

HOPE TO AGREE ON A STANDARD BOX

It is hoped that action taken at the meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Portland last week will result in the standardization of the apple box throughout the country. Resolutions were adopted which it is believed will establish a box that is satisfactory to growers in all sections.

C. E. Whisler, of Medford, read a paper on "Standardizing of Grade, Pack and Packages of Apples," which brought out the fact that a harmony movement is on all over the country, to end the apple box war. Conferences have been held, and out of these have grown mutual concessions and proposals, until all interests are apparently a unit on the form of bill presented by Mr. Whisler to the state society. With a minor amendment offered by C. A. Malboeuf, the measure was adopted by the state society and a committee named to take it up with all other bodies of a similar kind, who are understood to favor the measure.

In the draft of bill prepared by the compromise committees which have been bringing East and West together, as it was reported to the society there, it is provided that the standard apple box shall be 10 1/2 inches deep, 11 1/4 inches wide and 18 inches long, inside measurement, representing as nearly as possible 217.5 cubic inches. If any other box is used, it must have stamped clearly on it "Short Box." All boxes shall bear the number of apples packed therein, the name of the person, company or association packing, with district where grown. A reasonably uniform size of apples is required to be packed in boxes. A penalty of \$1 a box is provided for any person offering apples for sale not in conformity with the provisions of the act which is made an amendment to the pure food and drugs act.

Dressmaking

Elizabeth Ware plans on being in the city from December 22 to January 5. She will help or do sewing for you in your home. Write her at 765 Oak street, Eugene, Ore. 47-50c

Will—Edison says that four hours' sleep is enough for any man.
Bill—We have a two-year old baby at home who knew that a year ago.

WOULD INTRODUCE NEW CITRANGE HERE

Having originated a new citrange fruit which is a cross between the Tri-lobate orange of Japan and our ordinary sweet orange, the Department of Agriculture seeks to introduce them into sections to which they are believed to be climatically adapted. Hood River is included in these and a few trees will probably be received here next month for distribution.

The fruit of the citrange is very juicy, containing a larger amount of juice proportionately than the best lemons. They make a refreshing "citrangeade," similar to lemonade, which people who have made a comparison pronounce equal to or even better than the latter. The fruits also make excellent pies and marmalade, and for these purposes are probably equal to the orange or lemon. The citrange will undoubtedly prove valuable for general culinary purposes in the making and flavoring of cakes, making jellies and preserves, and in many other ways in which the lemon is now employed. When it is considered that these citranges can be grown throughout the Gulf and South Atlantic states, a large part of Texas and Arizona, and parts of New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, where there is now a dearth of acid fruits, their great value becomes evident.

There is at present, however, no market for the citrange, and it will probably prove of value mainly as a home fruit for cultivation throughout the regions mentioned, where the sweet orange, the lemon and the lime cannot be grown. The trees are attractive in shape and semievergreen, so that they will make desirable lawn trees. Wherever a home can be supplied with them it will be possible on the warm days between the 1st of September and the 1st of December to pick a few fruits and make a desirable and refreshing beverage.

In reply to a circular just received through Senator Chamberlain, the News has applied for a few of these trees and those wishing to test the new fruit may make application here. There is no charge attached.

Regular Sunday Excursions to Parkdale. Pleasant trip for yourself and friends.

HUBBARD PAYS HOOD RIVER COMPLIMENT

Elbert Hubbard, in the November issue of "The Fra," pays Hood River apples a compliment in the following language:

"The Hood River Valley apples have attained an international reputation. This Hood River Valley is one of the most picturesque and beautiful spots one can imagine. The cool nights and the warm sunshine of the days seems to contribute exactly the right conditions for apple culture.

"I admire the Hood River Valley apples, but I admire the Hood River Valley people more. They have brought genius to bear in the business of apple culture and apple salesmanship. They know how to prepare their wares in the most attractive shape for the market.

"Grand Junction apples and Hood River apples command a price in England. I have paid a shilling for a Hood River apple and had it brought in on a silver platter with the original wrapper on it, duly served by a flunky in side-whiskers, who expected a tip for his genius in selection. And really, I was a little proud of the fact that people in America occasionally do their work so superbly well.

"As the years go by, apple culture will receive a degree of attention that it never has before. Fruits, vegetables, poultry, are now being regarded as just as important as corn, wheat and oats, and perhaps a little more so."

IN EXTRA FANCY FRUIT LIES PROFIT

"It is in the extra fancy fruit of our standard grades that the grower here must look to make his profits," declared a local orchardist of many years experience the other day. "I am confident that there will always be a good profit for Hood River growers in this class of fruit for there are no other sections which can compete with us. On the other hand the grower who has the common varieties or the poorer grade of the standard varieties cannot expect to do much more than make ends meet."

Continuing, he said, "I had a letter earlier in the season from one of the best posted and most reliable fruitmen in the East. He formerly owned a fruit ranch here and is now in New York state. He predicted then that the market would be demoralized this year at the start on account of the great quantities of poor grade apples that would be dumped into the market early in the season, but he declared that even the poorer grades of Hood River's standard varieties would bring a paying price to the grower later in the season and that the extra fancy grade would net a good profit. The conditions have been as he predicted and I look for the better grades of our apples which are held to bring prices that will net good returns. I might add that the same man declared that he expected the prices netted by Hood River fruit this year to mark the low level and that the future would see marked improvements for the reason that other districts are demonstrating that they cannot grow apples with the qualities of the Hood River fruit."

SAYS LOGANBERRY WINE HAS COMMERCIAL FUTURE

Use of loganberries instead of grapes for all parts of the Northwest where the vineyard shrub will not thrive was pronounced a commercial prospect of the utmost importance by horticulturists attending the annual convention of the State Horticultural Society. They say loganberry juice would be exported by the thousands of cases to all parts of the world. Connoisseurs in juice, it is asserted, would study out delicate flavors of various classes of loganberry products. There would be in Oregon a Waldo vintage which would vie with the champagne of France or the Rhine vintages of Germany. Monks in Douglas fir forest recesses would develop rare loganberry products which would go forth into the world to tempt the tastes of man. Perhaps the grape, time-worn and moldy, might be relegated to the forgotten things of the past in a century or two, in favor of the wonderful juice of the great new berry which matures in the land that gives rarest tints to the rose and imparts shades of flavor which no bold brazen sun ever could achieve.

Professor C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural College opened the door to fanciful speculation of future uses of the loganberry in his paper on that subject to the fruit men. His statements are based upon careful study of the product. It is found to be a wonderful producer. Plant wizards who take properties from one and give to another these days, are just getting firmly established in the berry domain and the whole realm of achievement broadens before them.—Telegram.

Grabbing Time by the Forelock

In mentioning Sleighs and Cutters at this time, it may seem that we are rather rushing the season. But we have always believed in keeping ahead of the times.

This is just a gentle reminder to you that we have laid in a supply of Winter Goods, because we think there will be a demand for them. We have bought a variety of Cutters, Bobs, Cutter Gears and Runner Attachments.

When we look at the mud surrounding us, this sleigh "ad" looks like a joke. But the time is coming, just as sure as you're alive, when you will wish you had a sleigh. And it's coming this winter. It isn't very far off now.

When you get up some morning and see the ground all covered with snow, just remember what we said in this space. Keep in mind your disappointment last year, when you wanted a cutter, and couldn't get it. We have bought enough sleighs to meet the demand—at least the first rush.

We might go into detail and tell you all about how these sleighs are made—the stuff that is in them—the particular advantages of a certain arrangement or attachment over others—but it wouldn't interest you. We have looked out for these things for you. You have our word that the sleighs are right.

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ORCHARDISTS HELP TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

That the practically complete freedom from orchard pests which the Hood River valley enjoys is due largely to the intelligent co-operation of local orchardists, was the statement made by Professor Lawrence in an address before the Oregon Horticultural Society at Portland last week.

The subject of his talk was "The Solution of Orchard Problems through Co-operation with the Growers." He spoke first of the eradication here of the fire blight through the co-operation of the orchardists, Judge Castner, the Fellowship Association and the O. A. C.

The speaker's second topic was the San Jose Scale. He gave a brief outline of the way the work against this pest was organized here. On account of the small area in this county which will not be planted to orchards and because of the fact that there are few wild plants which are susceptible to the attack of the scale it seems reasonable that the valley can completely eradicate this pest, so Professor Lawrence said.

He called attention to the fact that while he is doing both the office and research work his main object in working on the local problems is to do as much of the inspection work as possible while looking after the orchard problems and to rely upon the co-operation of the growers to assist in locating and reporting the presence of injurious pests and fungus diseases.

The speaker referred to the fact that the valley is comparatively clean and that fighting pests in this section consists largely in watching for epidemics or local spread of orchard troubles.

In conclusion he took up the soil investigations and gave a complete resume of what has been done, pointing out the value of co-operative work that is now being carried on in issuing a soil survey of the Hood River valley. He also mentioned briefly the work on cover crops that is being done here in co-operation with the office of the agronomist, U. S. Department of Agriculture. He told of the cold storage tests with apples carried on in connection with the U. S. bureau of plant industry and also of the study now being made of weather conditions here with relation to frost injury and the possibility of forecasting freezes.

The Daily Californian states that a fossil skull 100,000 years old has been uncovered by the University of California excavators at La Brea.

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