

A Big Apple Show

Getting Ready to Boom Apples
From the Northwestern
Apple District.

Spokane, Wash., May 16—Official announcement is made by the board of trustees of the National Apple Show, Inc., that the prize-winning fruits of the third annual exposition in Spokane, next November, and district and general displays from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be sent to Chicago for exploitation in First Regiment armory during the week of the International Livestock exhibit on.

The Chicago plan involves an expenditure of \$35,000 exclusive of the cost of the Spokane show, which is estimated at \$42,000. Officials of transcontinental railroads interested in the development of the Northwestern states have guaranteed a large proportion of the fund for the first named exhibition and the various fruit districts in the four states are depended upon for \$10,000 by taking space for display purposes at Chicago. No charge will be made for entries or exhibition space at the Spokane show, which is open to the world.

The general exhibits will be transported from Spokane to Chicago free of expense to the growers and, in addition, the management of the National Apple Show will move at least six prize winning car loads, also the winners in the ten box, five box, single box and special display contests, thus making an exhibition of apples that will attract wide attention to the fruit districts in the Northwest, as well as exploit their products. Each district will have one or more representatives in charge to distribute literature and give out information.

Space for district exhibition at Chicago has been engaged by the Commercial Club and Apple Growers' Union, Hood River, Oregon; Commercial Club, Wenatche, Wash.; North Central Washington Development League, Commercial Club and Fruit Growers' Union, Idaho; Chamber of Commerce, Missoula, Mont.; commercial clubs of Stevens Co., Wash.; Commercial Club, Medford, Ore.; Commercial Club and Fruit Growers' Union, North Yakima, Wash.; Commercial Club, Lewiston, Idaho; Sunnyside, Zillah and Spokane Valley Fruit Growers' associations and the Sutherlin Development League, Oregon.

The decision of the trustees of the show to eliminate orchard land companies from making the Chicago show a vehicle for private advertising, has met with general approval and the companies are assisting the various commercial organizations and fruit growers' associations by contributing to the expense funds. They realize that the movement will encourage emigration and investments and thus is bound to be of great benefit to every line of trade in the Northwestern states.

Representative committees have been appointed in several districts to secure pledges of the fruit required to make the exhibits, also to handle financial matters and see that the fruit is properly assembled and placed on exhibition in the best possible condition in Spokane and Chicago. Commercial clubs have been active in cooperating with the fruit growers' associations. Generally, the rental charge for the district displays at Chicago has been taken up by the commercial clubs, the growers pledging sufficient fruit for the exhibits.

Ren H. Rice, secretary and

manager of the show, is arranging for a tour of Montana and Southern Idaho to interest fruit growers there in the Chicago show. He has already visited many of the principal apple districts in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, where, he says, the prospects were never better for enormous yields of fruit. "Thousands of acres of new orchards will come into bearing this season," he added, "and, judging from the bloom-laden branches, the young trees will give satisfactory results."

"When the plan of moving the prize-winning exhibits to Chicago was first suggested, there was some doubt as to its feasibility, but the keen interest, the hearty cooperation and financial support accorded by the various districts quickly determined the matter. Sufficient pledges have been received to justify the trustees announcing that the Chicago exposition will be taken following the Spokane show, and we have every reason to believe that practically every district in the Northwest will be adequately represented."

THE POKER.

Hardly Changed Since the Days of the Early Metal Workers.

As the first fireplace was a circle of stones at the mouth of a cave, so the first poker was a piece of green stick. It was necessary to have something to knock the logs together when they began to burn through the middle, and as primitive man did not wear boots he could not use them to kick the hot embers into place, as some of us do to this day. That was a refinement, if it can be so called, which came later. The green stick lasted until the age of iron and was then superseded by a handy piece of metal which possessed the advantage of being stronger and of not burning away. But since the days of the early workers in metal we have made no advance.

The poker has hardly, if at all, changed through the ages. It is, as it always has been, simple and severe of outline. It lends itself to no vagaries and to little ornamentation. It is one of the few things which no one has ever patented, because it may be said to have leaped from the first foundry perfect and complete in every respect. The only notable attempt at improvement has been to make the poker of brass with a twisted column, but even then the iron poker lurks at the side and is known as the curate, because it does all the rough work. The ornamental poker is not a poker at all, but a sham, an upstart masquerading under an ancient and honored name and gaining credit for duties which it is unable to perform.—London Globe.

A Lazy Race.

A lazier man than the average Burman it would be extremely hard to find. When it is absolutely necessary for him to work he generally hits upon some method which will save him a lot of exertion. If he wishes to cultivate a piece of ground he sets light to the brushwood as a cheap, easy and efficacious method of preparing the soil. For two or three years he cultivates that piece of land, and then he sets light to another spot, allowing the jungle to grow in the old place, which will be ready for reburning when the other ground wants a rest. Rice growers dispense with plows, turning loose instead a number of buffaloes, which cut up the saturated soil with their hoofs. When a Burman has earned a little money he immediately proceeds to spend it all, for the Burmese have no ambition to be rich and never hoard; consequently there are no large landowners, and, there being no aristocracy, the people are as near being on an equality as possible.

She Knew the Reason.

He was smoking and musing over the ways of the world. "Odd, isn't it," he said at last, "how few people attain their ideals in this world?" "In what way?" inquired his wife suspiciously, for she was not a woman to be caught off her guard. "Well," he replied slowly, "I was thinking of Wilmer when I spoke. He had an ideal woman that he was always talking about when he was in college. She was tall and stately in his dreams, and he seemed to have no place in his heart for a small woman, and yet—and yet—" "Well?" "Why, he finally married a little thing who hardly comes to his shoulder. I wonder why it was." "Perhaps, Fred," she said very slowly and distinctly, "he is like the majority of other men and was afraid to take any one of his size." He changed the subject.

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