

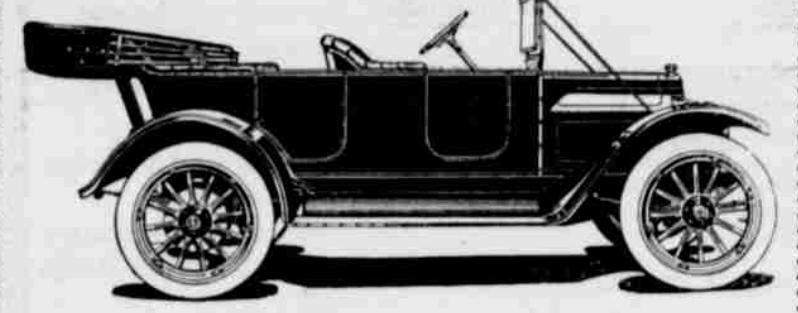
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## LOCAL APPLES WIN AT NEW YORK SHOW

In competition with apples from many of the leading fruit sections of the country, including New York state, Hood River fruit carried off the blue ribbons at an exhibit given under the auspices of the New York State College of Agriculture.

Some time ago Thomas E. Avery, owner of one of the premier orchards on the East Side, was requested to prepare Hood River entries for this countrywide exhibit. A dozen plate exhibits, including as many varieties, were prepared through a process of careful and painstaking selection. These varieties were secured from several orchards of the valley, only the most perfect specimens being used. Hans Hollandsrud, foreman in Mr. Avery's packing house, took an active interest in the work and assisted in preparing the exhibits.

Mr. Avery has just received word that the 12 exhibits took seven first prizes, three seconds and two thirds. The ribbons were enclosed. The varieties which took first prizes were as follows: Black Twig, Spitzenberg, Golden Russet, Monmouth, Ortley, Salome, and Winter Banana. Second prizes were taken by the Arkansas Black, Jonathan and Salome varieties. Third prizes were captured by the Winesap and York Imperial. With the awards Mr. Avery received the following letter from H. B. Knapp of the department of pomology at Cornell University, who was in charge of the exhibition:

"The fruit which you sent from Hood River for our fruit exhibit arrived safely and in good condition. I wish to thank you for your interest and generosity in helping us out. I am forwarding to you the awards which were made to your fruit with my congratulations and best wishes."

## WOULD PUT BAN ON OREGON APPLES

Apple growers of Watsonville, Cal., are up in arms over the heavy importations of Oregon apples into the state for consumption and last week lodged an emphatic protest with the San Francisco commission men. "Handle our apples or we will arrange to sell direct at retail ourselves," was the threat with which Watsonville growers backed up their demands.

With this ultimatum went the announcement that if the commission men do not act, apple depots will be opened in many sections of San Francisco and Oakland.

The total pack of California in 1912 is placed by A. Levy, of the A. Levy & J. Zentner Company, at 1,230,000 boxes, and there still remain in cold storage in San Francisco 500,000 boxes. Stocks in other cities of the state, including Watsonville, are placed at 500,000 boxes. The Watsonville stock according to Levy, is about 180,000 boxes.

All of these apples must be sold before the cherry and apricot seasons begin. The day these fruits come in there is a slump in apples.

If the season is late this year the apple crop may be cleaned up, but if it is early there will be some stock left, a loss.

The attitude of the commission men is: "Let them come on. We do not care. We will sell any kind of apples, Oregon or Watsonville."

## NOW YOUR WIFE CAN WEAR YOUR ORCHARD

"If you have an orchard, wear it on your hat," is the latest dictate which has been issued by the fashion makers of gay Paris to the waiting women of the world. Orchard effects in feminine headgear will now be the proper thing, so says the edict, apples in all shades of green, red and yellow predominating in the latest mode hats which have made their appearance on the streets of Paris. A dispatch from that city says that one especially chic top piece was decorated with two peaches, half a dozen plums, a handful of cherries and a couple of Spitzenberg apples. Whether the latter were of the Hood River brand is not stated.

The other creations are equally freakish, the dispatch states, and it goes on as follows: Drawing their inspiration from the new and freakish Futurist cult of art, the milliners of Paris today are preparing for the spring market the wierdest confections in feminine headgear that have ever been attempted.

The Futurist hat is without any particular shape or form, but the color combinations are a bit noisy. For instance, an exceptionally modest creation, displayed in the Rue de La Paix, shows four colors in the trimming—red, violet, green and yellow. Another favorite ensemble is mandarin blue, emerald green, Spanish yellow and bishop's purple, with a dash of cerise.

Most time to plant gardens.

## GETS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR RIVER ROAD

(From the Oregonian)

At a conference last week between County Judge Cleaton and Commissioners Lightner and Hart, for the county, and representatives of the O. W. R. & N. Co. it was demonstrated that the county will have little difficulty in amicably securing from the railway company a right of way for the Portland Hood-River road at points where the tracks and the proposed survey clash or come close together.

In fact Assistant Manager Buckley, Attorney Arthur Spencer, Assistant Engineer Chase and J. W. Morrow, head of the right of way and tax department, who were there for the railway company, tentatively agreed to let the county road get through at tight places by infringing on the property of the railway company. All that remains is to work out the details.

In some places the railway company will move its tracks, but this is in line with the plans of its engineers for reducing curvature and putting in a double track. County Surveyor Holbrook explained his surveys to the assemblage in detail.

The action of the railroad company in giving way to the county will result in the road costing much less than it would otherwise and in the elimination of several heavy grades which would be necessary.

## WHOLESALE APPLE DEALERS PEEVED

Wholesale apple dealers in Portland are considerably peeved because they believe Hood River apples are being sold direct to the retailers and the wholesalers are being deprived of their rake-off. The Journal says:

Front street interests have decided to patronize only those apple shippers that do not sell direct to retailers. They make the claim that as long as shippers sell retailers at the same price the street is asking, the latter can find no place to dispose of its product.

Two Hood River shipping companies are charged by the front street men with selling direct, therefore individually they say they will no longer purchase supplies from these interests. As there are two other Hood River shipping concerns that can send them all the stock they need, there is no fear of a famine in Portland.

"We have been loyal to Hood River," says a front street man, "but the first chance some of the companies there get they try to down us by selling direct. They have two men here who do nothing else but sell apples and most of their time is taken up by the retailers."

"We have been so loyal to Hood River and other local sections that we have been holding orange prices rather high in order to help the apple growers to sell their product. We could purchase apples from the Yakima sections at a liberal reduction from what we are actually paying Hood River for the same goods, but have discouraged the outsiders from shipping here because we felt that our interests were closer with the local people."

Both Dun and Bradstreet report that there is a satisfactory increase in the volume of business, notwithstanding the conservatism due to tariff dissension.

## HOW TO GET EGGS IN WINTER IS TOLD

Writing in the "Rural Oregonian," M. C. Couch gives some advice on how to get hens to lay in winter. He says: "Preparation for the birds that will make up the pens for the next winter's layers should be made in October. The stock needs to be the very best obtainable. An ideal bird for winter egg production is a pullet that is matured at about the first of November, and is strong and vigorous, and of a good laying strain. Something depends on breed, but more on the strain, and still more upon a good strong constitution and an abundance of vigor, for we may have one of the best strains in existence and a good strain of this breed, yet if it lacks the strong constitution and vigor, we shall never be able to accomplish much with it. Keep these points well in mind when you start in to breed up either a show strain or a laying strain of fowls."

"To have pullets of large breeds, such as Rocks and Reds, to develop so as to lay in the fall, they should be hatched in April. There are some seasons when May hatches will do fully as well, but not as a rule. If a pullet does not commence to lay by the middle of December, the chances are she will not begin before along in February, unless the winter is very mild. But good yearling hens, if they molt early, make about as good late fall and early winter layers as the pullets. The question is, whether we can get them to molt early enough. As a general thing, we are not able to do this. Many of us have noted that a hen that brings off a brood of chicks in June usually molts about the time the chickens are being weaned, and from this experience it would appear that the best plan for inducing an early molt would be to place the flock under conditions similar to those of the setting hen, and to some extent this plan is carried out. Hen of the small breeds are sometimes profitable layers until three or four years old—sometimes older.

"But the English Indian Runner duck has all other birds 'stopped' in this respect. They don't bother much with the molt, but just keep right along doing business, and, as a rule, they are good for a longer term of years than any hen."

## LOCAL SOIL SURVEY IS BEING PREPARED

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—The field work of the soil survey of the Hood River area, made by experts of the Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been completed. The report will be issued sometime during the latter part of the coming summer.

The area surveyed comprises parts of Hood River county, Oregon, and Klickitat and Skamania counties, Washington, and contains 250 square miles, or 160,000 acres.

The survey was made in order that the department might show the crop adaptations of the various types of soil in the area and make recommendations as to what methods of farm management should be practiced to obtain larger returns per acre, and, at the same time, maintain or increase the present fertility of the soil.

A soil map showing in colors the location and extent of the various types of soil encountered in the area, and the location of all farm houses, churches, schools, public roads, railroads and streams in the area, will accompany the report.

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

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

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

Idelwilde Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Fraternal hall every Thursday evening at 7:00, at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. Visiting brothers welcomed. A. G. Frohn, N. G.; G. W. Thomson, secretary.

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Mountain Home Camp, No. 849, R. N. A.—Meets at K. of P. hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Mrs. Carrie Crump, Oracle; Mrs. Ella Dakin, recorder.

Omega Assembly, No. 105, U. A.—Meets in their hall the first and third Wednesday nights, second and fourth Wednesday nights, social. C. D. Henrietta, M. A.; W. H. Austin, secretary.

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Wacona Lodge, No. 30, 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. S.

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