

## APPLE HOLDINGS TO DATE ARE GIVEN

Authentic reports regarding the apple situation point to some very interesting facts with reference to the holdings the first of last month and the general condition of affairs. It is understood that the amount of apples held in common and cold storage in the United States and Canada now is just about one-third greater than at the same time last year, including both boxes and barrels. The increase in boxes is more marked than in barrels, since it is regarded that there are four times as many box apples in common storage as there was last December, and approximately 75 per cent more in cold storage than in 1911. There is very small increase in cold storage barrels over last year, about 5 per cent covering the difference, but common storage barrels show an advantage of about 60 per cent.

The interesting factor about statistics this year, is the fact that the amount of cold stored apples is not nearly so great an increase as the total of common storage fruit. Inasmuch as common warehouse stock will have to be moved quickly now, apple men anticipate that the situation will be much brighter for cold stored fruit, and since the increased percentage of the latter is not nearly so alarming as the holdings of common storage goods, it is believed that the apples which are under refrigeration will come out of the deal at fairly satisfactory prices, as they can be held until the common storage fruit has been moved.

The trade in the Eastern apple markets is pessimistic about the outlook for common stored apples. The increase of practically two thirds on barrels and 400 per cent on boxes is looked upon as unusually heavy, and while some fruit men point out that the reasonable prices which prevail will induce greater consumption, others declare that the amount of held stock is too large to permit a satisfactory movement in the allotted time at present prices, much less at an advance. A free movement has characterized trade for some time now, but dealers are not satisfied with the prices they are getting; an even larger consumption of fruit at present values is possible; demand for export has shown quite a spurt recently; but it is a question in the minds of many whether it will be possible to move the holdings without making further price concessions.

### Some Figures Are Given

The statistics for December show approximately 7,000,000 barrels in cold and common storage, against 5,000,000 a year ago, or an increase of 2,000,000 barrels. In Canada, however, there is

a decrease of about 150,000 barrels. Stocks of box apples are reported as amounting to 6,500,000 boxes in the United States, compared with about half that amount a year back.

Of the increase in barrels and boxes the amounts are divided as follows: 200,000 more barrels in cold storage than last December; 500,000 more barrels in common storage; 2,000,000 more boxes in cold storage; 1,500,000 in common storage.

An interesting fact in connection with these figures is that of the total amount of cold storage space contracted in the Eastern cities a good portion is still unused, indicating that operators did not purchase or store as many apples as they anticipated. It is considered probable that the large amount of common stock may be accounted for by the unused space in the coolers.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Laura Shonquest

Mrs. Laura Shonquest, who died very suddenly at her home near Pine Grove on Monday, December 23, at the age of almost 64 years, was born at Freedom, Portage county, Ohio, on January 29, 1849. Most of her life was spent in the Middle West. She came from Nebraska to Hood River about 10 years ago and engaged in fruit growing on her farm in the Pine Grove community.

Mrs. Shonquest was a woman of unusual force of character, strong in her convictions, diligent in her work, honest and upright in her life, and leaves an enviable name to her posterity. She was a devoted believer in the Christian Science faith, and derived great comfort from its teachings. One daughter, Mrs. James McBain of this city, mourns a loving mother's departure, also four grandchildren in Hood River, and three grandchildren at Detroit, Mich. Rev. J. L. Hershner conducted the funeral services at Bartness' Chapel on Thursday. Burial was made at Idlewild.

### Offer Pruning Course

Advanced work in pruning for those who have had a previous year in the O. A. C. short course, will be offered this month for the first time. Beginning January 6 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons until February 7 there will be first study of the bud, then blackboard exercises, and a study of varieties of fruit trees in the orchard. The students will learn the habits of growth, of bud formation and other important matters. The latter part of the course will be given to pruning different types.

### "What's the trouble?"

"There's a tramp at the door with a rickety automobile. Wants to know if we can give him an old set of tires."

## CAREFUL CLEANING OF ORCHARDS URGED

An exchange gives the following timely advice:

When the apple harvest is over a new season's work begins; it is the work of preparing the orchard for the next crop. The season just closed has witnessed the production of a good crop through all of the apple producing sections. Nowhere were there orchards in any number which did not have at least a fair crop, even at harvest. In many the trees were burdened and broken by the weight of their fruit. A new year begins when the last apple is picked, and begins with the job of cleaning up the orchard, cutting out the broken limbs and preparing it for the winter spraying that must be given in scale infested localities.

This work of cleaning the orchard as soon as the harvest is completed is no joke. It is a serious, necessary, important job, just as essential in fact as cleaning the dairy when the butter is made. It is only secondary in importance to spraying. Combatting the bugs and fungi is rendered much more difficult in orchards which have not had the rubbish, broken and dead limbs removed and fence rows cleaned out, than it is where the orchard is clean. Rubbish, dead leaves, brush, shaggy bark and weeds all make splendid hiding places for innumerable insects and fungi during the winter. The codling moth, leaf miner, curculio, fall web worm, tent caterpillar, and other devastating orchard insects spend the winter under the loose scales or bark, under fallen leaves and in rubbish about the orchard. A host of other insects bury themselves just below the surface of the orchard soil. Fallen leaves serve as the wintering places for many of the troublesome orchard fungi, and when all of these enemies of the orchard are allowed to remain unmolested during the winter, they have a far better chance to continue their destructive work the next season.

The work should begin with disposing of the apples that litter the ground. Cull piles afford excellent winter quarters for codling moths. The orchard should have been plowed before the ground froze, and let it lay rough all winter. This buries the leaves and breaks the chambers of insects which have made their winter quarters in the soil. Weeds should be taken from around the trees, and if the trunks are very shaggy with scales of bark, scrape them carefully, not deep enough to damage the bark but sufficient to remove the scales. This destroys the hiding places of a lot of bugs. Then begin the pruning.

Pruning can be done at all times

during the winter when the wood is not actually frozen, except in sections where the winters are very dry. There is always a tendency for the cambium to die around the edges of a wound made in late fall or winter, and this sometimes progresses so far that the bark becomes dead for several inches back. Don't take this, however, as an excuse for not beginning your pruning. It is only in very cold places of the West and in the cold North where the winters are long and severe that early pruning causes any dying back of the bark, and even there, this injury is not particularly serious. Remove the broken limbs. Prune out the water sprouts which were not rubbed off while young and tender last summer. Do the heaviest and roughest pruning, and the remainder may safely wait until spring.

## HAVE GREAT VERSATILITY.

The Cosmopolitan Four Able to Meet Every Expectation.

This company was organized and is booked to satisfy the demand for popular musical "stunts," in combination with music of a better grade, and at the same time offer many entertainment features for those whose first choice is not for a musical program. To accomplish this great versatility was required. In this respect the mem-



Cosmopolitan Singers and Players.

bers of the Cosmopolitan Four are able to meet every expectation.

From the opening to the close of the nearly two-hour program there is "something doing." Mr. LeRoy Hulbert, the organizer, could be the "whole show" himself in some other company, but he is only one of the four very versatile artists in this company.

They will keep you guessing every moment as to what is coming next.

### Johnnie Goes Up Head

"Johnnie," asked the teacher, "can you give us a sentence, using the word 'income' in it?"

Johnnie hesitated a moment; then, "Yes'am," he replied. "The boy opened the door and in come a cat."—Woman's Journal.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR THE JANUARY TERM

Jurors to serve at the term of Circuit Court which convenes on Monday, January 13, have been drawn as follows:

L. R. Gano, A. S. Keir, J. M. Chitty, J. H. Hellbronner, Robert Jones, Chas. L. Trout, J. R. Kinsey, S. G. Campbell, D. Sandman, A. W. Isbell, J. R. Shelton, John West, W. A. Isenberg, W. F. Andrews, W. H. Taft, George Gallaway, Sr., William Furrow, L. D. Boyed, John D. Fletcher, William Stauffer, William Auhagen, A. W. Monosmith, J. H. Ferguson, A. Guinard, H. M. Vannier, Samuel Freeman, W. J. King, H. A. Messenger, Oscar Vanderbilt, G. W. Ingram and Jesse Davidson.

### MARRIED

Hayward-Gibson

Joseph E. Hayward anticipated Christmas by securing his present one day early, claiming Miss Maude Gibson as his bride on Christmas eve. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate families at the home of the bride at 5 o'clock. Although the happy event had been planned for some time the date had not been fixed and when the prospective groom insisted that no time could be more appropriate than Christmas Eve there was none to protest. Rev. E. A. Harris of Riverside Congrega-

tional church performed the ceremony. Immediately after the knot was tied Mr. and Mrs. Hayward left for a wedding trip to Portland. They have rented a home on the Heights. Both have many friends who will extend hearty wishes for a Happy New Year and many more to come.

Pa—So you want to marry my daughter. Are you in a position to support a family?  
Sutor—Er—how many of you are there?

No hoodoo in '13 for Hood River.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.

In the matter of the estate of Humphrey Pugh, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, Executor of the estate of Humphrey Pugh, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the date of this notice, which said date will be the date of the first publication of the same, to said Executor at the office of L. A. & A. P. Reed, his attorneys, at No. 130 Second Street in the City of Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon.

TRUMAN BUTLER,

as Executor of the estate of Humphrey Pugh, Deceased.

Dated December 11th, 1912. 50-54

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADS ENJOY A BANQUET

One of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season was the banquet given at the Mt. Hood Hotel Friday evening by the alumni of the Hood River High School. There were about 75 present and a delicious meal was served. This was followed by a number of toasts. Burleigh Cash presided as toastmaster and called for short speeches from Miss Grace Edgington, president of the association, Ferdinand Struck, Roger Moe, Will Cass and Professor J. W. Crites.

After the banquet a business meeting was held. Miss Nettie Allen, secretary, read the minutes of the meeting held a year ago. Officers were then elected as follows: Harold Hershner, president; Harry Cash, vice president; Miss Lella Radford, secretary; Lester Murphy, treasurer; Will Cass, sergeant-at-arms.

After the necessary business had been transacted the floor was cleared and dancing enjoyed until midnight.

So thoroughly enjoyable was this, the first annual banquet which the alumni have held, that it was the hope of all that it might become an annual event to take the place of the former formal receptions which have been held in the past. It is probable that such will be the case.

The idle always have half a mind to do something.

# Thousands of Fish Are Now Hatching Every Day At the Underwood Hatchery

This Is a Sight worth Traveling Miles to See and Captain Treiber, of the Underwood Ferry, Has Arranged to Carry Passengers Direct to the Hatchery for the Next Four Weeks, During Which Time the Hatching Will Be at Its Height.

One year ago, two years ago, and three years ago we made a New Year's resolution. We make the same one for 1913. Here it is:

**RESOLVED:** That during the year ahead of us, we will go after your business harder than ever.

If a good clean and complete stock means anything; if service after purchasing means anything; if a guarantee on every sale means anything; if a desire to accommodate means anything—then surely we are entitled to your business.

We have advertised during the past year 'till we believe every person in the Valley must know that we carry the full JOHN DEERE line of IMPLEMENTS, VEHICLES, WAGONS. We say this with a feeling of pride. We have handled several different lines of goods during seasons past, but we honestly believe that we offer you this year a bigger value for every dollar than ever before.

Close observation has proven to our satisfaction, that every time we sell a customer a John Deere Plow, or buggy, or spring wagon, we have made for ourselves a permanent customer and friend.

We value this friendship. We want you to feel that when we recommend a certain Implement or Vehicle to you we are telling you it is the article you should have because you are a FRIEND of ours—not because there is a dollar profit in it for us.

And this brings up the question of price. We have never tried to get business on a price basis only. In buying, our watchword has been *quality* rather than *price*. And we offer our goods in this same spirit. Business with us is not getting the best of a customer by hoodwinking him. It is giving a customer a dollar in value for his dollar in coin.

Let us conclude by wishing you all the happiest and most prosperous New Year imaginable.

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