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IN THE APPLE WORLD

WENATCHEE'S VIEWS ON CENTRAL AGENCY

Discussion of the proposed Central Selling Agency for the marketing of the fruit crop of the Pacific Northwest is receiving serious consideration from growers and distributors in the Wenatchee district, says the Wenatchee Republic. Conrad Rose, president of the Wenatchee Produce Company, which business enterprise markets every season a vast quantity of fruit, does not think the agency would prove of benefit to the growers. He says:

"I believe that this proposed plan will not work out to advantage for this district because of the fact that Wenatchee raises the best apples of any district in the world, and I believe that we can market our own product ourselves. If the growers of this valley are capable of growing, picking and packing their fruit, they certainly are capable of selling it. Wenatchee apples are held in the highest possible favor wherever they have been introduced. The Wenatchee Valley has established a very enviable reputation and it should not risk losing its identity by entering into a combination with other districts, such as this promises to be. Another thing which induces me to believe that this plan will not work out successfully is that the central selling agency, according to the present scheme, will be such a huge project that it will be too unwieldy and cumbersome to manage successfully from the growers' viewpoint. In any concern of this kind, it is necessary that some one man be at the head of things, and affairs must, in a great measure, be left to him solely, and although I have not lost my faith in human nature, I am positive that the temptations for graft in the management of a great enterprise like this one will be, are such that but few men can withstand them and manage the business as it should be managed for the benefit of all concerned. I am opposed to the plan as now under consideration."

P. P. Holecomb, president of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association, in discussing the agency, said:

"First, I believe that it is very essential for the Pacific Northwest to have a central selling agency, and under the present circumstances it depends somewhat upon the Wenatchee district whether this agency matures or not, and for that reason I believe it is important for the Wenatchee district to take an active part in the promotion of this enterprise if it can be made feasible.

"As we understand the agency proposition, each district is represented on the general board by one member and that member is controlled by the directors of the home association. If that can be done, allowing this one member of the general board to control his own district, I believe that is what should be done."

Frank Reeves, president of the Wenatchee Commercial Club, stated:

"I do not wish to be understood as binding the Commercial Club in any way by whatever opinion I may give, nor do I desire to have my ideas accepted as the mind of the Commercial Club, but I believe that if the details of the proposed agency plan

can be worked out successfully, it should be adopted. There is no doubt but that a central agency for the entire Pacific Northwest is needed at this time, the reason being that in this manner proper distribution of the crop of each district may be effected with much more ease than each district can do itself. This proposed agency would have control of every conceivable grade and variety of fruit and thus would be able to supply each consuming district with the kind that is best suited to that particular district. For instance, apples that would be a drug on the market in Ohio might be the very best sellers in Texas, and under such a system as is proposed the present evil of wrong distribution could be remedied and every market supplied with what fruit is best suited for it. I think a central selling agency is needed in the Pacific Northwest to work for the benefit of each district, and of all growers."

This Week's Apple Report

Western boxed apples are in free offering, both at the pier and from local storehouses. It is getting late and dealers are pushing stock, but holdings the country over are now moderate. Prices are steady on average offerings. Some Splits which cost about \$2 per box in the west have been sold at auction lately at \$1.90. This fruit could have been sold once at a fair price, but was held too long. The principal varieties of boxed apples now offered are Pippins, Ben Davis, Black Ben, Rome Beauties, Ganos and Winesaps. Winesaps, Rome Beauties, Black Ben and Pippins sell very well when strictly fancy. The proportion of poor fruit now offered is not large and the quality runs pretty regular. The weaker stock is sold mostly at auction at \$1.50@1.75. The same varieties of better quality at private sale are worth \$2.10@2.50. Interior jobbers apparently are pretty well out of stock and are coming into the large markets for the goods—Produce News.

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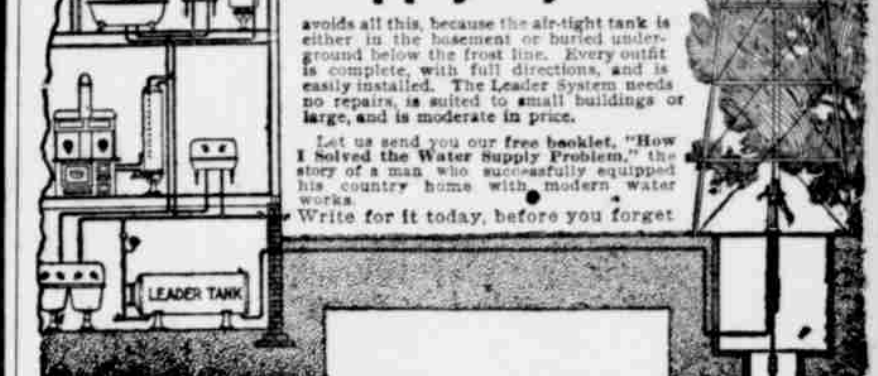
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