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## Apple Crop Estimate Shows Good Prospect

### Northwest Only Section That Has Full Yield—Fine Quality Characterizes Oregon Fruit—Hood River's Estimate 500 Cars

The annual July report on the apple crop of the country, compiled by the Chicago Packer, and considered the most reliable published, has just appeared. It is stated by the Packer that the best prospects at this time in any section of the country, and, in fact, the only part of the country that gives promise of producing a full crop, is evident in the Pacific coast states—California, Oregon and Washington—with practically a similar condition in Idaho.

Last year the yield in these far western states was curtailed moderately by spring frosts and other unfavorable developments, but so far this season nothing has developed to indicate any limitations in the output. While the yield promises to be what is generally termed a full crop, it is not essentially a bumper crop, as the trees at present in bearing are capable of producing much more fruit than is in sight this season. It is just a good, healthy yield, good alike in quantity and quality.

The mountain states further removed from the Pacific ocean fared worse this year than those bordering its waters. Colorado, New Mexico and Montana have reasonably good crops, but the late spring frosts cut down what at the start in the spring suggested bumper yields. The present promise is what might conservatively be termed a moderate yield—less than last season in most districts in the three states. Utah will likely produce a moderately good crop.

Between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains the prospective crop is uneven, but, considered as a whole, is fair and perhaps a

little above the crop produced last year.

Iowa has almost no apples, the spring frosts being very severe in that state. Nebraska's apples are produced almost entirely in a few southeastern counties. There the yield is fairly good, but uneven, perhaps averaging not quite as good as last season. Kansas and northern Missouri have more apples than last year, particularly Kansas, where about 50 per cent of the crop is in sight, compared with only 10 to 15 per cent of a crop last year.

In Missouri and Arkansas the July condition indicates a crop close to 40 per cent. A year ago about 15 to 20 per cent of a crop was expected.

The quality of the Mississippi valley crop promises to be quite satisfactory, though not notably so, perhaps about an average for the section.

According to the Packer's estimate, there will be a full crop of perfect fruit marketed from Oregon if nothing happens from now on, and it predicts that the state will gain new laurels in the leading markets. In the estimate of cars to be shipped from various points in the state, the shipment from the Grande Ronde valley is given at 600 to 700 cars. Cove is expected to ship 80 cars, Mosier is put down for 20, Medford for 300 and Hood River for 500, with quality quoted as very fine.

In Washington Wenatchee is quoted at 2,000 cars, Yakima at 2,100, Walla Walla at 20 cars and Underwood at 17. The crop at Yakima is estimated at 90 per cent of a full crop. The quality at Wenatchee and Yakima is given as the best in many years. Waitsburg expects to ship 40 cars and Kennewick 25.

of packing and shipping apples and a number of other things in connection with the apple business in this part of the country. Before returning to Hood River he will make an extended tour of the Atlantic coast, visiting most of the large eastern cities and will also stop at Chicago and points in the middle west.

### Change in J. L. Henderson Company

A change was made in the management and ownership of the John Leland Henderson Company Saturday, when F. C. Howell, a Portland attorney, bought an interest in the company and will look after the legal end of it here. Mr. Henderson has opened a branch office of the company with Geo. Shepard, who last year was a candidate for congress, in Portland and left for that city Saturday to assume its management. By the change Mr. Henderson will be enabled to be with his family, who moved to the city several weeks ago. The judge has withdrawn as a candidate for county surveyor, although he states that he expects to maintain his voting residence here.

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## Ballot Is of No Use to Women.

By HENRY WATTERSON, Journalist.

**M**AN has no inalienable rights that woman has not. But God and nature have given a woman a FIXED PLACE IN THE WORLD—a great place, which she cannot change. I deplore the agitation for woman suffrage and the other related subjects, because I think it tends to create sex antagonism. Woman is the moral light of the world. Without her influence men would be ravaging wolves and there could be no civilization, but the **BALLOT WILL NOT HELP MATTERS.**



**WOMAN SUFFRAGE MAY WORK FAIRLY WELL IN SPARSELY SETTLED COMMUNITIES LIKE COLORADO, BUT IF IT PREVAILED IN THE COUNTRY AT LARGE IT WOULD DEBASE WOMANHOOD.**

You will find that most of the advocates of woman suffrage are **DISCONTENTED OR CHILDLESS** unless they are the society women who, having exhausted the excitement of other amusements, have taken it up as a fad.

## Big Exchange to Handle Northwest Fruit Crops

An announcement in Saturday's Oregonian that caused considerable interest here, told of the organization in Seattle of the Northwest Fruit Exchange. Its purpose is stated to be the co-ordination of the fruitgrowing interests of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and the centralizing of the handling and marketing of fruit grown in these states through one channel.

The meeting was attended by a number of prominent men connected with the fruitgrowing industry, and the following named were elected officers and directors:

President, R. H. Parsons, president of the Hill-Crest Orchard Company, Medford, Or.; vice-presidents, M. Horan, president of the North Central Washington Development League, Wenatchee; W. N. Irish, president of the Yakima County Horticultural Union; secretary, C. R. Dorland; treasurer and general manager, W. F. Gwin. Directors—R. H. Parsons, M. Horan, W. N. Irish, William Richards, vice-president of the Yakima County Horticultural Union; H. M. Gilbert, president of Richle & Gilbert Company, Toppensish, Wash.; Judge

Fremont Wood, president of the Boise Valley Fruitgrowers' Union, Boise, Idaho; A. C. Randall, president of the Talent Orchard Company, Talent, Or.; John S. Evans, formerly general manager of the Fruit Dispatch Company, New York; W. F. Gwin, secretary-treasurer Kenmar Orchard Company, Eagle Point, Or.

It was decided immediately to locate general offices in Portland, which would be thoroughly equipped with sales, accounting and traffic departments, in charge of experienced men.

It was at first supposed here that the new organization was being organized on a basis similar to the central association of the citrus fruit growers of California, but later it was discovered that the controlling interest in it will be the big fruit handling firm of Crutchenfield & Woolfolk of Pittsburg, who will act as distributing agents and take stock in the concern. The Hood River Apple Growers' Union was solicited to take stock in the new association, but declined to do so when it was discovered that it was to be operated from a private rather than a co-operative standpoint.

## SAYS TAX ASSESSMENTS ARE NOT TOO HIGH

Complaints are being received from property owners who claim that assessments on Hood River county property are being placed too high. Most of these are emanating from the valley. It is admitted by the assessors that the values on property in the valley are being raised, but it is also stated that they have heretofore been too low. It is pointed out by Assessor Lucas that county assessors were last year instructed by the State Board of Equalization to assess real estate at its full cash value. This he says has never been done here, although it is being done in several of the counties. At a meeting of the county assessors held last fall many of them were of the opinion that a basis of assessment should be fixed at 85 per cent of the cash value. This, however, Mr. Lucas says he considers too high at present and the assessment here has been made on a basis of about 75 per cent of the cash value, with the values placed below what most property owners are asking for their properties.

Dr. C. W. Edmunds and family leave Thursday for Eugene where they will be absent several months.

## "Hood River Great" Says Secretary Wilson

### Head of Agricultural Department After Ride Through Valley to Cloud Cap Inn Praises Soil, Climate and Oregon People

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of President Taft, honored Hood River with a visit last week. The veteran head of Uncle Sam's department for farmers was accompanied by his son, Jasper Wilson, and his secretary. The arrival of Secretary Wilson was unexpected and his reception here a quiet one. With the exception of a few lines in Friday's Oregonian the day of Mr. Wilson's arrival, Hood River was unapprised of his coming, and many did not know that he was here at all until they saw an account of his trip to Mt. Hood in Sunday's Oregonian.

Secretary Wilson's visit was due to his desire to acquaint himself with the agricultural possibilities of the valley and to investigate requests to throw open to settlement some of the land in the Cascade forest reserve. Before leaving for Cloud Cap Inn, where Friday night was spent, the Wilson party, which included Assistant District Forester G. H. Cecil and Superintendent T. H. Sherrara of the Cascade forest reserve, lunched informally with several of Hood River's prominent business men, at the Oregon Hotel.

The trip to the Inn was made in the hotel company's machine. On his return to Hood River Saturday afternoon, Mr. Wilson expressed himself as highly pleased with the trip and the Hood River country. Although covered with dust an inch thick, the dignified farmer statesman was in a good humor and enthusiastic about the country. He barely had time to catch his train, but said:

"I have seen some of the most wonderful natural soil in the world in the vicinity of Hood River and along the route of our trip. The soil conditions constitute the most striking thing I observed. They are highly mineralized, probably the result of volcanic action of past ages, and if well farmed and well managed they will outlast those of most other places.

"You have a natural condition out here in Oregon that is not only remarkable, but is something that advocates of dry farming in the Middle West have attempted to produce artificially. I found that by tilling the dry dust aside and scraping the hard ground underneath there was moisture in plenty for the raising of any fruit crop, or most any other crop. The dust is a natural mulch which preserves moisture in the soil. All it needs is the slight stirring which your orchardists give their plots to make it perfect. The cultivation is necessary to keep it from packing and cracking, which allows the moisture to escape. Going up toward Mt. Hood we frequently walked to ease the horses, and I frequently scraped down to the moisture in the packed road.

"I am satisfied that one of the

great elements which enters into the merits of the Hood River and the Oregon apple is the fact that the mineral qualities of the soil are not washed out through irrigation. The rainfall of the west slope of the Cascades is sufficient to raise the crop, and the fruit receives the benefit of the ingredients of the soil in which it is planted.

"For years to come, the rich people of the world will buy your fruit, and when you raise so much that they are overstocked, the poor people of the same neighborhoods will take it. In Paris a Hood River apple has been known to sell for 40 cents. That sum of money would represent the entire cost of keeping a peasant family one day. One apple divided among such a family would hardly be sufficient food for a day."

In regard to throwing open to settlement some of the forest reserves of the valley, Mr. Wilson said:

"There have been so many settlers allowed to go into the forest reserve near Hood River and Mount Hood that there are not many good places left, but wherever the soil can be obtained and the settler is in good faith, I am going to let him if I can. It may as well be understood that I am not going to countenance speculation in lands in any form.

"I find that many of the applications which have been personally examined by me are for lands that are rather heavily timbered, and it would appear that the element of speculation may enter into the matter. I am anxious to help the bona fide settler, but I will not stand for anything else."

Mr. Wilson expressed the opinion that apples could be successfully raised in a considerably higher altitude than Hood River, and that the district would continue to spread with experiment. He thought 3,000 feet altitude a safe limit, but advised proceeding cautiously.

In conclusion, Mr. Wilson stated that he had found many nice people at Hood River and was glad that he called on them.

## UNION MAKES ITS FIRST APPLE SALE

The Apple Growers' Union, which is preparing for an active apple shipping season, announces that the first shipment to go out this year will leave about the 15th of August when several cars of Gravensteins will be shipped to New York. The apples were bought by Steinhart & Kelley, who it is stated took them at a good figure, and constitutes the first sale of the season by the union.

It is expected by the union to start an apple packing school as soon as enough fruit can be secured for this purpose. The big crop it expects to handle this year will necessitate a much larger number of packers than ever before and it is believed that it will be necessary to put a force of at least 150 packers in the field. Many of these will have to be taught and it is causing the managers of the union to do some thinking in order to get enough experts to take charge of the recruits. Some of the scarcity of packers is due to the inroads started last year by other districts by offering Hood River experts big pay to teach out of town packers to compete with Hood River. It is estimated at present that the union will handle about 75 per cent of the crop and that to do so it will have to provide additional space and a much larger warehouse force. The directors now have this matter under advisement.

While no line has been obtained as yet by the union on apple prices, Manager Sprout believes they should be good from a conservative standpoint and looks forward to a successful season.

### Barrett Votes to Bond

In the Barrett school district Monday, where an election was held to vote on the question of bonding to build a new brick schoolhouse, the bonds carried. The vote was 19 for bonds and 15 against. It is expected to commence work on the building as soon as possible.

## WANT HOME RULE FOR OREGON CITIES

A matter of unusual interest to voters this fall will be an initiative measure which will be placed on the ballot at the November elections, under the auspices of the Greater Oregon Home Rule Association. The measure, if carried, will amend the constitution of the state, giving incorporated towns and cities the right to decide for themselves, by their vote, whether liquor shall or shall not be sold within the municipality. The association, which numbers among its charter members such prominent Portland men as A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, Geo. W. Hoyt, T. D. Honeyman, H. W. Scott, E. B. Piper, D. S. Cohen, Harry F. McKay, W. B. Glafke and many others, has as its object the upbuilding of the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the state, which it believes will be injured by a measure enacting state-wide prohibition. For this reason the association is opposing the efforts of the Prohibitionists to inject this question into the politics of the state, and favors home rule and a strict enforcement of the laws already in existence, also the enactment of more stringent laws, if necessary, for the proper conduct of the liquor traffic.

The association is receiving widespread support throughout the state by those who believe that the liquor question is a local and not a state or national issue. The amendment to allow incorporated towns to govern themselves in this respect is particularly attracting support and it is believed that it will be carried.

The constitution of the association bars from its membership any person, firm or corporation engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, although it admits hotel and innkeepers whose principal occupation is the serving of food and lodging to guests.

**Shepard to Address Apple Shippers**  
H. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, is on his way east to attend the annual meeting of the International Apple Shippers' Association and make an extended tour of the Atlantic coast. Mr. Shepard was invited by the apple shippers' association to deliver an address before it and accepted. He will tell the shippers about the Northwest methods

## Events Of World Wide Interest Pictured for Busy Readers



### News Snapshots Of the Week

President Taft is cruising along the Maine coast on the U. S. S. Mayflower. A deal supervised by Lawyer Samuel Untermyer, backed by the English engineer Sir Weetman Pearson, whereby oil land worth millions is being secured in Oklahoma, may have for its purpose the fighting of the oil trust. Italy has reported the Leaning Tower of Pisa as being in danger of collapsing. New Jersey Democrats have asked Woodrow Wilson, Princeton's president, to become a candidate for governor. Indictments against Governor B. F. Carroll of Iowa for criminal libel. Grand Trunk railroad, of which Charles M. Hays is president, is fighting the strike which has affected the entire system. Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, accused of murdering his actress wife, Belle Elmore, in London.