

GUN CLUB MEN SHOOT IN SNOW

In spite of a cold and disagreeable day, 15 of the local shooters and a number of spectators found their way to the Gun club shoot last Sunday afternoon. The little clay saucers flying against a strong wind had an effective way of eluding a charge of shot, much to the disgust of some of the boys, and at the same time making a good score exceedingly difficult for anyone.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes W. L. Marshall (50), S. J. Frank (50), J. W. Hasland (50), R. V. Foreman (50), H. S. Dumbolton (50), C. W. Loughery (50), E. D. Butten (50), E. R. Pooley (50), Frank Bishop (50), J. G. Vogt (50), W. L. Poland (50), C. Alexander (50), A. L. Davenport (50), E. R. Moller (25), C. Rand (25).

Foreman was compelled to surrender the belt to Marshall who won it by a straight run of 31. This shoot was the first one in which the members competed for the \$100 prizes to be given by the Gun club at the close of the season. Only regular shoots being held every other week. Everybody welcome.

Phenomenal Tractor Sales

To sell more than 20 Fordson tractors in less than two weeks, is the result of recognized merit and value rather than of exceptional salesmanship, according to Carroll Mansfield, sales manager for the Dickson Motor Company.

Several carloads of Fordsons are rolling towards Hood River now and it is stated that between now and May 1 will amount to about 90 per cent of the number already sold.

Sidney Carnine Writes From New York

Sidney Carnine, now in the New York City office of the Apple Growers Association, writes: "The best news I know of is that the apple market here in New York is certainly fine now and has been for the past 10 days. The trade has been buying very well and the demand for Newtowns is heavy, both for domestic and export use. We only hope that it will continue so."

"We have scarcely had any winter here so far, an occasional snow which is cleaned up immediately by New York's gang of unemployed."

"Next Saturday evening I will attend the New York League of Commission Merchants' banquet at the Pennsylvania hotel as a guest of R. P. Loomis, of Loomis & Company."

C. E. Graves announces that the Kirov colorgraphs which were on sale at the Book Store during the week before Christmas for the benefit of the Oregon Nature Lovers Club can now be inspected or bought at the office of R. E. Scott under First National Bank. 110.

HOMESTEADERS IN THE FRUIT GAME

(By Flora A. Morgensen, of Mosier, in Better Fruit.) Something like 20 years ago my husband and I found it necessary to move to Hood River for the summer. We moved there in March and were there during the strawberry season, staying through the long bright summer and until the rosy checked apples were harvested.

Hood River was then famous for its lawberries as it now is for its apples. During the summer my husband, in these surroundings, became enthused over fruit growing. While on a business trip into the big wheat country, 100 miles further out, he discussed the possibility of growing fruit for local consumption, some where in the wheat belt.

"It can't be done," the wheat men said "and, besides, wheat growers don't buy fruit." "It can be done and I will show you," said my husband.

The result was that before he returned that boy husband of mine had filed on 160 acres of land in the edge of the wheat belt, intending to show the wheat men that he could grow and market fruit among them at a profit. I was aghast. Neither of us knew anything about farm life and had certainly not included it in our plans for the future.

I had in my possession, however, a copy of an excellent farm journal and there were also in the house several reprints of back numbers of several fruit growers' magazines. Of these I selected copies of Better Fruit and one other standard magazine, for which we subscribed, and early in November of that year we moved out on our homestead, with youth, inexperience and determination as our chief assets.

We decided to build slowly, but well, and the house was ready to occupy early in December. A level place was then cleared and set to strawberries. Next a large garden spot was cleared, as we would depend largely on the sale of vegetables the first year. Then, as land could be cleared, it was set to raspberries, blackberries, loganberries, currants, gooseberries, etc. These are early bearers and would be furnishing us with cash, we figured, while we were waiting for the orchard to begin bearing.

The orchard we set out as rapidly as possible. We were pioneers in the fruit industry. Experience was our teacher so we tried out varieties very carefully, selecting those best suited to our location and market. We planted largely peach, pear, cherry, and apricot trees, with a good sprinkling of plums, prunes and apricots. Our location seemed especially suited for grapes, so one hillside was set to early and late varieties, while row on row of beehives were added with excellent results.

The second year we had to begin hiring help to handle our berry crop. Our packages were standard and up-to-date. We succeeded in finding not only a market locally, but our business circle widened each season. At times we were fairly mobbed by patrons. Some year's crops were engaged practically a year in advance. We could not supply the demand.

Products of our vines and trees were winning blue ribbons at all the fairs in the country, and our farm was known for a good many miles around by its well selected name. Of course we had ups and downs, for this is no fanciful sketch, but as one after another of our neighbors made final proof on their homesteads, in order to borrow money to support their families, we were making improvements, building our home and something more than supporting ourselves, in the little sheltered valley at the foot of the wheat fields.

The love of nature and of making beautiful things grow is eternal in the hearts of some, and we are still in the game back in the land of the big red apples, which go to the markets of the world. And we have found it a good game.

HOERLEIN BOOSTER FOR WINTER SPORT

Just back with companions from an excursion on the snowfields of Mount Hood, Hans Hoerlein, declares that Mount Hood, if recreationists are educated to the appeal of the snowfield forests and broad expanses of snowfields, should become as popular during the winter months as in the summer. The men journeyed to Cloud Cap Inn by way of Sand Canyon. Paul Hoerlein and Walter Gerke were other members of the party.

"Snowshoeing and skiing, both very popular sports in mountainous countries, are available in as wonderful a setting and under as ideal conditions as any winter sports enthusiast may find anywhere right here within a few hours of Hood River," says Mr. Hoerlein. "All that is needed to bring scores of wintertime recreationists here is a little work in providing facilities that will make the high altitudes a little more accessible without the arduous labor now necessitated in reaching them. This can be done easily."

Where will be found a mountain as readily accessible to a metropolitan center, such as Portland, or that is as perfect in setting? How easily might not its possibilities for winter sports be developed? The new Loop Highway will make the mountain ideally accessible, and with the projected American Legion road up the mountain to Tilly Jane camp, a good grade will be established for getting into that region in the winter months on skis or snowshoes. Contrary to popular belief, the mountain is not wrapped continuously in clouds and beaten by storms in winter. Our observations tend to show that the mountain is warmer during periods of extreme cold weather than the lower valley level. Often when it is stormy in the valley and when the clouds hang low and heavy, the mountain is ablaze with a brilliant sunshine. Almost invariably a trip to the mountain of several days, although often started under forbidding conditions, terminates with favorable weather at the higher altitudes. The odds are in favor of a greater percentage of good weather at the higher altitudes than in the valley.

"The proposed Legion cabin at Tilly Jane campsite should offer an opportunity, as a base for winter sports, for as great development as the annual summertime climb of the mountain as launched by the patriots by descent. The cabin will be located at a strategic point. The recreationist will simply have to step out of doors and take advantage of convenient slopes. The proposed road, with its easy grade, will eliminate the fatigue now necessitated in reaching the region. It will also permit the hauling in of supplies in the fall of the year. A local snowshoe club, or the Legion Post, by stocking a cabin on the mountain with blankets and supplies in the fall, could provide for a trip to the snowfields devoid of the strenuous work at present necessary when one must pack on his back all the food and bedding needed on the recreational jaunt.

"A winter journey by way of Sand Canyon is more scenic than by way of Cloud Cap Inn. The journey through the woods a part of the way is especially appealing if the trees are covered with a new fall of snow.

"While skiing demands practice and skill to negotiate real slopes successfully, there is lots of fun in learning it. There are thrills in each stage of attempt and success and the numerous spills of the beginner are a real tonic for they incite a laugh on the part of the victim and onlookers. Compared to skiing, snowshoeing is really easy and anyone can master it who is at all adapted to hiking. The few miles that separate Parkdale from the mountain are really nothing at all, if there are experienced members of a party to break trail, and if such trips can be taken without a heavy pack, which can in time be made possible. Skis can be dragged along behind tied to a rope and used on the down grade, strapping the snowshoes onto one's back, out of the way."

FINS, FURS AND FEATHERS

Because of the activities of the Game Protective Association, according to a report just filed by Resident Game Warden Loughery, Hood River county violations are kept at a minimum. Prosecutions the past year, Mr. Loughery states, have been very few.

Local anglers are making preparations for the run of steelheads and salmon trout expected here before the month is over. Anglers here state that reports of a heavy run of the game fish on the lower river are always followed by the appearance of hordes of the species here.

Indorsement of Frank B. Ingles, of Dufur, for the position of game commissioner of this district, comprising Wasco, Hood River, Sherman and Gilliam counties, was made last week by the board of directors of The Dalles-Wasco County Chamber of Commerce. The office is set present filled by Elaine Halleck, whose term expires February 25.

H. E. Percival, of Austin, Tex., stating that he is in the Oregonian of an application of the concern to the State Fish and Game Commission to trap the animals, has written to the Pacific Power & Light Co. seeking four live young beavers. He has asked that the beaver be kept in box traps, in order that they may not be injured.

The application of the power company, the lines of which have recently been broken by trees felled across them by the beavers, has been granted and the local office has commissioned Robert Lesure, pioneer homesteader and noted for his prowess as a hunter and trapper, to trap or capture the animals. Mr. Percival's letter has been referred to Mr. Lesure.

Mrs. Emma B. Carroll, of Portland, has written here seeking information about "Marioch," probably the best known dog Hood River has ever had. The dog, mated 10 years ago of the University club, was owned by Count Henri de Redding, young Swiss orchardist, who on leaving gave "Marioch" to Major Philip H. Carroll, now in the charge of the American Relief expedition engaged in feeding children in central Europe. "Marioch" was known as the champion fighter of the valley. Although the name indicates the gentler (or deadlier) sex, "Marioch" was much of a man. Indeed he was the Beau Brummel as well as the fighting devil during his prime. He was a black and white shepherd, and gentle as a lamb when not in battle. He kicked, he, however, Alredies, bull dogs and various other species.

"Recently," writes Mrs. Carroll, "a trusted employe left the ranch. 'Marioch' disappeared simultaneously.

We should be glad of news of him, dead or alive."

The magic needle, widely advertised among poultrymen last year, which, according to recent dispatches has been used to correctly inform expert parents of the sex of unborn children, may do all that is claimed for it, but it never gained favor with local chicken raisers. The instrument, an exceedingly simple affair, nothing more than a cone shaped piece of metal attached to a string, created a furore here last spring, and it was predicted that it would revolutionize the chicken business, as poultrymen would be able to eliminate eggs that would hatch roosters. Somehow it did not work out.

The sex indicator was put to various uses locally. It was tried out on sheep, and if it happened to swing in a circle, the wearers knew that they were made of the skin of a cow. If, however, the cone swung back and forth, the hide was that of a bull. On one occasion it was used on a crab at a luncheon, and the diners learned that they were eating on cocktails made from a female crustacean.

Robert J. Searce, Mosier banker, writes of one of the most peculiar accidents, fatal to one of the neighboring fruit section's most valuable horses. Mr. Searce's letter is as follows:

"I have not been writing lately, nor is my story anything but pure truth. Frank Baxter, a local farmer, was owner of one of the prettiest horses I have ever seen here until yesterday. One of the superb animals had not been worked in some time and had become frisky. The owner had difficulty in keeping the brute from leaping from his stall. Several times he had found it necessary to make repairs to the stall, as a result of the horse's violent kicking. While so engaged yesterday Mr. Baxter was a target for the animals hind feet. He saw the horse getting ready for a kick and sidestepped. So violent, however, was the force of the animal's kick that its leg was broken at a joint and was left hanging by only a piece of skin.

"Mr. Baxter is only able to account for the injury by stating that about two weeks before the horse had been kicked on the leg by another animal, but had shown no apparent ill effects from the blow. It was immediately after the accident."

"Several have advanced the theory that the animal may have been able to get hold of some of the famous Mosier moonshine—you know—the kind that has such a kick to it."

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Storm Damages Ditch. Winter storms have caused a damage of about \$4,500 to the headworks of the Farmers' Irrigating Co., the plant of which waters the West Side orchard district. Snow remains about seven feet deep on the upper stretches of the Hood River, and it will be some time before repair crews can get busy.

GOLF CLUB SEEKS MEMBERSHIP OF 80. The Hood River Golf Club, which originally had made final proceedings for the purchase and lease of an aggregate of 60 acres of property west of the city contingent on the signing of 50 members, who would each guarantee \$100 as an initial fee toward the organization, last week increased this number to 80. A new campaign for members was launched by promoters of the club.

1921 Tags Attract Traffic Officers. Complying with instructions from the office of Secretary of State Koser, the traffic department of Sheriff Johnson's office has begun arresting drivers of motor vehicles who still carry 1921 license plates. Four arrests were made last week. The drivers, however, offering various excuses for their delay in receiving the 1922 plates, were all excused by Justice of the Peace O'neill. The parcel post is a good thing when used to send your shoe repairing to Smith's. Champion Shoe Shop, 1st and Oak. Best work promptly done and returned. Satisfaction guaranteed. 191

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The Baptist Church. Miss Withers, a returned medical missionary, who has been 14 years in China, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church at the evening service. Now is a chance to hear something right from China from one who knows. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Subject for sermon at morning service, "God's Rent." Young Peoples' meeting at 6.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. C. K. Delepina, Pastor.

Riverside Church. A comradeship of worship and service Sunday school—9.45 a. m. Morning worship—11 a. m. Young peoples meeting—7 p. m. Sunday Evening club—7.45, 1st and 3rd Sundays. November to March inclusive. Midweek Bible Lecture Thursday evening at 7.30. Other meetings subject to special announcement.

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