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Conserving Waste Of Farm Products

Recognizing the importance of conserving the great amount of our fresh fruits and vegetables now going to waste in the northwest, and feeling the need of changing perishable products into manufactured goods which can be marketed to advantage over a longer period of time, a committee with its membership from the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana was appointed by the president of the National Apple Show at Spokane last November to devise ways and means of promoting the fruit and vegetable by-products industries of the northwest.

This committee has held several meetings and collected valuable data. From this data it is seen that the by-products industry of the northwest is facing problems which, as the volume of our fruits and vegetables increase, will become more serious; one of the most important of these problems being the marketing of the finished products. For this reason the committee favors a central selling organization for the expert supervision, selling and distribution of the fruit and vegetable by-products grown and packed in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The object of such an organization would be, primarily, to, in as far as possible, establish and maintain a uniform system of grading and packing, and to obtain for the manufactured products which it handles the cost of the product plus a reasonable amount of profit.

To bring about this condition it would be necessary to:

1. Affiliate as many of the by-product plants as possible in this movement in order to avoid ruinous competition, and, by handling a large tonnage, to be able to reduce cost of handling.

2. Buy supplies, such as cans, boxes, spray material, oil, sugar, etc., in large quantities and effect a saving thereby.

3. In so far as possible, establish a uniform system of grading and packing the fruit, vegetables and other by-products through this organization, and to exercise such supervision thereof as shall insure to the purchaser that all by-products sold through this organization shall be of the class and quality represented and marked on the packages.

4. Advertise northwest by-products more widely and efficiently.

5. Distribute more widely the manufactured products. The Panama canal will be of as much assistance to the by-products trade as to the fresh fruit.

6. Marketing direct through paid representatives as much as possible, and cut out as many of the middle men as possible. To further this end aid in every legitimate way towards the formation of consumers' clubs and associations should be given.

7. Have an agent to settle claims for losses incurred in transit.

8. Have a committee of experts that may be called upon to give advice to communities contemplating starting by-products plants regarding organization, amount of produce needed, type of building, kind of machinery needed, management, saving of waste, water supply, etc. The expense of this committee to be borne by community employing it.

9. Have an employment agency to look up records of processors, managers and bookkeepers and for recommending same to communities needing their services.

10. Urge our technical colleges to establish courses of instruction with the object of fitting students to become processors, managers and bookkeepers of by-products plants, growers, associations, etc.

11. Advance money as fast as the business may warrant to enable growers to handle their crops before returns are received from the manufactured products.

The Oregon Potato Patch

The Oregon Irish potato patch contains 49,000 acres this year and the total production will be approximately 6,311,000 bushels. The condition of the crop is 92 per cent of normal and the price at the present time is averaging around 46 cents per bushel.

In continental United States there are 3,708,000 acres planted to this product and this year's production is estimated at 360,614,000 bushels by the federal Department of Agriculture. This year's crop will exceed the average crop of the past five years by approximately 4,000,000 bushels. The nation's production last year was 331,525,000 bushels, was produced on 3,668,000 acres of land and sold for \$227,903,000, or an average of 90 cents per bushel.

Phone news items to the Tidings

Oregon Institutions Use Foreign Eggs

Few Oregon people have any idea of the extent to which they have been partaking of eggs imported from China for their breakfast since the duty on this food product was removed by the Underwood tariff bill. Records at the United States custom office in Portland show that from October 3, 1913, when the administration's tariff schedules went into effect, until June 30 last, a period of only nine months, 259,511 dozen poultry eggs, valued at \$32,710, were received at Portland from Shanghai and Hongkong. This quantity was more than 250,000 dozen more than the importations for the full year ended October 3, 1913, when only 9,048 dozen eggs, with a valuation of \$700, were entered from all foreign points.

Neither do these figures tell the whole story, for the reason that the bulk of imported eggs for the Pacific coast market is entered at the ports of Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco and distributed from those points by jobbers to their trade.

Prior to the action of the democratic congress last year there was a duty of 5 cents a dozen on all imported eggs. But in the Underwood bill this tariff was removed and eggs from China and all other foreign ports are admitted free. The Oregon poultryman feels that he has a legitimate complaint because of the removal of this protection, while the consumer is unable to figure how, with eggs quoted at from 25 to 30 cents a dozen, the removal of the duty on this product has reduced the cost to him.

With the amended tariff schedules provided in the Underwood bill other farm products are finding their way to the local market. This is particularly true of fresh beef and butter. For the year before the Underwood bill went into effect not a pound of fresh meat or butter was received at this port. But the importation of these products began simultaneously with the material reduction in the tariff as provided by the democrats. The duty on butter was reduced from 6 cents to 2 1/2 cents a pound, while a tax of 1 1/2 cents a pound on all fresh beef was entirely removed.

The result has been that in the nine months ended June 30, last, 5,488 pounds of butter, valued at \$1,391, were entered at this port, while for the same period the importation of fresh beef amounted to 154,837 pounds, with a valuation of \$15,338. All of the beef came from Canada.

As a direct result of the removal of the tariff on fresh beef the great bulk of this necessary supply for Oregon state institutions is now imported from Australia. The meat is entered at Puget Sound ports and thence shipped in carload lots to Salem for distribution among the various institutions maintained by the state. As is the case with eggs, most of the fresh beef and butter imported for the Pacific coast trade is entered at either San Francisco or the ports of Puget Sound.

Powder Used In Pear Orchard

H. E. Gale has recently experimented with powder in loosening the soil around the trees in his Hell Gate orchard. The soil is the red, and while not with hardpan subsoil had become compact and did not take moisture and cultivation readily. Two feet away, on two sides of the trees, holes were made two feet deep and a half stick of powder was placed in each, the work being carried on under the direction of the agents of a powder concern. When this powder was exploded the ground was shaken for about eight feet around, though the root system of the trees—pears—was declared not to have been injured. Later experiments showed that the ground around each tree would absorb from 200 to 300 gallons of water, demonstrating how thoroughly the earth had been loosened. The agents of the company who are advocating the method of "shooting" orchards say that the trees will make wonderful growth and will show greater health and thrift after the treatment. The trees in the Gale orchard, which is of fifteen acres extent, are about five years of age.

Big Fire on Keene Creek

A big fire has been raging on Keene creek for the last six or seven days. Eleven men have been at work fighting the flames. It is now well under control, although it looked at first as if it was going to destroy a lot of valuable timber. Prof. Robert Peachey, the fire warden, has the men in charge.

Flowing Well Spouts Fish

Striking a heavy flow of water at a depth of about three feet sounds a little questionable, but add to that the water has a plentiful supply of small fish, and the incredulous person is in the majority. We have the word of Captain O. C. Applegate for the phenomenon, however.

The captain returned Sunday from a trip to Fort Klamath and other northern points with Hon. Robert A. Booth. On his way back he stopped at Klamath Marsh, and there the fish well is located.

K. Loosley and Jack Pelton, who have about 400 head of beef cattle near the Len ranch, about two miles from Kokanaka creek, found this summer that their well was getting dry, so they decided to sink another. This was started a short distance from the old one.

At a depth of two feet a heavy flow of water was struck, from which there bubbled up water and mud, with numerous small fish. With a pole, probings were made to a ten-foot depth, when mud was again encountered. For this reason the pump was installed over a pipe reaching a depth of a little over eight feet.

"All are at a loss to account for the presence of the fish and the heavy flow of water," said the captain. "The theory mostly believed is that the well drillers struck an underground stream, which may have come down above ground from some mountain, sinking into the ground at some point, like Lost river, and rising again as springs, or in some other body of water."—Klamath Falls Herald.

Rain On Mountain Thursday Last

Jack Peebler, who came in from his mountain ranch Friday, tells us that Green Spring mountain received a heavy rain Thursday. The roads over the summit are now exceedingly bad on account of the mud. They will dry out in a very few days, however. This is the first rain they have had for sixty days, as the summer has been exceptionally dry. Farmers welcome the deluge.

FASHION HINT

By JUDIC CHOLLET

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