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HAPPY
NEW YEAR!



The First National Bank

HOOD RIVER, OREGON

I wish you all

A
Prosperous
and
Happy
New Year!

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We Wish You
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"We are as near to you as your telephone"

MAY the New year bring all of
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Shay's SERVICE Shop
AT THE FASHION GARAGE
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We Wish You A

Happy
New
Year!

KRESSE DRUG COMPANY

The Rexall Store



A NEW YEAR
SUGGESTION

"I have told you of the Spaniard who always put on his spectacles when about to eat cherries, that they might look bigger and more tempting. In like manner I make the best of my enjoyments, and though I do not cast my eyes from my troubles, I pack them in as little compass as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others."

—Southey.

1924

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A Home of Your Own

HAVE YOU been able to present one to YOUR family this year? If not, are you planning now to do so next year? Your family deserves it. See us for ideas, plans and suggestions.

EMRY LUMBER & FUEL CO.

"Everything to Build Anything"

A New Year's Service

AT

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock

DR. BODDY PREACHES

A Reverential Service Inspiring Music

A CORDIAL WELCOME

APPLE TONNAGE IS CLEANING UP

TOTAL CROP IS OVER 3,000 CARS

Valley Ships 300 Cars of Pears—Strawberry Yield Reaches 71,477 Crates, Selling For \$2.50 Each

The Hood River valley apple crop, in excess of 3,000 cars this year, has moved to market in a steady stream since shipping began in late September. Shipping has now slowed down for the holiday season, but more than 750 cars of fruit remain in storage here, and during the winter months these, mostly of high grade Newtown stocks, will be fed out to the chief markets of the country.

The apple industry, the chief factor in Hood River valley life, has reached large proportions here, and an approximate 50 carloads of paper, a solid trainload, were needed for packing the season's tonnage. The Apple Growers Association alone used 36 cars of paper.

Next to apples pears are of chief importance. The pear tonnage, because of increased shipping with the species of fruit, will grow steadily for the next few years. The valley's pear tonnage this year approached 300 cars. The Apple Growers Association shipped 250 cars. Statistics on other fruit handled by the Apple Growers Association for 1923 are as follows: Packed strawberries, 71,477 crates, which sold at an average of \$2.50 per crate; cutting strawberries, 71,702 pounds, which brought an average of \$0.755 per pound; black cherries, eight cars, which sold as follows: Bings, \$1.85 per crate; Lamberts, \$2.55; and Black Republicans, \$1.94. Royal Ann and other white cherries were shipped to the extent of 158,374 pounds, bringing 94 cents per pound.

While no pools of apples or winter pears have been closed, the Association reports Bartlett pear prices as follows: Extra fancy, 4-tier, \$1.87; 4 1/2-tier, \$1.72; 5-tier, \$1.37; C-Grade, 4-tier, \$1.57; 4 1/2-tier, \$1.42; and 5-tier, \$1.07.

MARK A. MAYER GIVES LANDS FOR PARKSITE

Considerable interest has been expressed among Hood River and Mosier residents over the announcement that Mark A. Mayer, whose Mosier orchard home, Mayerdale, has become one of the landmarks of the Columbia River Highway, has arranged to give the state as a Christmas present a tract of 190 acres above Rowena, League, Wasco county authorities, cooperating with Mr. Mayer, have carried through the courts of Sherman county, a change of venue having been secured, condemnation proceedings. Another tract of 120 acres, including the land within the scenic loops of the great highway, are being secured through private transaction.

The State Highway Commission has expressed enthusiasm over the plan and a plan is under way to develop the property into a magnificent park, to be known as Mayer Park.

On the crest of Rowena Heights, 600 or 700 feet above the river, is presented a panorama of the Columbia gorge as far as The Dalles to the eastward and to Mosier westward. Across the river, on the Washington side are the Kllekkat hills, at the foot of which nestles the town of Lyle. Looking down the river is a fine view of western Oregon, wholly different in topography, climate and vegetation.

When the highway was under construction in 1921, Mr. Mayer, who had taken a great interest in better road development, was impressed with the wooded slopes and plateaus of Rowena Heights and the desirability of preserving them for park purposes.

The combined cost of the 280 acres of land purchased by Mr. Mayer will be \$7,500.

State Highway Commissioner Van Duzer, who commends the project, will at the next meetings of the commission introduce a resolution providing for the acceptance and development of the park. In honor of the donor it will be christened "Mayer park."

REVIEW OF LEGION POST'S ACTIVITIES

(By Banks Mortimer, Commander) Hood River Post No. 22, of the American Legion, officered during the past year by Banks Mortimer, Commander; Berkeley Snow, Vice Commander; Ray Lee, Adjutant; George Mellon, Finance Officer; Don Metzger, Chaplain, and an executive committee composed of the commander, vice commander and Dr. V. R. Abraham and a year of activity and accomplishment.

The first activity in point of time was the participation of the Post in the Bridge and Port Association, formed to work with the engineers in formulating a plan on which the Hood River-White Salmon bridge could be built. The Legion representative in this association was Vice Commander Snow, who later was active in the solicitation work which raised Hood River's quota for the bridge financing.

The Post was the first organization in town to subscribe to this stock, using \$500 of their reserve funds for this purpose.

HOOD RIVER HAD SNOW

WHITE CHRISTMAS WAS CELEBRATED

Blanket Laid Over Mid-Columbia Christmas Eve—Home Was the Shrine For Folk of Apple Land

Home was indeed the shrine for those of Apple Land Christmas day. Snow began falling at midnight Monday and by midnight from three to five inches of the beautiful was laid on the floor of the Hood River valley and other surrounding mid-Columbia points. The precipitation was mixed rain, sleet and snow and for a time many feared that a silver thaw would prevail. The wind switched to the west, however, and intermittent rain squalls prevailed throughout the remainder of Monday night and Tuesday. Indeed, Christmas day the wind ratched near gale proportions at times. Several moments, too, the dense clouds were broken and the sun called a Merry Christmas to Hood River folk.

It was one of the quietest Christmases observed in Hood River in many years. Many homes were quarantined because of measles and scores of children the valley over celebrated from their beds. Yet there was cheer in every household. The Welfare Association and committee of valley Elks had prepared baskets of goodies and toys, which were distributed to needy families.

ICY STREETS CAUSE WRECK OF AUTOS

It might have been the morning after Halloween yesterday, so startled were citizens on their journey down town to resume duties after Christmas. The Cottage hospital answered calls of those inquiring to see if anybody had been injured. Miraculously, not a single injury serious enough to be reported could be discovered. Wrecking cars from garages were kept busy through the night.

The trouble arose when the temperature dropped and sleet and rain froze on the streets already covered with a sheet of snow. A dance given by the Welfare Association for crippled children of the county called forth a large crowd to Pythian temple. Travel was good when the party assembled, and the slippery streets took the homeward bound merry-makers unawares. At one time, just after midnight, 25 automobiles were stuck at the intersection of Ninth and State streets. The grade of the former street is very steep and the icy coating made it impossible for motorists to negotiate it. Three cars were badly wrecked when they skidded off the street.

OREGON LUMBER CO. PLANS IMPROVEMENTS

The Oregon Lumber Co., the plant of which is at Dee, is planning construction of a new dam and other improvements the coming year which will cost over \$40,000. The plant is operated by electricity developed from the waters of the East Fork of Hood river. It was the first mill in the Northwest to apply electrical motors to the operation of its big mill.

For the first time the Dee mill is breaking into the export business. Orders were confirmed last week for 300,000 feet of cedar. The company is logging from forests on the headwaters of the West Fork of Hood river, where the growth is chiefly Douglas fir, but where considerable cedar is also felled.

The Dee plant for 1923 cut 20,000,000 feet. It employed an average of 200 men constantly at the lumbering plant and in the logging camps. With improvements completed by the time of the opening of the camps in the spring, the concern anticipates a heavier cut for 1924.

K. P. BAND DANCE ON MONDAY NIGHT

New Year will be ushered in here by a large crowd at the K. P. Band dance at Pythian hall. Elaborate preparations are being made for the band party, and it is anticipated that a record crowd will join the musicians and make the event a red letter social affair.

The K. P. Band is one of the city's most popular organizations. Its members enlist every important occasion. They are the hardest working and poorest paid bunch of the city. The spirit that they put into public affairs goes far toward making all of them successful.

Three Piers Are Poured

Crews Saturday began pouring concrete on the third pier of the Columbia river bridge. P. C. Fletcher, in charge of the work of the Gilpin Construction Co., stated that a fourth pier would be poured before January 1. Three other piers are ready to pour.

The construction crews are making satisfactory progress in every particular, and by next May everything will be ready for the steel construction work.

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