

### PREDICT BUMPER CROP OF APPLES

Hood River Yield to Be From 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 Boxes.

The apple crop of Hood River this year will be from 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 boxes, according to prediction made yesterday by President Charles N. Clarke of the Hood River Commercial club to Professor Charles E. Lane, agricultural expert from Washington, who spent the day touring the famous valley.

Mr. Clarke based his estimate on the heaviness of bloom and generally favorable conditions, which give promise of a crop from five to six times as large as the harvest of 1911, he says last year.

Yesterday's tour was "personally conducted" O. M. Plummer, the practical education candidate for Portland school director, was in charge. He had as guests Professor Lane, L. A. Brown, James J. Sayer, Marshall N. Dams, wife and little daughter Marjorie.

Guided by President C. N. Clarke and Vice President W. L. Clarke of the Hood River Commercial club, the party was taken for an automobile tour of the valley that required all of the afternoon.

First came a run to Prospect Point, whence may be seen the cascading river far below and the valley as it opens out toward the south. To the west is Mount Defiance, the highest wooded point in the United States. The run over excellent roads took the party past the homes of the many Portland people who are raising apples in Hood River. A pause for a moment on the bridge to admire the tumbling river, then a laborious climb up Tucker's Hill and a puffing ascent of Van Horn's Hutte. Here was found the great view of Hood River. Mount Hood on the south and Mount Adams on the north, with high ridges east and west seemed to wall in the valley where the orchards perfectly tended were just beginning to lose their bloom.

The tour of the valley was completed by going down the east side and hearing a discussion as to the relative merits of the east and west sides, there being quite a competition between them.

It was found that Hood River people were growing more strawberries this year than ever before. There are some 4000 acres in newly planted orchards and 3000 acres in bearing orchards. The apple bloom, which a week before had been barely visible, had been brought out and nearly retired by the warm days that followed the visit of the Press club to Hood River a week ago Sunday.

Professor Lane left this morning for a lecture of Willamette valley towns which will take him to Oregon City, Roseburg, Salem, McMinnville, Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland.

#### Schools Close May 31.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Orengo, Or., May 13.—The schools here will close May 31 with a big picnic and special program. The program will be given during the forenoon in the school building, after which the teachers and pupils will go to the woods for a dinner. Ralph Wann is principal and Miss Elsie Winters is primary teacher, both having given marked satisfaction as instructors during the past year.

### STUDENTS BUILDING CEMENT WALKS ON THE CAMPUS ON JUNIOR DAY



University of Oregon Junior Day was Friday and was a great success.

### AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TIPS FOR OREGON FARMERS

(Special to The Journal.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., May 13.—Plant lice are playing havoc with rose bushes, currants and various garden crops this season, and A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural college, has prepared directions for recognizing and getting rid of the pest.

On currant bushes the work of the lice at present appears as irregular galls on the leaves, discolored a deep reddish hue. On the under side of the leaf are found many small, pale green, soft bodied insects with their heads inserted in the plant tissue. Busy sucking the plant juices. On the roses the lice are found about the stems of the leaf and flower buds. Later the flowers will be misshapen and smaller than normal.

A contact spray should be used, and its effectiveness depends entirely on its being used thoroughly in such a way that it actually reaches the body of the insect. "Black Leaf 40," a commercial preparation, for sale in all railroad towns, is perhaps the best for lice. Directions are on the can. It may also be used diluted in 800 parts of water, with half a pound of soap added for every 10 gallons of the solution. Whale

oil soap is best, but common laundry soap will do. It should be shaved fine and dissolved in hot water first.

Another solution is the kerosene emulsion spray. Half a pound of hard soap is dissolved in a gallon of boiling water, and when removed from the fire two gallons of kerosene is stirred in. A hand pump is best for mixing it, the solution being drawn through the hose and back into the container again until it is a creamy white. After diluting it with 15 gallons of water, the plants should be wet with it, special care being taken to reach the under sides of the leaves, where the lice are found.

**Keeping Farm Accounts.**  
The fact that the United States department of agriculture has established an office of farm management and that the civil service commission recently held examinations to secure men eligible for appointment as assistants in farm cost accounting, is sufficient indication of the growing importance of the importance of better business methods on the farm.

If any further recognition of the fact were needed, it may be found in the great number of letters requesting information on the subject which are received daily by Dean J. A. Bexell of

the O. A. C. School of Commerce, whose text book, "Farm Accounting and Business Methods," is in use throughout the United States and abroad. Men in Germany, England and Australia have written him regarding it.

"No farmer has a reasonable excuse to offer for wasting valuable time and labor on crops which, because of climatic or economic conditions, cannot yield adequate returns," said Mr. Bexell today. "Accurate records and accounts are absolutely necessary in the management of every business enterprise. No business can be successful in the long run unless its condition can be determined at any time, and no conservative business man will fail to prepare a financial statement at the end of his fiscal year. He must determine how he stands, not only with others, but with himself."

"One object of keeping accounts is to assist in accumulating property. Another important object is to record a continuous history of business transactions for future guidance. Not only is this profitable, but it is a source of real pleasure and satisfaction to know our standing with those with whom we deal as well as the profits and losses in our business enterprises."

### ORCHARD PROJECT CALLS FOR \$20,000

(Special to The Journal.)  
Seattle, Wash., May 13.—Louis P. Sichel, trustee for the Washington-Oregon Irrigation & Fruit company, the promotion and financial manipulation of which brought A. J. Biehl and W. E. DeLarm into considerable unpleasant notoriety three months ago, has an offer to make to any capitalist who is willing to immediately advance \$20,000

to meet the present needs of the project. Mr. Sichel will secure this loan with first lien trustee certificates bearing 8 per cent interest.

"The prospects for returning to the original investors what they put into this irrigation project will be excellent as soon as water is turned into the ditch," said Mr. Sichel. "But it is absolutely necessary that we have this money soon, for we must complete certain improvements and betterments to make the project go."

The trustee's certificates, which Mr. Sichel has had issued, bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent and are due January 1, 1913. They are not to total more than \$85,000, but Mr. Sichel says he does not believe it will be necessary to

raise more than a fraction of this amount.

Receiver Sichel is not worrying about getting water in time for this season, as the land is still in a raw state, but he anticipates getting water running in time to comply with the conditions of the right of way. Neither is he anxious about the option taken by DeLarm on additional lands owned by the Northern Pacific. He is of the opinion that this property can be purchased on as advantageous terms as those of the option which has expired.

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