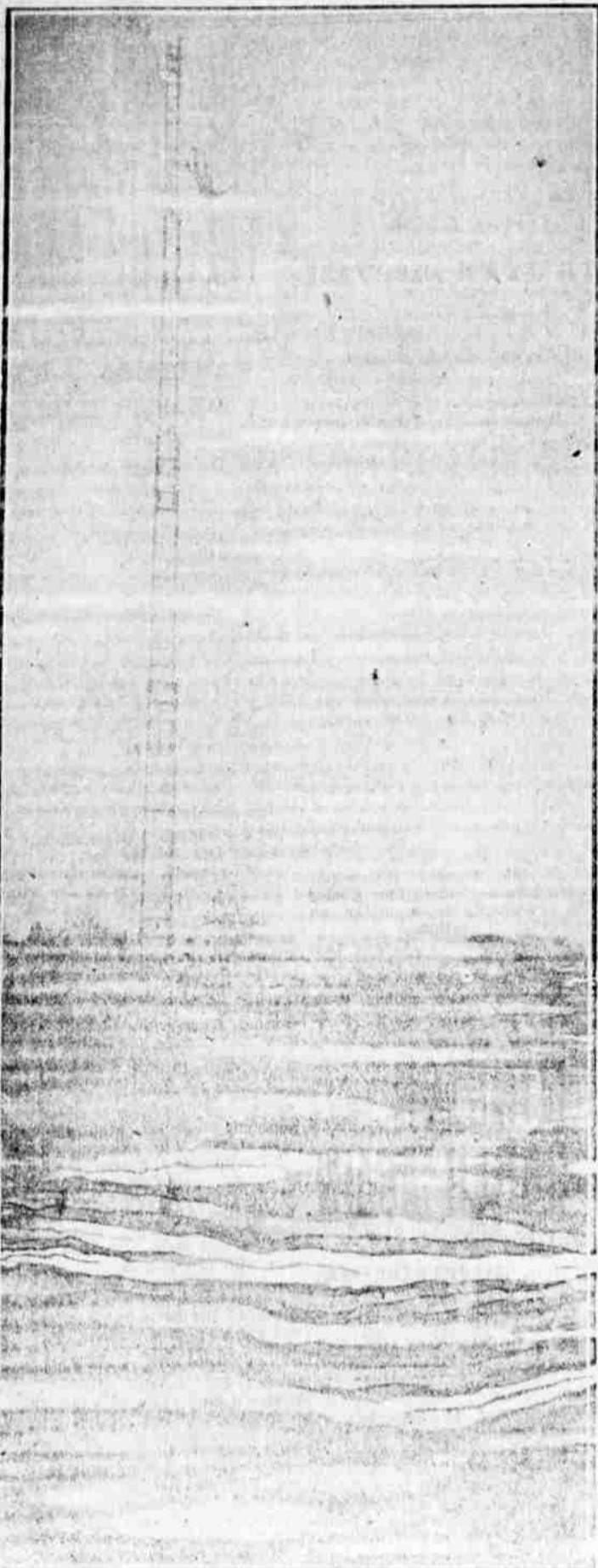


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The Tower From Which Carnival Star Dives to Seemingly Sure Death.

Did you ever ascend to the top of a 105 foot ladder, stand on a platform eight inches long by six inches wide, and drop to the ground below? Did you ever see anybody do that? But next week the great Parker show visit this city and you will see Captain Chas. Strahl, the Buffalo fireman, dive exactly as stated above twice daily. It is the highest of the high dives and is the most sensational act ever presented.

With the usual hazardous act there are safety devices that can be operated so rapidly in case of anything going wrong that loss of life or serious

accident is averted, but in case of Strahl's high dive such devices are impossible. When he once leaves the platform there is no stopping, no possibility of turning back. He must continue that downward flight with the velocity of a cannon ball into a net six feet wide, eight feet long suspended three feet above the ground. This act stands alone as an example of man's daring. Be sure when the opportunity presents itself to see Captain Chas. Strahl who as before stated twice daily juggles with fate and laughs at death in order that thousands may gaze in awe and amazement.

A VISIT TO THE STODDARD ORCHARD

At this particular time of year when the apple crop is being picked it is of great interest to visit some producing orchard and take note of the many features of importance to the great fruit industry which is getting a firm and permanent hold of this valley.

Yesterday the writer visited the J. B. Stoddard orchard near the city park. It is a forty acre tract. The original orchard was planted by an old German who expected to sell the fruit around La Grande in a retail way. Hence he planted almost every kind of an apple known, supposedly fifty-five varieties. This was done so ripe apples would occur often for the local market.

But since Mr. Stoddard became owner of the orchard he has followed the business from a commercial point of view. What planting he has done has been of staple varieties for the market, and the work has begun to test.

The Stoddard orchard is equipped first of all with an irrigating system. This system was devised by Mr. Stoddard. Instead of having a centrifugal pump he uses a long chain running through a tight box which creates suction and raises the water from the Grande Ronde river to a point high

enough to cover his entire tract of land. And he irrigates by flooding several times a season, a plan which many orchardists refuse to endorse and in fact object to. But results are what count and Mr. Stoddard is getting results.

He conceived the idea that irrigation was not all that was needed. Apples needed neighbors to form an association, so he planted a carpet of clover over his orchard and today he will tell you that clover has a great deal to do with the color and the size of the apple.

Now he had a combination of irrigation and clover and the next thing to do was to get the pruning and spraying down to a scientific point. He headed back his trees, which means to cut out the tops. Then he took out every limb that he did not want to bear fruit, using judgment all the way through to give the bearing limbs plenty of room to carry their fruit without interference. No rubbing limbs go at Stoddard's. Every apple must have space around it for the sun and air. He says apples are like people; they must have air and sunshine and must not be crowded if you want a good quality. On these plans

and he is producing a great per cent of perfect fruit.

On a gravel ledge where the gravel stones are large and rounded by the constant wash he had some of the best trees, proving that gravel is good fruit land. It has been claimed that alfalfa between trees is not a good thing, but as an experiment he has planted several acres of alfalfa to try it out. This year he has good apples on this land, but to the writer they did not look nearly so good as the land where clover was growing.

To get uniform size, deep colors and keep the wind from blowing apples off the trees Mr. Stoddard says requires a combination of circumstances which he has been able to obtain only by constant experimenting. Now he seems to have that combination, for the stems carrying the apples are large and rugged which prevents the wind from doing damage, the color is magnificent and the size of his fruit is as nearly uniform as of any orchard we have ever seen.

There will be 16,000 boxes of apples on the Stoddard orchard this season. Picking is now in progress and he has a warehouse 100 feet long with boxes now besides hundreds of boxes in the fields.

In speaking of the fruit industry Mr. Stoddard said: "This talk about the apple business being overdone is all nonsense. You must raise perfect apples and then you will always have the market. True, the old system of letting trees do what they will and expecting to sell the product for a big price is probably a thing of the past, but there never was a time when the good apple was in such demand. The different organized fruit sections have taught the buying public what a good apple really is and the public is demanding it. You will always be able to get the price for the apple that has the size, color and quality."

"There was an old theory that doubles could not be raised. I mean by that that two apples could not grow successfully from the same stem. Just walk through my orchard and some of the best fruit will show from two to four apples growing from the same stem. I find in orcharding as in everything else the ironclad rules are subject to revision and correction. No one knows all about the fruit business by any means, and there is something to learn every minute."

"But it is a business and requires earnest attention the same that any other business requires. It is a good business and when the Grande Ronde valley is organized as it should be; when the fruit here all passes a rigid inspection as it does in Hood River, then the Grande Ronde fruit will have a reputation that will bring the top prices, for there is no question but what we can produce the fruit here if the proper methods are used."

CONDITIONS IN COLORADO TODAY AFTER 19 YEARS OF WOMEN VOTING.

It was in the year 1893 that woman suffrage was granted in Colorado. For 19 years the suffragists have used this state as a sample of good government brought about by the woman's vote. The anti-suffragists ask the men of Oregon to read the words of a Colorado woman—one who has been and now is politically prominent. She tells of the conditions of politics in her state today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cass Goddard of Colorado—a former ardent suffragist—has held the following offices: Delegate to city and state conventions, deputy sheriff, warden at the penitentiary, and member of the republican state committee from El Paso county. She has been represented on various boards of city and state organizations. For example: vice president for Colorado of the Mother's congress, second vice president of the Y. W. C. A. of Colorado Springs, first vice president of the Boys' club, trustee of the City Federation, president of the City Federation of Women's clubs, president of the Humane society, only woman member of the anti-tuberculosis committee of Colorado Springs and president of the Colonial Dames of Colorado. We wish to quote from a letter written by Mrs. Goddard to a member of the board of the anti-suffrage association of Portland. She says in part:

"I am in a peculiar position, for while I disapprove most emphatically of equal suffrage, and while I have yet to see one good result from it, while the women of Colorado have the responsibility I must do my part toward trying to make matters better. But I frankly say I do not see how this can be accomplished. It certainly has not yielded any such result up to this date. We have no cleaner politics, no purer politicians, no less graft, no better laws for women and children than Massachusetts has, and in spite of the often repeated assertions of the suffragists, not ONE of the laws we have is the result of the votes of women. As far as this god's influence of women outside the suffrage is better than with the exercise of it. I have found the professional suffragist or politician hard, aggressive, loud in voice and manner and ready to antagonize anyone to enter her point. It is not with her an 'appeal to reason', but an appeal to sentiment, to passion, and to fancied wrong done to women. There is very little now to say on the subject excepting that my observations have only intensified my feeling on the subject. The better class of women do not want to vote. It is hard for me to induce them to come to the polls, when any stirring question comes up, and on ordinary matters they neither feel nor even pretend to feel any interest."

Judging from the conditions as they now stand in Colorado, do we honest-

MARKET REPORTS.

Local quotations today are:

- New home grown apples—75c per box.
- Oranges—50c.
- Bananas—40c per doz.
- Peaches—70@85c.
- Tomatoes—4 lbs. for 25c; Eagle Valley 75c per crate.
- Peach plums—2c lb.
- Pears—2½c lb.
- Grapes—10c lb.
- Concord grapes—30c basket.
- Tokay grapes—50c basket.
- Quinces—3 lbs. for 25c.
- Pineapple—20c and 25c, size.
- Cranberries—15c lb.
- Grape fruit—2 for 15c; 4 for 25c.
- Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
- Cucumbers—5c each.
- Onions—\$2.00 per cwt., small lots 3½c lb.
- Potatoes—75c per cwt.
- Beans—White, 8 1-3c; 11 no, 10 cent New cabbage—2c.
- Celery—Home grown, 10c bunch.
- Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.
- Cauliflower—15@20c per head.
- Red peppers—15c lb.
- Green peppers—10c lb.
- Egg Plant—10c each.
- Squash—2½c lb.
- Pumpkins—2½c.
- Turnips 2½c lb.
- Feed and Grain.
- Alfalfa hay—\$12.00 (retail).
- Timothy—\$14.00.
- Wild hay—\$10 to \$12.
- Bray—\$1.20 per cwt.
- Shorts—\$1.40 per cwt.
- Oats—\$1.40.
- Rolled oats—\$1.50.
- Rolled barley—\$1.50 per cwt.
- Blue Stem Flour—\$1.35 sack.
- Patent—\$1.25.
- Snowflake—\$1.35.
- 10s Corn Meal—35c per sack.
- Eggs and Butters.
- Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cent; lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 80c.
- Ranch butter—65c 2 lb. roll.
- Ranch eggs—35c.
- Cattle, Hogs and Powl. (Buying Price.)
- Heavy hogs—7c.
- Chickens—Hens 9c; old roosters 7c; spring fries, 12 1-2c.
- Light hogs—7½c.
- Ducks—Live weight, 12½c.
- Geese, live weight 10c.
- Cows—4@5c.
- Steers—4@5c.
- Sheep—4@4 1-2c.

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