

LOWNSDALE FRUIT ORCHARD PURCHASED

Willamette Valley Apple Orchard Bought by Syndicate for \$275,000.

TRACT TO BE HELD INTACT

Property Acquired by Portland, Salem and Seattle Capitalists Includes 300 Acres of Trees and 350 Unimproved.

Millard O. Lownsdale has sold his famous apple orchard in Yamhill County, Oregon, for a consideration of \$275,000. The purchase was made by the Lownsdale Orchard Company, recently incorporated by Portland, Salem and Seattle capitalists. The purchasers do not intend to cut up the property but under the conditions of the sale, will maintain it on the unit system of ownership.

The property consists of 300 acres planted to apple trees, and 350 acres of ranch land, suitable for planting, and is situated on one and one-half miles from Lafayette and about seven miles from McMinnville. The land planted was sold at a price varying from \$300 to \$1000 an acre, and the ranch land went in at a much lower figure.

Together with the property goes a water system including a pumping station, 50,000 gallons a day. The water has a drop of 400 feet on the land, and could therefore be used for power if required. It is piped to several places in the orchard for convenience at spraying seasons.

Advanced Methods Are Used.

The Lownsdale packing house, equipped with machinery that enables actual handling of the fruit to be reduced to a minimum, is included in the purchase. The machinery is recognized as the most complete in the world, and experts are continually visiting it to obtain ideas for the use of other orchards.

The new owners will immediately proceed to planting of the ranch land after raising the amount necessary for the purchase of the property. The purchase is based on the property. To give the new owners every possible facility in this, Mr. Lownsdale has agreed that the purchase price shall be paid in equal amounts for three years.

Mr. Lownsdale is himself president and general manager of the purchasing concerns but he wished it made clear that he was in no way interested in the promotion methods of the company. To enable him to hold office as president he will have a small portion of stock allotted to him, and he announces he will purchase a portion of the bond issue as a permanent investment. The purchase of the property of the tract have not been announced.

It was felt by the new company that unless Mr. Lownsdale's services could be secured as superintendent of the property it would not be as profitable as it had been under his personal ownership. This was only agreed to by the seller under the stipulation that assistants, capable of executive duties, be given him. The tireless attention to both detail and executive work required by the purchase was Mr. Lownsdale's reason for desiring to sell.

Owned Orchard 20 Years.

Mr. Lownsdale was the pioneer of apple-growing in Oregon. He purchased his late holdings from farmers and ranchers some 20 years ago at the time paying special attention to the richest wheat land; elevation that would enable the trees to be protected from spring frosts was also one of the special requirements insisted upon when he purchased the land.

Within two years Mr. Lownsdale planted practically the whole of the 600 acres he has in trees, so that the majority of trees are now in their 15th year, or just beginning to reach fairly profitable cultivation. Until the 13th year, Mr. Lownsdale said his trees were not a success from a commercial standpoint, but from seven years ago the output has been increasing every year, until last year he marketed conclusively over 40,000 boxes of first-class fruit.

It is the opinion of Mr. Lownsdale that the Northwest must in 10 years be prepared to supply the apple market of the Nation, if not of the world. Eastern orchards are gradually becoming decadent, is the expressed opinion of the veteran apple-grower. Ultimate conditions, the great height and amount of wood developed by the trees and lack of knowledge of the growers will result in the speedy extinction of the industry in the Eastern States, he thinks. Mr. Lownsdale is of opinion that the climatic conditions presented by sprays and the liability of the trees to fungus and bacteriological growths, he believes, is much greater than in the West.

Industry in Its Infancy.

In this respect it is conceded the apple industry of the Northwest is in its infancy. The interest excited by the steadily rising price of the fruit is bound to result in the example set by the Lownsdale Apple Company being followed by other capitalists, it is said. A large and increasing income can be made by a proper commercial cultivation of apples, it is believed, and from Mr. Lownsdale's ideas the day of the large commercial orchards, no less than that of the small tract, is yet to come.

In the Lownsdale orchards the trees are planted from 8 to 15 to the acre, in parallel rows 36 feet apart. The trees in each row are 24 feet apart. Mr. Lownsdale said the trees required plenty of air and when planted 34 feet apart on all sides it was found they were starved. His orchard was arranged so that the prevailing south wind could thoroughly ventilate the trees and permit thorough cultivation.

As an apple expert Mr. Lownsdale is one of the best known men in the state. Some time ago he was appointed a member of the State Board of Horticulture and was made Fruit Commissioner for Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Clatsop and Yamhill counties. He has been the gospel of the spraying machine. "Cut down the old orchard on graft new trees onto the old ones," has been his cry.

Mr. Lownsdale has put into practice many theories, but he has not tried any results have been negative. Many of his trees are topgrafted and the rows are planted alternately of different varieties, in order that cross-pollination of the trees might be produced.

In his packing plant the apples are only handled once before being put away for several months before boxing. At that moment they are gathered they are put into a vat of water, where revolving brushes cleanse them from impurities. An automatic dipper puts them onto belts that sort the sizes. Brought to the packers, the different kinds of apples are sorted into runways, where they are led to trays. Three-quarters of a box of apples go to a tray and the trays are

handed by machinery and stacked 30 high. "As to the packing," said Mr. Lownsdale, "well, that is a matter for hands and brain—mostly brain."

Talking of his property, Mr. Lownsdale said yesterday: "Yes, the big orchard. I'm worn out with detail and I want other shoulders to bear part of the burden hereafter. I shall always be interested in the orchard and intend to make my permanent home there. I still hold 90 acres of the land as mine and the output of this will go to the company as long as I am with it. When I leave, the output will become mine again."

"Apples grown in the Willamette Valley are the finest in the world. It is generally agreed that in taste, they are away superior to the Hood River article, and it is the Willamette River that will be the site of the largest orchards in the world very soon. I believe my orchard was the largest and best in the world. There is very little land, comparatively, at Hood River for apple-growing and there is a great amount in the Willamette Valley.

"I suppose I shall never be quite out of the business. My contract is a five-year one, with extension to the company to 25 years. While at first I never intended to sell the whole orchard, I finally did."

"Before I bought my orchard my father had the finest in the state. He was a Portland pioneer and his orchard was at Tenth and Market. So apple-growing is in the family."

ORCHARD BRINGS \$105,000

E. R. Pooley, of Philadelphia, Buys 100 Acres in Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 4.—(Special).—The largest land deal ever made in the Hood River Valley was closed today, when E. R. Pooley, of Philadelphia, bought 100 acres of orchard for \$105,000.

This includes 25 acres of bearing orchard, the balance of the trees ranging from 2 to 6 years old. Although the bearing orchard is just starting to produce a full crop, trees being mostly 8 years old, it has produced 18,000 boxes of apples in the last four years, which would average \$2 to \$3 per acre.

In addition to the 100 acres sold to Mr. Pooley, a 40-acre tract of 3 and 4-year-old trees was sold last week to J. H. Hillman, of Philadelphia, Pa., and a 35-acre tract of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Last Sunday Mr. Van Horn sold 40 acres to Dickerson & Peck, of Minneapolis, for \$24,000, and 10 acres to William R. Starrett, of New York City, for \$5000. The gross sales made during the past eight months amount to \$135,000. He still has interest in about 350 acres of orchard in this valley.

When Van Horn first came to the valley, he paid the highest prices ever paid for unimproved land. They used good judgment in selecting some of the most desirable properties in the valley, and the prices paid for them in advance of what the most optimistic hoped for when the land was purchased five years ago.

Van Horn owns one of the largest cold storage plants in the state of New York and about 600 acres of orchard in Niagara County, New York. He is arranging his affairs with a view of spending several months in Europe.

UNIQUE TRIP IS PLANNED

Daughters of St. David's Have Entertainment on May 8.

"Of much interest is the long anticipated 'Trippers' Excursion' to be given by the Daughters of St. David's on the evening of May 8. The first of the various tramps engaged in conveying the tourists leaves from the depot, East Twelfth and Morrison streets, at 6:30, with 30-minute service thereafter until 7 P. M. Owing to the length of the journey, St. David's transportation company has provided for refreshments for its passengers and at each of the five countries to be visited.

Starting from that most essentially American of all ports, Boston, the parties will be personally conducted to the land of the cherry blossoms and winter, via New York and San Francisco. The remainder of the excursion, as indicated on the coupon tickets, reads thus: "Japan to Holland, via Suez Canal and East; Taylor Road, Holland to Spain, via East Fourteenth; Spain to Alaska, via Northern Route; Alaska to Nome, any old route."

Judging from the number of tickets disposed of it may be necessary that the Transportation Company add a few extra cars to its trains, for the new road, with its excellent accommodations, bids fair to transplant the old mode of travel with diner service.

AMUSEMENTS

What the Press Agents Say.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower." No more fascinating romantic play has been written in a decade than "When Knighthood Was in Flower," which the Baker Stock Company, offering at the Municipal with Iselta Jewel as the wilful, precious Mary Tudor and Eynard Ayres as her lover, Charles Brandon, captures the hearts of the audience. Election returns Saturday night.

Famous Play at Lyric.

At the Lyric this week the popular stock company is producing the famous melodrama, "Southern Home." At the old road, "It is one of the greatest melodramas ever written, and is being presented in a most capable manner by the players of the Lyric company."

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

Orpheum Presenting Fine Bill.

The Orpheum is presenting one of the best bills of vaudeville in the city. Marshall F. Wilder, Lillian Burkhardt, and others that are on the bill get through with their respective acts very quickly and will tell your friends of the great show at the Orpheum that is full of the brightest acts in vaudeville.

Musical Bentley at Pantages.

"World's Greatest Xylophone Soloist," that is the way Musical Bentley is billed at the Pantages. The soloist of the world is, without fear of contradiction, the world ever know. See him and be convinced.

Cheerful Entertainers.

It is impossible to attend the Grand this week without having a good time, for there is a bill of cheerful vaudeville on tap. King and Bailey, the chorists of the Grand, and Walker's attraction, are the headliners and are assisted by a variety of acts in a nifty and up to date singing and dancing act.

Alhambra at the Star.

Something absolutely unique in the way of motion pictures at the Star this week where the aeroplanes of the Wright brothers are shown as really flying. This popular moving-picture theater is holding a standard up to the high point it has set in the past.

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The new Soo-Spokane-Portland service de Luxe is made up of the finest equipment in the world, and the most comfortable. For rates and full particulars apply to Third street.

English Accept Polo Challenge.

LONDON, May 4.—(Special).—The committee of the Hurlingham Polo Club today decided to cable to the American Polo Association an acceptance of the challenge for the American polo cup.

Clark County Resident Dies.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—(Special).—August Manley, aged 65 years, a resident of Clark County during the past 15 years, died at his home in Manor last night of dropsy and heart trouble. He will be buried in Wilson Bridge cemetery. He was a native of Sweden, having been born in New York in 1843. The same year he made a trip around Cape Horn to San Francisco, returning the same way. He served two years as a marine in a gunboat in the Union Navy during the war. In 1866 he left New York for Portland, Or. He made the trip via Panama, walking across the isthmus and taking a boat northbound on the Pacific side.

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BAKER ATTORNEY ACCUSED

C. E. Norton Admits in Open Court That Deed Was Altered.

FENDLETON, Or., May 4.—(Special).—The filing of affidavits charging an attorney with altering the records in a case being appealed to the Supreme Court caused a mild sensation in the Supreme Court session here this morning. The accused attorney is C. E. Norton, of Baker City, and the three affidavits were by County Clerk Combs, of Baker County; John L. Rand and V. J. Tomlinson, opposing attorneys to Norton in the case at issue.

The affidavits were filed by Tomlinson in support of a motion to dismiss the appeal on the ground that Norton had altered a deed which formed a part of the record. Norton filed an affidavit in reply in which he swore the records had not been altered, and in which he characterized Tomlinson as a wilful and malicious liar. In direct opposition to his own affidavit, he swore that the deed in his own behalf and in open court admitted that the record had been changed, but ascribed it to a clerical error.

Disbarment proceedings will probably be brought against Norton, but the Supreme Court held that the appeal must stand.

Tomlinson was given time in which to file additional affidavits, and also in which to file a brief.

MILLMEN HAVE PROTEST

Claim Southern Pacific Will Not Provide Track Facilities.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 4.—(Special).—Complaint will be made at Salem tomorrow by 17 lumber manufacturers of Clackamas County against the Southern Pacific Company, the object of compelling the corporation to provide adequate facilities for loading cars at Oregon City. The 17 sawmill men are Eugene Cummins, F. M. White, B. F. Linn, W. H. Bonney, Francis Walsh, G. P. Gilby, W. E. Mumpower, Dix Bros., P. B. Madison, W. T. Hinson, George Hurst, Fred Beck, William M. Moschke, William Shannon, Grant Mumpower, Staley Bros. and Superior Lumber Company, and they are represented by ex-State Senator Gasket C. Brownell.

It is stated that the complainants are unable to increase their business and market their products because of the failure of the Southern Pacific Company to afford facilities for loading lumber in car loads. The lumbermen ask for an investigation by the State Railroad Commission and it is probable that a time will be set for a hearing at Oregon City in the near future.

WOODLAND PETITIONS FOR BRIDGE OVER LEWIS RIVER.

Construction started on the building, supply troughs, etc.

Fish eggs in the eye will be obtained from the Federal Government and also from the streams adjacent to the plant. Mr. Riseland leaves in the morning for Kalama. Mr. Crawford goes East on the North Bank road to Wind River with some live trout which will be distributed in the streams of Klickitat County.

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COUNTY ASKED FOR \$5000

Woodland Petitions for Bridge Over Lewis River.

VANCOUVER, WASH., MAY 4.—(Special).

A delegation of 12 citizens from Woodland, Cowitz County, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners today with a petition asking the board to appropriate \$5000 for a bridge over the Lewis River at Woodland. Their proposition is for Cowitz County to give \$5000, Clark County \$5000 and the citizens in that district will subscribe \$5000, the \$15,000 will cost.

The commissioners requested the petitioners to have the county engineer of Cowitz County make official estimates of the cost and draw up plans and specifications, and then the matter will be brought up again. Such a bridge would greatly accommodate hundreds of farmers on the northwestern part of Clark County.

LINCK SURE OF ACQUITTAL

Tacoma Mayor Contents Indictment Contrary to Laws of State.

TACOMA, Wash., May 4.—(Special).—That he will not be convicted of the charge returned by the grand jury under which he was indicted for allowing the operation of a red light district is the belief of Mayor John W. Linck, and his attorneys are steadfast in their assertions that there is no law governing the duties of an executive officer of a first-class city in the State of Washington. The jury which will consider the charges against the Mayor, Peter Sandberg, alleged red light king, and B. Benson, his agent will be sworn next month, and the case will come to trial in time to clear the docket for the Superior Court vacation months of July and August.

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