

Uniform Grading Rules for Valley Prepared

Plans Under Way for Establishing a Hood River Standard Pack to Be Maintained by All Shippers and to Be Enforced by Inspectors--Growers and Shippers Are Impressed by Its Advantages.

In response to a general, popular demand which is this year manifesting itself more strongly than ever before, the local shipping associations, the leading apple growers of the valley and County Fruit Inspector W. H. Lawrence are formulating a set of 1912 grading rules to prevail in Hood River county.

A concerted effort is to be made to establish a common standard for all Hood River apples—a standard which shall become recognized for its excellence in the markets of the world and one which shall guarantee that all fruit shipped from this valley shall conform strictly to grade.

"The advantage, indeed the imperative necessity of such a movement is apparent," said one of those most interested in the movement.

"Its advantages will be manifold. For one thing it would tend to remove the competition between local shipping associations and private shippers, each of whom might otherwise have his own ideas as to grading, as a result of which all uniformity would be lost, while the retailers would never be assured as to whether the Hood River fruit was up to grade or not.

"Then, too, if a common standard can be agreed upon, the county fruit inspector will be given the moral support of the community. Thus his hands would be held up in the enforcement of the law on this subject. It would then be within his province and, indeed, his plain duty to inspect all apples shipped from the valley, whether by one of the shipping organizations or by a private shipper, and to insist that they conform strictly to the standard grade as established.

"With this done, Hood River could boast of being the only fruit district of the Northwest to have adopted a uniform set of grading rules, and the superiority of local fruit would be maintained. At the same time Hood River's reputation would be substantially strengthened in the world's markets."

The plan is to recognize the three grades heretofore in common use. According to the tentative plans the extra fancy grade would include mature, normal-shaped apples free from all imperfections. Spitzenburgs of 175 size and larger would have to have 75 per cent red color, sizes from 185 to 200 90 per cent red. Red Check Pippin and Winter Banana would have to show a red cheek. The Golden Orley would have to show yellow. Sizes smaller than 200 would be excluded from this grade except in the Jonathans, Newtowns, Red Check Pippins, Winesaps and Arkansas Blacks, which could not be smaller than 225.

All apples placed in the fancy grade

CHILDREN NEARLY BURN IN BUILDING

While the family was asleep the home of Fred H. Taylor at Oak Grove caught fire about 10 o'clock Tuesday evening. It was totally destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were sleeping down stairs with the two younger children, while their two small daughters were upstairs. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were awakened to find the upper portion of the house in flames. After taking out the babies, Mr. Taylor at once rushed upstairs to get the two older ones. He found that the flames had already burned their way into the bedroom and the two little girls were in imminent danger. They were rescued in the nick of time. In carrying them downstairs Mr. Taylor had to pass through a part of the building that was in flames and his clothes were ablaze when he reached a place of safety with the two children in his arms.

Jack Couchman, who is employed on the Farmers' Irrigating ditch, lives nearby the Taylor home and came to Mr. Taylor's assistance. They succeeded in saving some of the furniture and personal effects that were downstairs, but were powerless to check the flames, which totally destroyed the residence.

The house was insured for \$1800. The origin of the fire is not known.

would have to be mature and of normal shape. Slight limb rubs or other stullar defects not over one-fourth of an inch in the aggregate would not be allowed. All red apples would have to show some red, while no apple scab (fungus) would be allowed on Spitzenburgs or on five-tier apples or smaller of any variety. No size smaller than 200 would be allowed.

In the choice grade would be placed all merchantable apples not included in the extra fancy and fancy grades. These apples would have to be sound, free from bruises, skin unbroken and of good shape. Defects not larger than a ten cent piece and only one on an apple would be allowed. No fruit smaller than 175 per box could be placed in this grade.

Only such apples as could be classed as choice or better would be allowed in the orchard run packs.

Apples which could not be placed in any of the grades or orchard run packs, but which might be disposed of for cooking purposes, would include apples, windfalls, badly sunburned, injured by sprays, specimens with the skin broken or the flesh badly bruised or those badly infested with the apple scab (fungus), dry rot, core rot, Baldwin spot, water core or other physiological defects.

Apples infested with the San Jose scale, oyster shell, bark louse or the codling worm could be disposed of according to the Oregon horticultural law.

At present these grades are only tentative, but the shipping organizations and many of the large shippers have expressed themselves in favor of a uniform set of grading rules which would conform practically to those given. However, there are quite a number who are in favor of establishing a somewhat higher grade than that suggested above.

SHOWER IS GIVEN FOR BRIDE ELECT

Miss Marie Mohr, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Mohr and Miss Gilsdorf, gave Miss Minnie Pansch a miscellaneous shower Saturday evening. A large party of girls were present and the bride-elect was the recipient of many beautiful presents. These were hung on a clothes line and Miss Pansch was given a basket and sent to gather in the "wash."

Much fun was had in a mock wedding. A bride's cake in which a ring and thimble were hidden gave much merriment. Miss Joy Mason getting the ring and Miss Allison Clark the thimble. Fruit punch and wafers were served for refreshments. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and singing and at a late hour, bidding Minnie "good night," everyone wondered who the next shower victim would be.

The wedding of Miss Pansch and John Duckwall of Pine Grove will be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Pansch at Pine Grove this afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. C. M. Carson of Pine Grove will perform the ceremony. Miss Pansch will be attended by Miss Grace Perry, while Horace Sylvester will act in a similar capacity for the groom. The house has been beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and ferns.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner will be served, following which the bride and groom will leave on a wedding trip. Upon their return they will make their home on Mr. Duckwall's ranch at Odell. Both are popular young people and will receive the best wishes of a host of friends in their new relations.

SHOW FERTILIZERS ARE WASTED ON ORCHARDS

After experimenting with orchard fertilizers for 15 years, the New York State Station has concluded that commercial fertilizers are of little benefit to young apple orchards growing on soils naturally suited to apple culture, provided the orchards are well tilled, well drained, and properly supplied with organic matter from stable manure or from cover crops.

FACULTY OF HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED

School will open September 2. The buildings are being put in shape and needed repairing done. The High School faculty was completed last week by the election of Prof. R. N. Ashmun from the University of Washington as teacher of Mathematics.

Parents who have children to start in the first grade need to plan to have them start the first day.

Outlooks for a large attendance are good, especially from the valley districts.

The superintendent asks that households desiring to have a school boy or girl stay with them during the school year will report the same at once. There are several girls now seeking places. Also that households having rooms or board for students will report. The superintendent has a place now for two girls to board at a minimum cost.

CUPID FINDS THAT ADVERTISING PAYS

Over in White Salmon recent publication regarding the Columbia Club, a bachelor's organization of this place, by the local paper, in which the merits of each member were played up, has been followed by three weddings and engagement announcements by two other members of the club.

Miss Bridgeman has been married to John Smithson, manager of the White Salmon Telephone Company; Miss Martha Broberg of Minnesota to M. J. Van Vorst, lawyer and fruit rancher; Miss Bullitt, formerly of St. Paul, to Chester Dewey, fruit rancher. The engagement of William Wells, lawyer and rancher, to Miss Mildred Plummer of Maine, teacher in the high school the past year, has been announced.

The other members of the club are reported to have succumbed to the charms of cupid, and the Japanese cook is looking for another place.

INJURY IS FATAL TO JOB SHEPPARD

Kicked by a horse and his leg badly shattered last Wednesday, Job Sheppard, one of the most respected ranchers of the valley, died at five o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home in Duke's Valley.

Although the injury was found to be a double compound fracture, Mr. Sheppard, who had always possessed a strong physique, rallied from the shock and his family and many friends had no idea that the end was so near. In fact it was the belief of all that he was safely on the road to recovery when he suffered from the sinking spell which resulted in his death.

Mr. Sheppard sustained the fatal injury Wednesday afternoon when he was kicked by a horse which he was mounting, his leg being fractured in two places below the knee. Mr. Sheppard had one foot in the stirrup when the animal suddenly swung around and kicked with both feet.

Mr. Sheppard was a native of England. Upon first coming to this country he lived in Indiana. He came to Hood River with his family several years ago and bought a ranch. He was an unusually intelligent and industrious farmer and made many improvements on the place, a portion of which he later sold to Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Sheppard was a man of many estimable qualities and enjoyed the high regard of his neighbors and many friends, all of whom were shocked to learn of his death. He is survived, besides his wife, by three married daughters in Indiana, one daughter, Mary, living here, and three sons, George, Charles and Will.

The funeral is to be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

Large Attendance at Chautauqua Assured

Splendid Program Is Arranged---Experts from O.A.C. Will Deliver Lectures on Subjects of Local Horticultural Interest---Minstrel and Vaudeville Features Promise to Make Big Hit.

As the date approaches for the opening of the Horticultural Chautauqua the event is gaining such an impetus that its success is already assured. Sub-committees appointed by the finance committee have been busily engaged in canvassing the valley during the past week in order to determine just how large a crowd to prepare for. From present indications there will be a season attendance of over three hundred, while large numbers are planning to go for the day only.

The ready and enthusiastic response that has been met with throughout all sections of the valley proves conclusively the progressive nature of Hood River people.

The program committee is working on a list of horticultural features which alone will establish the importance of this coming outdoor assemblage. The lectures planned now include "Soil Management" by Prof. E. J. Kraus; "Cover Crops for Hood River Soils" by Prof. Scudder; "The Farmer's Truck Garden" by Prof. Bonquet.

President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experimental Station, will be delayed in reaching the encampment until the last day. On that day President Kerr will lecture on "The Relation of the Agricultural College to the Farmer." Prof. Withycombe's subject will be "Diversified Farming as Applied to Hood River Valley," which will, among other things, cover the important question of hog raising in orchards.

Prof. Lawrence will be in daily attendance to handle any local questions which may come up. One interesting feature will be the horticultural question box which will be located at the Headquarters booth. Written questions may be placed in this to be answered later by the various experts to whom they will be referred by the program committee.

The musical and vaudeville features of the Chautauqua are rapidly being worked into shape. The minstrels, under the leadership of Arthur Clarke, have been actively rehearsing for the past two weeks and promise to produce a burst of melody and mirth that will make those gigantic pines shake to their roots. The opening chorus, "I Want to Go Back to Dixie" is entirely new here and is one of the best things that has been produced in the line of negro melody.

For the vaudeville night on Friday a big feature act is now in rehearsal that should prove a decided hit. It will be entitled "The Gypsy Strollers," the curtain rising on a woodland scene, with a picturesque gypsy camp in the foreground. The opening number of this act will be the gypsy chorus from the Bohemian Girl. This will be followed by a characteristic gypsy dance by two well known local artists, accompanied by a mandolin, guitar and violin. There will be solos and choruses, concluding with the Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore. It will be an act well worthy of the legitimate vaudeville stage.

Chairman C. K. Marshall of the grounds committee, accompanied by his associates, George L. Sargent and G. D. Woodworth, will take up their permanent quarters at the lava beds this week and with a corps of workmen will push the arrangement of the grounds to a rapid completion.

Electricians will go up on Thursday to commence the installation of the electric light plant and string the wires throughout the grounds. Two large ranges for the Commissary Department were shipped to Parkdale yesterday.

C. D. Thompson, chairman of the commissary committee, announced that arrangements have been made whereby there will be seating accommodations for 250 persons at each serving. This all fresco dining room promises to be one of the attractive features of the encampment.

Chairman Ravlin of the program and finance committee will be on the ground Monday to assume personal supervision of the construction of the stage and the arrangement of the open air auditorium.

The encampment will virtually be opened on Wednesday, the 21st, as quite a number have signified their intention of going into camp on that day in order to become fully settled and to avoid any possible confusion that might result from a big influx on the opening day. The first meal served by the Commissary will be dinner on Wednesday night and the last will be breakfast on Sunday. In all probability those who may desire to remain all day Sunday will be able to make arrangements for lunch.

The grounds committee desires to impress upon those who intend sending their own tents to be erected by the committee the importance of shipping them to Parkdale not later than Monday next, and to include all poles, as none can be secured there. Ask to have your baggage checked to the Chautauqua grounds, as special Chautauqua baggage checks are to be issued. This, of course, applies only to those who will travel over the Mount Hood Railway.

Those who desire ground space upon which to erect their own camps should apply at once to Chairman Marshall, care of the Commercial Club, or the Chautauqua grounds, Parkdale. For this there will be no charge except the general season admission.

United Brethren Church
Oak and Sixth, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon and morning worship at 11 a. m. C. E. at 7 o'clock. Rev. W. D. Harrison, a returned missionary from Corea, will relate some of his experiences on that promiting field at the morning service. Sermon by the pastor at 8 o'clock. Special music for both services. J. B. Parsons, minister.

Our Numerous Laws Have Made People Disrespectful

By MOORFIELD STOREY, Boston Lawyer

OUR people are beset with the notion that the remedy for any trouble which they encounter, however slight, is to be found in a new law, and they rush to the legislature with every sort of crude proposal for legislation.

AS A RESULT A FLOOD OF NEW LAW IS LET LOOSE UPON THE INHABITANTS OF EACH STATE EVERY YEAR OR TWO YEARS, AND ANY PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN WHO WATCHES THE LEGISLATURE AND TRIES TO PREVENT FOOLISH LAWS CANNOT BUT BE AMAZED AT THE WAY IN WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS GOVERNED.

With this torrent of laws that pours out upon the country there goes NO INCREASE WHATEVER OF RESPECT FOR THE LAW, but rather the reverse. The more there are the more to break.

The legal profession has SUNK IN POPULAR ESTIMATION, and it is largely the fault of the lawyers that this has come about. However, the task of reform is not so easy as it might be imagined.

Progress in science is welcomed by everybody, but progress in politics, social life or the law is a different matter. Upon any existing evil in any one of them some one now FATTENS and is sure to oppose a change. Nevertheless the leaders of the legal profession realize that something must be done.

CHURCH PLANNING AN ORGAN RECITAL

It is being planned by the officials of the Riverside Congregational church to have a pipe organ recital at the new church at some date previous to the dedication of the building. One of the best musical programs that has ever been rendered in the city will be given.

The installation of the large pipe organ in the church marks a new epoch in sacred music in local church circles as this is the first instrument of this character to be installed here. The committee is now in communication with an eminent organist, whose services may be secured for the recital.

FALLS FROM FLUME; BREAKS BOTH ARMS

Falling 20 feet from the flume at the Belmont planer Thursday afternoon, Earl Page, about 10 years old, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, sustained bad fractures of both arms between the wrist and elbow.

The boy, who recently came from Portland to spend part of his vacation with his relatives one-half mile west of the Rockford store, was walking along the top of the flume when he lost his balance and plunged over the side. The force of the fall not only splintered the arm bones but drove them through the flesh. Dr. Bronson was called to reduce the fractures and the boy is now doing nicely.



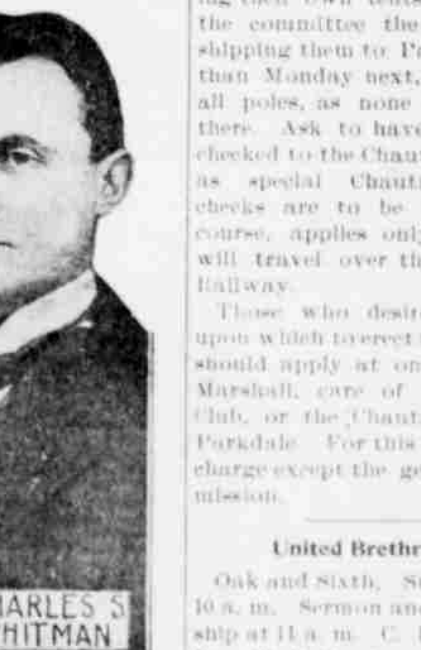
News Snapshots Of the Week
Through the activity of District Attorney Whitman of New York two of the alleged actual murderers of the gambler Rosen that were captured and a systematic search for the remaining three was instituted. Lieutenant Becker of the police force was arrested, charged with having planned the murder. President Taft was officially notified of his nomination by Senator Root. William A. Prendergast was chosen to make the speech nominating ex-President Roosevelt at the National Progressive convention at Chicago. Albert J. Beveridge was temporary chairman of the convention. Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace, who was on trial in Atlanta, charged with having attempted to murder her husband, was acquitted.



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