said, can be delivered in the Odell district, where the county is now building a stretch of concrete road under the Market Road law, at \$2 per cubic yard, about half the cost of commercial sand of as high a test.

Mosquitoes Are a Worry

Hood River has not in recent years been visited by such a scourge of mosquitoes as this season, and citizens are urging that city authorities take steps toward abating the nuisance of twilight swarms. The mosquitoes, it is claimed, are hatched in swampy lands and pools west of the city. If these were treated with oil, it is declared, the pests would be eliminated.

Parkdale Is Growing

E. E. Newell, local civil engineer, has filed plats for the 1920 addition to the town of Parkdale, chief center of the Upper Valley, which will soon be placed on the market by R. J. McLean as trustee. The new addition comprises two blocks 200 by 300 feet. Although only ten years old, Parkdale has grown faster than any point in the Hood River valley.

Airplane Eye Hits Local Folk

Many Hood River folk suffered Thursday from a new disease, "airplane eye." A big plane, headed west, hove over the Columbia about seven o'clock. A brilliant sun was shining in the eastern sky, and spectators, peering into the sky, were almost blinded by the sun's rays. Several dogs were temporarily blinded by trying to locate the loud hum of the plane as it swept down over the city.

Grange to Study Bills

The members of the Pine Grove grange have decided to study closely all measures to be voted on at the November election. The grange has decided to hold a series of open meetings for the discussions of all the eleven measures to come before the electors. Outside authorities, it is said, will be brought here for addresses.

Tomatoes and Cakes Shipped

Hood River tomatoes and cucumbers are now going forward to the Portland market. Harry Minemata, Japanese grower, last week began shipment of this product. He declares that he will have a bumper yield of tomatoes this season, estimating his crop, to be harvested from Columbia lowlands west of the city, at 4,000 crates.

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