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WENATCHEE WAITS FOR ACTION HERE

"What about the North Pacific Distributors' Association? Do you think it should market Wenatchee fruit?" These were the questions which were addressed to W. T. Clark, president of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Association, upon his return from the conference at North Yakima.

Mr. Clark, besides being president of the Growers' Association there, is also president of the newly formed North Pacific Distributors' Association the purpose of which is to market through its central selling agency fruit of the four states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

"The distributors' association," answered Mr. Clark, "is not yet by any means an effective organization. Its aims are high and praiseworthy, but its operation as a business is a matter of determination. Just at present it is in the academic stage—open to argument. Before it can become operative, it must receive the endorsement and then the support of the associations and growers in the various districts.

This District's Position

"In this district, of course, its local acceptance or rejection depends altogether upon the action of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association, the annual meeting of which will be held in May. By that time, the strength of the distributors' organization is likely to be determined in a great degree by the judgment of the Hood River, Yakima and other districts.

"The representatives of the various districts that met at North Yakima to form in a tentative way the distributors' association could not, and did not pretend to, commit their respective districts to the scheme. Some of the representatives enthusiastically favored the project; others were less so and raised no objection to it worthy of reference to their respective districts. In the meantime, of course, Wenatchee must be prepared to market her own fruit in case we do not join."

PEPPERMINT FARM PLANNED

Portland Man and Michigan Brother to Erect Still Near Albany

Albany.—A farm to grow peppermint for the market will be established near here by O. H. Todd, who came to Albany recently from Michigan, and his brother, Alfred Todd, of Portland. They have leased a tract of land about six miles east of Albany, near Knox Butte, for the purpose. This is one of the first industries of the kind on the Pacific Coast.

The Todd Brothers will not only grow peppermint in big quantities but will construct a still at their peppermint farm to prepare the product for the market. This will reduce the peppermint to commercial form. A crew of men is now at work preparing the ground for the setting of the first plants and work will soon begin on the erection of the still.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

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APPLE TREE HOLDS RECORD

An apple tree growing in the Walla Walla Valley, Washington, holds the fruit-yield record. It produced nearly 200 bushels of apples last season, thus breaking its own record of 126½ boxes in 1907, the highest production, we are assured, from a single tree known anywhere in the world. This tree bore 70 boxes in 1906, 42 boxes in 1908 and 45 boxes in 1909. More than 500 barrels of fruit have been picked from it since it came into bearing in the spring of 1871.

The tree was grown without irrigation from a seedling planted in 1866. It is 42 feet in height and its branches spread 57 feet from tip to tip. The trunk is seven feet in circumference at the base and measures six feet six inches just below the first limb, which is four feet seven inches. The tree is sound and healthy despite the fact that it has produced fruit every season for nearly forty years.—New York Press.

Dustin Farnum, the actor, is to quit the stage and go into business for himself.

STATE SPENDS MUCH ON SOIL BACTERIA

Thousands of dollars were added to the wealth of Oregon farmers last year by the bacteriology department of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College which furnished inoculation cultures so that alfalfa, red clover, alsike, peas, beans, vetch and other leguminous crops could be grown where before it had been impossible.

The cultures were furnished free, except where large amounts were asked for, and then the farmers paid the postage or express charges. Hundreds of farmers were enabled thus, by proper seed treatment according to directions sent from the college, to grow crops where they had not been able before. The experiment station will again furnish the cultures this season, and any farmer in the state who wishes them can get them by writing to the bacteriological department, O. A. C., Corvallis. He should state what crop the culture is to be used on, and should write at least ten days or two weeks before he must plant, so that the department will have time to prepare the cultures. The probable time of planting should be stated and if more than two acres are to be planted, \$0.15 should be sent for parcel post stamp.

Inoculation of the seed before planting, it was found, made it possible to grow leguminous successfully and to increase the amount approximately 75 per cent in the hundreds of trials given in the season of 1912.

But seed inoculation will not rectify poor soil conditions caused by lack of lime, such as are found in many parts of Oregon. Moreover, if nodules or small bunches are found on the roots of a crop already grown in a field, it is not at all certain that seed or soil inoculation will increase a succeeding planting.

These cultures sent free to farmers by the bacteriology department at the college are the same as those sold by dealers under different trade names. This is one of the directions in which the college is working to increase the profits of the Oregon farms and the productivity of the soil.

MORE APPLES LEFT THAN LAST YEAR

Reports from various sources show that about 1,000,000 barrels went for export and into consumption in the United States during February and 1,500,000 boxes. Of the barrel goods there are now practically 2,500,000 barrels or 500,000 more than last year at this time. There are around 4,000,000 boxes held or 2,000,000 more than last March. Fully 50 per cent of the box goods is held in storage in the West. Counting three boxes to the barrel there is all told less than 4,000,000 barrels of fruit held today, yet this storage is practically 1,500,000 barrels more than that of March, 1912.

There are about 1,000,000 barrels in storage yet in New York state, 250,000 barrels in Missouri and the same in Illinois, with probably 100,000 each in Pennsylvania and Virginia. When it comes to box fruit Illinois warehouses have probably 250,000 barrels. Kansas has the same quantity, so has also Missouri, while New York has fully 500,000 boxes. The great bulk of boxed apples are found in the Western states, California with 1,000,000 boxes and Washington with 250,000 boxes.

WILL HAVE STRAWBERRY FETE

Roseburg has settled on May 20-24 for its annual Strawberry Fete. The outlook is excellent for a record crop of the luscious fruit that has added so much to the fame of Roseburg and, as always, the Southern Oregon city will keep open house and entertain thousands of visitors from all parts of the state. This year's event will be a citizens' affair from start to finish and Roseburg expects to spend three times as much money for its celebration as last year.

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CLEARANCE OF 1912 APPLE CROP GOOD

When the size of the 1912 apple crop of the United States is taken into consideration, the clearance of stocks at the present time must be regarded as very satisfactory. There are still plenty of apples at all points; enough to keep the market in a weakened condition, but the situation would be much worse but for the aggressive selling tactics of jobbers and exchanges everywhere. The campaign conducted in the Eastern states by the International Apple Shippers' Association has produced favorable results according to apple experts here.

While the great crop of 1912 is not the largest ever produced, the movement from it into consumption through market channels has broken all records. Current estimates, based on reliable reports, indicate that the commercial supply of both cold storage and common storage stocks at all points in the United States on March 15 amounted to about 2,000,000 barrels and 3,380,000 boxes, the total being equivalent to 3,125,000 barrels. The estimated holdings for the same time in 1912 were 1,525,000 barrels.

President Loomis of the Apple Shippers' Association asserts that prospects for barrel apples are good, and Joseph H. Steinhardt of Steinhardt & Kelly says there has been a decided improvement in the box trade recently and that it promises to continue. It is recognized, however, that apples will soon meet competition with various Southern small fruits.

The publicity bureau of the association has a plan for raising an annual promotion and advertising fund. It provides that every shipper shall attach 'a one cent association stamp' to each box and a two-cent stamp to each barrel, the stamps to be supplied by the association and the proceeds to be devoted exclusively to advertising the apple. It is estimated that on a crop of last year's size this would provide over \$900,000 for advertising purposes.—Oregonian.

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