

BIGGEST FRUIT SHOW ON EARTH

Hood River Display at St. Louis Never Before Equalled in the World.

Professor H. E. Van Deman, whom it will be remembered wrote to E. L. Smith a short time ago, complimenting Hood River very highly on her unequalled fruit display at the St. Louis World's fair, gives the following report in Green's Fruit Grower for December of his visit to the horticultural exhibit at the fair:

I saw at St. Louis the largest display of apples that has ever been made. There were apples from almost every section of our own country and also from other parts of the world. Two acres of floor space were occupied by this display of apples besides that devoted to other departments of horticulture. There were cranberries from Canada and other of the colder sections of our country, representing the fruits of the arctic regions, for they grow as far north as any edible fruit. I also saw pineapples and bananas from Florida and Mexico, and other fruits that thrive in the tropics. The eastern and western states, in fact all those between the two oceans exhibited here the products of their orchards, vineyards and berry fields for examination and comparison. Such friendly contests bring out points of interest exceedingly valuable.

The apple exhibit was the crowning feature in the entire fruit show. It was however, a commercial exhibit, largely, and less an exhibit of large numbers of varieties. There were some rare varieties shown, but the bulk of the apples were those most commonly seen in the markets of the world. The exhibit may be called a contest between the far east, the far west and the central part of North America.

That our country excels all other parts of the world in apple production both in quality and quantity is generally conceded. Texas did far better than might be expected and the best of all the gold states, which are scarcely within the apple growing region of America. In the northern part of Texas are sections fairly well adapted to apple culture. Their apples do not keep long nor are they of the highest quality nor as handsome as those from the north. A part of Canada's exhibit represented the extreme northern section. Ontario is identical in soil and climate with New York and Michigan, which are two of the best apple growing states. Northern Canada should not be expected to grow many apples, yet in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island there are many fine orchards, and in Wisconsin some little progress has been made. New York apples were extensively displayed, the varieties being largely Baldwin, Northern Spy, R. E. Greening, Roxbury Russet, etc., and many of these were of the 1903 crop held in cold storage. Ben Davis was small and lacked high color. Wine-sap was not shown. Connecticut made a credible apple show of the same general character as those from New York but in smaller quantities. Michigan also made an exhibit similar to that of New York but not so large. Minnesota made a fine display of apples. Wealthy a child of that state, was the leading variety. It is good to eat no matter where grown. They were not so large as those from other states but were highly colored and of good quality. Many Russian and other hardy apples were shown from Minnesota. Wisconsin in its attractive apple exhibit showed Wolf River, which exceeded all other varieties in size and beauty. Next came McMahon, which is as handsome a creamy white as Wolf River is in the red stripes. N. W. Greening showed well, being of large size and symmetrical, roundish shape, and pale green color. All these are fine seedlings of Wisconsin. Iowa showed a larger range of varieties. In Iowa are some of the best apple lands in America as the exhibit showed. All classes of varieties succeed there. Iowa had the largest number of varieties and the most nearly correctly named of all competitors. Jonathan and Grimes were not large but highly colored. Nebraska made a fine exhibit, similar to that of Iowa, which is not strange, since the climate and soil of the two states are almost identical. Kansas made a fair display, but in size, color and quality was below the standard for that state. Jonathan, Grimes, Ben Davis and others of their types were similar to those of neighboring states. Indian Territory and Oklahoma had small but good exhibits. The display was chiefly of Ben Davis, Wine-sap and York Imperial. These apples were lacking in long keeping quality and in the highest flavor. Jonathan and Grimes were fairly ripe there in October. Arkansas made a fine show of apples, the varieties being about the same as from adjoining states. Arkansas (Mammoth Black Twig), Jonathan, Wine-sap, Ben Davis, Gano and Black Ben Davis were there. Missouri had a large apple display. It was well managed and covered a large list of varieties. The character of the fruit was similar to that from Arkansas. Ben Davis and Gano reach the highest size and best quality in that region. A large table of York Imperial from Missouri was the finest I have ever seen; I can almost say the same of their Jonathan. The quality of fruit was excellent. Illinois made one of the best apple exhibits. It was extensive and of good character. Jonathan and Grimes led. Ben Davis, Gano, Willow and York Imperial largely were shown. Indiana was well represented but not so good as Illinois, but the fruit was of similar character. Jonathan and Grimes were the two best apples from that state for family use and fancy markets and York Imperial and Ben Davis for the general market. Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee all displayed good apples. Their general character was similar and averaged well up to that of the central states and about the same varieties were shown. There are good apple lands there, especially in the mountain sections. Montana made a small exhibit of varieties adapted to a cold climate, such as Wolf River, Wealthy, McIntosh, which were of the largest but of good quality and flavor. Idaho's apples were among the best on exhibition but small in quantity. The same was true of New Mexico. Colorado had more apples in amount and of the same general character. I saw nothing in the building that surpassed them in beauty, in fact, that equaled the apples from the Gunnison county in Western Colorado and from the San Juan region which is on the southern border of that state. Such Jonathans have never seen in central or eastern states. The coloring was gorgeous yet delicate. Even Orley was tinted with red as we often see Yellow Bellflower. It was colored almost beyond belief. Oregon had a display from the Hood River country such as were never before displayed at any apple show in America. Here Baldwin was so smooth and glossy red that it could not be recognized by most apple experts. Epopus Spitzenberg had its characteristic shape but its color and general perfection were a marvel. Roxbury Russet showed scarcely a trace of russet. Grimes looked as though it had been magdoo-wax. Jonathan was crimson red. Ben Davis was equally handsome. Washington made a similar

apple show of the same character as that from Oregon. The Yakima valley, the Wenatchee country and the Lake Chelan region produce apples of the highest type and about the same as the Hood River country. California displayed excellent apples largely from the higher altitudes. Eastern apple growers claim better quality than that of Western apples, which is true to some extent, and yet it is not safe to condemn Western apples as poor. Those grown in the Western mountain valleys and slopes are almost equal to any in quality and in appearance surpass all others.

FARMERS WILL VOTE SPECIAL ROAD TAX

Captain Jackson Says Last Year's Experiment was Good Lesson.

Captain F. M. Jackson of the East Side says he believes his neighbors in the Pine Grove district will vote another 10-mill special road tax. Last year this district was one of the few road districts in Oregon to take advantage of the new law giving the people the right to vote special taxes up to 10 mills for the improvement of roads. In fact the Glacier known of no other district in the state that voted this special tax.

The idea of the law for this state originated with the enterprising East Siders and was put through the legislature two years ago by Wasco county's delegation, much to their credit. "Last year there was considerable opposition to the idea of a special road tax," stated Captain Jackson, "but the good work that was done with the money on the East Side grade has been a splendid object lesson, and we do not expect the opposition this year that was developed a year ago.

"Why, a year ago the roads were so bad it was impossible to come to town with more than 15 boxes of apples. This year a fair sized load of 60 boxes can be hauled easier. It is our intention to keep up the work for good roads until the East Side road is gravelled for the whole length through our district, and when that is done, the side roads will be put in better shape. "Good roads will mean much to the East Side in the next few years. The hauling of thousands of boxes of apples to town will mean lots of work. Of course if the railroad now being surveyed is built up the East Side it will lessen the traffic somewhat for teams, but good roads will always be a necessity. There is nothing that helps so to attract settlers as good roads.

"The special tax of ten mills last year produced \$1040 and in addition to this we secured as our portion of the county tax \$150, which gave us a neat little sum for road work. It was well expended, too. The meeting to decide the question this year will be held at the Pine Grove school house on the evening of December 27."

If all citizens of Hood River were as enthusiastic for good roads as Captain Jackson, it would not be many years until the valley was supplied with the best roads in the state. Good roads are a valuable asset to any community. Captain Jackson's school district has just voted a 12-mill tax. The captain takes a great interest in school work, and is as enthusiastic for good schools as he is for good roads. The captain's term as director expires next June, and says he will step down and out, having served his district for 30 years—a record hard to equal elsewhere in the state.

Captain Jackson is also a faithful reader of the Glacier, having taken the paper since its first issue, June 8, 1889. "I don't know of any better local paper in the country," remarked the captain. "You are publishing a splendid paper."

No Opposition to Road Tax.

Chas. Sprout is another East Sider who is anxious to see the Pine Grove district vote a 10-mill tax for road improvement at the meeting to be held at the school house Tuesday evening, December 27. Mr. Sprout does not expect any opposition to the road tax this year. While there were a few who thought it best to have but a 5-mill tax this year, after studying the matter over he came to see that a 10-mill tax will not be a heavy penalty on anyone. "While ten mills is a comparatively high levy, the assessment valuation on farm property is very low, and because of this it cannot be called a heavy tax," said Mr. Sprout. "No, we do not expect much opposition."

One Mud Hole Made Passable.

Chas. Sprout called the Glacier man's attention to an impassable mud hole in the east end of Oak street, Monday morning, and ventured the remark that the valley has been settled for 44 years, and not one shoveful of gravel was placed on the East Side roads until last spring. D. R. Turner was standing by and attested to the fact. Sprout says the people of the Pine Grove district are going to vote a ten-mill tax for good roads next week, and at this meeting he will propose a resolution to see if the farmers can't get better roads inside the city limits. Recorder Nickelsen spoke up and said resolutions would do no good. "Give us gravel," he remarked. The recorder and the Glacier man then went down the street to investigate the aforementioned mud hole. It was a corker, sure enough. Ed Mayes, chairman of the

street committee of the city council was next interviewed, and it seems that he had instructed the street commissioner to repair the road, but the man he secured to do the work had gone back on his promise. O. B. Hartley, standing by, was engaged on the spot to repair the street at once. He went to work with a team that afternoon, and the road at that point is again passable.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of a gripe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the gripe." These Tablets promote a healthy action of the bowels and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the gripe. For sale at Williams' Pharmacy.

Coming Back to Oregon.

J. G. True, who left Hood River last fall for Oklahoma, writes that he expects to be back in Oregon before the end of 1905. He is now in Carnegie. It is a nice country, he says, but cannot be compared to Oregon. "We take three western papers," writes Mr. True in inclosing a renewal for the Glacier, "but the Glacier beats them all."

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New Officers Royal Arch Masons.

Hood River chapter, No. 29, Royal Arch Masons, elected the following officers Friday night for the year 1905: Frank Chandler, H. P. C. H. Stranahan, king; J. E. Moore, scribe; J. T. Bagley, C. H. H. F. Davidson, P. S.; W. J. Baker, R. A. C.; D. McDonald, 3d veil; J. L. Hersher, 2d veil; G. R. Castner, 1st veil; A. D. Moe, secretary; E. L. Smith, treasurer; A. L. Phelps, sentinel.

The new officers will be duly installed after the first of the year.

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