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**A STANDARD BOX**  
For Apples Is Proposed by C. E. Whistler, of Medford.

A year ago before the Oregon State Horticultural society, C. E. Whistler of Medford proposed a national law to standardize the apple box and its contents along lines similar to the Siles law now in effect concerning the apple barrel and its contents, says the Medford Tribune. This measure was unanimously adopted and was afterward approved by the state horticultural societies of Washington, Idaho and Montana. On November 18, 1913, at a conference held during the Spokane apple show, some slight changes were adopted, and in the form shown below it will again be referred to the state horticultural societies that assisted in its inception. All fruit concerns, interests or growers are invited to add the weights of their endorsements to the proposed law and forward same to C. E. Whistler at Medford, Ore., at an early date, as it is expected that the bill will be introduced in congress during the next session. The bill provides that the standard box of apples shall be of the following dimensions when measured without distention of its parts:

Depth of end, 10 1/2 inches; width of end, 11 1/2 inches; length of box, 18 inches, all inside measurements, and representing as nearly as possible 217 1/2 cubic inches.

Sec. 2. That any box in which apples shall be packed and offered for sale which does not contain less than the required number of cubic inches as prescribed in section 1 of this act, shall be plainly marked on one side and one end with the words "Short Box," or with words or figures showing the fractional relation which the actual capacity of the box bears to the capacity of the box prescribed in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. Standard boxes when packed, shipped or delivered for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, or which shall be sold or offered for sale within the District

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Sec. 4. That the apples contained within the said standard box when so packed and offered for sale, shipment or delivery in interstate or foreign commerce, shall be well grown specimens of one variety, reasonably uniform in size, properly matured, practically free from dirt, insect pests, diseases, bruises and other defects except such as are necessarily caused in the operation or packing.

Sec. 5. That standard boxes packed in accordance with the provisions of this act may be marked "standard."

Sec. 6. That boxes containing apples marked "Standard" shall be deemed to be misbranded within the meaning of this act—when the size of the box does not conform to the requirements of section 1 of this act, and when the markings on the box and the contents thereof do not conform to the requirements of section 3 and 4 of this act.

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