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Bulk of Apple Crop On Way to Market

Union and Davidson Companies About Wind up Shipments—Some Still in Storage—Steinhardt & Kelly Brace up Prices

With the end of last week the bulk of the Hood River apple crop was shipped out both by the Union and the Davidson Fruit company. Part of the force of men who have been employed at the Union warehouse were laid off Saturday and a number employed by the Davidson Company at packing and in other capacities finished their work last week. There is still a large quantity of apples in storage in both plants and also a number of small lots distributed around the lower and upper valleys. Most of these have been sold and are being held subject to shipment.

While the Union handled the bulk of the crop the Davidson Company shipped out about 20 cars, including some of the best and largest orchards of the valley. Sears & Porter, as in former years, handled their crop of several cars independently, and a number of other independent shipments were made.

The proportion of the crop shipped across the continent was not so large this year as in former years owing to the fact that the choice, or second grade apples, amounting to several thousand boxes were bought by Page & Son and other local buyers and were shipped to Portland. Just what the total shipment from Hood River will be this year cannot as yet be definitely stated, but it is expected to be about 125 cars. Of these more than two-thirds have been shipped out. The greater part of the apples still held in storage are Newtowns which will not be shipped until after the holidays.

SAYS COUNTY RECORDS "NOT YET DRAFTED"

According to the Portland Telegram Hood River has no county records as a dispatch from here says: "The time when Hood River county will have records of its own on which to base the title of the land within its borders has again been postponed and it will probably be at least three months before the transcript of the Wasco county records dealing with the part from which this county was formed will be available here. Hood River county was formed from a part of Wasco county in July 1908. The transcription of the records was done by contract and was finished last June. A couple of months ago a delegation of lawyers, bankers, real estate and business men called on County Clerk George D. Culbertson and remonstrated because the old records were not available and also because the work of the clerk's office had fallen so far behind that it was impossible to get satisfactory information from any of the records. "The county clerk was given extra help at that time to catch up with the back work but it was only two weeks ago that he began to examine the transcript of the records. On a brief examination Clerk Culbertson announces that it will be necessary to go over the entire work before he will certify to the correctness of the transcript and the complete comparison of the copy with the old records will keep four experts busy for three months. The work will probably be commenced next week and it is estimated that it will cost the county about \$1500."

Hood River fruit in the past years. They have been circulating some very nasty reports about the quality of the Hood River apples this year and all efforts on our part to find out the perpetrators of these nasty and scurrilous calumnies have been in vain. However we think, we have the thing squelched now. There certainly has been some very nasty work done on this end. It has been circulated around the market that it was raining in Hood River every day and that in spite of that the apples were being picked. This naturally got the trade scared as they thought if the apples were picked in the rainy weather that they would not keep which sounds very plausible. The outcome of it all has been that we have had very hard trouble to sell the apples."

CALLED ELECTION FORGOT CANDIDATES

For the first time since the city was incorporated, says the Evening Telegram, Sumpter will fail to hold its regular municipal election. Notices calling for such election were regularly posted and all preliminary arrangements attended to, but residents of the city neglected to take the usual steps for nominating candidates for the offices that would be vacant at the end of December were the election to take place. Whether this neglect is due to want of interest or satisfaction with the present city officers has not been determined. The Sumpter city charter provides that councilmen and other officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Proposes Drastic Liquor Measure For The Dalles

The Dalles city council at its meeting Friday night was requested by the Municipal League to pass an ordinance which would rescind all the present ordinances regulating the sale of liquors in the city, at the same time putting into effect several new and radical laws regarding the liquor traffic there. Some of the proposed measures are: Reducing the present 30 saloons to 12; raising the license from \$400 to \$1000; authorizing the council to revoke the license of an accused saloon-keeper if he does not give sufficient cause why the same should not be revoked, this action being final, and the saloonman having no redress; prohibiting the council from issuing a license to a person whose license is once revoked, saloons to close at 10 o'clock; fronts of saloons must be of glass from a point four feet above the sidewalk, there may be a clear view of the bar from the sidewalk; no side rooms or rear entrances to saloons allowed; no tables allowed in saloons.

MORE MOSIER LAND SALES AT GOOD PRICES

Through the agency of McGregor & Bothfor of Mosier several important additional sales were made there recently. They are as follows: Forty acres of land including six acres of young apple orchard situated one mile from Mosier, being a part of the Daniel Sturgess tract, to Messrs. Oes and Ross for the sum of \$5,500. One hundred and sixty acres of unimproved fruit land five miles south of Mosier, on the forks of Mosier creek, to Edward M. Strauss, of Ripon, Wisconsin, for the sum of \$5,500.00. The above tracts are to be cleared and planted to apple orchards as soon as possible. Sixteen acres fruit ranch one mile from Mosier, on Mosier creek, several acres of which are in bearing, from G. P. Hunter to E. C. Chase of Portland for the sum of \$6,000.00. McGregor & Bothfor report several good deals pending and the demand for Mosier fruit lands and orchards steadily increasing.

GANBY POST FEASTS THEN ELECTS OFFICERS

Members of Ganby Post and the Women's Relief Corps held their big indoor picnic and dinner successfully Saturday afternoon a large attendance from both organizations being present. After partaking of a bountiful dinner and indulging in reminiscences of war times the annual election of the post was held. The officers elected are: Commander—Geo. P. Crowell. Senior Vice-Commander—C. F. Waldo. Junior Vice-Commander—G. M. Wells. Officer of the Day—G. R. Castner. Quartermaster—John A. Wilson. Adjutant—S. F. Blythe. Surgeon—T. D. Tweedy. Chaplain—T. J. Canning. Officers of the Guard—Frank Noble. The installation will be held next month. Born—at the Portland Maternity hospital Dec. 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Booth, a daughter.

Horticultural Society Opens Annual Meeting

Affair Characterized By Fine Exhibits And Interesting Addresses—Hood River Sends Good Delegation to Participate

The 24th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society opened yesterday morning in Portland. The convention is being held in the auditorium of the Meier & Frank Company's fifth floor annex, where the apple display, according to the Oregonian, is resplendent. Apples of almost every name and variety are entered from all parts of western Oregon and the celebrated Hood River and Mosier districts. Among the varieties exhibited are: Spitzenburg, Yellow Newtown, Baldwin, Ortle, Red Cheek Pippin, Wagner, Ben Davis, Northern Spy, King, Winter Banana, Winesap, Hyde's King, Golden Russet, Jonathan, Vanderpool Red, Swaar and Rome Beauty.

EXCITING GAME OF BASKET BALL

The most exciting game of basket ball ever played at Hood River took place last Thursday evening at the gymnasium when the High School Senior and Sophomore teams contested for supremacy. The Sophs won after a hard struggle by the score of 21 to 18. The attendance was large and was enlivened by the rovers for the teams who howled their appreciation of the work of the respective teams and individual players. The Sophs had a little the best of it in the noise making line as the Juniors who were rooting for them had provided themselves with a variegated supply of cow bells. When the Senior's boosters started to encourage their representatives they let loose such a din that the yells of the Juniors could not be heard much to their chagrin. The latter tried to rush the Juniors and take their effective weapons away, but were unsuccessful.

L. Carter, F. C. Dethman, L. E. Clark, F. M. Jackson, B. E. Van Voorhies, Kelly Brothers, J. P. Naumer, Lawrence & Smith, Peter Mohr, F. L. Davidson, John Hakel, Charles W. Reed and Cutler Brothers. In his annual address H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, president of the society, strongly advocated holding in Portland annually an all-Oregon fruit display. It is the opinion of Mr. Atwell, that the importance of the fruit industry to this state is such that some plan should be devised for one general exhibition which would attract exhibitors from all sections of the state and insure a show which would surpass all similar expositions on the Pacific coast. On this subject, Mr. Atwell, in his address to the horticulturist, which was read yesterday says: "I see great possibilities in this suggestion. At the present time Hood River, Albany and other communities, while doing all they can to help our exhibit, naturally give the success of their local enterprise their first and best thought. This state of affairs prevents us from securing the best results from our exhibits because the energies of our people are scattered and fruit, once exhibited, never makes as good a showing when exhibited the second time. "If arrangements can be made for concentrating at our annual meeting all the exhibits of these various localities, the energies of all our growers will be united to make our exhibit the biggest thing of the kind on the Pacific coast. Our show will then become the clearing house for the best fruit raised in Oregon. That fact will secure the warm co-operation of the city of Portland and of the railroads and the buyers will flock to us from all over the United States and Europe as they now do at the Spokane fair. Shall we yield supremacy in this matter to Spokane, or shall we seize the opportunity to make the all-Oregon fruit display the mecca for those seeking the best in horticulture? "I think we should hold our annual meeting and exhibit at an earlier date and later in the week, I suggest the middle of November, or perhaps, somewhat earlier. I think we should set Wednesday for the opening of our meeting and Thursday for the arrangement of exhibits, so that fruit sent here would not have to be delayed in this city over Sunday. The convention will be in session the rest of the week and several matters important to fruit growers are expected to be taken up. The competition for prizes is said to be keen. Want Guardian Appointed. A hearing was held Thursday before County Judge Derby in the matter of an application for the appointment of a guardian for Mrs. Charlotte Mills applied for by the Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. Mills who opposed the application was represented by Attorney A. Jayne. E. H. Hartwig was the attorney for the corps. It is claimed that Mrs. Mills is incompetent and unable to administer her affairs. The allegation was denied by the opposing attorney and the hearing was adjourned ten days to allow both sides of the case to file briefs. to pay a good price for it would have no truck with these two cars. Mr. Dumas is president of the Washington State Horticultural Society. He is also one of the directors of the Spokane Apple Show. He has had trouble with his pack before and it has had a black eye. The irregular pack during the past two seasons was recently explained away by the fact that the fruit had been packed by other parties and that Mr. Dumas himself had had nothing to do with it. It was stated on Mr. Dumas' behalf that this year the entire pack would be under his personal supervision and, occupying the prominent position he did in the Northwest apple growing sections, he would turn out a pack that would be a credit to the state of Washington. As a matter of fact, the two cars coming in this week would be a disgrace to any section. It can easily be understood why a man who puts up fruit in such style should so strenuously object to any legislation that would tend to standardize apple packing.



A GLIMPSE OF THE VALLEY IN WINTER

Prizes For Christmas Cattle

The Portland Live Stock Exchange offers for the best Christmas cattle shipped to the Portland Union Stock Yards the following premiums: Car steers, not less than 20 head, first prize \$150, second \$75. Car cows, not less than 20 head, first prize \$150, second \$75. Best single steer, first prize \$25, second, \$15. Best single cow, first prize \$25, second, \$15. Cattle to be judged morning of December 14th and sold at auction that afternoon. Judges, John F. O'Shea, Portland, Frank Brown, Carlton, Ore., G. W. Gammie, Portland. This sort of encouragement should be an incentive for the breeder and feeder of cattle. It is in line with the educational work undertaken by this company and to which the press of the Pacific northwest is lending valuable aid.

Nick Coelatto, who has the contract for constructing the irrigation ditch for the Oregon Lumber Company from the west Fork of the Hood River to the territory above Dee came in from camp Saturday and went to Portland. The crew is now located at Camp Overall, having completed over two and a half miles of the ditch. Until Saturday, snow had not interfered with the work, but it is expected that it will now have to be abandoned for the winter.

WEARY WILLIES KEPT MOVING

Two gentlemen of the road who gave their names as William Brown and William Ogden were haled before Justice Buck Saturday and fined \$25 apiece for making merry with the cushions and stove in a passenger's coach belonging to the Mt. Hood Railroad Company. It seems the night was cold and frosty and Brown and Ogden in looking around for a place to sleep spied the passenger coach back of the Mt. Hood depot, which they invaded, built a roaring fire and were preparing to wrap themselves in the arms of Morphens on the cushions when night marshal Sheek appeared on the scene and took them to their lockup. On their promise to leave town immediately if not sooner the fine was remitted. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney E. H. Hartwig and the railroad company by A. A. Jayne.

Good Sale in Upper Valley. A good sale in the Upper Valley last week was 20 acres to H. P. Goodland a former North Yakima man who purchased part of the A. C. Staten place through W. H. Marshall. The land is unimproved but Mr. Goodland expects to clear it just as soon as possible and make his home here. The price was \$4,000.

Musical Club Meets.

The meeting of the Musical Club at the home of Mrs. H. L. Dumble Thursday afternoon was a very enjoyable and interesting one. The composer was Mrs. Carrie Jacobs Bond. A sketch of her life was read by Mrs. C. D. Hinrichs and Miss A. Vanuett rendered the solo "Just Awearring for You" by Mrs. Bond most admirably. Mrs. S. G. Oxborrow and Mrs. Dumble also gave a difficult piano selection. Several new members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. D. Hinrichs Thursday afternoon. The composers will be Coombs vocal and De Nee instrumental.

The owners of the manufacturing interests along the railroad in the vicinity of the Apple Vinegar company are on the war path to have something done to the street leading to their establishments. What they want is a street opened across the short piece of ground between the Vinegar Company's plant and the warehouse of the Apple Growers' Union in order to make heavy hauling possible in all kinds of weather. At present it is claimed that it is almost impossible for a team to haul an empty wagon up the hill that leads into Columbia avenue. It is said that the matter will be brought to the attention of the city council through a petition.

ROASTS APPLE PACK FROM DUMAS ORCHARD

The Fruitman's Guide, one of the prominent New York fruit papers, in referring to several cars of apples from the orchard of J. L. Dumas says: "When the Lafean bill, the substitute for the original Porter bill, came up for discussion in Washington and shippers from all over the country gathered at the national capitol to thresh out the measure clause by clause the one man to oppose it tooth and nail was J. L. Dumas, of Dayton, Wash. Mr. Dumas could not see the merits of the Lafean bill with a spyglass and raised a bitter outcry against it. "New York men do not wonder today why Mr. Dumas was so vehement in opposing the bill that dealt with the packing of apples. They had an object lesson in two of his cars that came this week on the New York docks. One car consisted of a variety known as the Ruby Red and the other consisted of Jonathans. More carelessly or badly packed cars of apples have seldom, if ever, arrived from the northwest in New York. The fruit was under grade, poorly assorted, and light colored and high colored apples were put into immediate juxtaposition. The first car sold at from \$1.50 to \$2 and the second at from \$2 to \$2.25. If the cars had been properly packed and the fruit properly graded there would have been no difficulty in realizing from \$2.50 to \$3 for them, but the color was so irregular, the fruit so ill assorted and the pack so generally negligent and, to put it plainly, culpable, that the men looking for fancy northwestern fruit and willing