

NOVEL MARKETING PLAN IS PROPOSED

A dispatch from Wenatchee says that W. T. Clark of that place is now in the East investigating the apple marketing conditions in the interest of the Wenatchee Fruit Growers' Association, which, if plans now under consideration are carried out to a successful conclusion, will next season establish eastern sales agencies for the disposal of its holdings. Pearl B. Holcomb, president of the association, and the directors of the organization are heartily in favor of the sales agency plan, and will exert their best efforts to arrange this winter for its establishment.

The most serious difficulty in connection with the scheme is the obtaining of the funds necessary to finance it. To achieve success, the association realizes that, like independent distributors, it must be prepared to make advances at the loading station here on the fruit of at least some of its members and also that it must be in a position to transport the fruit east and hold it in storage in the eastern market centers.

To finance it for the next few seasons, Mr. Clark and the association officers expect to negotiate loans with banking interests; but within a few years, by the establishment of an adequate sinking fund, they calculate the organization will be able to conduct its business without the aid of outside assistance.

The sinking fund will be created by the assessment of 10 cents on every box of fruit marketed by the association. This money will go into the treasury to be used in the course of business, just as loans from banks might be used. Careful account will be kept of every grower's contribution to the fund, and, at the end of every five years, the amount of these assessments paid by him to the sinking fund will be returned to him. The fund, however, will always be active, for the joining of new members annually will keep it from ever becoming depleted.

To make effective the plan, all the members will be asked to contract their fruit to the association for a period of five years.

OREGON APPLES COMMAND HIGH PRICE IN SCOTLAND

Oregon apples command the top price in the markets of Scotland, according to the following quotations sent by United States Consul Fleming of Edinburgh:

Oregon Newtowns, 4 tier \$3.60 to \$3.80
Oregon Newtowns, 3 tier 3.80 to 4.01
Wenatchee Valley apples—

Winter Bannans..... 3 30
Rome Beauties..... 2 00 to 2 10
Jonathans..... 2 10
Black Twigs..... 1 80 to 1 94
Willow Twigs..... 1 80 to 1 94
California Newtowns, 4 tier 2.00 to 2 10
California Newtowns, 3 tier 1.82

MAY BUILD PULP MILL ON THE WHITE SALMON RIVER

Machinery is being unloaded at the mouth of the White Salmon by the Northwestern Electric Company. As soon as the wagon bridge is strengthened the machinery will be hauled to the dam site at the narrows. Part of the power generated is to be carried to Camas, Wash., where the backers of the Northwestern are heavy stockholders in the paper mills. It is now reported that a pulp mill may be built on the White Salmon, which may account for the purchase by the Northwestern of all the holdings of the Wind River Lumber Company.

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WRITES OF ROADS AND PUBLIC DOCKS

George D. Culbertson, County Judge Hood River County.

Dear Sir: I have just received one of your circular letters asking the voters of Hood River county to express their opinion upon the advisability of bonding our county to build permanent roads and a public dock.

As this is a matter that needs careful consideration before making a decision, and a full and free public discussion will do no harm, hence I write this open letter.

Had we a law to control and guide the expenditure of our money derived from bonds, so as to guarantee to the taxpayers that every dollar would be judiciously expended, then we would be perfectly willing to urge the calling of this election just as soon as the courts give you the power to do so.

Personally I can see no argument against the system of bonding for building roads, if we can get some laws to protect both the public and the county officials who handle the money. The four road bills passed by the last legislature and vetoed by the Governor gave this, but as you well know we now have no law giving this protection, even if the Jackson county test case is won by the county. In proof of this, permit me to relate a little incident. While attending the State Convention of County Commissioners held in Portland a few days ago, one of the Highway Board of five business men appointed by the Jackson county court to spend their one and one-half million dollars of bonds on permanent road work, called me to one side, introduced himself and began something like this: "I only wish we had a law like the one you fellows are introducing or one similar to it. We have no way to protect the public from graft nor to prevent censure upon our acts." This man realizes that the expenditure of \$1,500,000 on roads carries with it a great responsibility, and so does the handling of this sinking fund. Their bonds are for twenty years. The sinking fund will have to begin about the end of the fifth year. Then to raise \$1,500,000 in fifteen years means that \$100,000 must be deposited annually in the hands of the county treasurer.

The use of \$100,000 fifteen years, \$200,000 for fourteen years, \$300,000 for thirteen years, and so on down the line, means something.

My dear voter, do you realize that this offers an opportunity for graft? Our distinguished jurist, Judge Lindsey, tells us "As long as you dangle privilege before greedy eyes you may expect political corruption, for privilege is the beast."

But, you say, the county court can protect the sinking fund. True, it may try to, but you may have several county courts before the sinking fund is used to pay off these bonds, and then sometimes sinking funds are loaned to political friends who run small banks, and then sometimes we find public money deposited as private accounts. For an illustration of this, look at the recent exposure of some of Multnomah county's officials, who are now on the gridiron for grafting interest on public deposits.

I sincerely hope the Jackson county bond issue will be declared illegal, if the calling of our election depends upon its legality. It will only be one year until we will have some laws to guide and protect the use of money derived by bonds for permanent roads. The state grant of Oregon is initiating two road bills—one creating a state highway engineering department, and the other providing for counties to bond for permanent road improvement—and there will be no opportunity for a governor to veto either of them.

So in the face of all this danger in spending our money injudiciously and permitting our sinking funds to be used for personal emoluments, I think it advisable to wait until after our next annual election. For, whether this county bonds or not, the grange initiative bonding act will become a law immediately after the ballots are counted next November.

The people of Oregon are not going to be fooled any longer by a few Will-o'-the-wisp road politicians of Portland.

In regard to building a \$10,000 public dock, I would say—wait about five years, or until we can get some decent roads from our apple houses to the Columbia river. We may then need a public dock.

Don't worry about losing the advantages of the Panama Canal. We have some railroad influences at Washington, D. C., to reckon with before we are going to get those cheap rates; but this is irrelevant to our subject.

Just connect together your public dock and the Columbia river automobile road. They will keep "Roads to Market Fruit," is our slogan, and then we will speculate on other good things.

I might add that it is very doubtful

if there is any law by which you can bond a county for a \$10,000 public dock.

Section 10, Article 11, of our state constitution as amended at our last general election reads, "No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of \$5,000, except to suppress insurrection or repel invasion, or to build permanent roads within the county, but debts for permanent roads shall be incurred only on approval of a majority of those voting on the question."

Of course you may call a dock a road or a cow a horse, but proof of the assertion might be demanded.

If you called a dock a road, you could not make it out of piling or lumber; it must be permanent. Of course you could use dirt, rock and cement and call it a road, but that will cost about as much as a small Panama Canal.

I might also state that our county treasurer informs me that our county, at the end of the year 1911, was in debt about \$27,000, with \$2,000 cash on hand and about \$2,000 taxes unpaid.

This leaves our county in debt about \$23,000, which is about \$18,000 more than the legal limit, without being authorized by an election.

In conclusion I want to ask our Honorable County Judge a few questions.

If Jackson county wins and this county is asked to go into this uncertain bonding election, will you, in your call for an election, make your bond issue a serial one, stating the maximum rate of interest, the amount of and when each serial will begin an end? (We do not want any sinking fund.)

Will you describe the beginning and ending of each road to be improved, naming the kind of material, maximum grade and estimated cost of same?

If these questions are answered in the affirmative, it will add greatly to the popularity of a bond issue.

Yours sincerely,
A. I. MASON.

SMITH TO RETAIN CHARGE OF SYSTEM

At the meeting of the council held Tuesday evening Superintendent Smith of the water department tendered his resignation, through Mr. Robertson of the fire and water committee. Mr. Smith has an opportunity to take a desirable position in another city and, as he had no assurance as to how long he could retain his place here, he was making plans to accept the other place. It was also stated that during the cold snap he had been working from twelve to fifteen hours a day and that no adequate provision was made for his hiring help in case of emergency.

The matter was discussed by the council and the advisability of retaining Mr. Smith's services was emphasized. Mr. Smith is practically the only man in town who knows all the intricacies of the present system and the councilmen stated that his services have always been satisfactory. Councilman Robertson made the motion that assurance be given Mr. Smith that he would be retained during the coming year if his services continue to be as satisfactory as they have been in the past. This motion was unanimously carried. It was moved and carried that an emergency fund of \$100 be set aside from the income of the water system and that it be placed at Mr. Smith's disposal to be used in case of emergencies. Routine business was transacted, after which adjournment was taken until this week, when the old council wound up its business.

APPLE GROWERS WILL TRY NITRATES FOR FERTILIZER

In view of recommendations recently made by Prof. R. W. Thatcher of the state's agricultural experiment station, recommending the use of fertilizers, the fruit-growers of Cashmere, in the Wenatchee district, have appointed a committee to conduct tests. Nitrate of soda has been furnished for this purpose by a Seattle firm and the tests are to be made at once. It is contended that no matter how rich the soil, plant-growth can be facilitated by the use of nitrates. Farmers everywhere will watch the results of these experiments with a great deal of interest.

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EPIPHANY PARTY GREATLY ENJOYED

Following an old church custom, an Epiphany party was held under the auspices of the guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church Friday evening. A feature of the occasion was the cutting of the big, Epiphany cake which contained the ring. The person finding the ring was privileged to wear it during the coming year. Mrs. Crites was the lucky one. Mrs. F. S. Smith had worn the ring during 1911.

The party was given at the rectory, Rev. and Mrs. Stimpson opening their home for the occasion. During the first part of the evening a guessing contest was held. An advertisement was placed on every guest's back and each tried to guess what it was from the questions which others asked him. This resulted in much fun and gave everyone an opportunity to get acquainted. The winners were Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Stone.

The advertisement feature was continued in a number of charades which were then given. The actors, who appeared singly or in couples, represented some much-advertised article. Those who participated included Mrs. Charles N. Clarke, Mrs. F. S. Smith, Mrs. L. A. Reed, Brooks Haworth, Mr. Ainsley and D. E. Rand. Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Rand in a touching scene dramatized the parody "Silver Suds Among the Gold," words being written especially for the occasion by Mrs. Stimpson.

An enjoyable musical program was rendered by the following: Miss Carlisle, Mrs. Kanaga, Mrs. Crites, Mrs. Hindricks, Mrs. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Schmeitzer and Mrs. Kehr. The latter two made a hit as a love-lorn gipsy and his lady love. They were appropriately costumed and rendered a duet, which was heartily encored.

The committee in charge of the affair included Mrs. W. H. Lawrence and Mrs. Harry DeWitt, who furnished the entertainment, and Mrs. Crites and Mrs. Nora Howe, who furnished the tasty refreshments.

Hard to Move in Russia.
An American wished to move from the principal hotel in St. Petersburg to a smaller hotel around the corner. He came down with his bag packed ready to go. "Sorry," said the manager, "but you cannot leave this hotel or register at another hotel until we get your passport from the police, and that will take a day and a night. You must go through exactly the same procedure as if you were leaving the country."

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Suit has been brought by the United States to recover \$10,500 in penalties from the O.-W. R. & N. Co. for alleged infraction of the 16-hour law concerning the employment of train crews. The alleged violations took place between Portland, Hood River, The Dalles and Wyeth in April, July and August. The federal law fixes a penalty of \$500 for each offense. Twenty-one separate infractions are charged in the government's complaint.

Several months ago the United States brought similar suits for alleged infractions against the Southern Pacific company. In these cases the employment of each member of a train crew for a period longer than 16 hours is made punishable by a fine of \$500.

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MISS EDNA LYMAN TO TELL STORIES

Under the auspices of the Woman's Club, Miss Edna Lyman of Oak Park, Ill., is to be here on the 17th of this month and is to give readings, two in the afternoon for school children and one in the evening on the telling of Bible stories.

Miss Lyman is both a professional story teller and lecturer on children's literature and the art of story telling. She has given courses of lectures before library schools, teachers' institutes and normal schools, women's clubs and mothers' study classes, and has conducted story hours for children in many of the most important libraries and public schools of the country. Her experience in public library work with children has given her unusual opportunities for observation and study of books for children.

The lecture in the evening at the Congregational church will be especially for Sunday school workers, teachers and parents. It will be open to the public, however, and a small admission fee will be charged.

Miss Lyman's stories are drawn largely from classic sources with the distinct purpose of presenting these stories, all too unfamiliar, which

have stood the test of years and have charm and fascination for all ages. They include fairy stories from Anderson, Grimm and other less known authors, miscellaneous selections from folklore, legends and history; and groups of stories from the tales of King Arthur, Robin Hood, Sigurd and other famous heroes.

The readings for the school children are given under the auspices of the library committee of the Woman's Club. They will be held at the Commercial Club rooms. At 2:45 a reading will be given for children of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. No guests except club members are expected at this time. From four to five o'clock she will speak for the pupils of the eighth grade and the high school students on "Books, The Friends of the Children," with a plea for good literature. For this hour the Woman's Club extends an urgent invitation to everyone interested in developing a higher standard of reading for the young.

As Miss Lyman receives \$25 an hour for her services, the club has not engaged her in hopes of being able to secure that amount, but in order to lighten the expense there will be a charge of ten cents in the afternoon.

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