

SAYS ROAD IS NOT ACROSS WATER SHED

There was much disappointment here at the report contained in the News last week that work on the Lost Lake road from Sandy has been discontinued on account of protests made by the Portland water board that the city's water supply is threatened with contamination should the road be built through the Bull Run reserve.

D. R. Stone, an Upper Valley rancher, was in the News office and declared that in his opinion the opening of the road could have no such result. Mr. Stone has lived in that section ten years and is thoroughly familiar with the topography of the country. He stated that the road as now planned and partially constructed will not encroach upon Portland's water shed at any point. He substantiates this statement by allusion to the topographical map of that country.

"It would be a great pity," said Mr. Stone, "if this splendid project were abandoned. Last year Con-

gress made an appropriation of \$10,000 for the road and this money has been effectively expended. The entire road is now passable for wagons, although a portion is still hardly more than a trail. It passes through some of the most inspiring scenery to be seen in the world, at one moment taking one directly beneath a huge, overhanging glacier and then sweeping out on a ridge where the most beautiful view can be obtained. Connecting as it would Multnomah and Hood River counties and constituting an automobile road which, for scenic features, it would be hard to surpass, it would indeed be a pity if work on it were abandoned under the misapprehension that the Bull Run water would be contaminated."

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OFFICIAL GRADING RULES ARE GIVEN

As stated in the News last week, uniform grading rules for the valley have been agreed upon and adopted by all the shipping associations. The rules, which were given in brief last week, are reproduced in full below:

The three grades—extra fancy, fancy and choice—heretofore in common use will be recognized. Special and orchard run grades are also established. Rules governing the disposal of cooking and elder apples are appended, also the specifications and explanations defining the condition of the fruit to be placed in the respective packs and grades.

Extra fancy—This grade includes mature, normal-shaped apples free from imperfections. Spitzenburgs 175 and larger must be three-fourths normal, red color; sizes 185 to 200 inclusive must be 90 per cent red. All red varieties must show at least three-fourths red color, striped or partial red to show one-half red color. Red Cheeked Pippin and Winter Banana must show a blushed cheek. The Orley must show white, yellow or waxy. Sizes smaller than 200 will be excluded from this grade except of the Jonathan, Newtown, Winesap, Arkansas Black and Missouri Pippin, which must not be smaller than 225.

Fancy—All apples placed in this grade must be mature and of a normal shape. All red apples must be at least one-fourth normal, red color; striped or partial red to show ten per cent red color. Specimens with leaf and limb rubs, spray russet and similar defects which have not distorted the fruit, when not over one-half inch in the aggregate, will be allowed. No fungus infested or stung apples will be allowed in this grade. No size smaller than 200 will be allowed.

Special—This grade to include varieties equal to fancy in grade, but with one sting of the codling moth or one fungus spot not larger than one-fourth inch in diameter or smaller ones aggregating the same area or less. Sizes smaller than 175 must be free from sting and fungus.

Choice—In this grade may be placed all merchantable apples not included in the extra fancy and fancy grades. All apples must be sound, free from bruises, skin unbroken and of good shape. Specimens with a fungus spot not larger than a ten-cent piece and one on an apple or three spots aggregating a similar area will be allowed. Sizes smaller than 175 not allowed.

Orchard run—Only such apples as may be placed in choice or better may be placed in this grade. No full green specimens of a red variety will be allowed. Size limit 185 for this grade.

Cooking or elder apples—The following described apples cannot be placed in any of the grades, but may be disposed of for cooking purposes: Too poorly colored to meet the color requirements of the grades, windfalls, sunburned, injured by sprays, stung by the codling moth, bruised, infested with fungus, water core, Baldwin spot or other physiological defects any of which do not render the apple undesirable for culinary purposes. No size smaller than 150 allowed.

Apples infested with the San Jose scale and the codling worm must be disposed of according to the Oregon Horticultural Law.

These grading rules have been formally adopted as the official grading rules of Hood River county by C. H. Sproat, manager of the National Apple Company, H. F. Davidson of the Davidson Fruit Company, A. W. Peters, secretary of the Hood River Apple and Storage Company, and Wilmer Sleg, manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union.

GROWERS REFUSE TO CONSIGN FRUIT

Growers in the different parts of the Yakima Valley have, within the last few days, started a movement for organized opposition to the consignment of fruit.

The movement seems to be strongest in the Zillah territory. J. H. Estes, one of the leading growers in that section, is said to be at the head of it. As a result of agitation on the matter for some time past and largely through the efforts of

Mr. Estes and a few others, an agreement was placed in circulation among the growers whereby the signers agree that they will not permit their fruit to be consigned and will rather let it rot on the trees.

It is stated signatures have been obtained to the petition representing nearly 80,000 boxes of Elberta peaches alone, without considering other fruit.

The hope of the signers, it is stated, is that publication of the facts regarding the agreement will cause buyers to come to some kind of terms by which an advance of part of the value of the fruit may be ob-

tained by the growers. It is said that if buyers would advance 25 cents a box on peaches, 70 cents on pears and 90 cents on apples, the growers would be willing to allow their fruit to be shipped; but they refuse to turn over their fruit without any advance and run the risk of having it sold at prices which will not give them any return, and leave their expense in raising and handling a net loss.

This is not the first year in the history of the Yakima Valley. It is stated, that the growers could not secure some kind of a cash deal, and they are inclined to believe that they are being made victims of a buyers' ring.

Pears are the only fruit on which any advance is offered so far this season in the Zillah district. Growers there have been able to secure an advance of one and one-half cents a pound, amounting to about 75 cents a bushel.

Owing to the unbusiness and uncertainty that has been created in the minds of many Yakima fruit growers on account of the talk of some of the commission men that this year most of the selling will be on a commission basis, many of them are casting about and corresponding with friends and dealers in the east with a view of marketing their own fruit.

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This Exhibition will comprise horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, farm products, fruit, flowers, merchandise, machinery, manufactures, woman's work, art, children's exhibits of art and gardening, speed contests, novel attractions and entertainments that will tickle you very much. Come and have the best time of your life and you will live fifty years longer.

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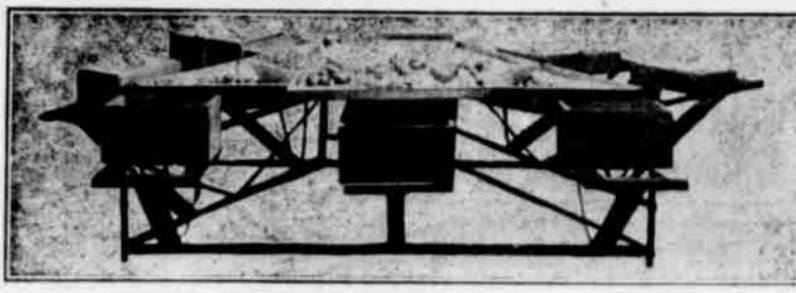
R. D. Chatfield, manager of the Mosier Fruitgrowers' Association, with a crew of 40 packers is shipping a carload of 1000 crates of prunes each day and expects to keep this rate up for ten days or two weeks. The rains have added greatly to the fruit crop and the prunes are of a much better quality and in greater quantity than for many years. The Northwestern Fruit Exchange is handling the entire crop this year and the prices, which are 1.0, b. Mosier, are the best that the growers have ever obtained for their crop.

Christian and Missionary Alliance
Sunday school at 9:45, H. C. Dietz, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45. These are full Gospel meetings. Our motto, Jesus Only. All are cordially invited. W. P. Kirk, Pastor.

Pine Grove Dance Postponed
The dance which was to have been held at the Pine Grove Grange Hall next Friday has been postponed until Friday, August 30.

Line and Spray—Kelly Bros., phone 227-M.*

This Is It!

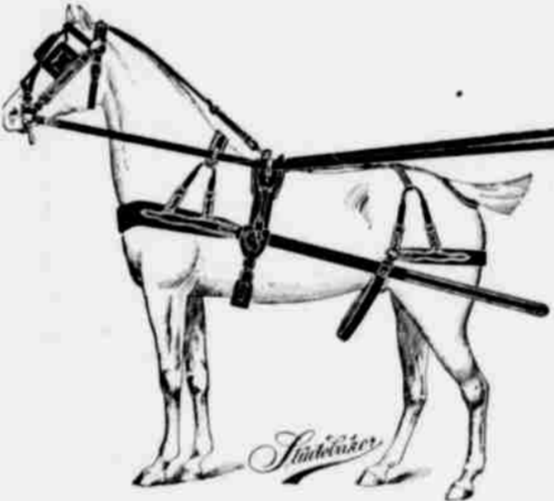


The Sykes Sorting and Packing Table

We had this table on exhibition at the Chautauqua and it certainly made a hit. We had it on exhibition all day Saturday at our store, when it made another hit. We loaned it to a large fruit shipper here in town, and now we can't get it back. He says it is sold!

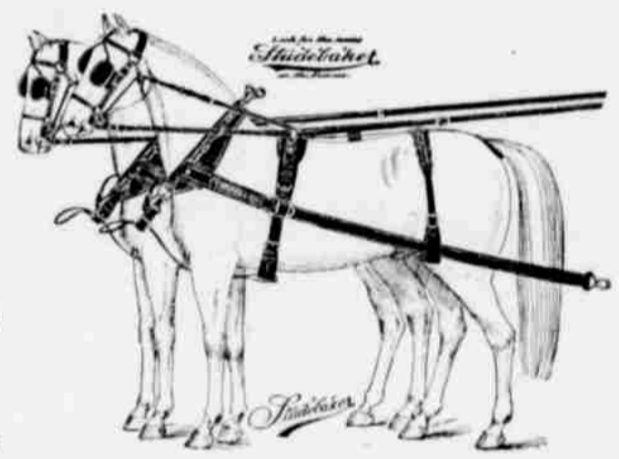
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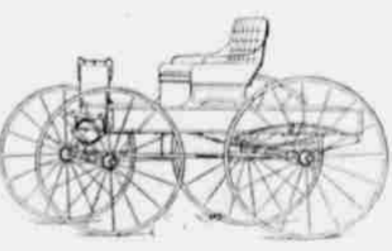


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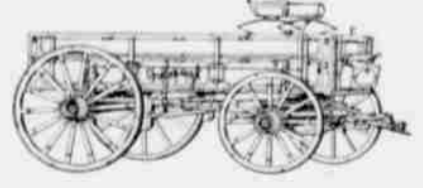




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