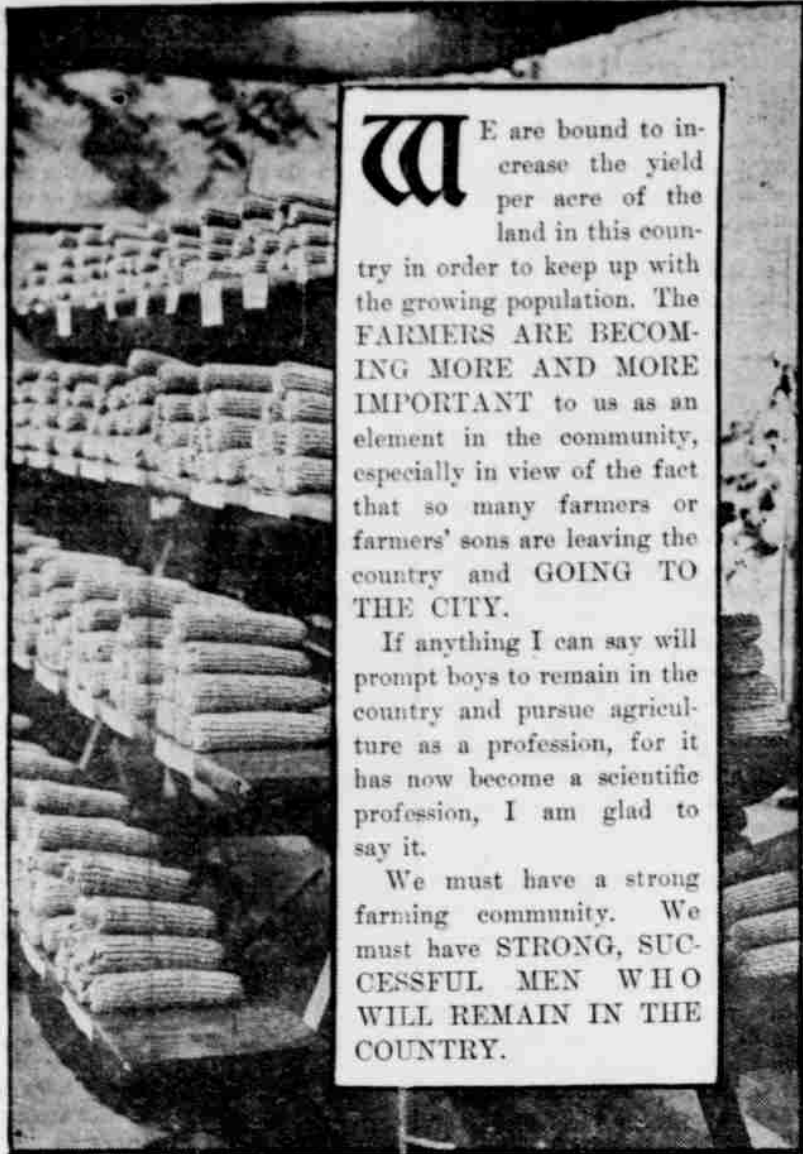


## Boys, Stay on the Farm

President Taft's Advice to Youthful Corn Growers



Kentucky Boys' Corn Exhibit

**W**E are bound to increase the yield per acre of the land in this country in order to keep up with the growing population. The FARMERS ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT to us as an element in the community, especially in view of the fact that so many farmers or farmers' sons are leaving the country and GOING TO THE CITY.

If anything I can say will prompt boys to remain in the country and pursue agriculture as a profession, for it has now become a scientific profession, I am glad to say it.

We must have a strong farming community. We must have STRONG, SUCCESSFUL MEN WHO WILL REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY.

### MOVABLE SCHOOLS FOR FRUIT GROWERS

Six-day agricultural schools, of the Washington State College, were held last year at Lynden, Cashmere, Snohomish and a twelve-day school at Puyallup. All the schools were arranged by the extension division of the state college and each of these towns has requested another school this year.

The plan of operation is simple. All arrangements for the school are in charge of a local committee. The college furnishes instructors without charge. Each person attending the school pays an enrollment fee to the local committee and in this way the expenses are met. All of the schools paid out.

This year it is planned to hold ten such schools if possible. Applications have been received from Puyallup, Olympia, Stevenson, Lynden, Centralia, North Yakima, Grand View, Cashmere, Otis Orchards and St. John.

Other applications will receive consideration as the schools will be distributed in such a way as to best serve the people of the state.

#### WHITE SALMON

(From the Enterprise)

The Pacific Power & Light Company is asking the council for a five-year contract to supply the town with street lighting on a meter basis, or on the flat rate plan of the old system when the plant was in the hands of the Thompsons.

W. C. Chapman is ready to put up a concrete fruit storage house on the railway at a point near the ferry landing if the growers will take a certain amount of stock. He says there would be no trouble in getting a spur put in to the main line, and possibly a side track. The idea, too, embodies the building of a concrete wharf.

The annual meeting of the White Salmon Fruit Growers' Union will be held in the Opera House White Salmon, Wash., at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 25. A full attendance is requested.

Camas Valley Creamery, in charge of W. E. Chappell, is now well under way, the first churning being done on the 31st of December. The butter is pronounced first class by expert judges, and the factory one of the neatest in the country.

The first of April will see the plant of the Northwestern Electric on the White Salmon completed or about completed. Seven hundred and fifty men are on the job, and 76 teams are engaged in hauling material, mostly cement. Concrete is being laid at the rate of 1500 to 2000 bags of cement a day. The fill is getting well up towards the top, the cold having delayed a little, interfering with the run of the concrete down the chutes. Foundation for the big pipeline is being laid and 400 or 500 feet of the line built. Work is also being rushed at the power house end, and the machinery will soon be here for placement.

### STRONGER MARKET LATER IS EXPECTED

Although no immediate improvement in the apple market has been felt yet as a result of the heavy damage to citrus fruits in Southern California, a strengthening of the markets is expected after the damaged oranges now being rushed to market are consumed. This will probably be the case in a couple of weeks as the fruit cannot be expected to remain sound longer than that, if the damage is as serious as reported.

H. M. Huxley of the Davidson Fruit Company says that advices from San Francisco show a decided strengthening in the demand for red apples in California as a result of the loss by the frost. There was a big crop of yellow apples in California this year, but most of these are still in storage. Until they are ready for the market the demand for red apples is expected to be good in that state.

It is expected that a large quantity of the damaged California oranges will be dumped into the Eastern markets during the next two weeks as a result of the reduced rates granted by the railroads for a 30-days period.

As there is no way of determining the extent of the damage done to the fruit, all of the shipments will be labeled merely as "California oranges" and sold for whatever price can be obtained.

Orange growers declare that there is still much uncertainty regarding the damage done by the cold spell since rain began falling throughout the citrus belt. It is believed that the rain has done a great amount of good and that a much larger percentage of the citrus crop than first estimated can be saved, but citrus experts declare that it may be three weeks before the extent of the loss will be definitely determined.

During the period that the oranges are being unloaded the market for apples will not be affected, but afterwards an improvement is hoped for.

#### O. W. R. & N. Makes Offer

Following news from Seattle that the Northern Pacific Railway company has offered to donate to the state of Washington the unused portion of its old right of way between Vancouver, Wash., and Tacoma, for the Pacific Highway, it became known that a similar offer has been made by the Oregon-Washington Railroad company, through President J. D. Farrell.

#### Risky

Briggs—I see the English women who are health faddists are wearing their hair unconfined.

Griggs—Mine wore her's that way one night and it fell out of the window.

#### Not Whiskey

Ma—You've been drinking! I smell it on your breath.

Pa—Not a drop. I've been eating frogs' legs. What you smell is the hop.

### TELLS WHY APPLES ARE NOT EATEN MORE

(Fruit Grower and Farmer)  
The apple crop of 1912 was not a record-breaker, by any means. The American Agriculturist put the total yield at somewhat more than 38,000,000 barrels, which is not nearly up to the record of other years. Prices for apples were lower last fall than for a number of years, and the fruit was put into storage for less money than for some time. Yet the complaint is quite general that apples are not moving, and the consumption is not going to keep pace with the increased production.

What is the matter? Everyone talks of the health-giving qualities of apples. Why don't we, as a people, eat more of them?

We made an investigation of the markets in one city in the Middle West, which is typical of many others. In the grocery stores we found a lot of bruised, wormy apples, many with scab and other fungous diseases; all sizes were piled together, presenting a very unattractive appearance. A wholesale dealer said these apples were some that the packers would not buy from the farmers, on account of poor quality; instead of feeding to the hogs, the farmers would bring them to town and sold them to the grocers.

This wholesaler said the grocers had two objects in view in buying the apples. One was to use the price they paid for this low-grade fruit as argument to secure really good fruit at lower prices than were being quoted; the other was to be able to advertise apples at a low price, to attract trade; when the buyers saw the character of the fruit, it is easy to switch their order from apples to oranges, so that a sale has been made—and it doesn't make any difference to the grocer whether he sells oranges or apples, so long as he makes the profit.

#### Worthless Apples Sold

The worthless apples which were in these stores absolutely prevented the sale of good fruit. The grocers would not buy good apples as long as they had the low-grade fruit, and the latter lasted a long time, for consumers would not buy it—if they did, their appetite for apples was destroyed. Consumption was shut off entirely. In these same stores were great quantities of oranges, all carefully graded as to size and free from defects. At the same time, in the daily papers, appeared advertisements of the orange growers' associations, urging the consumption of their fruit. Every condition tended to discourage the consumption of apples and to increase consumption of oranges.

#### Quality Creates Demand

This situation exists in nearly every city in the country at this time. Oranges and grape fruit are being sold to those who ought to be eating baked apples and apples prepared in other ways.

How long is this to continue? How long do you suppose the orange growers of Florida and California would be content to see the markets for their fruit destroyed in this way? They know that low grade oranges put on the market discourages the use of oranges, and they strive in every way possible to prevent the sale of this kind of fruit. Florida growers have even gone so far as to notify health officers in Northern cities of the shipment of unripe oranges so that their sale could be prevented on ground of being injurious to health. When they could not prevent the shipment of the green fruit, they decided to prevent its sale. It might be interesting to figure out how much more injurious to one's health an unripe orange is, as compared with a half-decayed, wormy apple.

The apple crop of 1912 was not nearly so large as we are going to have in this country soon. Unless something is done, and done quickly, to increase consumption of apples, the fruit will be a drug on the market. It would seem to be the part of wisdom to quit offering for sale any apples that will not make the consumers want more.

#### REV. TATE'S SUIT STOLEN

Hood River Parson Fares Poorly While in White Salmon

In an eastern state a thief stole the wardrobe of a city preacher, but when he found out that he was a Presbyterian while he had been confirmed in the church of another denomination he returned the suits. Rev. Tate is hoping that the person who stole his new suit of clothes one day last week will have the same fine consideration for the orthodox and return his clothes. The thief entered the house near the church where Mr. Tate has his White Salmon study, unlocked a couple of doors, took the suit which he had just bought and intended to first wear at the anniversary of his birthday, and made way with it, leaving other useful and valuable articles untouched. A short time ago the minister at Lyle had a new suit, made for his approaching wedding, stolen from his apartments. Evidently some one has a predilection for ministerial clothes.—White Salmon Enterprise.

### ATTENDS MEETING OF B. C. FRUITMEN

E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, last week attended the 23rd annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association held at Victoria. Mr. Shepard delivered an address on "The Marketing Problems of the Northwestern States," and he also secured some interesting information regarding the problems of marketing as they exist across the line.

"Prices in British Columbia so far this season have not been entirely satisfactory to the growers," said Mr. Shepard. "In this respect conditions there have been similar to those in this country. There was considerable discussion of marketing problems at the meeting, but as yet they have not progressed to the idea of a central selling agency of the kind which the Northwest is now planning to establish. They are considerably assisted in their marketing, however, by a provincial official known as the markets commissioner. This man visits the different sections and also the markets, studying the conditions and keeping the growers fully advised.

"The convention differed from those held in the Northwest in that there was no discussion of the orchard problems and no addresses made upon this phase of the fruit industry, the program being limited to a discussion of the business and marketing end of the business.

"The method of selecting delegates to the meeting is also different from that in this country. Each delegate is especially chosen by the district he represents. They were not left to go at random, but each man was qualified to speak for the district from which he came."

On Monday Mr. Shepard went to Kennewick, Wash., where he is attending the meeting of the Northwest Nurserymen's Association. From there he will go to North Yakima to attend the meeting of the Washington State Horticultural Society to be held January 15, 16 and 17. He will deliver an address at this meeting. From there he will go to Boise, Idaho, and attend the meeting of the State Horticultural Association January 22, 23 and 24. H. C. Ritz, associate editor of "Better Fruit," expects to attend the meeting of the Montana State Horticultural Association to be held at Bozeman, January 22, 23 and 24.

#### McKINLEY'S HORSE DIES

Steed Owned by Martyred President Was Remarkably Intelligent

Lovers of animals were interested recently in reading of the death of President's McKinley's favorite horse. This handsome black steed, which was highly prized by the martyred President, died in Strasburg, Ohio, from overexertion while attempting to free himself from a wire fence in which he had become entangled.

"Frank was a noble animal," writes the editor of the Strasburg Record. Where he was born and who cared for him when a colt was not known. He was McKinley's favorite, and during his stay at the national capital, took part in many parades and public military displays. Frank was well known and beloved by all. When the assassin's bullet brought grief to the nation and the noble animal's martyred master was laid at rest in Canton, the horse was entrusted to a relative of Mr. McKinley. About four years ago he was sent to the farm and there he has received the best of attention and care. He was given only such work as old age and distinguished service befitted him and those who used him took great pride in keeping him in good shape.

"He was always of the kindest disposition and at times seemed almost human. He had been trained to prance when within the sound of music, and our people well remember what a fine appearance he made in marking time with the band when used in several of our Memorial Day parades. The McKinley horse, as he was commonly known, was 27 years old."

#### Monument for Apple Tree

Recently at the little town of Dundela, near Morrisburg, Ontario, a monument was unveiled to the original McIntosh Red apple tree. This tree was discovered by John McIntosh over 115 years ago while clearing a place for a home. He found several apple trees but one of them which grew a superior quality of fruit he named the McIntosh Red. This fruit drew such wide attention that his son, Allen, propagated and disseminated it until it is grown and planted in all parts of the continent. In 1896 one side of the tree was destroyed by fire, but the other continued to bear fruit until 1908, when the tree died.

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