

Hood River Glacier

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LET'S HAVE THE TRAMWAY

We agree with Colonel Greeley, and the Oregonian. Certainly we should preserve some of the natural scenic spots of the great Pacific northwest in all their virgin glory. No motor trails should be projected to mar their beauty.

But Mount Hood is no longer in that country back of beyond. When the Columbia River highway was first thought of, its proponents had a vision of approaching more closely to the snowfields. Then came the Mount Hood Loop highway and later the Cooper Spur lateral. When the last named road was completed last year, the motorist, at last, was able to drive to the very foot of Elliot glacier, to stop his automobile beside snow banks.

Many travelers, perhaps most of them, who motor up to Cloud Cap or the campground on Tilly Jane, will have a desire to go to the summit. That is a goal, however, that only the strong can attain.

Why not go ahead with the aerial tramway? The mechanical devices, as we have said before, will be so technically small that they will form no mar-jarring feature on Hood's great ice and rock bound peak. The tram will make it possible for hundreds, yes, thousands and thousands, to journey up to the summit and be inspired by the glory of the view.

Hood River folk certainly want to guard their guardian peak from desecration. But they do not feel that the building of the tramway will be such desecration. It is a very impractical type of idealism that sounds an opposition to the proposed mountain transportation system. And furthermore, as W. H. Marshall, of Des Moines, stated in a letter to the Oregonian on the other day, Mount Hood is in the National forest. It is not ours all together. It belongs to the nation, and if the folk of the nation want to enjoy the view its summit will afford, we should not prevent them.

THE HOOD RIVER SPRAY PLANT

Because it is located off the beaten track, Hood River people see the plant of the Hood River Spray Co. only when passing on an O. W. B. & N. train. And nowadays most folk travel by automobile. As a result local people know too little about one of their largest industries.

The spray plant is one of the largest in the Pacific northwest. It is making a gratifying development each year. Orchardists of Hood River Valley now have an opportunity of purchasing most of the standard spray materials made in a plant which is a part of Hood River. The spray plant deserves the patronage of all local orchardists. Its growth is a growth of the entire community.

Travel down industrial avenue some day and inspect the spray plant. It will be an entertaining and educational trip.

Pear growers will do well to prepare their smudge pots. The foothills are piled high with snow, and a killing frost may very easily occur this year. The Apple Growers Association is receiving a daily weather report. The wise grower will be prepared and use orchard heaters in case of low temperatures. Pear crops mean money.

The cherries are blooming, and bees hum cheerfully among the blossoms during the hours of sunshine. The great expanses of Columbia gorgefields that loom beyond White Salmon on the Washington side are now arrayed in glorious green sheen. It is springtime in the mid-Columbia.

Someone has very aptly characterized the cascades section of the Columbia river as the Balkans among commercial fishermen. They war without end. We note that the Kruckman-Smith litigation is again before the courts.

Grade rules now take into consideration condition of pack. Too little attention has been given this angle of preparation of apples in the past. The new rules, too, are more concise and inspectors will be able to enforce them more rigidly and impartially.

It will take a little help from human crews, aided by mechanical contrivances to clear the Mount Hood Loop highway at a date as early as we desire this year. Let the highway department get on the job as soon as possible.

Old Lake Bed Discovered R. B. Haseltine, Dec orchardist, Sunday while exploring the rim of the Columbia gorge near Mayer park, the Columbia River highway entrance east of Mosier, discovered conglomerate deposits from an old lake bed. Mr. Haseltine, who says that similar deposits are found on the Washington side of the gorge, will make further explorations in an effort to determine if a lava flow occurred after the deposit was made.

P. P. & L. Convention On District managers and executives of the Pacific Power & Light Co. assembled here from Oregon, Idaho and Washington points for their annual convention. Sessions will be held today and tomorrow at the Columbia Gorge hotel. A golf tournament will be a feature of the convention.

Frans Will Give Fishing Prize The man or boy of Hood River who catches the largest trout from April 15 to 22, inclusive, will be presented with a \$12 fishing rod by the E. A. Frans Co. Scores of anglers will enter the contest.

CHAMBER TO SEND TWO DELEGATES

The Chamber of Commerce has been invited to send two delegates to the hearing by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the United States Forestry Department on the matter of the Mt. Hood tramway in Portland tomorrow. R. E. Scott, assistant H. G. Ball has been appointed delegates.

SCREEN AND STAGE

After a four weeks' fling at the movies, Raymond Hitchcock has become such an enthusiast of the silent drama that he is thinking seriously of abandoning all plans to return to the speaking stage and devoting his time to motion pictures.

"Pictures interested me when I appeared in them five years ago," said the popular stage comedian. "But I felt extremely self-conscious at the time and never gave what I thought was even a passable performance. Now, however, after playing in Marshall Neilan's production, 'Everybody's Acting,' I feel more at ease in front of the camera."

"I have no hesitation in saying that my present feeling is due to Mr. Neilan. His direction is both sympathetic and reassuring. He makes one feel perfectly comfortable at all times. Under the present conditions I would be happy to remain in California and continue with my screen work," he concluded.

"Everybody's Acting" will be at the Rialto theatre Friday and Saturday. It requires lots of hair—most of it in switches—to reproduce a 1906 scene in the movies these days. In fact, if several such scenes were to be taken at the same time, there'd be a serious shortage.

Fifty women dressed in early twentieth century attire were recently called on for a restaurant scene in 'Everybody's Acting,' latest Paramount picture, 'The Ace of Cads,' which comes to the Rialto on Sunday.

Production was scheduled to start at nine in the morning. Anticipating difficulties, Director Luther Reed had summoned extra hairdressers. More than half the applicants wore bobbed hair when they arrived. Wigs were given to some. Others planned switches to their "evening glory." High necked bodices were arranged on all and work finally got under way at nine-forty.

Someone once said, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." If that is so the best proof of a moving picture western is how it is received in its own setting—the cow country of the great open spaces.

Whenever a Universal-Jewel production starring Hood Gibson is advertised to appear in one of the smaller towns of Arizona or New Mexico, it is a signal for an almost universal turn-out of the populace.

Cowpunchers who have grown gray doing the things which Hood enacts on the silver screen are his staunchest supporters. They write in him praising his horsemanship and acting ability. They take their wives and children to see the picture. He is their favorite actor—one they appreciate and understand.

Gibson is turning always mingling with these people, always, whenever he can sneak away from the bustle of the studios for a short vacation. He talks with them and gets their outlook on life and as a result his portrayals of the true westerner get better with each picture.

His latest Universal-Jewel starring vehicle, "The Silent Rider," from the magazine story, "The Red Headed Husband," by Katherine Neville Hunt, will be shown at the Rialto theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

A strong cast of supporting players including Blanche McHaffey appear with Gibson in "The Silent Rider."

Slutz Gets Whiskey Creek Award W. L. Slutz, local contractor, whose bid was \$2,702, received an award from the county court last week to construct a grade on a second Market Road unit of the Whiskey creek grade on the East Side. The first unit was graded last year.

The Whiskey creek road forms a lateral of about a mile, to connect residents of the East Side, north of Pine Grove, with the Mount Hood Loop highway.

W. C. T. U. NOTES Hood River County W. C. T. U. Institute will be held Tuesday, April 19, in the Riverside church. This will be an all day affair.

One of the special features will be the two addresses by Miss Maude M. Aldrich, national director of motion pictures for the W. C. T. U. Miss Aldrich is also director of Family and Juvenile Welfare Board of Christian Education in the Presbyterian church. U. S. A. She is recording secretary of the Federal Motion Picture Council of America, Inc. She took part in the hearing for federal regulation of motion pictures in the committee on education in the House of Representatives last April.

The program, which begins at 10 a. m., will be as follows: Devotional, Mrs. Ruhnke; Children's Farm Home, Leslie Butler; Community Reading, Mrs. Shoemaker; Round Table Discussion, "Our Problems"; Noon Prayer, Mrs. Olmsted.

3:30 p. m., Devotionals, Mrs. Frank Smith; Anti-Corotics, Mrs. J. Jarvis; Reading, Mrs. M. S. Walters; Good Literature, Mrs. Guy Walter; Music, Pine Grove; in Government Control (Receptive), Mrs. Montie Hawthorne; Reading, Mrs. Peace, Mrs. W. O. Livingstone; Our Duty, Mary Francis Corwin.

Evening, 8:00 p. m., "The W. C. T. U. Mission," Miss Maude M. Aldrich. Devotional, Mrs. J. Jarvis; Music; Reading, Address, "America's Young Giant," Miss Maude M. Aldrich.

Do not miss Rockford Grange play, April 28.

LIVE ITEMS CLIPPED FROM THE GUIDE

(Hood River High School Paper) Graduating Class Largest in History

The largest class in the history of Hood River high school, numbering 52, will be graduated on June 2, provided every member of the class completes successfully the work he is now carrying. The girls of the class number 33 and the boys number 19.

A recent questionnaire reveals that 12 members of the class expect to go to Oregon Agricultural college next year, 14 will attend a business college, 10 will go to Normal school, 4 will go to Whitman college and 4 to the University of Oregon. Goldenrod, who will travel, 1 will attend a beauty culture school and 22 have not fully decided their future activities.

The class officers are as follows: Virginia Abraham, Curtis Anderson, Helen Anderson, Linda Anderson, Marion Baldwin, Edna Barton, Charlotte Brooks, Robert Butler, Bernard Carlson, George Lucas, Gordon Carter, Charlett Clapp, Loretta Conner, Audra Cooper, Edith Covert, Mildred Crow, Ellis Cummins, Eleanor Darcy, Helen Dickinson, Willis Eby, Agnes Emmel, Dale Egan, George Fisher, Edna Foust, Jean Fry, Holbrook Galloway, Dorothy Garbrandt, Ernest Garrett, Lee Garrett, Owatonna Green, Juanita Glaze, Edna Green, Lewis Gray, Spencer, Florence Strathairn, Ruth Taylor, Arthur Paulson, Leona Van Allen, Florence Vogel, Lenore Woodcock, Lawrence Wright, Anne Wuest, George Wuest.

Dale of Operetta Set for April 22 The cast and chorus of the operetta "In the Garden of the Shah" to be given April 22, working under the direction of Miss Frances Strathairn, and the parts are beginning to assume something of their real form.

The music of this operetta is declared by those who have heard it to be superior to any other in the Hood River operetta. The plot of the play is intricate in its make-up and has a full comedy design. Special casts feature the program and it is work on these that the director, Luther Reed, is now busy with.

Declamatory Contest Scheduled For the first time in several years there will be a county declamatory contest in Hood River. The contest will be held in the high school auditorium, Friday evening, April 29, according to J. W. Crites, county school superintendent.

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Thirteen Seniors Chosen for Play Cast The play cast for the senior class play was chosen last Friday. The Misses Gladys and Coroline Wilson, W. Hoberg and J. E. Manley, teachers, are in the program.

The cast is as follows: Helen Richards, Joan Lenore Woodcock, Mrs. Carr, Eleanor Derby, Mrs. Maudie, Gordon Manser, William Carr, Lewis Hart, James Clony, Robert Butler, Mr. Jamison, Dr. Willoughby, Ellis Cummins, Rev. Mr. Spelman, Victor Miller, Jack Doogan, George Palmer, Joe Thompson, Dale Fike, Sergeant of Police.

Track Team Noses Out Wasco, 65-57 By taking first in the half-mile relay, the last event on the schedule, the Hood River tracksters captured highest honors in the opening track and field meet of the 1927 season, with Wasco here Saturday. A very small turnout was present to witness the event.

The first score was 57-56, Hood River. The second score was 65-57, Hood River. The third score was 65-57, Hood River. The fourth score was 65-57, Hood River.

Early Loop Opening Desired Expressions of local sentiment indicate that an appeal will be made to the Highway commission to hasten opening of the Mount Hood Loop highway. Unless work is done with rotary snowplows and road crews, it is said, it will be June before the deep snowdrifts on the Loop.

The highway department plans on starting a repair camp as soon as possible on the East Fork of Hood river. Freshets last fall caused heavy damage to the roadway.

Hard Time Dance Parkdale, Friday.

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