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LOCAL APPLE TALK

DAVIDSON SECURES JUDGMENT IN FULL UNFIT ORCHARD SITES CONDEMNED

A case of considerable interest to local shippers of fruit was decided at Seattle the last of the week in favor of the Davidson Fruit Company. The company brought suit against the Produce Distributors' Company of Seattle to recover \$711.96, balance due for 500 crates of strawberries shipped them at \$3 per crate. After the company had sold the berries their receipts failed to come up to their expectations and they wrote the local company that they had handled the goods on a commission basis. Their remittance was \$711.96 short.

The jury was out only 30 minutes before returning a verdict in favor of the Davidson Fruit Company for the full amount.

An interesting feature of the trial was the introduction of testimony showing that a trust existed among the Seattle realtors. Correspondence with the Seattle produce concern exhibited to Judge Tallman included a signed statement from the Produce Distributors' Company that an organization had been formed of six firms on Western Avenue to divide equally among them the cars of vegetables and produce coming into the market "and inasmuch as we are able to control practically the entire receipts, we thereby maintain a price that is fair to all."

BOX AS A PACKAGE

The many fruit raisers who have sought a livelihood in the far West states the past six or eight years, notably in California, Washington, Oregon and later Colorado, have adopted methods others may well imitate, is the leading statement of P. M. Kieley, a leading fruit merchant of St. Louis, Mo., in Fruitman and Gardener.

"Necessity was sure enough the mother of invention in their cases," he says. "They have been the pioneers in securing and devising the best methods, not only in perfect packing and grading, but also in the important matter of providing the most perfect packages to meet the environments. They have blazed the way to success under trying circumstances. They have put their fruit in all the leading markets of the country against all competition, and through the excellence of their work, secure prices that afford a fair to good profit. They have done so the past several years and will doubtless continue to do so because of the scarcity of fancy fruit put up in the most attractive manner."

"Notwithstanding the fact that the big apple states of the far West, notably Washington, Oregon and California, have to pay 50 cents freight per bushel box to all the big Eastern markets (\$1.50 per barrel) a sum about equal to the price paid for Ben Davis in St. Louis.

"It is not necessary to dwell on the packing of the far West apples—all in boxes. Their work out there is above criticism. It must be admitted, however, that every growing and shipping district in the Middle West furnishes more or less first class fruit properly put up, but the scarcity of such is to be deplored."

TOP GRAFTING AND PEACHES

"The other day," says Prof. Walden, the well known horticulturist and fruit grower of North Yakima, "I met a friend who told me how his neighbor had cut back and grafted a Ben Davis orchard, but was so unfortunate as to lose many of his trees in the operation. This surprised me, and I told this friend that I had top-grafted 2,500 apple trees on my farm and had not lost a single tree, so I asked how this neighbor proceeded. He informed me that the man cut off the entire top of his Ben Davis trees and then grafted only such limbs as he wished to use in making the new top. The grafts started all right but after they had gained a length of a foot or two, the wind would catch these new twigs and break them off at the joint of grafting. Many of his trees were ruined in this way. Then I explained to this friend how we did it. He should not have cut off all the top. He should not have selected from three to five prongs on different sides of the tree so as to have a balanced top when he had finished the job. The other limbs should have been left on the tree until the next spring, and frequently for two years. The limbs left protect the young grafts from the wind to some extent, but that is not the chief benefit. If all leaves are taken from a tree and kept off, the tree will starve to death as certainly as a cow staked on bare ground and out of reach of any food will starve to death. Let this lesson be remembered and ever kept in mind."

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That the promotion of alleged apple districts in sections totally unadapted to the successful culture of this fruit is a crime which should not be tolerated in Oregon, is the stand taken by the Portland Journal in a recent editorial which says in part:

The Journal has many times protested against the sale unfit lands as orchard sites. It has many times predicted that the practise would bring loss and failure.

It renews that protest. Mistakes are being made. No district in the world is better for apple production, but all lands in Oregon are not fit sites for successful apple orchards.

A particular kind of soil is necessary. It must be deep. It must be air drained as well as water drained. Altitudes and climate also figure.

There are promoters who defy every requirement. These buy up tracts, mark up the prices, give the lands the apple label, and men, mad with hallucinations about swollen fortunes to be made in apple growing, indiscriminately purchase.

An enormous acreage is already planted to apples. Five years hence, the output will be enormously increased. Millions of young trees are yet to come into bearing. There are signs that the feverish apple boom of the past few years is beginning to affect the market. This year's crop is enormous.

The condition may not mean that fancy fruit on standard sites will suffer. It does mean that orchards on half-fit or unfit sites will be disappointing. To over-capitalize and sell unfit sites in the present frenzy for apple growing to men who must wait eight or ten years for a crop is nothing short of a crime.

WENATCHEE GROWERS GET FIRST RETURNS

Two-thirds of a million dollars have been received and disbursed already this season by the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association. Shipments so far total 1,400 carloads. Freight charges advanced amount to \$450,000; cost of boxes and material furnished to growers, \$100,000; cash distributed among growers this week, \$100,000. Of this \$650,000 all but the last \$100,000 has gone for expenses. Receipts for the remainder of the season will represent profit. An enormous amount of fruit is stored in the East, and Manager Coburn is now in Chicago directing the sale of it.

Two payments of \$50,000 each have been made to growers of the association during the last twelve days. The management distributes in that amount because \$50,000 represents 5 cents per box, and it is expected that several payments of \$25,000, or 2½ cents per box, will be made during the winter as sales are completed.

About 300 carloads are yet to be shipped by the association, making a total of 1,700 for the pool.

COAST APPLE CROP

The Pacific coast apple crop roughly estimated this season is about 27,000 carloads, equal to about 17,000,000 boxes or about 7,000,000 barrels. This is a rapid increase over former years but the facilities for distribution have also developed admirably. This year shipments of apples from the Pacific coast are reaching different European countries, South America, Australia, Asia and New Zealand. The distributing system in the United States is also much improved over former years. More refrigerator cars were provided, the average time in transit has been shortened, and the distribution is wider, reaching into more of the small towns. Thus the markets and marketing provisions are increasing with production.

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The idea has been warmly received by retailers and shipments have already been made to Europe, New York and other of the principal markets. The cartons retail for 25 cents and the varieties packed include mostly extra fancy Newtowns, Orleys and Spitzenbergs.

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8:25	Van Horn	10:00
8:40	Mohr	10:05
8:55	Odeil	10:10
9:15	Summit	10:30
9:20	Bloucher	10:35
9:45	Winans	10:50
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Canby Post, G. A. R.—Meets at the K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 2 p. m. Geo. P. Crowell, commander; S. F. Blythe, adjutant.

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Canby Wood River No. 42, F. of A., meets every Thursday evening in R. 37, F. O. H. Visiting Foresters always welcome. Wm. Flemming, C. R.; F. C. Brosius, F. S.

Hood River Lodge No. 105, A. F. & A. M.—Meets Saturday evening on or before each full moon. Geo. Slocom, W. M.; D. McDonald, secretary.

Hood River Camp, No. 702, M. W. A.—Meets in K. of P. hall first and third Wednesday nights. C. S. Jones, V. C.; C. U. Dakin, clerk.

Hood River Camp, No. 770, W. O. W.—Meets at K. of P. hall the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month. A. C. Station, C. C.; Kent Shoemaker, clerk.

Hood River Valley Humane Society—Phone 2. E. H. Hartwig, president; Harold Hershner, secretary; Leslie Butler, treasurer.

Idlewild Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Fraternal hall every Thursday evening at 7:30, at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. Visiting brothers welcomed. A. G. Frohn, N. G.; G. W. Thomson, secretary.

Kemp Lodge, No. 131, I. O. O. F.—Meets in the Old Fellows hall at Odeil every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. O. H. Rowley, N. G.; F. L. Kelso, secretary.

Laurel Rebekah Lodge No. 97, L. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Mondays in each month. Lulu Corey, N. G.; Nettie Walsh, secretary.

Mountain Home Camp, No. 3469, R. N. A.—Meets at K. of P. hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Mrs. Lulu Cary, O.; Mrs. Ella Dakin, recorder.

Oleta Assembly, No. 105, U. A.—Meets in their hall the first and third Wednesdays, work; second and fourth Wednesdays, social. C. D. Henrichs, M. A.; W. H. Austin, secretary.

Riverside Lodge, No. 65, A. O. U. W.—Meets in K. of P. hall the first and third Wednesday nights of the month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. Newton Clark, M. W.; Chester Shute, recorder.

Waconia Lodge, No. 59, K. of P.—Meets in their Castle Hall every Tuesday night when visiting brothers are fraternally welcomed. S. W. Stark, C. C.; Lou S. Isenberg, K. of R. & S.

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