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LOWER CALIFORNIA GOING INTO APPLES

From the Chicago Packer
 Los Angeles—G. W. Waterbury, a prominent fruit grower of Corona and one of the best posted fruit men in the state, has recently returned from a trip through the Yucalpa and Oak Glen apple districts and states to The Packer man he is convinced that Southern California can grow apples, the large, firm, red apple, in competition with the best districts of this country. A. N. Dike, who is superintending the planting of 3,500 acres of young trees, is one of the most enthusiastic in the valley. One thousand acres of young trees, mostly of the Winesap and Rome Beauty varieties, were set out last spring and about 1,500 acres more will be planted this coming winter.

"Where good stock has been secured," said Mr. Waterbury, "the young trees are thrifty and, in some instances, have made a marvelous growth. A few trees set out three years ago produced two boxes of apples to the tree. King Davids, Delicious and Black Tartarian and Royal Ann cherries do very well there also. One ranch, the Peters & Evans, supplies all the apples consumed at the large tourist hotels in Southern California. The soil is a deep sandy loam, with perfect drainage and plenty of pure-irrigating

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FOUR THOUSAND SHEEP MAROONED IN MOUNTAINS

The Grass Valley Journal says four thousand sheep owned by S. J. Small, of Mt. Vernon, are marooned in the snow on the divide between Murderer's creek and the John Day river. Efforts to move them have been futile and the loss will be great if the sheep are not rescued in the next day or two. Rescue parties are now at work, according to a dispatch dated November 20th. The herders who had the sheep in charge were caught in a storm and, being inexperienced men, allowed the sheep to wander half a mile from the regular trail into the canyon. The sheep have been nearly ten days without food or drink, and are reported to be eating the wool from each other's backs. Many are dying from cold and exposure.

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water from the Sierra Madre mountains. The elevation is 3,000 feet, with plenty of chilly weather, but apparently no danger of late spring frosts."

Continuing on to Oak Glen, Mr. Waterbury visited both an older and higher section, where the trees had been set out 10 to 40 years ago at an elevation of just one mile above the sea. On one side were the San Bernardino and old Gorgonio mountains, their tops another mile higher in the air, while from the west the cool sea breezes were distinctly noticeable. The first ranch visited was owned by Harris Bros., of Redlands, and comprised 15 acres of 12-year-old trees, comprising winesaps, Romes and a few Winter Pearmainis. More than 15,000 props supported the fruit and the props looked as though they had been working overtime. This crop has been sold to Rivers Bros., of Los Angeles, at \$15,000, or at the rate of \$1,000 an acre. Their packing foreman estimates the crop at more than 10,000 packed boxes from the 12-year-old trees. The Lukens orchard showed the same results, every limb taxed to its utmost and every apple almost perfect in color, size and firmness. The color of the fruit was unusually good, in fact equal to anything Mr. Waterbury has seen from the celebrated Washington, Oregon and Colorado districts. The red apples took several prizes for that kind of fruit at the Watsonville apple show this fall.

Isaac Ford has 40 acres in full bearing trees, from which he was taking about 800 packed boxes per acre, and selling his fruit on the trees. Mr. Ford has a citrus grove at Redlands, where he spends the winter. He stated that the present crop was not unusual and that for the last five years large crops of well-matured fruit had been the rule. Other growers made the same statement and said their orchards were bringing about \$1,000 per acre yearly.

With the opening of the Panama canal, the apple orchards of Southern California will have to be reckoned with in the world's trade.

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In an article published in The Journal last week it was stated that apples grown in the Wallace orchard at Salem were being sent out under a Hood River label. This, says The Journal, has been found to be incorrect. The Journal has, therefore, made a full and complete correction of the story, as follows:

"Protest was made regarding the article by the Hood River firm said to have shipped the apples under its own label, and upon investigation it has been found that the report had no foundation.

"The information upon which the article was based was given to The Journal by a person who professed to know that the fruit was being sent out as the product of Hood River, but after a thorough investigation it has been found that the apples were sent out with the regular Wallace orchards label, which bears the inscription in large type: 'Grown and packed at the Wallace Orchards, Salem, Or.' thus giving credit for the quality to the section that produced them."

As it was no secret here that the firm referred to was the Davidson Fruit Company, which has large interests in the valley, it is of interest to know that the injustice done to the company has been righted by a full retraction and explanation.

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