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**Successful Co-operation**

It is doubtful if anything has demonstrated more fully the progressiveness and cooperation of Hood River apple growers than the spirit manifested at the annual meeting of the union Saturday. Without hesitation its members to a unit supported the directorate by voting an additional sum to properly handle the crop this year, while the directors gave evidence of a fine sense of loyalty to the organization in refusing to accept remuneration for their services. As a matter of fact, as far as our knowledge goes the latter is unprecedented in the annals of commercial organizations and must be recorded as greatly to the credit of not only the directors but to the men at large who compose this fine body of tillers of the soil.

The spirit of the occasion manifested itself also in handling questions that are of signal importance to every grower in the valley. Strong discussions without enmity on labor, packing, labeling, grading and the financial affairs of the institution took place that removed the cobwebs and whose warnings and advice must result in great and lasting good.

While the growers generally who participated in these discussions are all to be congratulated on the excellent advice they offered their fellow members, we believe that Secretary Sproat hit a strong note in his talk against absolving the grower from responsibility for the grade of his fruit. On the other hand the packer should be made to feel that he is equally responsible.

Mr. Mason's statement that each year apples unfit for sale, bearing the label of the union, are offered in the public markets should cause every grower to exercise a vigilance that would make this impossible.

Hood River has conquered the world for fancy fruit at fancy prices and if it would hold its markets constant vigilance must be the watchword. The grower must become his own mentor and pass judgment on his own fruit the same as he would on another's. Let nothing pass that is not up to the highest standard.

From year to year varying conditions arise to confront the successful marketing of the fancy apple crop—increased production, improvement in fruit offered from competing districts, new markets and other phases all have to be considered. The bulwark of strength to successfully cope with every phase is QUALITY. The best apples will always make their own market at the best price. Which, it may be said, is the sum and substance of the apple industry or any other business. It is the keynote of success now and the salvation for the orchardist in the future.

Apart from strictly maintaining the quality the future of the fancy apple industry lies in the control of the product. Sooner or later a central association of which the local associations will be members and which will cooperate on the details of marketing must inevitably come.

As a fruit handling organization Hood River has reason to be justly proud of its association. It is no longer an experiment, but an asset that insures not only every apple raiser but every investor the worth of his money.

**NORTHWEST NOTES**

The bill now in congress providing for the issue of thirty million dollars in certificates to raise funds for completing the projects of the reclamation service, which are now held up for want of money, is being watched with close attention by the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, because much of the money, if congress

consents to raise it, will be spent in those three states. The bill has already passed the senate and is in the hands of the lower house, which will probably act upon it within the month. During the past two or three years the reclamation service has planned and begun some of the largest irrigation projects yet undertaken in the west and in almost every case has been prevented from completing them by lack of funds. For example, the irrigated area of Klickitat and Yakima counties in eastern Washington will be doubled if the projects already under way are completed.

The sale of the big land grant of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road company during the past week to capitalists said to represent the Hill interests, indicate to many that the reported Pacific coast outlet for the Burlington may become a reality. It is believed that Hill will build west from Billings, the present terminus, to Boise and thence westward through Ontario and across Oregon to Coos Bay. The purchase price of this big land grant will run up into the millions. If its purchase by Hill can be confirmed and this railway is built, it will mean a great development for Oregon, for it will open the most isolated sections to settlement.

It is expected to complete the

jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river this season. Work has been started extending it further and the dredge Chinook will operate on the bar during the summer. By the time the work stops in November it is expected to have a depth of 80 feet on the bar at low tide.

One of the big wheat farms of the state was sold the past week when the lands of the J.A. Woolery estate in Morrow county passed to a syndicate of North Dakota bankers. The sale included 19,000 acres and the price paid was \$150,000. It will be cut up into small farms.

The purchase of a big tract of timber land on the Siuslaw river the past week by Porter Bros., believed to represent J. J. Hill, strengthens the belief that the east and west line across Oregon will be built.

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**Dick Galligan's Cats**

(From Frankton's Correspondent)

The wildcat kept eating up Galligan's cats

And the thing it made Galligan sore

And I won't write the words that Dick Galligan said

But he says he will use them no more.

So he went to Viento, got Currin and his dogs

And they held a watch meeting all night.

But the cat was so full (of his name, so to speak.)

That he never once came into sight.

But Currin was goodhearted and gave him more cats

And he furnished at least half a score.

But they went one by one, as the others had gone,

And they lasted full two weeks or more.

Now Dick had twenty chickens, some Plymouth rock hens.

And their eggs were just fetching the tin,

And the cats playing out, the poor wildcat must live—

So he began taking them in.

One morning at daybreak Dick heard a great din

And he jumped from his bed dis-habille

When he saw through the window the cat coming out

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**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts	\$449,949.09
Bonds and Warrants	17,713.57
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Cash on Hand and in Other Banks	181,445.33
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