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The Apple Outlook

Summarizing from an extended report received by it on the apple situation the Chicago Packer draws the following conclusions for the approaching apple season: "Should this year's apple crop in the more important producing states finally prove to be as large as the estimates received this week indicate, in all likelihood conservatism should be the watchword of all interested in marketing the crop, the word having special bearing on the matter of speculation and also to considerable extent in regard to prices.

"Conservatism does not by any means mean that prices should be very low, nor does its use in this connection suggest a tardiness on the part of buyers in securing supplies for the season's trade. It is simply a warning against undue bullish enthusiasm, which has, on several occasions, made the entire deal a profitless one both for the grower and operator. It isn't alone the buyers who lose when prices are started too high in the fall, and a disastrous reaction occurs late, cutting off the demand to such an extent that finally low prices become necessary to move a large share of the storage holdings late in the season. Of recent years, with more extensive and improved storage facilities, and the accompanying business conveniences, growers have become liberal storers, and, of course, they feel the market changes as keenly as speculators or other buyers.

"That too high prices in the fall, at harvest time, have a material tendency to curtail the season's consumption is a generally accepted reality in the trade.

"Conservative prices, however, do not mean that values should be too low.

"As a matter of fact conservatism, properly practiced, would also avoid that extreme, which is equally as undesirable as too high prices, if not, indeed, more to be avoided. But with the vast amount of speculative buying that is done every season there is little likelihood of prices being started unreasonably low; competition may be depended upon to prevent such a condition. As long as there is a storage room available, and money is not too difficult to borrow, there will be sufficient demand to keep apple prices high enough to give the grower a reasonably good share of the profit. Really, the thing to be guarded against is to keep prices from getting so high that the consumption will be limited, and thereby the outlet for the growers' offerings restricted to such an extent that the crop can't all be marketed with reasonable activity.

"The country's crop is so distributed this season that there are likely to be plenty of buyers in every surplus district to keep the trade lively. No district is likely to have a burdensome supply, considering the probable outlet, and with prices that will attract consumers' attention, the movement should be steady and possessed of reasonable activity.

"Broadly speaking, there will, in all probability, be plenty of apples to go around.

"With little change in the York state crop from a year ago, and more apples in the Virginias and New England, the East will have a moderate surplus, but the great Mississippi valley section, considered as a whole, will be a liberal buyer, and the South, of course, can be depended upon to take its usual share. The export outlook is fairly good and considerable eastern fruit will go for that purpose.

"Michigan has a light crop, considerably smaller than last year, and Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and, to a less marked extent, Ohio and Indiana, have short crops, and will need lots of apples from other states.

"Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas have fair crops, in the aggregate a little larger than the production of a year ago, but these states, too, will profit by the shortage in neighboring states.

"With the exception of Colorado and Montana, the western states have good crops. In fact the promised yield in California, Oregon and Washington is notably encouraging, not alone in regard to quantity, but the quality is likely to be superb. The fine reputation the box apples have in this country and also abroad can be depended upon in a marked degree to assist in their successful distribution.

"All told, this ought to be a profit-

able apple season for all concerned, if, as before stated, conservative policies are followed in marketing the crop."

Primaries Will Decide

The opponents of the Republican assembly movement in the state are attempting to make much capital against it by shouting "bossism," "machine" and "corruption." Apparently they lose sight of the fact that the nominees of the assembly will have to be voted for at the primaries the same as other candidates. No voter will be forced to vote for assembly candidates. The situation in regard to this is nicely summed up in a few lines by the Amity (Ore.) Standard, which says:

The Republican assembly has registered its choice of nominees for the party and has retired, recognizing the right of others to do likewise.

On which the Oregonian aptly comments as follows:

Exactly. The situation could not be stated better or more clearly. The assembly asserted its right to confer through its delegates and to suggest candidates. It sought only to place its recommendations before the primary, where they should be determined on their merits. There was no other idea, no other desire, no other expectation, on the part of the assembly.

What has the assembly done that has in any way limited the free option of the Republican voters in the primary? What has the assembly done that interferes in the slightest way or in any way with the privilege of any other group of Republicans or any individual Republican from suggesting or naming his or their own candidates? In what particular has the assembly failed to comply with the primary law in letter and in spirit?

Who is worried about the assembly and its work except the professional Democratic guides, counselors and directors-general of the Republican party?

NORTHWEST NOTES

Greater progress has been made by the business interests of Oregon between March 29 and June 30 than in any two-months period in the history of the state since the establishment of the state bank examiner's office. This is disclosed in the report of the bank examiner, just made, covering that period. Deposits in the banks of the state at the close of business June 30 totalled \$115,196,986, a gain since March 29 of \$1,192,705. Of these deposits \$11,925,734 were savings deposits, which increased during the same period \$842,985. Total resources of Oregon banks, \$142,418,734. Eight new banks were established in the state during the period covered by the report.

That the Oregon Trunk road will be ready for service to Madras by January 1, 1911, is now promised unless unexpected difficulties arise. Grading from the Columbia River south will be completed, is believed, by September 1. Laying of rails will then be begun and ballasting will be done as fast as each mile of track is laid. Thus it will be but a short time between the laying of the last rail and the opening of the road for business. Grading south of Madras toward Bend is also being rushed and the building of the road for that distance will follow completion of the line to Madras.

Oregon's two infantry regiments and ambulance company of the National Guard will go into camp at American Lake this month and participate in the usual joint field maneuvers with the regular army. August 8 is fixed as the date of departure, and the men will remain in camp ten days. Adjutant General Finzer has issued orders for the mobilization of his troops.

Coos Bay is going to improve its harbor and the channel from the ocean into the bay. Public docks and warehouses are to be built as well. For this purpose it is the intention to expend \$300,000. It is proposed to issue 20-year bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. Coos Bay people approve this project generally, but the commission of the port has decided to leave the matter to a vote at the fall election. The plan contemplates a great improvement of the Coos Bay harbor.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has been in Oregon during the past week seeking information in regard to the settlement of lands included in the forest reserves of the state. He plans to have the reserves re-mapped and the boundaries established in an accurate way. It is said much land is included in the reserves that should not be, and when the new maps are completed 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 acres now in reserves in this state will be opened up for settlement.

Preserve the Scenic Wonder

Editor The News:—Why the scenic spot with its natural glories, one of the great attractions of the Hood River valley, should be called the "devil's" punch bowl is more than I can understand. It may sound rigidly orthodox, and it is a terrible vortex, but the orthodox devil certainly did not have anything to do with creating it or clothing it with such wonderful beauty. Nor are there any special evidences of his presence there, much less of his ownership of the premises. That unique combination of whirlpool and water fall joins the stars in their chorus, singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine," and declares the glory of God.

You do well to commend those lovers of nature who see in the rivers falls and whirl pools, as well as in mountains and vales in their grandeur, something more than the utilitarian uses that would destroy their natural beauties. Such are real benefactors, I commend both you and them. I am in hearty sympathy with the movement to preserve that scenic spot in all its natural glory, the Punch Bowl and enough of the region round about to make it a beautiful park. Thousands of people would visit such a park and look upon its wonders with admiration and go tell their friends. Excursions from Portland would include a trip to the Punch Bowl. Hood River and the entire valley would greatly profit by it.

Let the movement take definite shape and be pushed with enthusiasm.

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