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SAFETY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

There is nothing like seeing things at close range—like meeting men face to face in order to form a correct opinion. This being true the opinion of President Wilson by Fred J. Holmes, who has just returned from Washington, has considerable weight with us. Naturally Mr. Holmes being a Democrat, he would see the best side of the present administration, but regardless of his political affiliations all know him to be a clean-cut reasoner and absolutely safe in his conclusions.

When asked how President Wilson impressed him, Mr. Holmes said the president is all right. Safe and conservative, yet sufficiently progressive to do with any precedents at Washington that stand in the way of the advancement of the people of the nation. In fact, the conclusion of Mr. Holmes is the same conclusion that many of us have felt for some time. It is this: If the destiny of the country depended solely upon the actions of the new president safety in every department would be assured.

But there is a congress to be reckoned with—a Democratic congress, which in the past, has had a mania for getting conditions well twisted. The personnel of this congress may be different, but quite likely the percentage of politicians and wild-eyed legislators prevail who, with their Democratic majority, may give the

new president all he can do to keep things lined up.

It looks to us, and the statement of Mr. Holmes only makes us believe it the stronger, that President Wilson is not only safe but that he possesses considerable statesmanship and should his administration be a failure it will be largely due to his inability to handle a congress elected fresh from the people, many members of which have personal ambition which likely will supplant the desire to legislate for the entire nation.

There is, however, no use in crossing that bridge before it is seen, and until the congress shows itself a stumbling block to progress we, along with all others who did not vote for President Wilson, will wait anxiously with the hope that thing may run smoothly and successfully.

NOT DISCOURAGED.

There is a wrong impression in the minds of many regarding the fruit culture in this valley. True enough, this happens to be a year when there is scarcely any market and prices are exceedingly low. We have seen the time in Kansas when corn sold for ten cents a bushel but the farmers did not quit raising corn; wheat has sold for 25 cents a bushel in this valley, and less, yet the ranchers did not cease raising wheat. Horses have sold right here for \$30 a head, and still people raised horses. In each instance the price came back.

This year apples and potatoes are off. Will they continue off? Not by any means. The same old law holds good: Raise good stuff and there need be little fear of the market. The day is probably past for the poor apple to command a price. But there never will be a time when one year will follow another with low prices on good fruit. Just keep that in mind from year to year and see if the prog-

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notication is not entirely correct.

The most refreshing thing to know regarding fruit at the present time is that this valley does really produce first class quality, and with that knowledge the details of a profitable orchard can be worked out. Organization is absolutely essential to sell

any perishable article so that the grower gets his full returns. We have recently had an example in Portland where the Front street commission merchants robbed both the grower and consumer, and this lesson should teach every man who spends his time raising a product that the selling end

is equally important for him to look after as the growing end of the business.

There is cause for regret at the low prices this year, but there is no cause for alarm.

Very few Salem headlines in the

metropolitan papers now. That's right, the legislature has adjourned and the governor does not seem to be working overtime at any one particular thing these days.

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