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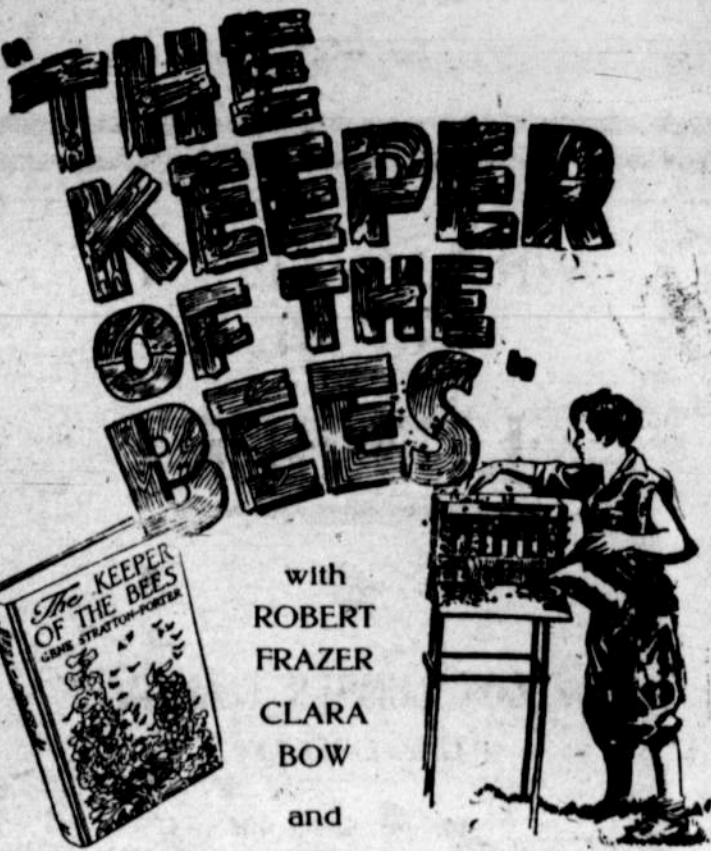
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The Underwood landing. The Backus landing was used in the ordinary stages and was near the present site of the Interstate. It was at this landing that I first set foot on Hood River soil April 10, 1880. E. S. Olinger was the only other passenger who walked the gang plank with me that day. There was no crowd waiting for me at the landing and no one to see the boat come in. The only freight discharged was my lone trunk and a few packages of supplies belonging to good old Dr. Barrett, who was waiting for me with his little one-horse wagon and who gave me the privilege of following the said wagon as he piloted me to my uncle's home, which was in the old log house on Indian creek just above the Indian creek mill.

The employment problem was easily solved for there was nothing except the work of getting the home places ready for the living necessary. As I had had some experience in "teaching the young ideas how to shoot" in the Nebraska schools, I naturally began to look for a school, and hearing that the East Side district was in need of a teacher I made my way on foot to Uncle Dave Turner's place. The East Barrett district at that time embraced all the territory from the river to the top of Mount Hood. David Turner, F. M. Jackson and Mace Baldwin were the directors. The school house, such as it was, was located where the Lents station now is, and its very thorough system of ventilation.

Having received the school the next step was my certificate, licensing me to teach in the schools of Wasco county. A short time ago I made a trip to Hood River to the Dalles in less than an hour and as we slipped over the pavement my mind went back to my first trip between the two places. My uncle having business at the seat hitched the motor to his back and we made an early morning start, arriving in The Dalles at 2 p. m. There was no speed limit in those days and "Safety First" had not become a slogan.

Judge Bennett was the county school superintendent at that time and had not risen to his fame as a leading lawyer. A two-hour's sojourn in his office and a payment of a fee and I came forth as a licensed teacher.

Old-time schools there are now living in Hood River M. D. Odell, Mrs. John Koberg, Mrs. Meta Scobee, John Jackson and Virgil Winchell. Fourth of July was one of the days that the old pioneers always observe near the present Cottage Farm, which was one of the open spaces with plenty of shade on the side and with a natural baseball field in the open. In that date the East side played against the West side. Among the players in that game were myself, Dr. Watt, J. H. Ferguson, Milton Odell and Virgil Winchell. The game was one of "slip and tuck" until one of the West side boys took a regular "Babe Ruth" swing at the ball and the East Side went down in defeat.

Another event of that summer was the barn raising at the Peter Neel place. Everybody there, the men do the manual labor of placing the timbers of the barn and the ladies to furnish the cats. Hans Lage is the only man now living in Hood River who I remember as being there.

Old Peter Neel was quite a character, built very much on the order of our own Commodore Dean, and very much like him in speech and action. He was ever ready to give a fellow a steering clear of exact dates and in writing this sketch will give it as it appeared to me and with the understanding that we do not all see or remember alike.

The recently printed story of the old steamboat days put my mind back to the days when it was possible to see several boats on the river at the same time, and also to my first ride up the Columbia river. The wideness and bigness of the Columbia at Astoria, and the day's ride from there into Portland and the next day to Hood River, the portage around the Cascade Locks, the stopping at the landings for the loading and unloading of freight and the wooding up, where stacks of fir wood were taken aboard for the fuel, were all new and interesting to a young fellow fresh from the level, treeless Nebraska prairies.

In those days there were three principal landings, or counting the Stanley landing, four. One called the high water landing, for the summer months, was below the city park, to reach which that road which is now known as Thirteenth street, then called Adams Hill, was used, turning from there into The Dalles-Sandy road and from there into a road-way that led down the hill to the edge of the slough; for the low water or winter landing they continued across the sandbar to a place opposite

MANY BENEFITS SECURED BY GRANGE

(By Geo. A. Palmist, Master Oregon State Grange.)
The Grange in Oregon has enjoyed a very satisfactory year, having gained 25 subordinate grange organizations, 80 Pomona or county granges, and 40 juvenile granges in 1925 and has a net gain of over 1,000 members. We are looking forward to even better results in 1926 and it can be easily accomplished if each member will do his or her part in letting neighbors and friends know about the grange and what benefits they will receive by becoming a member and helping the cause along.

The grange is a family organization and includes in its membership the father, mother and children and has done more than any other organization to break up the isolation of rural people and create a spirit of cooperation for community betterment. Every grange, if filling its duty, should be striving to locate a better place to live. Few people know how much they owe the grange for the benefits they are enjoying each day that we secured for them through the efforts of the grange. For instance the securing of rural mail took almost 30 years of persistent effort by the grange to secure this service. Still few people know of it. Parcel post, postal savings, agricultural colleges, experiment stations, etc., have all been worked for by the grange and we now enjoy the benefits but few know that the grange had any part in securing these services for the people.

Ten or twelve new grange halls have been built in Oregon the last year and several more are now under construction. In fact it would be quite a surprise to most people to know that property owned by the granges of Oregon has a value in excess of \$312,000 and that we have over 12,000 members in good standing.

The last state grange session was held in the city of Dallas and more than 1,000 delegates and visitors were present. Some of the legislative work endorsed at this session was the appointing of a committee to work with a like committee from the Washington State Grange to study the fish industry of the Columbia river and try to secure joint legislation looking to the abolition of all fish wheel and fish traps on the Columbia river. Another committee was authorized to draft a bill looking toward the establishment of a cabinet for our state government. Still another committee was appointed to draft an amendment to the state constitution which would allow the state to conserve and develop the water power of the state for the benefit of the people. Another committee was authorized to draft an income tax law for Oregon to be submitted to the voters at the regular election in November, 1926. These committees are all at work and will report the results of their efforts at the next session of the state grange when it convenes at Baker the first week in June.

The grange has always endorsed the cooperative effort and can point with pride to several very successful institutions which are a benefit to our members and the community. In Hood River we have the Grange Co-operative store which has done a business of \$100,000 the last year. And grange members are carrying over a quarter million dollars in fire insurance in their own company.

These are some of the outstanding accomplishments of the grange in Oregon but it is only a part of what we could secure if more of our farmers would become members and lend their aid in helping themselves.

HOOD RIVER GUIDES ARE HUSKY BOOSTERS

(By W. M. Sylvester, Peak)

The Hood River Guides were organized in April, 1925, by a committee from the Hood River Chamber of Commerce composed of C. C. Anderson, Wm. Sylvester, Joe D. Thomson and Hugh Ball, cooperating with the club committee of the American Legion, Kent Shoemaker, Harold Hersher, George Willougby and Lena Foust. The objects of the organization are "to develop the scenic and recreational advantages of Hood River and Mt. Hood, and to stimulate sociability and good fellowship among its members, and particularly to give assistance to the tourists."

Everyone begins to see what Hood River's tourist crop means. It was tremendous this year, and to figure in dollars and cents, no one can tell what it has amounted to, nor what it will amount to next year, but this we do know: With more good roads each year, and further development of Mt. Hood, the tourist business is going to grow large, and financially will mean a lot to Hood River and to the Hood River valley. To give authentic information to the tourist is part of the work cut out for the guides. A committee is working on a guide book of information which will be distributed among its members.

At the first annual meeting the second Monday in April, the following officers were elected: Wm. Sylvester, peak (president); C. C. Anderson, spur (vice-president); Fred Baker, lookout (secretary); R. J. Moore, keeper of the life line (treasurer); and Kent Shoemaker, serac (sergeant-at-arms).

The guides at all times are under the supervision of the Chamber of Commerce, and function only with its approval. There are two kinds of membership, active and associate. The active guides compose a uniformed marching organization of 50 men. At all appearances of the active guides they are led by the American Legion drum and bugle corps, who are equipped with the guide uniform. The active guides worked hard last spring and under the able instruction of their serac, Kent Shoemaker, were very little time for drilling, went to Portland June 23 and took first prize in their division in the Merrymans parade. Competing with other booster organizations from all over the state, it was a rather notable achievement for an organization so young. A big factor in taking first prize, aside from the actual drill work and the drum and bugle corps, was the unique costume worn by the guides. Probably this was the biggest advertising stunt Hood River has ever pulled.

In reviewing the past season's activities, it would not be right if I did not mention the very enjoyable dinner and party held at the Homestead, June 8. Now, as to the future work of the Guides, we expect, shortly after Christmas, to have Irving E. Vinag, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, here to talk to us. Those who have heard Mr. Vinag will look forward with pleasure to hearing him again, and those who have never heard him have a big treat in store.

Merriment is promised you by the Gravenstein at the New Year's eve dance at Pine Grove Grange hall.

ACTIVITIES OF HOOD RIVER WOMAN'S CLUB

(By Mrs. Ella Blanchard)

As a member of the state educational federations the Hood River Women's club is working under a general program fostered by these organizations. Special emphasis is being given phases of the American home life. A distinctive work which is being done in this line is the organization of a Home Economics department under the leadership of Mrs. John McLean. This group is making a study of budgets and time savers; meal planning, and child training. The study groups meet the first Monday of each month and are for the benefit of all members of the club.

INTEREST IN SEWING AND HOME DRESSMAKING HAS BEEN FOSTERED BY THE WOMEN'S CLUB

Interest in sewing and home dressmaking has been fostered by the women of the valley and neighboring towns to hear a lecture by Miss Alice Bradley, principal of Fanny Farmer's Boston cooking school.

The educational committee, with Mrs. A. G. Lewis chairman, is working efficiently to coordinate the work of the school and the home. A dinner and reception were given the faculty and the teachers of the local schools.

In February the club will hold its annual scholarship loan benefit. The funds received are used to assist girls through college. Seven local girls are using funds from this source.

A club institute was held in the fall with delegates attending from Wasco, Salmon, The Dalles, Beld and More and the club organizations of the valley and town. This institute was conducted by Mrs. Chas. H. Cantner. The president of the state federation was present and led a symposium on club organization work.

Good results in child welfare and philanthropic work is being accomplished by a committee with Mrs. E. B. Perigo chairman. This committee works with the county nurse in conducting the health clinics and has assisted the welfare committee of the city in caring for needy cases. Liberal donations of fruit were collected and sent to the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Association. Financial assistance was sent the W. C. T. U. farm home.

The hospital committee, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, chairman, is continuing the work, begun last year, of caring for and providing comforts for the woman's ward of the community hospital. At a recent held in November \$50 was realized for this work.

THE VALLEY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Hood River Valley Ministerial Association is composed of ten pastors, representing the Baptist, Community, Disciple, Episcopal, Methodist, Alliance, Methodist and Presbyterian denominations. During 1925 the association devoted much effort to the study of the new program of religious education. This resulted in its adoption and the organization of the Council on Religious Education and the establishment of the week-day church school. The pupils of Park Street school will have the opportunity of attending classes in religious instruction once a week after the Christmas vacation. The Parkside church adopted this course a year ago and there was an invidious demand for its continuation.

The association sponsored the movement which led to the organization of the County Young People's Union, embracing the young people's societies of Hood River, Parkdale, Pine Grove and Harrett. A training conference for young people during the coming summer is contemplated. A number of union public meetings were sponsored by the association, the congregations of the several churches meeting together for Memorial day, Thanksgiving day, Armistice day and on the occasion of Colonel Howard's visit on behalf of World Peace.

Plans for the new year include the waging of an aggressive campaign on behalf of the "Better Homes Movement." An educational program emphasizing the value and need of the development of family life will be launched in the near future. The association pledges itself to the support of the county library, the Hood River hospital, the Red Cross educational and relief program and every cause which seeks to further the spiritual, intellectual and physical interests of the people. R. A. Hutby, President.

SICK TREES TREATED

Transfusion operations on sick trees with a solution of ferrous sulphate, assuming the character of an arterial blood, are being made successfully in California. Diseased trees have been brought into prolific bearers. Dr. C. B. Lipman, professor of plant pathology at the University of California, said that the treatment promised to eliminate such plant scourges as spid and the blight.

The tree is treated as gently as a human. A hole is bored about three-quarters of the way through the trunk and a glass tube inserted and sealed in with specially prepared wax. A bottle containing the solution is placed at the top of the tree top and is connected with the glass tube by a hose. Thus the solution flows gently into the tree and is absorbed.

BOOZINGERS JAILLED

Saturday members of the police and sheriff's office picked up Jack Kester and wife and Ethel Kester in a rooming house with liquor in their possession. They were taken before Judge Blagg, who fined the men each \$100 and 30 days in jail and the woman a \$25. She preferred to serve a full sentence than pay a fine but one of the men paid the fine.