

Hood River Glacier

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A JOB FOR CRAG RATS

The Hood River Crag Rats have proved their worth. We suggest another task for them. It may lack sensations, but it may bring results of great worth to the scenic Pacific northwest.

Let the Crag Rats undertake a campaign for educating the public against forest fires. Let them join forces with the United States Forestry Service and bring about a decrease of the fires that annually mar the beauty of our great forested area and destroy millions of dollars worth of property.

Over half a million dollars worth of tangible resources were destroyed by forest fires in or near the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1926, according to the annual fire statistical report just issued by the U. S. Forest Service, Portland.

The report covers 1490 fires handled by the Forest Service, which burned over 241,432 acres of Federal and private land within and adjacent to national forest boundaries, causing an estimated damage of \$638,351.

The damage figures include merchantable timber and protection forest destroyed, \$430,456; potential forests of valuable young tree growth, \$130,781; forage, consisting of the grazing grounds of sheep and cattle, \$1,501; improvements and miscellaneous, \$5,395.

It is pointed out that these damage figures are conservative since they do not include such real economic losses as soil damage, wild life, water conservation and recreational values, on which figures are not available.

Of the area burned, 93,032 acres were mature or merchantable forest; 82,715 acres were chiefly valuable for the protection of streamflow; 37,105 acres were potential forest land, and 8,517 acres were other types of land.

Merchantable timber burned amounted to 157,072,000 board feet. Due to inaccessibility and other factors, practically none of this timber is salvable.

National forest land burned over amounted to 145,937 acres. The remainder of the burned area is privately-owned land, of which 11,578 acres is inside national forest boundaries, and 83,917 acres is outside and adjacent to national forest boundaries.

Cost of fighting these 1490 national forest fires amounted to \$200,070. Over half of all the fires, or 815, were held under one-quarter acre each; 457 were over one-quarter acre but not over 10 acres each; and 218 exceeded 10 acres each, and did most of the damage.

Analyzing the causes of these forest fires in the two states, it is found that 890 were started by lightning, while 800 were man-caused. The lightning hazard is said to have been abnormally high in national forest regions of the Northwest in 1926.

Smokers head the list of man-caused fires, having started 281 of them; while campers are a close second with 230. Other causes are: incendiary, 88; rail roads, 83; brush burning, 31; lumbering, 22; miscellaneous, 50.

THE AERIAL TRAMWAY

In another column this week, we reprint a letter that A. M. Churchill wrote to the Oregonian, urging against the construction of an aerial tramway to the top of Mount Hood. We will preface our comment on Mr. Churchill's protestations by admitting that we felt just as he did, when this tramway was first proposed. It seemed almost sacrilegious, that proposal. We felt that a tramway would mar forever the virgin beauty of the snowfields and glaciers.

down of bibbing tendencies than much talking and many dissertations from reformers. The man or woman, whose conscience might not be touched by a draught from the cup that cheers, will hesitate at the prospect of loading the stomach with swill or slow poison. We wonder if those articles have not caused many "Ugghhs!" They have perhaps left appetites dulled at the breakfast table.

The banquet's spread, the silvered cocktail shaker is tipped over the frosted glass! A toast! And then those stories of rats and lizards in the slopshub mash barrels rise like Banquo's ghost, and the keenness of the relish of the before-dinner drink vanishes.

Mr. La Roche, here Tuesday night to address the chamber of commerce, gave us a little of Portland's latest gossip. He said the court house attaches, when the cold weather came on, succeeded in persuading the authorities to turn over the contraband, held in storage, for use in automobile radiators. It was used to prevent freezing, and then radiators began to leak, where the corrosive fluids had eaten through the metal. These incidents, he said, led to the Oregonian's investigations and revelations.

Whatever the source, or inspiration, the Oregonian's stories bid fair to give increase, among those who must have their forbidden cheer, to an era of "light wines and beer," home-brewed products.

FOUNDATION FOR COOPERATION

That was an auspicious meeting Tuesday evening, that annual session of the chamber of commerce. It bodes well for the coming year. The chamber has a well balanced set of officials, and cooperative efforts may accomplish much the coming year.

The chamber of commerce officers are workers, men of action and men who have the best interests of Hood River at heart. R. E. Scott knows chamber of commerce work from the ground floor up. He was secretary of the organization through some of the most trying days of this community.

In Kent Shoemaker, the chamber will have a secretary who has been in the public eye ever since school days. No better training could be obtained than the 14 years Mr. Shoemaker has spent in the office of county clerk. In addition to that Mr. Shoemaker has engaged in numerous enterprises that have taken him before the public, locally and abroad. He, more than anyone else, has been responsible for the success of the Mount Hood Legion climb. He is a man of aggressive tendencies, and it will be his aim, that the chamber of commerce forge ahead. He deserves the cooperation of every Hood River valley citizen.

Mr. Scott has a well rounded board to aid him in the task of bringing about betterment in Hood River. The suggestion of more man power at the disposal of the board and the new secretary ought to meet with a hearty response. The chamber should have a successful year.

WE THOUGHT HE HAD LIFE JOB

The Glacier last week was guilty of the oversight of not mentioning the re-appointment of Geo. Y. Morrison to the position of city traffic officer.

But, now truly, we'll ask you, wasn't it a most natural bit of a slip on our part? George Morrison has been our traffic officer for a little more than three years. It never occurred to us that it would be necessary to make a re-appointment. He has that job for life—the citizens who pay his salary and the speeders from whom he not infrequently collects fines will all agree to this. George has that "something" or "it" or "whatnot," through possession of which he is able to enforce the law and then make everybody like it. More power to his elbows and the knee that bends when he cranks his motorcycle. We hope he will live long and keep traffic moving orderly.

And Mr. Morrison is also engaged in another very worthy activity. He has turned Hood River Boy Scout Troop No. 2 into an aggressive organization. The troop is full and a big waiting list is ready to re-fill the ranks, should some of the members drop out. Mr. Morrison is finding a mighty fine use for a portion of the property purchased from the Batchelder estate several years ago for park purposes. If you do not believe it, journey out some day and see the Boy Scout lodge and the grounds surrounding it. Better still, arrange to visit the Scout lodge some Wednesday night when the Scouts are at their meetings.

GOOD LUCK, TED

That will be the farewell greeting of all Hood River for C. T. Baker. This man, who for the past three years has been in charge of secretarial work of the chamber of commerce, has done much in welding together the many Hood River Valley interests. He has been an indefatigable worker. He has organized and put through many enterprises that have resulted in much publicity and good will for Hood River.

All Hood River Valley will wish Mr. Baker and his family much success in their new environments down at Medford. And all of us will be glad when Ted makes good at his new tasks and steps along upward in his chosen profession.

The strongest emetic we have seen lately was carried in leading articles the first of the week by the Oregonian. The strength, for readers, was probably proportionate to the recency and frequency of their indulgence in moonshine alcoholic beverages, so called.

Do not say, "Kitty!" to Mr. Fredrick.

Here's the latest compliment to William Cochran, and one altogether merited. It was left to James Collier, "Jimmie" as we all know him, who is in New York City, working and pursuing his musical study, to put into words what a lot of us have thought of Bill. "Jimmie" wrote:

"I note also the celebration in honor of Bill Cochran. In a community so intimately compact as Hood River, you get to know your neighbor pretty well. Some stand out for what they do, some for what they don't do, and some stand out for just what they are. To me Bill Cochran was like that. I don't believe I ever said three words to Bill in my life and I don't think he answered those, but I always felt as though I knew him intimately. He had the most complimentary silence of any man I ever met. If Elphelbert Hubbard had known Bill Cochran, Bill would have been the hero of a message to Garcia."

The current issue of The Timberman, Portland publication devoted to the interests of the Pacific coast lumber industry, tells of the recent tragedy enacted on Mount Hood, where Leslie Brownlee, Portland youth, was lost. The article tells of the heroic work of L. A. Nelson, our Hood River Crag Rats and others. Bill Cochran, who found the other lost Portland youth, Calvin White, and A. L. Anderson are named for their meritorious rescue work.

The Outdoor Pictorial, a magazine published at Washington, D. C., which has national circulation, carries, in a recent issue, an interesting story of the scenic appeal of the Pacific northwest. The story, finely illustrated, was written by R. B. Gray. A paragraph leaves the reader with a desire to travel up the Columbia gorge over the famed Columbia river highway. One of the mountain pictures shows Mount Hood from the Hood River Valley.

Eating apples 50 per cent faster than heretofore is the newest winter sport. United States cold storage holdings, totaling this season the largest ever known, are disappearing at the rate of 1,200,000 barrels a month, increasing the average rate just half, and we are very glad of this new winter sport.

Cosider Breaks Ankle

Carl Wilson, 25, was the only local casualty from cosidering. He suffered a broken ankle Monday night when he fell from a speeding bob. Mr. Wilson's foot was caught in a hand held on the bobbed, and he was dragged a long distance down a steep street.

Farm Pointers

(From Department of Industrial Journalism—O. A. C.) Sulfur fertilizers applied to alfalfa fields in early spring allows the sulfur sufficient time to oxidize to sulfate form according to experiment station. Elemental sulfur until oxidized to the sulfate form is not available for crop growth. This is the reason for applying the sulfur early and harrowing it in so that it may be in available form for the first crop.

Rockford Grange Calendar

Fri., Jan. 28, Social Grange. Wed., Feb. 9, Business Meeting. Wed., Feb. 16, Home Economics.

FOR SALE

For sale or trade—For work horse, an Avery tractor. Also for sale, a good, heavy stock saddle and a 2 1/2 ton Mack truck, 1921 model. W. J. Tel. Parkdale 29. 271F

For sale—A modern up-to-date home, nearly new, 8 rooms and bath, hot water system and electric lights, completely furnished. 4 basement and garage corner lot, downtown location. Also Thor Electric Washing Machine and iron, nearly new, very reasonable. Phone 5281. 272

For sale—A second hand cook stove, Tel. 261. 272

For sale or trade for anything—A Delton adding machine, like new. Tel. 3681, Munnery's Music Store. 272

For sale—A piano at a price that is a snap. Call at Barton Beauty Parlor, Tel. 1795, home phone 2612. 272

For sale—Clark Seedling strawberry plants, Tel. F. A. McDonald, 428. 272

For sale—Small place close to city limits on the Heights, 8-room house E. C. Rogers, Tel. 569. 272

For sale—Dark Barred Rock cockerels for mating, 200, \$1.00 each. White cockerels, beautifully marked. \$1.50 and up. Mrs. W. Chapin, Route 4. 272

For sale—125 acres No. 1 land, 6 acres in commercial apple orchard, 119 acres cultivated, fine for cherries or pears, fair room house, water and lights in, income \$100 per year. Also 2000 bush, on good road, 1/2 mile out. Fine for cows and poultry, will grow anything. \$2000 cash, balance of \$1100, federal loan. And for rent, easy room cottage, furnished, lights and water. Phone 5681. 272

For sale—100 laying pullets. Phone 5961 or 5962. 272

For sale—Lewis Strain Rhode Island Red Roosters, fine breeders. Phone 5681 or 5962. 272

For sale—One dining room suite and other furniture. Prices reasonable. See Mr. Baker at the Chamber of Commerce. 272

For sale—Clark Seedling strawberry plants, absolutely guaranteed free from weevil. Tel. Parkdale 36. 272

For sale—I can furnish peppermint roots, raised 25 mi. from Hood River. This is a good time to engage for spring planting. Write for information to E. W. Haines, 580 Fremont St., Portland, Ore. 272

For sale—Dry body fir wood, 16 inch. You may call or will deliver. H. R. B. Coomer, tel. 533 Parkdale. 272

For sale—4-gallon cow, best 17, second calf last October. Reasonable. J. R. Forden, 3636 1/2. 272

For sale—Timothy, clover, alfalfa and what hay, all baled, on Tucker hill. A. J. Vogler, phone 5612. 272

For sale—Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock baby chicks, Mareh 2nd. April 2nd, May 17th each. 25 per cent cash with order, balance day of delivery. W. E. Shay, phone 3272. 272

For sale—R. C. R. I. Red cockerels from 200 egg hens \$1.50 and up while they last. Ralph E. Lewis, phone 5612. 272

For sale—Furniture, lamp, piano, A1 condition. Cabinets, books and block, \$50. Ralph Sherrieb, Rockford. 272

For sale—A 2-wheel trailer, with pneumatic tires. C. A. Winkler, 10th. 272

For sale—16 inch fir wood, delivered anywhere. Phone 4728. 272

For sale—See this. 8 1/2 acre tract, fine \$10,000 house, nice for summer resort, well located. Fine lot of ornamental nursery stock. Will give \$5 cash per largest order for spring delivery of roses and other ornamentals from Oregon nursery. Also special prices on French wauwats. Delicious wauwats. Dealer, phone 6681, or address Route 8, Hood River, Ore. 272

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