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**APPLES IN OREGON.**

The excellent quality of apples grown in Hood River orchards has been so extensively advertised as the best in the world that a friend of the Hood River fruit expressed his displeasure because it has been said that as good apples can be grown in the Willamette Valley and some other points in the state, as at Hood River.

The discussion along these lines has become quite animated through the public press. Mr. M. O. Lownsdale, of Lafayette, Oregon, through the columns of the Oregonian, announces his intention to soon make a public exhibition showing that the soil of Yamhill county can produce as good apples as any other locality or valley in Oregon.

Those who have observed closely the production of apples for the last forty years in Oregon remember the time when the apples raised in Lane, Benton, Marion and other Willamette Valley counties were fac-simile of the apples so nicely displayed in the show windows in Portland, labeled as Hood River grown fruit. The dwarfed condition of the fruit in many of the orchards of the Willamette Valley is the result of long continued neglect of the fruit trees, resulting in a multiplicity of insects and pests ruinous to fruit culture.

The causes leading up to these results have been along other lines of natural development of the state. Up to the year 1860 the few apples raised in the Willamette Valley sold at retail in the stores at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per dozen. Owing to this remunerative figure and the great scarcity of fruit, every settler in the Willamette Valley during the four or five years prior to 1860, planted an orchard on his farm. Some of these orchards were about suited for home use, while many others were much larger and planted with a view of supplying the market with apples at handsome figures.

In 1861 the numerous orchards in the valley came plentifully into bearing, which resulted in an over supply until soon every person could get all the apples he desired for from 15 to 25 cents per bushel, while many owners of orchards invited neighbors to gather all the apples needed without cost except the labor of gathering them.

At the time there was no means of transportation except by team to Portland and an occasional river steamboat from Portland to Eugene City. Portland during these years was about the present size of Corvallis, Eugene, Albany or Salem, and a few bushels of apples produced an over supply in the market, and this amount was readily obtained from the few orchards within 30 miles of Portland.

The only apples grown in the many orchards in the Willamette Valley and placed on the market, with very few exceptions were those dried by the housewife, peeled by hand and spread out in the sun to dry, and thereafter exchanged with the local merchant for goods, and by him transferred to Portland by team and from there by pack-train to the northern mines.

Without a market price for apples the orchards were left for years uncultivated and soon became convenient feeding grounds for hogs, chickens, pigs or calves. During all this time, however, the fruit remained handsome, large, and perfect, until after the continental railroads made connection across the continent; but freight rates for a great many

years were so nearly prohibitive that it did not improve the price of fruit.

The railroad communication, however, afforded opportunity by which eastern fruit growers were able to ship young fruit trees to this country. It has been claimed that these shipments of young trees were the cause of the advent of the insects and pests that during after years ruined the beautiful and handsomely developed Willamette Valley apples.

**FORTUNES IN FARMS**

If Diversified Farming is Followed —Pointers with a Point.

For a long time the Gazette has dwelt upon the possibilities of Willamette Valley farms if the owners would engage in diversified farming and drop wheat raising. That the same opinion is shared by Lincoln county and that it is a well founded opinion too, is shown by the remarks of the Reporter on the subject:

"There is a constant demand for small farms hereabouts and for small tracts for gardening and poultry raising. A score or more of strangers have been seeking information relating to location and price of small tracts. It is our opinion that those who have farms to sell that are suitable for division could sell quicker and realize more money and at the same time confer a benefit on the county, by dividing them in small lots. Tracts of 5, 10 and 20 acres would find ready purchasers. The possibilities in fruits and berries are beyond ordinary computation. These valleys and slopes can be made as wealth-producing as the vine clad hills of Italy and France."

As an illustration of these opinions the success of John McClusky in raising fruit is pointed out:

"By vigorous pruning and intelligent care he has brought his orchard to a condition of first-class fruit production. This year he has selected 300 bushels of Baldwin, 40 bushels of Northern Spy and 20 bushels of Arkansas Blacks that are perfect of their kind."

"These are carefully selected, without blemish and are highly colored. He believes that the very highest standard of apples can be grown here, and he has the fruit to back his belief.

"What McClusky has done others can do. If you will join him in raising the standard of Lincoln county fruit you will develop something better than a gold mine."

**TEDDY'S PROCLAMATION.**

Everyone Should Return Thanks and Praise.

"The time of the year has come when, in accordance with the wise custom of our fathers, it becomes my duty to set aside a special day of Thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty because of blessings we have received and for prayer that these blessings may be continued. Yet another year of widespread well being has passed. Never before in the history of our or any other nation has a people enjoyed a more abounding material prosperity than has ours: a prosperity so great that it should arouse in us no spirit of reckless pride, and least of all, a spirit of heedless disregard of our responsibility; but rather a sober sense of our many blessings, and a resolute purpose, under Providence, not to forfeit them by any action of our own.

"Material well-being, indispensable though it is, can never be anything but the foundation of true national greatness and happiness. If we build nothing upon this foundation, then our national life will be as meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation has been laid. Upon our material well-being must be built a superstructure of individual and national life lived in accordance with the laws of the highest morality, or else our prosperity itself will in the long run turn out a curse instead of a blessing. We should be both reverently thankful for what we have received and earnestly bent upon turning it into a means of grace and not of destruction.

"Accordingly, I hereby set a-

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part Thursday, the 29th day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and supplication, upon which the people shall meet at their homes or churches, devoutly acknowledging that which has been given them and to pray that they may in addition receive the power to use these gifts aright."

**An Apple Item.**

A display of apples that cannot be beaten by Hood River or any other section has been an attraction at Horning's grocery the past few days. The apples came from the Groves ranch a mile west of Corvallis, and the assortment includes Jonathans, Bellflowers, Russetts, Northern Spy, Ben Davis and the King varieties all large, luscious, and guaranteed to be absolutely without spot or blemish.

Mr. Horning is not only an adept in the packing and arrange-

ment of such a display; but he hopes to aid in awakening a keener interest among the farmers in this section, believing that the apple industry is one in which any farmer can engage in with profit, and also that in future the money makers of this valley will be those who engage in fruit raising and other branches of diversified farming.

Reared on a farm himself and

having later engaged in business where he has had ample opportunity to study conditions and form opinions. He is a man whose views are worthy of attention, and the apples on display at his store are, in his opinion, only a fair sample of what may be accomplished by care and cultivation of fruit on any Willamette Valley farm.

**O. A. C.**  
Cleaning and Pressing Parlors.  
Three doors north of Hotel Corvallis. Give me a call.  
P. H. SWABB, Prop.

**Notice to Bidders.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Committee on Streets and Public Buildings of the Common Council of the city of Corvallis will receive bids until six o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, the 6th day of November 1906 for the improvement of each of the following streets or portions within said City of Corvallis, to-wit:  
Harrison Street from the center of Eleventh Street Westward to a point opposite the Northwest corner of fractional Lot 7 in Lot "D" in Wilkins addition to said City.  
Fourth Street from the center of South Street to a point opposite the North west corner of Lot 10 in Block thirteen in Jobs addition to said City.  
Center Street from the center of Eleventh Street to the center of Fourteenth Street.  
Depot Street from the center of Oak Street to the center of Maple Street.  
Oak Street from the North side of the County road leading to Hillomath Northwesterly to the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad company's track.  
Oak Street from the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad company's track Northwesterly to the center of Adams Street.  
Adams Street from the center of Ninth Street Westerly to the center of Oak Street.  
Tenth Street from the North side of Washington Street to the center of Jefferson.  
Fifth Street from the center of "B" Street to the center of Washington Street.  
Van Buren Street from the center of Fifteenth Street to the center of Eighteenth Street (extended).  
Harrison Street from the center of Second Street East side of Ninth Street.  
Madison Street from the center of Eighth Street to the center of Ninth Street.  
Monroe Street from the center of First Street to the center of Second Street.  
Each of such improvements to be made in the manner specified, and to be commenced and completed within the time limited, by the ordinance of said City providing for such improvement, passed the Common Council on the 20th day of October 1906, reference to which is hereby made.  
No bids will be received except separate and distinct bids for the making of each of the aforesaid improvements, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible bank in a sum equal to one half of the amount of such bid, and payable to the order of the Police Judge of said City of Corvallis, which shall be held to protect the City of the property owners affected thereby from loss or damage on account of the failure of such bidder to enter into contract with the city and give bond as required by the ordinance aforesaid.  
Bids for the making of any of the foregoing improvements may be left at the office of the Police Judge of said City within the time aforesaid. All bids received will be reported to the Common Council of said City at a regularly adjourned meeting to be held November 6th, 1906, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.  
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids deemed unreasonable.  
Dated October 29th, 1906.  
J. E. IRVINE,  
O. A. GOVELE,  
FRANK FRANCISCO,  
Committee on Streets and Public Buildings aforesaid.

**Notice for Publication.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, Sept. 6th, 1906.  
Notice is hereby given that William E. Earnest, of Fisher, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 15067 made Sept. 15, 1902, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 2, and N 1/2 NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 Sec. 11, Township 35 S, Range 10 W, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County at his office at Corvallis, Oregon, on November 19th, 1906.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Sam A. Seitz, Frank M. Seitz, Harry E. Earnest, and Martin L. Earnest, all of Venron, Oregon.  
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

**Executor's Sale of Real Property.**  
In the Matter of the Estate of Huldah A. Brown, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that underland pursuant to an order of sale made by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton on the 15th day of September 1906 in the above entitled matter, the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Huldah A. Brown, deceased, will from and after the 1st day of October 1906, proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the confirmation of the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, said sale to be made for the purpose of paying claims against said estate and charges and expenses of administration remaining unpaid.  
Dated this October 16th, 1906.  
W. S. LINVILLE,  
Executor of the last will and testament of Huldah A. Brown, deceased.

**Be Charitable.**  
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**Notice to Creditors.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Abram Underhill, deceased, by the County Court of Benton County, Oregon. All persons having claims against the estate of said James P. McElbee, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers therefor, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at her residence in Corvallis, Oregon, or at the office of McEadden and Bryson, attorneys, in the Postoffice Building, Corvallis, Oregon, Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 21st day of September, 1906.  
IWA MAY MCBEE,  
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of James P. McElbee, deceased.

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DR. E. E. JACKSON, VETERINARY surgeon and dentist. Residence 1220 Fourth street. Phone 389. Office 1011 Main street, phone 204. Give him a call.

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B. A. CATHEY, M. D., PHYSICIAN and Surgeon. Rooms 14, Bank Building. Office Hours: 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. Residence: cor. 5th and Adams Sts. Telephone at office and residence. Corvallis, Oregon.

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J. F. YATES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office up stairs in Zielfoff Building. Only set of abstracts in Benton County.

E. R. BRYSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in Post Office Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

**WANTED**

BOYS WANTED--TO BUY \$1.25 watch for 25 cents. Free to the first to write. Address, J. C. H., Box 341, Portland, Oregon. 86-92

WANTED--A MAN, WITHOUT STOCK to rent a dwelling adjoining Corvallis who is a kind good workman with a team of horses. 81-41

WANTED 500 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE GAZETTE and Weekly Oregonian at \$2.50 per year.

WANTED--Sixty tons of clean vetch seed, and oats in car lots, load cars at nearest railroad station. Wanted clean Italian and English Rye grass seed, can furnish gasoline engine with cleaner and grinder to clean for farmers. For sale—young cow, will be fresh soon, \$25; 6-year-old horse for sale or trade, L. L. Brooks. Phone 155 Mountain View.

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