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Spokane Wants Dockage
 Appropos of the recent discussion here of plans for a public dock, which it is believed will eventually be carried into effect, Spokane is already making arrangements through her Commercial Club to secure extensive storage room at Seattle for apples as well as terminal facilities in order that fruit may be shipped from the Inland Empire to foreign countries through the Panama Canal.

When the canal is opened for traffic, Seattle hopes to become the shipping point for all Inland Empire products destined for the Oriental and European markets and she is already preparing facilities for handling this great volume of commerce.

Although the Washington apple men hope to distribute at least 75 per cent of their fruit among the domestic markets for several years, still the remaining 25 per cent, which will go into Oriental and European consumption, will constitute an important item of commerce, and it is the handling of this remainder that is desired by Seattle's port commission.

As suggested by the Wenatchee Commercial Club's representatives, the Seattle port commission will plan on the erection of extensive storage room for apples. This storage will be constructed on the unit system; that is, each unit will accommodate 1,000 cars and five units are likely to be erected to start with. From time to time in the future, additional units can be supplied to take care of increasing business.

When it is recalled that Seattle reaped tremendous benefits through the absorption of the Alaskan commerce, it can be seen that her foresight is still clear in anticipating the opportunities of the future. At the same time the facilities which the Washington shippers are going over 300 miles to take advantage of are no better than those which Hood River is so fortunate as to have at her very doors. The preparations now being made by the Inland Empire for shipping her fruit draws attention once more to the much more available facilities of which Hood River will no doubt take advantage when the time is ripe.

Advertising Apples
 A fund of \$36,000 for advertising the Yakima apple, to be raised by the contribution by each orchard owner of one cent for each box of apples that he sells, is the plan proposed by General Manager J. H. Robbins of the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' Association.

Mr. Robbins argues that such a sum would be enough to give the widest publicity to the virtues of Yakima fruit and yet that the sum contributed by each apple grower would be so small as to be scarcely noticeable.

That the scheme is not altogether new is witnessed by the fact that the Southern California citrus growers increased their sales of oranges in Iowa 36 per cent in one year and the increase was explained as having been a result of an intelligent advertising campaign, for which the funds were raised in the manner now suggested by Manager Robbins. It is not unlikely that intelligent advertising may yet play an important part in increasing the distribution and consumption of apples.

Every orchardist who is interested in keeping up Hood River's reputation for packing the best apples in the world will approve of the more rigid inspection which is to be practiced this year.

MR. DABNEY WRITES OF TRIP ABROAD

(Continued from last week)
 YORK

Our next stop was at York, another quaint old city of about 90,000. It is penetrated by the River Ouse, which runs nearly through the center of the city and long ages ago hundred of Roman galleons sailed up its broad waters bringing food stuff, merchandise and armed warriors.

It is a city of great antiquity, dating back to more than 800 B. C. It is the capital of the north and was at one time one of the best-walled cities in England if not in Europe. Much of the old wall is in a perfect state of preservation and one may walk on its hard surface for miles and view the valley that surrounds it.

There are many very interesting places within the walls that one can visit. Clifford's Tower was the first place we visited. Our guide led us through the entrance of the great outer wall, and through to a large iron door which he opened with an old fashioned key nearly a foot long. This admitted us to the tower, where we ascended the winding stone stairway for 125 feet. Within four feet of the top of the outer wall there is a balcony extending around the inside, and from then on one can get a splendid view of the city and country.

The tower at one time was part of the York Castle and was connected with it by a draw bridge. I was informed by our guide that in the year 1190 there was an uprising against the Jews, who took refuge in the tower and, preferring to die by their own hands, killed themselves to the number of more than one thousand.

The York Minster is one of the largest and most superb buildings of its kind in England. Its length is 524 feet and its foundation dates from 629 A. D. Upon entering it one will be struck with its grandeur. The rose window, which is 30 feet in diameter, is exceptionally fine. The central tower is 65 feet square and 213 feet high and the top can be reached by way of 273 steps. There are many other interesting places in the city one may visit.

From York we went to another very old place called Durham. It has a population of 15,000 and is located on the River Weir. The streets are very narrow and winding, and are paved with cobblestones. Many of the streets look deserted and in going along some of the streets one feels that he is a thousand miles from nowhere.

We went along one of them for nearly half a mile. It was built solid on both sides of the street, and we did not see more than half a dozen people. We saw one or two men leaning up against a building apparently dreaming, and a few women sitting on the curb stones. They gazed at us with apparent wonder.

The country here is very hilly and rough and most of it is only fit for pasturage.

The Durham Cathedral and Castle, which date from 1072, are very large and interesting. A good deal of the old wall around them is still standing. In the old cathedral is where the venerable Bede is buried, and here, too, in 1650, 3000 Scotch prisoners were confined and died off in great numbers during the autumn months so that by the end of October more than half of them had passed away.

The architecture of both the castle and cathedral is very fine and in traveling in the north of England one cannot afford to miss seeing this.

Our next stop was at Newcastle, located on the river Tyne and about ten miles from the North sea. It has

a population of 290,000 and is one of the most up-to-date cities in England, looking at it from an American standpoint. The buildings are mostly brick, which has taken the place of stone.

The city has beautiful, broad streets and all modern improvements. Very little of the old wall that once surrounded it can be seen. A splendid agricultural and stock country surrounds the city. Good farm lands are worth from \$200 to \$300 per acre and rent for about 50 shillings. There is considerable shipbuilding and other manufacturing interests. One of the interesting features here is the stock markets, which are held one day of each week. It was market day when I was there, and a busy one. Stock had been brought in from all over the country the night before. There were 1100 head of cattle, 3000 head of sheep and 200 hogs.

TO STUDY COOLING MOTH HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis: In order to find out just what is the best time to make the second spray for the control of the cooling moth, Prof. H. F. Wilson of the entomology department of the Oregon Agricultural College will make a tour of Southern Oregon and other points the coming summer. About two weeks after the first calyx spray of the apple trees he plans to visit consecutively Roseburg, Medford, Ashland, Portland, Hood River, Union, Ontario, and then Astoria and Coos Bay.

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