

COLORADO RAISES MANY APPLES

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Oct. 7.

This week sees the commencement of the biggest apple movement the Grand Valley has ever known and for the next month all previous fruit shipping records are expected to be surpassed. The winter crop now on the trees and about ready for picking is conservatively estimated at 2500 cars within the little territory which is entirely confined to the orchard portion of Grand Valley. This is probably more apples than any territory of similar size in any part of the United States ever produced before. This is especially Colorado year in the apple market, for, with the Northwest reporting a short crop with nothing extra in the East or Middle West, this state will harvest the biggest crop in its history and the Grand Valley of all immense western slope is the most productive spot of all.

In comparison with the whole valley's crops there are few facilities for storing apples here and those that are not sold for immediate consumption will be shipped to Kansas City and other central points and put into storage there. Five weeks will see every box of apples in the valley picked and packed and either put in storage here or shipped east and sold.

The past ten days have seen a considerable falling off in the local fruit shipments, as the valley has been experiencing a between season lull. The daily shipments have run from 12 to 20 cars and the total for last week was under 100. About 1200 cars have gone out so far since the fruit started to move about July 15. The peach movement is over and the melons, which held out well till the first of the present week, are now off this shipping market. Of pears there have been from 150 to 200 cars of late varieties now on the trees and they are now moving rapidly. In fact aside from apples and a few potatoes the late pears comprise the total shipments at present.

Apples have, of course, showed a steady gain from day to day and next week will probably see them moving at the rate of 30 or 40 cars daily. While Palisade and Clifton shipped a good share of the peaches and pears, Grand Junction and Fruita will ship most of the apples. The latter point to date shipped about 100 cars of fruit, but expects from 500 to 1000 cars of apples.

In some Australian towns it is the custom to offer several valuable prizes every year for the best kept lawn, garden and home. Oregon property owners might encourage the idea, for the attractiveness of a town increases its obtainable prices for building sites.

FINE QUARTERS. Jackson County Realty Co. Offices in New Bank.

The Jackson County Realty company has leased the front office rooms over the new Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank, at the corner of West Main and Grape streets. The company will conduct a general real estate business, and will also do a rental and private loan business. A large reception room will be pleasantly and conveniently fitted up for the patrons of the company. This is a good location and when fitted out as planned will be a credit to the company and the city. The present office is at 604 West Tenth street, corner of King.

Shakespeare on Baseball.

I will go root.—"Richard III." Now you strike like the blind man.—"Much Ado About Nothing." Out, I say!—"Macbeth." I will be short.—"Hamlet." Thou canst not hit it, hit it, hit it!—"Love's Labour's Lost." He knows the game.—"Henry VI." O! hateful error!—"Julius Caesar." A hit, a hit, a very palpable hit!—"Hamlet." He will steal, sir.—"All's Well That Ends Well." Whom right and wrong have chosen as umpire.—"Love's Labour's Lost." Let the world slide.—"The Taming of the Shrew." He has killed a fly.—"Titus Andronicus." The play as I remember pleased not the million.—"Hamlet." What an arm he has!—"Coriolanus." They cannot sit at ease on the old bench.—"Romeo and Juliet." Upon such sacrifices the gods themselves throw incense.—"King Lear." —Washington Post.

Old Cures.

The antiquary took down a little gray book. "Here is a family doctor," he said, "that was published as far back as 1591. Talk about your quaint prescriptions!" The first prescription, a truly quaint one, ran: "If a man be grieved with the falling sickness, let him take a he-wolves harte and make it to powder and use it; but if it be a woman, let her take a she-wolves harte." A 1591 jaundice cure was: "Take earthworms and cut them small, and braye them with a little wyne so that ye may swallow it; drinke the same fasting." For toothache: "Search as many little frogges sitting upon trees as thou canst get, by water; take the fat flowyng from them, and when they be dry, smyte the teeth therewith."

Saving the First Band.

In the lives of most people there are few moments that are not only big with importance, but remain long in our memory. One of these moments may be the first sight of the ocean; another, such great snow and mountains first come into view. Still another, the first potato not quite a potato, is put into the water when the average man or woman draws his or her savings out of a bank and buys the first word.—Moody's Magazine.

Creative Salmon.

"Spangled color, isn't it?" asked a customer as he cut a pound or two of salmon for a customer. "Yes," replied the latter, "looks as if it were bluish, at the price you ask for it!"—London Scraps.

CURTIS WRITES OF JOSEPHINE CAVES

(William E. Curtis.)

Crater Lake is not the only great natural wonder in this locality. There are several scenic features within a short distance from Ashland the neighboring towns, that are practically unknown to the world, but are quite as interesting as those which thousands of Americans every year cross the ocean to see. On the boundary line between Oregon and California, not far from the thriving city of Ashland, is a group of wonderful caverns, in a mountain of marble, which are said to surpass Mammoth Cave, Luray Caves and other great caverns as much as the mountains of the coast ranges surpass those of Kentucky and Virginia.

These marble grottoes, for they are more like grottoes than caves, are not newly discovered. They have been known ever since the first white settlers came into this country, and were first reported by Elijah Davidson, a hunter and trapper, who trailed a white face bear into them one day. Joaquin Murietta, an outlaw and cattle thief, hid his stolen stock in the caves, and made them his headquarters away back in the '60s. A white man and a Chinaman were murdered there in the early '70s, and, indeed, it may be said that these great wonders have always been known, but the little knowledge we have of them has filtered out through the dense Oregon forests from hunters, prospectors and adventurers of various degrees of veracity.

The caves are very difficult to reach; there is no road, only a bridle trail; they are 50 miles from a railroad track, 65 miles from a hotel, and whoever goes there must take a full camping outfit, and expect to rough it in genuine frontier fashion for a week or more. It is possible to get an outfit at Ashland or Medford, or at any one of several stations along the Southern Pacific railway, and several young men in the vicinity who have made the trip annually for several years, can be employed as guides.

The expense of an expedition will, of course, depend entirely upon the character of the outfit, but four or five pack horses, a couple of tents and provisions for a week's stay need not cost a great deal of money.

Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," made the trip this summer, and wrote an article about the caves for the Sunset Magazine of San Francisco. I believe he is the only man who has ever attempted a description, and, while his rhapsodies concerning the scenery and the wonderful beauty of the caves are admirable, the reader is apt to wish that he had given a little more practical information. It may be gathered from this article that there are 500 or more dazzling chambers in a mar-

ble cliff, one on top of the other, sometimes four or five stories or strata, and that they extend into the mountain an unknown distance, probably more than five if not eight or ten miles. Nobody knows, because they have not been explored. Solomon's Temple, as Joaquin Miller has christened the largest hall he found, is 350 feet long by 150 feet wide, and 80 feet high, with a ceiling of crystal stalactites and walls of alabaster. It is surrounded and approached by many chambers of lesser size, of similar material, with ceilings and walls of indescribable beauty. Mr. Miller publishes a list of several chambers to which he gave fantastic names, but the caverns should be explored and charted by the geological survey and the caves should be declared a public monument and protected by the secretary of the interior under the general law of congress.

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BORN.

MOORE—In this city, October 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Gay Moore, a son. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. Archie Wilson left Wednesday on No. 20 for Grants Pass, where she will visit friends and relatives for the day.



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