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APPLES WORTH BIG PRICES.

There is every indication at the present time that the Grande Ronde apple crop will be one of the greatest money producers that has been recorded in this state's history.

In the commercial centers apples are commanding high prices at present with a strong demand and every indication of advance.

This means much for the fruit lands of Union and Wallowa counties for the crop in this part of the state is better than ever before. All fruits yield well this year. The cherry crop has been wonderful and the quality of the fruit is superb. Berries have brought good returns, but the apple crop is the backbone of the whole fruit situation.

This being true, did it ever occur to you that a few acres planted to apples offers the greatest income to be found. It requires some work to care for an apple orchard but figure the pay you get for that work. Everyone can afford a few acres of apple land and why not take advantage of a situation that will never occur again—that of buying land set to fruit for almost the price of grass land in other parts of the state?

When irrigation shall have been

established in this valley there will be no more cheap lands. Grass lands will double its present price and fruit land will follow. Now is the accepted time to buy for the future. A few hundred dollars properly invested in Union or Wallowa counties means a life income.

T. R. CONVINCED PRIZEFIGHTING OUGHT TO BE STOPPED.

Mr. Roosevelt has always believed in and been fond of boxing says the Spokesman Review. The establishment of boxing clubs in New York gave vigorous youngsters, who otherwise would have joined gangs, a legitimate outlet for their activities and also lessened knife-fighting and unfair play.

When Colonel Roosevelt was police commissioner a law was enacted permitting contests in the state between professional boxers. Its terms were intended to save the sport from the perils everywhere resulted in the suppression of the prize ring. But while he was governor he found himself obliged to secure the repeal of the law.

Men whose every instinct of manliness revolts against prizefighting have been denounced as mollicoddlers. But Mr. Roosevelt's confession that his experience convinced him prizefighting ought to be stopped puts the burden of unmanliness on the supporters of prizefights.

Since prizefighting was stopped in New York, Mr. Roosevelt adds, its conditions have only grown worse. The money fought for is a potent source of demoralization, often a premium on crookedness. The gambling on the result is utterly unhealthy. The moving picture is a new demoralization, and it is admirable that pictorial representations of the fight are prohibited. He hopes that America has seen its last prizefight.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Michigan Indians stand to get \$860,000. Seeing they don't vote, this is rather odd.—Detroit News.

If it cost John Dalzell, a sum equal to \$4 a vote to get his nomination he is not the idol, but the angel of his people.—Exchange.

The hand that rocks the cradle spoils the chief.—Life.

It is barely possible that Governor Gillet is trying to win the Nobel peace prize for 1910.—Omaha World-Herald.

A woman is a person who would rather have her husband home of nights than in the Hall of Fame.—Galveston News.

They can't hear Mr. Bryan reading Governor Harmon out of the party while the campaign bands are playing.—Atlanta Constitution.

The collection of relics, that recently arrived from Egypt, probably accounts for some of the summer vaudeville jokes.—Youngstown Telegram.

It would be interesting to read a signed editorial by President Taft on the topic, "What Shall I Do With Our Ex-President?"—Boston Globe.

The Kansas aviator who fell 100 feet uninjured may have alighted on one of the waves of prosperity now sweeping over that state.—St. Louis Times.

An official dentist has been appointed for the Missouri penitentiary. Apparently the old forms of torture for convicts are considered inadequate.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Professor Lovell's discovery of a canal on Mars 1000 miles long has not yet been followed by evidences of contention as to what town shall hold an exposition.—Washington Star.

Jim Jeffries found it as hard to get back into winning conditions as the old political machine hacks in Oregon. The latter will not recognize their weakness until next November.—Harney County News.

A girl attending the Christian Endeavor convention at San Jose became insane and rushed to the station to take a train for Heaven. Poor little mite! She was indeed insane to even dream of San Jose in the starting point or the Southern Pacific the line for Paradise.—Watsonville Regulator.

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