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**The Apple Business**  
 Is the big business of Hood River Valley, and everything should be ordered to take a siding and let the "special" go straight through.

The scenery is sublimely grand and its contemplation carries the mind and imagination into esthetic fields where the pinions of thought are dipped into the emerald waters of nature's perfection that reflects the beneficence of the divine: it is a beautiful thing to write about and talk about during the winter. However, just now this season of the year, give the apple "special" a clear track and let us consider a few salient facts.

First—In the year 1910 when we had the big crop the apple growers of Hood River valley lost more than \$100,000 because the shippers did not make better estimates early in the season of the quantity of apples they had to place on the market for the growers of the valley later on.

Second—Hood River apple growers as a whole are absolutely dependent upon the local shippers for the marketing of the crop in such a manner as will insure the highest possible returns and maintain the strongest possible market. Therefore, give them all the information you have about your crop the minute you reach your conclusions.

Third—Hood River apples are a special product and must be marketed in a special manner, not on the open market at forced sale or auction as is commonly done with apples from other districts.

Fourth—Wide awake shippers arrange their markets as early as possible in order to secure the benefit of the best trade but cannot do this unless they have a good idea of the quantity of each variety they will have to handle. Growers get your preliminary estimates in the hands of your shippers as quickly as possible.

**The Paving Question**  
 Is still a live issue with the citizens of Hood River. The News receives all the exchanges of the live towns and cities in the state and northwest and the same question that confronts the citizens of Hood River is being agitated by many of the cities now contemplating paving their streets.

There is no doubt a desire upon the part of many citizens to have the streets paved with oil bound macadam while a large per cent of the property holders favor some other more substantial class of paving.

We fail to find from our exchanges where other cities are very enthusiastic over the oil bound macadam. A course gravel bithulitic seems to be favored by many of the municipalities contemplating paving.

In any event the matter should be thoroughly investigated before any contracts are signed up. In the case of Hood River the horse must be considered as the roads are steep, and sanitation must not be overlooked.

**Speeding**  
 That Hood River county has been vigilant in its effort to put an end to speeding upon the county roads is very apparent in the fact that a large number of auto drivers have been apprehended by the officers who have had in charge this work for the county.

No doubt some of those arrested for the violation of the speed law have been aggravated cases. Reports come to this office that a rate of 32 miles per hour was in effect while one of the drivers was passing a team and again

that a speed of nearly 40 miles per hour was reached by this same driver on another occasion. Of course, this is sheer recklessness and without rule or reason.

Again, it is very probable that the larger number of those arrested are not reckless drivers, but that the invitation of a good stretch of macadam road with a clear coast presented such an enchanting opportunity to hurry home that the "chug wagon" was given a few extra drops of Rockefeller's buzz fluid that caused the inate machine to clip off a few extra miles.

For the driver who unthoughtedly, perhaps, technically violated the state law in the operation of his machine there is every consideration but, for the reckless manipulator the public has no sympathy.

**Atchison Takes Stand**  
 If candidates, who are aspiring for public office, think that they can successfully run the gauntlet and not let the voters of the state know with which party they are affiliated they will fool themselves most gloriously.

This is a year of big issues and mighty consequences, politically. The entire program of commercial and industrial interests of this country that have to do with the economics of the people, which in the last analysis means the manner of securing and the amounts to be secured of "bread and butter" is up for consideration and revision at the hands of the several political parties desiring to be placed in power.

Clyde B. Atchison, present member of the State Railroad Commission, was recently brought face to face with the question of where he stood, politically, and he met the issue honestly and squarely in announcing that he would be found loyal to the regular Republican party and principles. This has gained for him the respect and confidence of the voters.

The other candidates for state, district and national offices had just as well fall into line and let the people know whether they are expecting to affiliate with the Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Independent or Bull Moose parties.

In fact it would look better to get in the game early with an unambiguous announcement.

Hood River county would like to hear from Selling and Sinnott.

**A Fruit Cannery**  
 Could be most successfully operated in the Hood River valley because of the unlimited amount of raw material at hand. Hood River is one of the largest green fruit markets in the state.

A cannery would return thousands of dollars annually to the fruit growers of the valley in exchange for the berries, vegetables and apples that are now wasted each year.

Many of the other sections of the state less favored than Hood River have been busy erecting canneries to save the products of vine and branch.

We reprint herewith the action of the Forest Grove Fruit Growers association last week that is in line with our contention:

"The directors of the Forest Grove Fruit Growers' Association have completed plans for the erection of a two and one-half story building, 45x90 feet, on ground recently purchased for a cannery plant on C street, and will begin immediate erection of the structure. The new building will be completed this year with canning machinery installed, and the association will be prepared to take care of all fruit and small berries grown in this section next year.

"Thousands of dollars worth of fruit goes to waste every year in western Washington county for want of proper marketing facilities, and the growers have formed this association to care for the crop. Much additional acreage will be planted to fruit, small berries and vegetables, this fall and next spring on the strength of the prospective cannery."

The city of Portland has passed an ordinance providing for the muzzling of dogs and cats that run at large within the city

limits. However, it appears that the ordinance does not state how or where the cats and canines shall be muzzled and as a result some of the citizens have advocated the placing of the muzzle around the body while others advocate the tying of the wire cage to the tail. Wonder if they wont pass an ordinance to dehorn the bull moosers.

The city engineer at The Dalles estimated that the new proposed sewer system for that city would cost \$90,000 and accordingly the city advertised a bond issue for this amount. However, a Portland firm offers to do the work for \$56,000. The council will now backtrack and advertise for the sale of a smaller bond issue. Good business, alright, even if it is a big bobble.

"The Guardians of the Columbia," companion volume to "The Mountain That Was God," written and illustrated by John H. Williams, is a masterpiece in its illustrations and most interestingly written. The work in this volume is of the highest grade and to ponder its pages is to inspire the soul. This book has been placed on sale at the local bookstores.

**ORCHARD OF INDIAN DAY REVIVED**

An orchard of 50 year-old apple trees in the Puyallup Valley that have not born fruit for the last 12 years has been revived and brought into full bearing by careful spraying and pruning by the officials of the Western Washington experiment station. The station includes part of one of the early farms of the Puyallup valley and these trees were set out at a time when the population of whites in the valley was very small. Early last spring the experiment directors "got busy" on the orchard with the intention of reviving it. Their hopes have been more than fulfilled, and, unlike many other orchards in the valley this escaped the destructive effects of the bud moth.

**SMALLPOX AT DAM SITE CONFINED TO 3 CASES**

Exaggerated reports have come of smallpox among the crew at the dam site, says the White Salmon correspondent for the Journal. One man is ill in the Hood River hospital and two mild cases are isolated at the dam site. Stone & Webster say they have no fear of an epidemic, but as a precautionary step had the entire crew of over 300 men vaccinated by the company doctors, Bronson & Waugh of Hood River. These doctors have the contract to care for the crew at \$1 a person, which is paid monthly, ill or well.

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