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CLUB MEMBERS HEAR TALKS

CHILDS URGES PEARS AND CHERRIES

Bennett Suggests Greater Payroll—Interesting Data on Creamery is Given by Peters

The meeting of the Commercial club Monday night, discussions devoted to the relationship of the organization to the horticultural and industrial interests of the valley, developed some interesting information and suggestions. Leroy Childs, who has made one of the more exhaustive studies of the country as a whole than any other man of the valley, declared that in his opinion the future opportunity of the northwest apple industry would be found in a wider cooperative advertising of the product. He declared that Hood River would best serve herself by the planting of winter pears of some standard varieties and sweet cherries. Fire blight, he declared, has limited the commercial production of pears to the Pacific coast states. He cited that California had a monopoly on growing Bartlett pears, but, according to the Experiment Station man, the Hood River valley is better adapted to the opportunity to supply world markets, without fear of any great competition, with winter pears. On a trip east last year Mr. Childs said he learned from a talk with representatives of the United States Bureau of markets that sweet cherries, such as Bings, Lamberts and Royal Annes, none of which can be successfully grown in the east, such as are grown in the Columbia River territory are the best now marketed.

"And the people of the east," said Mr. Childs, "are crazy for them at high prices."

Mr. Childs declared that the Commercial club could best serve Hood River horticultural interest by bringing beneficial legislation. He declared that the club or some similar organization should have been active recently in preventing the resignation of M. D. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, who was unable to remain here because his salary was cut \$700 per year and who left to join Washington's agricultural experts.

The club adopted a motion of Leslie Butler suggesting that an Apple Growers Association appoint a permanent committee to keep in touch with horticultural affairs and prevent such future losses as occurred in Mr. Armstrong's resignation. Mr. Childs, in the course of his talk, stated that Hood River apple growers were now paying, the annual returns of the industry placed at \$3,000,000, but two-tenths of one per cent in protecting their orchards. Other men who discussed this feature of valley business were C. A. Reed, J. H. Koberg and Dr. Guttery.

L. A. Bennett urged the club to get behind every industrial enterprise that may originate here. He declared that the city needed an all year payroll, and that this would be best established by aiding local enterprising men.

"Even though a concern employs but a single man," said Mr. Bennett, "it needs our support and should have it."

A. W. Peters, member of the directorate of the Hood River Creamery, organized in 1914 and formerly turning out 2,000 pounds of butter per month, stated that the institution is now manufacturing 20,000 pounds per month. He stated that the time had been reached when the creamery had to have larger quarters and suggested that the club's industrial committee might aid with financing the proposed new structure. He declared that the creamery had been made possible by the cooperative effort of a few enthusiastic orchardists, who had added cows as a sideline, and by the loyalty of local business concerns. Mr. Peters stated that the creamery at present is drawing a greater supply of cream from dairying sections of southern Washington than from the Hood River valley. Idaho shipments had to be discontinued because the local cream was unable to handle it. The proposed new building will cost from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The creamery has already purchased and paid for a suitable location, C. A. Bell, following Mr. Peters, said:

"I remember one time when I was in somewhat the same fix. I had a lot, needed a building but didn't have the money. I went to Truman Butler, and told him my story. He said, 'I can't get busy with my plans. My building called for about \$60,000.'"

Mr. Butler stated that he and S. J. Moore, who sat beside him, would be ready at any time to furnish the aid of their banking institutions to all worthy undertakings.

One of the interesting speeches of the evening was that of H. H. Larkin, formerly engaged in the canning business here, who is now superintendent of the Fridge Canning plant at Bellingham, Wash. He stated that the recent convention of northwestern canners in Portland had undertaken as part of its work the task of bringing about a standardization of canned products in Oregon and Washington. Mr. Larkin stated that the opening of sample cans at the convention, samples not only from the northwest but all over the country, had demonstrated that the product of Oregon and Washington was of better quality than from any other section of the country.

"It was pointed out to us that we could control the canned apple market of the country, both east and west, if we would but standardize our product," said Mr. Larkin.

O. C. Hughes, discussing the possibility of attracting industrial enterprises, stated that in many instances manufacturing plants were established in cities far removed from their raw material. He cited Camas, Wash., with its huge paper mill, the raw material of which is assembled, he said, from many distant places. He stated that Washington, although the number of sheep in an immediate radius would probably not reach 500, had a thriving woolen mill.

Rev. Gabriel Sykes, in discussing the leaving of Mr. Armstrong, brought out the point that local folk often lost a perspective of the merits of those who worked in their midst. Too often, he declared, they withhold their own promotion until too late, until after someone from the outside has seen the value of the worker's efforts and has taken him away for a higher salary.

John Koberg urged that Commercial club members, farmers and labor elements get together and attend each other's meetings. He said:

"Not long ago I was approached on the street by a party of farmers, who asked me to join the Grangers. I declined them, urging that they join the Commercial club and come to our meetings here with their troubles instead of holding aloof and keeping their problems to themselves."

H. S. Braakman pointed out the need for more store rooms. He said that he was ready to occupy at a good rental a building 100 feet square, if such a place would be made available for him on Cascade avenue. He offered to employ 10 men. Mr. Braakman also urged that the streets be kept cleaner.

Harry Gross started a speech with a little facetiousness, declaring that local grocers were willing to aid with certain industry by the importation of raisins, prunes, meal, et cetera, but that the Commercial club recently had passed a law against moonshine operations. Mr. Gross then offered the practical suggestion that all local merchants ought to aid the proposed creamery, just as they have the Hood River Vinegar Co. by the purchase of stock.

President Olmsted presided at the meeting.

JUNKETERS VISIT TOURIST HOTEL

PORTLAND AD CLUB PARTY SUCCESS

An Approximate 400 Attended Lunch at Columbia Gorge Hotel—Meyer Governor

It was a great day yesterday at the Columbia Gorge hotel, where some 400 members of the Portland Ad Club, The Dalles Kiwanians, Mosier and Hood River folk, including wives, sweethearts and members of families, joined in a successful gathering to meet and to celebrate the birthday of the immortal Washington. A walnut tree, grown by O. M. Plummer from a nut grown on a tree that was planted by the Father of his Country, was set with due ceremony on the Columbia Gorge hotel grounds.

The Wasco county delegations motored down over the Highway. The Ad club party arrived at 12:30 by special train. They were met by a cortege of automobiles of local citizens and whisked away to the hotel. A transportation committee was composed of E. E. Brett, Earl Fanz and Earl Webster. Those who worked in conjunction with Leslie Butler on plans of entertainment.

At the luncheon F. A. Olmsted, on behalf of the Commercial club, delivered an address of welcome. Other speakers were: Governor Olcott Meyer, Baker, Dr. D. B. Olinger, of The Dalles, and Leslie Butler.

Each guest was presented with Spitznberg apples donated by the Apple Growers Association, and under each apple was a "Bye Bye" card, a booklet. Mine Host Thiele had baked an individual Spitznberg pie for every guest. The pies were works of art.

Mark A. Mayer, expected to come with a Mosier delegation, was unable to attend, having telephoned his regrets from Portland.

The day's celebration at the hostelry was closed last night by a 200 local folk.

JUDGE GLANVILLE HONORS WASHINGTON

Judge R. C. Glanville, chairman of the Tuesday Lunch club meeting, paid a tribute to Washington, whose character, he declared, was one of the most remarkable of American history.

Judge Glanville who cited that most members when it came their turn to act as chairman of the lunch club meetings discussed topics with which they were most absorbed. He declared that he was prone to take "Bye Bye" as his subject. He told his hearers of his recent anxiety over the condition of his eyes.

"I faced the necessity of a skilled surgical operation," he said, "for the certainty of going stone blind. If you think such a frame of mind is a happy one, just experience it."

Judge Glanville urged the lunch club to devote its energies toward activities that would engender closer friendship among members.

The meeting Tuesday was at the Pheasant. Members next week will go to the Columbia Gorge hotel.

BLOWERS CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE

Judge Blowers Saturday, following appeals from various elements of city and valley, consented to enter the race for representative in the legislature from this county. To date Judge Blowers is the only contestant who has officially declared himself a candidate for the representativeship, and because of his popularity with city and rural elements alike, it is not likely that he will meet with opposition, according to those who have observed political here.

Only two county officers are to be elected here this year, county commissioner and county assessor. No announcements have been made for either position. Respective incumbents, both Republicans, are F. H. Backman and Jasper Wickham.

The formal announcement of Senator Chas. Hall, of Marshfield, for the governorship, has created considerable speculation here. Although Senator Hall formerly resided here, sentiment expressed by various elements last week indicated that he will receive a strong opposition in the Apple Valley. Expression of local electors points to a strong local sentiment favorable to Governor Olcott.

SANITARY MARKET TO GREET PATRONS

Tuesday, February 28 marks the second anniversary of the Sanitary Market and Grocery. Last year the patrons and friends were the guests of the owners at their store. Coffee and light refreshments were served during the day and a repetition of the same has been planned for next Tuesday. The shop is being enlarged and a new and late model meat case will be installed, making the market to contain the best and latest of equipment. A refrigerating plant was installed last year in the store. A pleasant day has been anticipated for everyone. A huge birthday cake has been promised the owners by one of the Portland bakers, to arrive here Monday in time for the anniversary.

LARSON LICENSE CASE DISMISSED TUESDAY

At the hearing by the county court Tuesday of a petition asking the revocation of the license of Frank Larson, who operates a ferry between here and Underwood, it developed that transportation of liquor will not result in a forfeiture of such franchise. The court dismissed the charge against Larson, who in January paid a fine and was given a jail sentence, which was later suspended, for complicity in illicit liquor operations.

It was further ruled that Larson was immune from further punishment, under the Oregon prohibition law, because of a confession to District Attorney Baker while under arrest. The matter has been referred to State Probation Officer Lanville.

COURT POSTPONES NAMING INSPECTOR

The county court last Thursday declined to make an immediate appointment of a fruit inspector to succeed M. D. Armstrong, who has resigned to accept a position at Puyallup, Wash., with the agricultural department of the neighboring state. Mr. Armstrong is a trained horticultural expert, and a sentiment exists among growers that his successor should be as technically skilled as he.

Applicants for the position were: Peter H. Mohr, J. W. Holbert, Homer A. Green, J. W. Hicks and G. A. Holler.

COUNTY'S END OF HIGHWAY OPEN

Before noon Monday crews of men under Senator Nickelsen completed cutting through the last drift of ice and snow on the Highway near Camp Benson, and the road in Hood River county is now opened from Multnomah to Wasco county and thence on east. Motorists may proceed from the east to Cascade Locks, where they may be ferried across the Columbia to Stevenson, to proceed on their journey over the North Bank Highway.

Mr. Nickelsen had expected to have the Highway open Saturday night, but two days of heavy snow last week interrupted his plans. The drifts from the last week's snows, Mr. Nickelsen says, reached a depth of four feet in the newly opened deep cut on the Highway. These, however, were formed of soft snow and are not troubling motorists. They have, indeed, almost disappeared.

"We found that the action of the snow and ice between here and the Multnomah county line has caused considerable damage to the pavement," declares Mr. Nickelsen, who accompanied District Engineer J. H. Scott on a tour of inspection Monday. "The pavement has been badly cracked in spots. Fences have been smashed and walls pushed down. The cost of repairs will be considerable. I would not attempt now to estimate it."

Mr. Nickelsen says that slides on the Highway between Cascade Locks and the Multnomah county line, which was cleared of snow soon after the November sleet storm, will have to be cleared off before traffic passes over the route. This can be accomplished within a few days, however.

Because of the narrow cut through ice and snow blockades, Mr. Nickelsen says that traffic over the Highway for the present will be limited to passenger vehicles. He states that heavy trucks will break shoulders of the pavement, where the single track runs along the outside of the surfacing.

COUNCIL RESTORES OLD CURFEW LAW

The city council Monday night voted to restore an antedated ordinance, providing for the application of the curfew. All youngsters under 16 years of age will be required to be home by 9 p. m.

City Health Officer Edgington appealed to the council to adopt an ordinance that will require landlords to make sanitary premises habitable for rent. Dr. Edgington reported that unsanitary conditions prevailed at some of the shacks in a cannery colony.

The council adopted an ordinance that will eliminate from operation the fly by night motor bus and motor truck man.

PORTER SELLS OFF PART OF ORCHARD

J. C. Porter, planter of one of the first commercial orchard tracts of the East Side, has just sold 49 acres of his holdings. Twenty-seven acres were bought by E. L. McClain, who already owns large local holdings. Geo. T. Galligan, owner of a small West Side suburban home acreage bought 22 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, who are now in San Diego, Calif., where the latter is recuperating from a serious illness, still retains 30 acres of East Side orchard.

Langille Is Appointed

The county court Tuesday appointed W. A. Langille roadmaster for district No. 2, comprised of the Upper Valley section. A strong plea was made by residents of the Upper Valley for appointment of J. B. Doggett, of Mt. Hood, former roadmaster.

Mr. Langille has been engaged the past several months as agent for the county in securing rights of way for the Mount Hood Loop Highway.

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