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Steinhardt & Kelly Again Buy Union's Fancy Apples

New York Firm Takes Its Entire Fancy Output at Satisfactory Figure--Purchase Involves Over Half Million Dollars

By purchasing practically the entire output of fancy apples controlled by the Hood River Apple Growers' Union for the third time Steinhardt & Kelly broke the record for successive purchases of local fruit Thursday and also made a new one by buying what is conceded to be the biggest bunch of fancy fruit at the highest price ever bought outright.

As usual the buying was done by Joseph Steinhardt who arrived here Thursday noon and shortly afterward went into conference with the directors. By 7 o'clock the deal was completed without Mr. Steinhardt having seen so much as an apple of the big lot of fruit he was going to buy. In fact he left the city the next day without seeing any of the orchards. In his dealings he relied entirely on the word of the directors of the union, who he said he was willing to trust in the matter. He was satisfied, he said, that they would furnish him the best and that the growers would maintain their reputation for growing the finest apples that are put on the markets of the world.

The purchase will amount to between 250,000 and 300,000 boxes, or over 400 carloads, and includes besides the thousands of boxes of Spitzenbergs and Newtowns, Jonathans, Ortleys, Arkansas Blacks, Winter Banana and other high-priced varieties. The transaction involves close around half a million dollars.

The fact that Mr. Steinhardt practically cleaned up all fancy apples that the Union had to sell is a surprise, as it was not thought that they would be purchased by one firm this year.

As a matter of fact it is said to include about 80 per cent. of the entire fancy apple crop grown in the valley and means that the firm will handle almost twice as many apples from this district than ever before. No fears, however, are entertained by Mr. Steinhardt of successfully marketing his big purchase and he is already preparing to give the choice fruit of the valley wide publicity. No apple buying firm has ever advertised the products of a country with the lavish hand that this firm has done for the past three years nor done so much to bring it to the attention of the trade and public.

FIRST HIGH APPLE PRICES IN NEW YORK

The Produce News says that in Western New York some high prices have been paid for early fancy apples. Alexanders and Duchesse have commanded \$3.50 bbl., while a few fancy marks have brought even more. These prices have brought a bullish influence on growers, and they are looking for higher prices on winter fruit. Arguing that Baldwins will be the only crop worth mentioning in this section and that the total yield will not be a full one, they are figuring that the best barreling stock ought to net them \$2.50 a bushel.

Operators and dealers are doing everything in their power to restrain this feeling. They are not bidding above \$2 for the best Baldwins, and some are not offering more than \$1.75. They tell the growers that the apple crop is going to be large and that if prices are held high at the start the deal will get a check from which it may not recover. They point to last year's experiences, and claim high prices at the start this fall will cause a similar result.

The quality of the apples this year is going to be better than a year ago, but operators say this is no reason why fruit should start at high prices. Good rains, followed by warm, sunny weather pushed the fruit toward maturity this week, and assured all concerned that the quality is going to be extra fine. All late varieties are of good size, and they are coloring just right. Baldwins are a picture already and Greenings are taking on that real green hue from which they derive their name. The fruit is generally free from blemishes, showing that no damage to speak of has been done by fungus or other disease.

The price is said by the directors of the Union to be highly satisfactory as compared to other years and again convinces them that there is no fear of a lack of a market for high-priced apples. The deal is the first big outright purchase in the Northwest and it is expected to be the signal for fancy box apples purchases on the Coast.

A large part of the Newtowns will be used in the export and steamship trade, while the Spitzenbergs will be held for distribution in the big cities of the East. It is expected that shipments will commence at about October 20.

The sale attracted widespread attention throughout the apple world and was announced in New York and London by the Associated Press the day after it took place. Dully papers all over the United States and Canada chronicled it and trade papers followed suit.

While expecting to visit other apple growing districts when he left here, Mr. Steinhardt did not anticipate buying any more box apples. After visiting Wenatchee and Yakima he will go to southern California where he is interested in a large tannery, and join his son who recently graduated from a tanner's school in Germany and who is located near Redding. Two weeks will be spent by them in recreation, after which the apple man will return to New York.

WILL LECTURE AT PINE GROVE

Hon. Herbert S. Bigelow, a lecturer of note who is touring the country under the management of the Henry George Lecture Association, will appear at Pine Grove hall Saturday evening Sept. 17th. Mr. Bigelow comes to Hood River highly recommended and has a wide range of subjects. It is not known which one he will select when he addresses his Hood River audience, but it is expected that he will in part speak on taxation and land values, a subject on which he is deeply learned. He will appear here under the auspices of the grange and it is expected that he will be greeted by a large audience.

A Birthday Party

In honor of the tenth birthday of her daughter Georgin, Mrs. George Lynn gave a birthday party Saturday afternoon to a number of her little friends. The occasion which was devoted to games and other pastimes, with refreshments later, was highly enjoyed by the young folks. Those present were Littlefield, Theona Hall, Frances Copper, Ruth Chase, Dorothea and Blanche Conover, Eloise, Isa and Irene Upson, Clarice Noland and Georgia Lynn.

Hood River's Pioneer Hotel Changes Hands

A change was made in the proprietorship of Hood River's pioneer hotel Saturday when C. A. Bell and his wife retired from its management and leased it to C. A. Moseley and Chas. Larsen. Both Mr. Moseley and Mr. Larsen are well known at Hood River, the former coming here about a year ago when he bought ten acres of the fine Lake & Bolton tract near town and also property at Mosier. The latter has been day clerk at the hotel for over a year and was also associated with the hotel business before coming to Hood River.

The new proprietors have secured a lease of this well known hotel establishment for three years and will endeavor to conduct it along lines that will make it even more popular and prosperous than formerly. The primary reason for Mr. Bell's retire-

ment, now proprietor and owner of the hotel at Wau-Guta-Guin and for several years it was conducted by him with the assistance of his family. At this time Hood River's population was not so orderly as it is now and old timers tell of occasions when bullets flew, evidences of which were visible until the old part of the building was demolished. During Mr. Bell's regime the first stage that ever left the city for Mount Hood started from the door of the establishment, the occasion being considered of sufficient importance to record it with a photo. This was in the summer of 1885 and the stage was driven by Bert Stranahan. In the group around in front of the building were the Rands, George Prather and a number of other well known old timers. About 1894 Mr.

As Primaries Approach Politics Grow Warmer

Many Candidates Seek Honors in Local Field --New Aspirants for County Judge and Commissioner--Keen Contest for Surveyor

This political in Hood River county are rapidly approaching more definite shape as the time for the primaries draws near. Candidates are more in touch with the sentiment of the people as regards their individual chances for success or defeat. Registration is progressing at a normal rate, but at the present date is a little behind, as the number of voters has increased since the last election. The last day for registration is Sept. 14th and candidates are urging their friends to register. One of the closest contests being

ed considerable strength and Harry Hackett has always had a normal following. P. M. Morse is also a candidate, but the fact that he is city engineer is expected to cost him some votes with the country people.

When asked as to his views in regard to conducting the affairs of the office if nominated and elected C. M. Hurlburt, who is making an extensive canvass, had the following to say:

"One of the most important things governing the office is the matter of charges. My charges will be reasonable and I will endeavor to treat all the taxpayers, regardless of political faith, alike, if the people are willing to trust me with the office. The work that I have done in this county has been satisfactory and I will try to continue in this way. I am willing to stand on my record as a citizen of this county and my past work as surveyor in various capacities and places, and abide by the judgment of the voters. If nominated at the primaries and elected, said Mr. Hurlburt in conclusion, I shall try and conduct the business of the office in a way that will reflect credit to all Republicans and the taxpayers in general."

With the announcement made in another column by Chas. N. Clarke of his candidacy for county judge a new factor is injected into the race which now becomes a three cornered one. Mr. Clarke announces himself as a candidate on the Republican anti assembly ticket and as an enthusiastic advocate of good roads. The announcement of C. H. Steinhauer last week brought another candidate for commissioner into the field. Mr. Steinhauer aspires to the office because he thinks the Upper Valley is entitled to a commissioner. Altogether there are now seven candidates for positions as members of the county court, the others in addition to those named being O. H. Rhoades, J. R. Steele and G. A. McCurdy for commissioners and Newton Clark and G. D. Woodworth for county judge.

The race for county clerk has slumbered down to a quiet one between Howard Isenberg and W. E. Hanson who both have warm supporters. In some respects Mr. Isenberg has the advantage of his opponent in that he is better known, while Mr. Hanson has the advantage of experience in the office which is appealing to many. For sheriff G. R. Castner seems to be proving the strongest candidate although it is claimed that Tom Johnson and Wm. Ganger will both get a good vote at the primaries.

So far Jasper Wickham has developed the most strength in the run for assessor. Henry Howe, who is also a candidate, has not as yet made much of an effort to secure the nomination, but it is thought that he will make a lively campaign later.

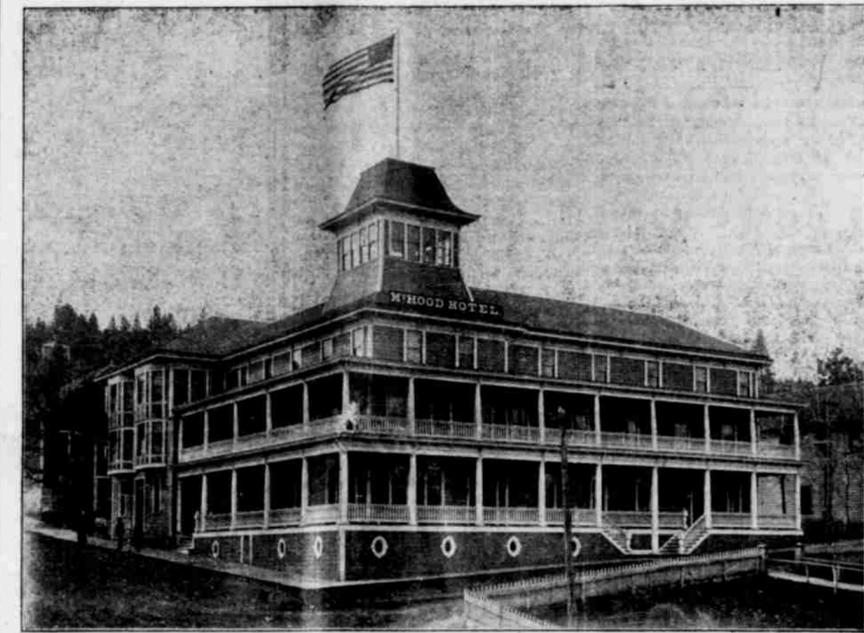
For county treasurer Jake Schmeitzer has the field all to himself and it is not believed that his election will be opposed.

No candidate has appeared for coroner and it looks as if the county would be shy on a man to fill this office unless he is appointed.

Fair Association Selects Davidson Site
The executive board of the Apple Growers' Association of Hood River, which has been investigating the question of a site for the fruit fair building after a conference Saturday with H. F. Davidson decided to accept the property owned by him at the corner of Cascade avenue and Second street. As already stated, the price to be paid for the site is \$10,000 and the officers of the association, after considering the other propositions offered, came to the conclusion that the Davidson corner was the best buy that could be selected from a business point of view.

The plan at present is to commence work on the excavation at once and have the basement of the building done in time to hold the fruit fair in it, and later to finish the rest of the building. It is stated that the main floor of the building, if covered with tar paper, will give sufficient protection to the fruit in case it rained and that it is believed that the basement part of the building can be gotten ready for the fair.

THE MOUNT HOOD HOTEL



The Mount Hood has been leased by C. A. Bell to C. A. Moseley and Chas. Larsen. It was the first hotel opened to the public at Hood River, has been rebuilt several times and has interesting history.

ment is because he has been in poor health for some time. In company with Mrs. Bell he expects to spend some time traveling and later to put in the winter in Southern California.

In its career as the transient home of a good part of Hood River's population the Mount Hood has played an important part and for many years was the only hotel in the valley. Until the Waucoma was erected it housed and fed all the traveling public who stopped here and it is widely known by commercial traveling men all over the west. The original hotel, which was erected in the 80s was extremely modest although considered more than ample for that period in the valley's growth. One of its earliest owners was Robt.

Rand sold the hotel to Mr. Bell, its present proprietor, who, after conducting it for several years, disposed of it to C. F. Gilbert. It was during Mr. Gilbert's ownership that the establishment saw its greatest enlargement and improvement and the structure was remodelled and rebuilt into the present commodious building. It is recorded that many thought it was altogether too painful and big for Hood River at that time, while now it is filled to overflowing. Under Mr. Gilbert's management the hotel was successful and popular. At his death he was succeeded in its management by his wife and C. L. Gilbert, now of the Gilbert-Vaughan Implement Company. About three years ago it was re-purchased by Mr. Bell and con-

waged in the Republican ranks is for the office of county surveyor. Among four good candidates contesting for the place C. M. Hurlburt seems to have things slightly better organized for the primaries. Murray Kay, one of the recent candidates has developed

by Mr. Bell and his wife until Saturday. Despite the appearance of rivals the Mount Hood continued to be prosperous and popular and at present is doing the largest business in its history.

The young men who have just taken the hotel are receiving the best wishes of their many friends for a successful career in the hotel business and it is expected that they will continue to enjoy the large patronage it has heretofore received.

Events Of World Wide Interest Pictured for Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

New York state convention.

Destitute, the once famous actress, May Yohe, possessor of the Hope diamond, divorced wife of Lord Francis Hope and Putnam Bradlee Strong, broke down in a San Francisco cafe, where she was an entertainer. Despite efforts of rangers and soldiers, forest fires wrought havoc in the northwest, killing hundreds and making thousands homeless. Above map shows route expedition. President Roosevelt is traveling. Republican leader, William Barnes, Jr., was threatened by Roosevelt with fight at coming. Copper King F. Augustus Heinze announced he would marry Miss Bernice G. Henderson, actress, in September. Revolutionists routed President Madria's forces, entering Managua, Nicaragua's capital; General Juan Estrada now controls government.