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DUFUR ORCHARD IN FINANCIAL TROUBLES

The Dufur Orchard Co., owning 4300 acres, of which 3800 acres are planted in 8-year old trees, said to be the largest apple orchard in the world, was forced into an involuntary receivership Tuesday afternoon of last week at The Dalles by Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson by petition of creditors. The big orchard tract lies 12 miles south of The Dalles in Wasco county. The land has been valued at \$500,000 for wheat growing purposes. Including great warehouses and other equipment, the value has been increased, it is said, to more than \$1,000,000. A. C. Churchill, manager of the company, was appointed temporary receiver. On January 24, a hearing will be held, and creditors given an opportunity to suggest a permanent receiver.

Attorneys said the action was taken to prevent creditors from forcing the company into bankruptcy. Poor conditions of the market is said to be directly responsible for the present trouble. The complaint was a mortgage for \$80,000 held by the Northwest Fruit Exchange. The complaint avers that receipts from this year's crop, which was expected to amount to 100,000 boxes, were insufficient to meet this obligation. Among other items of indebtedness mentioned were: A short term note for \$4,657 to a hardware concern of The Dalles; a mortgage trust due to the Portland Trust Co. to secure bonded indebtedness for \$150,000; a second mortgage of the Northwestern Bank, of Portland, for \$25,000; a lien on all real and personal property in a trust deed mortgage for \$115,000 held by E. H. French, banker of The Dalles, and Emory Olmstead, Portland banker. A number of smaller claims have cropped up, and it is said that the company is delinquent in taxes.

The big orchard is in a dry section, and its success without water has always been a mooted question among Hood River orchardists. The orchard has not been cultivated since last summer, and unless this cultivation is done it is predicted that the 1921 fruit crop will be a failure. It is also charged that the trees are suffering for lack of pruning.

Resolutions of Condolence

Hood River, Or., Dec. 24, 1920.
To the officers and members of Hazel Rebekah Lodge No. 156, I. O. O. F.:
We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following resolutions on the death of Sister Anna Crosby:
Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in infinite wisdom has called from her work on earth our beloved Sister Anna Crosby, be it
Resolved, that Hazel Rebekah Lodge No. 156, I. O. O. F., while bowing submissively to Divine decree, does deplore the loss of a valued member, therefore be it
Resolved, that we, the members of Hazel Rebekah Lodge, to extend to the Husband and children who have been deprived of the love and affection of a faithful, loving wife and mother,
Resolved, that by her death the community loses a good neighbor, friend and citizen, and be it
Resolved, that as a mark of respect, the charter of Hazel Rebekah Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and finally, be it
Resolved, that these resolutions be sent to the bereaved relatives, a copy be placed upon the records of Hazel Rebekah Lodge No. 156, I. O. O. F., and a copy be sent to the National Rebekah for publication.
Committee:
Sister Pauline Howard,
Sister Mae Ehrck,
Sister Roxie Martz.

Hunsaker Early S. S. Superintendent

On reading of the death of J. Hunsaker, at Everett, Wash., Geo. T. Prather recalls how Mr. Hunsaker, a pioneer whose place was on the Washington shore of the Columbia where the station of Hood is now located, used to row across the river every Sunday to attend Sunday school at Frankton.
"Mr. Hunsaker, who later removed to White Salmon, where he owned a store, later sold to L. N. Blowers, was superintendent of our Sunday school. Another Washington man, who with his family rowed down the river regularly for Sunday school was A. H. Jewett. These pioneers thought nothing of these long jaunts for Sunday school, yet today, when the automobile conveys passengers rapidly, folk hesitate to go a few miles for religious worship."
Mr. Hunsaker was 76 years old.

City Will Condemn

City Attorney Smith has started condemnation proceedings against lots adjoining the lot on which is located the old reservoir now used as a reservoir supply when irrigators exhaust water in the summer months. Cesspools maintained on the lots have alarmed city authorities, who feared that the old reservoir might be contaminated. The lots, when acquired will be added to Chautauqua park, an oak-embowered plot surrounding the old reservoir.

Shrine Club Election Near

The Hood River Shrine Club organized over a year ago, will hold its annual election next Thursday evening, January 20. Installation will also be held. Lunch will be served. The meeting is scheduled for Masonic hall.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of Martha Barker, deceased, by the County Court of Hood River County. All persons having claims against said estates should present them properly verified within six months from date of this notice at my residence near Hood River, Oregon.
Dated and first published this 23rd day of December, 1920.
Frederick W. Barker, Executor.
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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Hood River County, Oregon, as executrix of the last will and estate of Mrs. Mary Vannet, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate are not to present the same, properly verified, to me at the office of E. H. Hartwig, at 8 & S Smith Building Hood River, Oregon, within six months from the date and first publication hereof, or be forever barred of any right or claim against said estate.
Dated and first published this 23rd day of December, 1920.
Elizabeth Nicholson, Executrix of the Last Will and Estate of Mary Vannet, Deceased.
E. H. Hartwig,
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