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**The Exchange Again**  
 That the matter of buying the Northwestern Fruit Exchange has been revived and in the rather unpleasant manner reported to by Manager Gwin of the exchange, is to be regretted. The exchange was offered for sale. The Hood River committee, in company with those from other sections, investigated the proposition thoroughly and it was decided that a purchase at this time was not advisable. It would appear that the attempt on the part of the exchange's representative to force the issue is uncalled for and unbusiness-like. Such action would also add flavor to the suspicion that after all the exchange may not have been acting upon purely altruistic motives in offering to pass along its organization. Certainly the plainly implied attempt to cast reflections upon the integrity of the committee from Hood River will not tend to create a favorable sentiment here in behalf of the exchange nor its representative.

At the mass meeting yesterday the local committee placed plainly before the fruitgrowers the report which had only been withheld up to that time with a view to protecting the interests of the exchange. This report made it plain to all that the connections which the Northwestern Fruit Exchange has with the North American Fruit Exchange are not such as would be in any way adapted for the purposes of the proposed combine. This in itself was sufficient to warrant the local committee in reaching an unfavorable conclusion.

It is to be hoped that the outcome of this proposition will not diminish the chances that the big fruit districts may eventually make some mutual arrangement whereby the apple crop of the Northwest may be marketed to the best possible advantage. Such an arrangement would be palpably weak, however, if only the Rogue River valley, Hood River and Cashmere consent to cooperate. As the committee from these three sections declared in the resolutions adopted at Portland, it is greatly to be desired that when the time is ripe for such cooperation all the fruit districts should join hands.

In the meantime local fruit-growers have nothing to fear. Hood River apples have established their reputation. They are famous almost the world over and they will find a remunerative market as long as their superior standard is maintained.

**The Apple Box Bill**  
 It is hardly necessary to state that the Sulzer bill, which has just been introduced into the House, will meet with the united opposition of the western fruitmen. This bill, if passed, would be put into effect next July and would work extensive hardship upon the fruitgrowers of the Northwest, inasmuch as it is more extreme in its demands even than the Lafean bill, after which it is patterned.

The present bill requires that the cubic inch capacity of the apple box shall be not less than 2352 inches "when measured without distension of its parts," or in other words without taking advantage of any bulge on either top, bottom or sides. This capacity is about ten inches greater than that demanded by the Lafean bill and 180 inches greater than that of the present box in common use in this and other fruit districts of the Northwest. The only possible pretext upon which the bill can be supported is that the present box does not contain a full bushel. That the

boxes do contain one full bushel each, however, has been repeatedly demonstrated, so that if the matter is brought to issue upon that point there is little reason to doubt the result.

A box of Hood River apples will be sent to Washington for demonstration purposes, as well as boxes from the other fruit sections. When this demonstration is made there should remain no doubt as to what disposition should be made of the bill.

**Wanted—An Inspection Law**  
 A new federal inspection bill known as the Simmons bill is now before Congress. It provides for the protection of the fruit industries of this country against injurious insects and plant diseases which might be introduced from foreign countries. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the fruit, fruit tree and plant pests now existing in the United States have come from other countries and are costing us about one billion dollars annually to control. It is very important that this bill should be enacted into law. Minor details as to methods of inspection of nursery stock and fruit packages might be left with officials of the Agricultural Department or with state authorities. This seems to be the only detail point which nurserymen and state inspectors find it difficult to agree upon, but they should come together and work unanimously with fruit-growers to have the bill passed. The Pacific Coast Association of nurserymen has expressed its desire to have a good federal inspection law.

In an address to the Kentucky legislature, Governor Harmon of Ohio warned all public office holders to analyze their own records and see how far they were responsible for the unrest that was leading to a demand for innovations in government generally. He said it ought not to cost a billion dollars a year, or over \$11 for each man, woman and child in the county to maintain the federal government with its limited functions. If this is the case it is certain that, with a per capita wealth of \$35, it would not take the average man long to exhaust his apportionment of this world's goods in paying taxes.

On Saturday the ways and means committee of the House suggested taking the duty off sugar and putting it on silk stockings and other imported clothing. Sugar on the free list would keep \$60,000,000 a year out of the treasury unless other provisions were made for raising revenue. It is a safe conclusion that the people who wear silk stockings can much easier afford to pay that sixty million than those who use sugar.

It's not half as much fun paying taxes in Ashland, Ore., as it is here in Hood River. Receipt of a statement from that city shows a total levy of 40.5 mills, this being upon an assessment of practically full value. In the city of Hood River the levy is about half as much—20.9—and upon an assessment of hardly more than half valuation.

Hood River will benefit by the substantial improvement which is being reported in the lumber trade. Prices have gone up and mills throughout the Northwest, including those here in the valley, are preparing to resume operations in order to fill the demand.

While the Eastern and Middle West states are in the grip of icy blizzards and snow-laden winds, Hood River has been enjoying sunny skies and a warmth of atmosphere suggestive of spring.

A French professor has discovered how to make hens lay eggs. Stories told recently by Hood River poultrymen, however, indicate that they will not have to learn the secret from the Frenchman.

**WESTERN FRUITMEN ARE TO FIGHT BILL**

A Washington dispatch states that hearings will be held by the House interstate commerce committee March 7 on the Sulzer apple box bill, which is very similar to the Lafean bill of the last congress.

Representatives Hawley, Pray and others from the Pacific Northwest will oppose the bill and will secure hearings for all northwestern apple growers who wish to appear.

While the bill is different in its phraseology from the Lafean bill, it is drafted to accomplish the same purpose—to handicap western apples in eastern markets, where they are today commanding top-notch prices and crowding out eastern-grown fruit of the same varieties.

The Sulzer bill fixes the standard box package for apples as "a box having a capacity of not less than 2352 cubic inches when measured without distension of its parts." It also establishes the standard basket as one containing not less than the standard box, and provides a standard apple barrel with 28 1/2 inch staves head of 17 1/2 inches diameter, circumference at bulge of 64 inches outside measurement, and containing, as nearly as possible, 7056 cubic inches. As the barrel is not commonly used by western apple-growers, there is little interest in that feature of the bill, but the box limitation is important, in that it exceeds the contents of boxes now in common use.

The Sulzer bill, moreover, establishes a standard of apples. This provision reads as follows:

"That the standard grades for apples which shall be shipped or delivered for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, or which shall be sold or offered for sale in the District of Columbia or the territories of the United States are as follows: Apples of one variety; which are well grown specimens, hand-picked, of good color for the variety, normal shape, practically free from insect and fungus injury, bruises or other defects, except such as are necessarily caused in the operation of packing; or apples of one variety which are not more than 10 per cent below the foregoing specifications, are standard grade, 'U. S. Size A.' If the minimum size of the apples is two and one-half inches in transverse diameter; or are standard grade 'U. S. Size B,' if the minimum size of the apples is two and one-fourth inches in transverse diameter."

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