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## GILBERT EDGINGTON ON HORSE BACKING

Hood River, Ore., April 18, 1925.
Editor Glacier: I have noticed a statement made in regard to recreations at Cloud Cap Inn that "the number of horses needed was only limited by the number that could be kept." I would like to say that I hope this will be the case sometime, but as it has been for the last few years the horsemen around Mount Hood aren't getting a square deal if they are to live on local mountain business.

Frank Branch Riley says the people are in the east who make park trips and will pay for them if they can be gotten here. I believe they are from east of the Mississippi, as I have had some business from people there, and while I have assisted at the American Legion climb the most of the people I see there are those who are common people with no money to spend and too near the mountains to care for them.

Another thing, the climb committee has advertised the climb but neglected the horse end of it, merely using the horses as a necessary convenience for packing for the climb and we get no side trips, practically speaking.

If a man rigged up for it alone it would not pay him. Small horses are supposed to be a drug on the market, but start out to buy good, well broken ones and you will pay from $25 to $50 a head, unless you hunt bargains, and that takes time. Packs, cinches, blankets, rope, etc., will cost $30 a head if not more. Then you have to trail them around, pasture them through the winter; buying hay and grain. Here is what it looks like for 10 head of horses, say: Ten head at $40 per head, $400; 10 packs, etc., at $30, $300; pasture at $10 per winter, $100; hay and grain, $70; trail expenses and time, $50; total, $720, and no board included.

In 1923 I was eight days getting my horses here for the climb. I earned $22.50 on six head. Then if some "friendly sinner" hadn't started the Herman creek fire I would have been swamped. I got about $20 local money from Parkdale. Also one Portland trip and a week with Fred Kiser that paid $100 alone.

Here is what I took in during the summer of 1923 from local sources: Truman Butler, $2; S. J. Moore, $2; Dr. Sifton, $6; Cash Bros., $9; Kelly Bros., $8; W. B. North, $5; Mr. Taylor, at Odell, $7; Mr. Jensen, at Parkdale, $4; another man at Parkdale, $4; Mrs. J. O. Hannum, $7; total, $51 for 11 head of horses for three months. Clint Wood donated me two weeks' board bill to hold me when the business got slim. I put in 15 head of saddle horses at the climb but hardly anyone would ride. All wanted to be good sports and walked with the exception of some of those named above. I didn't pay expenses.

Last year the Legion "got it in the neck" as the people in the town and valley got scared at the storm, which didn't amount to anything, and failed to back it up. I worked for Kirby and I know he didn't make much.

Last spring I wasted two weeks getting an exhibit ready for the outdoor exhibit and getting it home with the help of others, and got half my expenses and transportation out of it. I got no trips directly, but lost one with Weygandt and J. Wesley Ladd by being across the mountain and one with W. M. Sylvester for the same reason.

The people from the east are the ones who follow the parks for vacations and don't object to prices if they are not skinned. Five dollars for a day's trip of 14 miles to Paradise Park does not worry them a bit, or $1 per hour, and a clerk in the Portland hotel told me last fall: "Tell that hotel man (at Rhododendron) that these eastern people who come here want horses."

In short, the horse trail is not a bed of roses. Sometimes when you sleep by the trail there is a rock in the small of your back.

I believe the Hood River Guides is the best boosting organization out yet. Horsemen and all should join it for advertisement is what the country needs and the west side of the mountain is in the lead because of it, but it can stand more.

J. G. Edgington.

## C. D. MOORE, WHITE SALMON MAN, DIES

Funeral services were held Friday at the Bingen church, Rev. Young, pastor of the White Salmon Methodist church, officiating, for C. D. Moore, pioneer of White Salmon, who died suddenly Wednesday night. Mr. Moore, who came to White Salmon 32 years ago, was a native of Mullica Hill, N. J. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Moore owned a Columbia river bottom ranch place near the Washington approach of the new Columbia interstate bridge. He was a charter member of the White Salmon Chamber of Commerce, and for years had been a leader in the upbuilder of the southeastern section of Klickitat county. He was one of the leading exponents of the new Columbia bridge.

Following funeral services the body was taken to Portland for interment at Rose City cemetery. In addition to his wife, Mr. Moore is survived by a daughter, Miss Gertrude Moore, and two sisters, Miss Haddie Moore and Mrs. W. W. Winchell, and a brother, Asa Moore, of New Jersey.

C. C. Anderson directed the funeral.

### Freshet Crest Passes

The crest of the high water of the Columbia, brought to an unusual stage by recent warm weather over the headwater districts of the Snake and Columbia rivers, was reached here Monday, when the guage on the interstate bridge showed 20 feet above zero. The river began to recede Monday night.

The freshet had almost covered a sandbar of several hundred acres just north of the city, usually bare until late May.

The Willamette river showed a rise for the last few days of last week as a result of back water from the Columbia river and Sunday night at 6 o'clock it had reached a stage of 14 feet above zero.

The spring freshet in the Columbia river does not usually come until June. Whether the freshet conditions will continue at this time or the river will go down to be followed by another freshet condition in June will depend entirely on weather conditions, it was declared by weather bureau officials.

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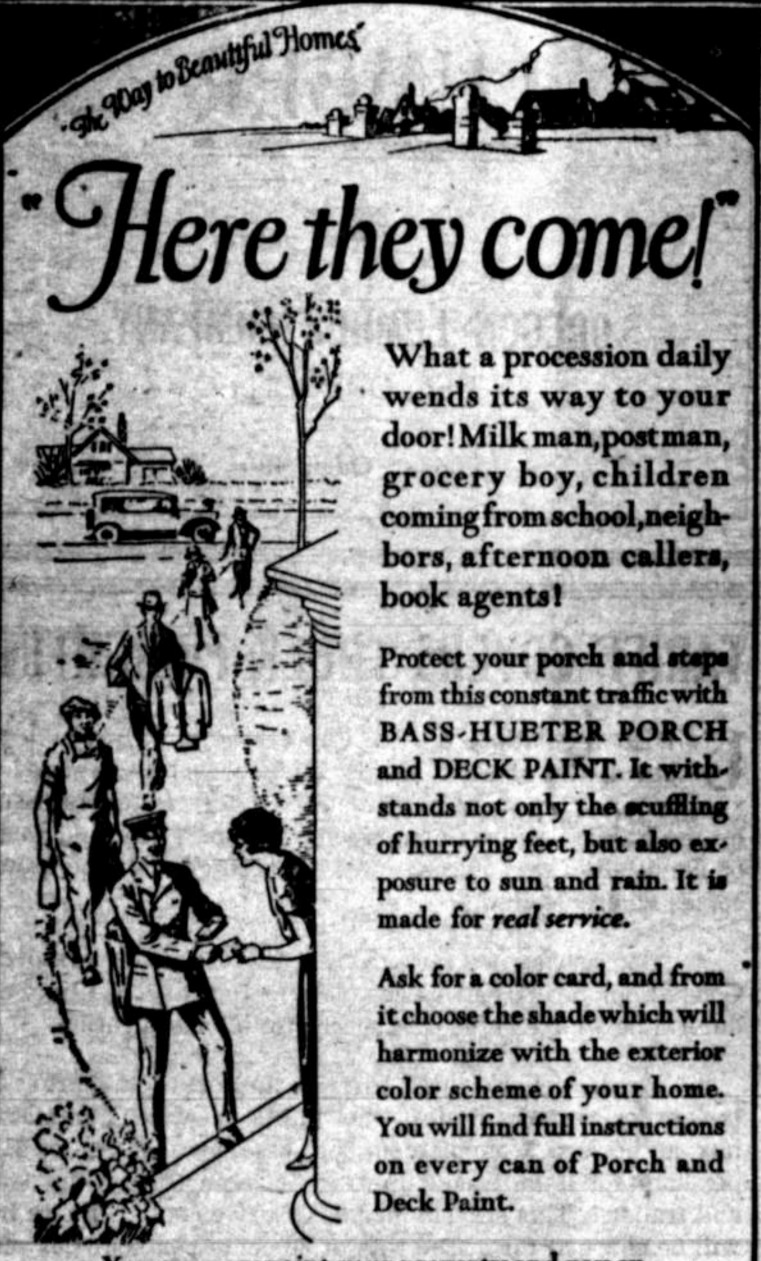

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## HOOD RIVER RADIO NIGHT OVER KGW

Local folk are advised to tune in on KGW, the Oregonian's broadcasting station, Tuesday evening, April 28. Local artists will give the following program under the auspices of the Hood River Chamber of Commerce, from 8.30 to 10 p. m.:

"China Girl," Halstead, Hood River Mandolin Club, Messrs. Perigo, Meyer, Parkins, Kincaid, Cooper, Zolls; "How Do You Do," Hood River American Legion Quartet, Messrs. Spaulding Bryan, Collier, Baker; "In the Garden of My Heart," Ball, Helen Jones, soprano; "Shadows," Bond, Quartet; "Tarantelle," Liszt, Clifton Emmel, pianist; "Drumadoon," Sanderson, James Collier, baritone; "All Alone," Berlin, Mandolin Club; "Roses of Picardy," Wood, Helen Jones; Selections, "Gypsy Sweetheart," "Ileena Roone," "I'd Like to Be a Friend of Yours," Quartet; "Rigoletto" selection, Verdi, Mandolin Club; "Honest and Truly," Rose, Helen Jones; Negro Spirituals, "Heav'n, Heav'n," "Get Away Jordan," "It's Me, Oh Lord!" Quartet; "On Wings of Song," Mendelssohn-Liszt, Clifton Emmel; "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," Olcott-Ball, Helen Jones; "What Has Become of Hinky Dinky Parley Voo," Dubin, Quartet, Clifton Emmel, accompanist; "Mother Machree," Olcott-Ball, Helen Jones; "Poet and Peasant," overture, Suppe, Mandolin Club; "Trade Winds," Keel, James Collier; "At Dawning," Cadman, Helen Jones; "Moonlight and Roses," Lemore, Earl Spaulding, tenor, accompanied by Mandolin Club and Quartet.

Talk with Young. Ten to 70.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

### Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

of New York city, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1924, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

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| **Income.** | |
| Total premium income for the year | $ 376,782,022.87 |
| Interest, dividends and rents received during the year | 77,919,850.00 |
| Income from other sources received during the year | 3,471,293.64 |
| Total income | $ 457,173,167.10 |
| **Disbursements.** | |
| Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values | $ 128,691,471.58 |
| Dividends paid to policyholders during the year | 26,187,197.50 |
| Commissions and salaries paid during the year | 75,474,024.00 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year | 7,726,880.34 |
| Amount of all other expenditures | 32,646,691.57 |
| Total expenditures | $ 267,928,234.50 |
| **Assets.** | |
| Value of real estate owned (market value) | $ 27,710,263.10 |
| Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value) | 666,554,206.82 |
| Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. | 760,836,806.13 |
| Premium notes and policy loans | 114,647,449.02 |
| Cash in banks and on hand | 15,907,104.38 |
| Net uncollected and deferred premiums | 30,942,044.75 |
| Interest and rents due and accrued | 27,041,162.96 |
| Other assets (net) | 854,369.54 |
| Total admitted assets | $1,639,174,948.29 |
| **Liabilities.** | |
| Net reserves | $1,451,036,807.00 |
| Gross claims for losses and matured endowments unpaid | 3,424,262.47 |
| All other liabilities | 76,967,959.93 |
| Total liabilities, exclusive of surplus of $91,666,970.71 | $1,537,[illegible],977.40 |
| **Business in Oregon for the Year.** | |
| Gross premiums received during the year (including health and accident) | $1,272,166.00 |
| Premiums and dividends returned during the year | 94,237.34 |
| Losses and matured endowments paid during the year (including health and accident) | 290,668.60 |

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