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IN THE APPLE WORLD

YAKIMA AGAINST CENTRAL AGENCY

The Yakima Republic says the plan to form a central selling agency for the marketing of Pacific Northwest fruit has "gone on the rocks," because Wenatchee growers rejected the proposition. In discussing the matter the Yakima newspaper refers to one of the reasons that actuated the Wenatchee orchardists in their action, namely, that "they want to form a selling agency of their own." Then the Yakima journal proceeds as follows:

"The objection contains the kernel of the thing. It betrays the weakness of the whole plan of establishing a central agency of the Northwest districts.

"There is not, and there never was, any reason to believe that such an ambitious plan would succeed under present conditions, and if Wenatchee and other districts had all taken hold of it, it would have petered out in a short time, or would have fallen into the hands of private speculators.

"Why talk about organizing the fruit men of three states when we have not organized any district? When we haven't formed a working association in any single valley or neighborhood? When the apple growers of no section or territory have come forward and signified their willingness to organize or even their belief in the principle of organization? To go ahead with a plan such as has been outlined is like building a house without a foundation.

"The Yakima Republic will be frank about this matter and will say that it has no great amount of confidence in the central selling agency plan. It is not convinced that anything of the kind is necessary just now, even though it may be practicable.

"What we of the Yakima country want is an organization of the Yakima fruit growers which will enable those engaged in the industry here to present a solid front to the world on all matters that concern it, and will enable our producers to deal as one man or business institution with those who grow apples, those who handle supplies and those who grow fruit.

"Organizations such as this have done much for Hood River and Wenatchee farmers. They are wholly practicable in any producing district. They may be made the basis for a central selling agency whenever they are perfected and are able to command the confidence of producers and the respect of dealers, and the formation of such an agency will be a very simple matter then.

"A good many gentlemen who have been interested in this proposed plan will feel disappointed if it falls through. They have done good work from purely patriotic motives. We hope they will not let their disappointment put an end to their work. The industry needs them and their efforts. We think they should back up and go to work again on a plan to organize Yakima County. If they can succeed in doing that they will add substantial value to every box of fruit grown in the valley every year. If they can't do it—or, perhaps we ought to say, until they have done it—the money in the fruit business will not be for the men who own the orchards."

PRIZE CAR COST ASHLAND \$2,068.79

During a somewhat acrimonious discussion of over an hour a considerable portion of Monday evening's commercial club meeting, says the Ashland Record was consumed in going over last fall's campaign at the national apple show at Spokane where the carload of yellow Newtowns from Helm's orchard made a high score and was afterwards sent to Chicago. During the course of the evening much information was dug up from the archives and after both sides had gotten through the cost of the campaign and its various items was fairly well established.

The total cost of the commercial club, including the \$250 raised by popular subscription to assist in sending the car to Chicago, foots up \$2068.79. One of the trustees figured it out that the handling of the 600 boxes of apples cost \$1.80 per box.

The matter of fixing the responsibility for the alleged large amount of cost was not especially saddled upon any one, and the archives established the fact that the commercial club had at various times voted its authority and authorized everything that was done.

PREDICTS 10,000 CARS FOR GRAND JUNCTION, COL.

Clyde H. Smith, assistant secretary of the American Apple Congress, expects that the Western Slope this year will ship 10,000 cars of fruit. He says that the Colorado apple crop will be the largest in its history. Montrose county is credited with an output of 1,000 cars of fruit, chiefly apples; Delta, 3,500, with about 1,000 peaches, and Mesa county, 4,500 cars of fruit. Garfield will probably produce 1,000 cars.

THE DEATH OF A CZAR.

Dramatic Story of the Way Nicholas I. Committed Suicide.

There are various stories of the death of the Czar Nicholas I. Here is one which the colorful sinner Mario heard from a doctor of the court and which is told in "The Romance of a Great Sinner."

"When the Russian army was meeting with reverse after reverse in the Crimean war the czar sent for his doctor and demanded to know which was the quickest and most painless poison that he knew of, bluntly telling the startled physician that he had resolved to commit suicide. He further warned the doctor in the stern manner which was his characteristic that if he were not obeyed the doctor's life would be worthless. He sharply silenced the man's nervous remonstrances and commanded him to bring the poison. The doctor did not dare to refuse and a few minutes later brought a small vial containing the poison, which he assured the czar would deprive any one of existence in a few minutes. To be sure that he had been obeyed and that the doctor was speaking the truth the czar obliged him to remain in the room warning him that if the poison failed his life should answer for it. The czar took the poison without the least tremor or the movement of a muscle, and although twice told by the doctor, who held his watch in his hand, that there was time to save him by an antidote should he alter his mind, the czar refused, answering the second entreaty by simply waving the man away, he by that time being unable to speak. It was given out that the czar had died from the effects of a severe chill, but those who knew the facts also knew that he had committed suicide rather than face the defeat of his army."

Carlisle an Intemperate Smoker.
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WILL MARQUIS WIN MISS IDE?

Spanish Don Persistent Wooer of American Ambassador's Daughter. A perplexing and interesting problem in paternal law and diplomatic usage has arisen at the court of Spain, and it may yet result in another international marriage. The pater in the matter is Henry Clay Ide, American ambassador to Spain, and the other factors are his youngest daughter, Marjorie, and the Marquis Alfonso de Vallos.

Miss Marjorie and her sister, now Mrs. Bourke Cockran, were belles at Samoa and later in Manila when Mr. Ide was governor general of the Philippines. The young women were always allowed great freedom by their fa-



ther, but there was no injunction that he carefully impressed upon them: "Do not fall in love with a foreigner. I want you to marry men from home."

Miss Marjorie liked Spanish life and customs, and she approved bullfights and the dark eyed devoted Spanish cavaliers who twanged the guitar under her balcony on moonlight nights. Then appeared on the scene Marquis de Vallos, whose earnest courtship led Mr. Ide to send his daughter to the Riviera, to Paris and to London, the marquis always following. Now she has been sent to America to visit her sister and friends, but it is whispered that Don Alfonso is preparing to follow her home as well.

The marquis, it may be observed, is considered the handsomest man at the court of Spain. He is a tall, dashing nobleman from the Basque country and is possessed of a mountain castle. He serenaded her nightly until the young American decided to astonish the Spanish court, and she invited Marquis de Vallos to ride with her one morning. This was a shock to Spanish ideas of duennas and other hamperings of courtship, but it succeeded.

But his mother, the marquise, objected to an international alliance, and so did Mr. Ide. A conference of parents and the visit home of the young lady was the result.

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