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APPLE CROP GAINING.

Cold Weather in Hood River Zone Presages Big Yield.

Hood River—With every indication pointing to the biggest crop of apples by far that the Hood River valley ever had, the Growers' union, individual shippers and merchants are making active preparations for an increased local storage capacity to handle the fruit, which present estimates place at upwards of 1,000,000 boxes. With work begun and plans under way, the storage plants of the community will have their capacity greatly enlarged before the fall harvest begins.

"While we will make no definite plans until after the annual meeting of the stockholders here in April," says C. H. Sproat, manager of the local union, "we propose to make a great increase in our storage warehouses." The union made the purchase last year of a number of lots adjoining the present storage and refrigerating plant. The present capacity of the union building is 40,000 boxes. It is hoped that at the meeting a strong concerted action will be made to increase this capacity to several hundred thousand boxes.

FAMILIES COME WEST.

Colonists' Children Will Assist in Work on Home Farms.

Hood River—Since the westbound trains filled with homeseekers have been passing through Hood River the past week, about ten families have stopped to make this valley their future home. A significant fact about newcomers this year is that all seem to have made definite plans before leaving their Eastern homes.

Many have relatives who have already secured places for them. Friday a family with ten children arrived from Missouri. The children will assist in raising strawberries.

The colonists do not linger long in the city, but strike straight for the communities they have chosen for home spots in the country. The class of homeseekers coming this year is especially gratifying to Hood River people.

MAN FILES ON LOST ACRE.

Government Surveyors Overlook Land Which Becomes Valuable.

Roseburg—An unusual transaction was recorded at the Roseburg United States land office when John McNeill, of Southern Oregon, filed upon an acre of land abutting the city limits of Medford, omitted from the territory embraced in government surveys. In the event McNeill resides on the land continuously for 14 months he can purchase the same from the government for \$2.50, and should he wish to waive this payment he can secure a government patent to the land at the expiration of five years.

Berry Output Increases.

Portland—An increased production of strawberries is expected in the Hood River and Mosier districts this year, and the O. W. R. & N. company is preparing to give the growers special service to Eastern points where the berries are sold.

In 1910 the Hood River districts exported 62 carloads of berries from the state. This year the output will be approximately 100 carloads, according to early estimates. They are shipped to points in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and as far East as Chicago.

Fish May Take Siesta.

Oregon City—Following a visit to Oregon City and an inspection of the falls, where salmon collect in large numbers, three members of the Fish and Game commission issued an order that the deadline at Oregon City for net fishermen shall be moved down 1,000 feet, or to a point on the river from the O. W. R. & N. dock to a pier on the West side of the river. This order will go into effect on May 1, the date the present order closing the Willamette river to commercial fishing expires.

Big Crop in Grand Ronde.

Imbler—The estimate now for the fruit crop of the Grande Ronde valley for 1912, including pears and peaches, is 1,000 carloads. The fruitgrowers are agitating the marketing problem and the president of the Eastern Oregon district fruitgrowers' association has issued a letter to the growers to get their reports for 1911 and their ideas as to a selling agency. About 75 inches of snow has fallen over the grain section of the Grande Ronde valley and furnished excellent protection for the winter grain.

Farmers Give Land For Railway.

Eugene—So anxious are farmers along the river road northwest of Eugene to have the Portland & Eugene electric line extended into their territory that they have offered to deed to the county six feet more land along their property to make the road 66 feet in order that a 40-foot strip might be turned over to the electric company. The question of a franchise for the railway company will come before the court for hearing soon.

Traps Six Wild Animals.

Albany—R. S. Leeper, of Albany, presented the skins of four wildcats and two coyotes at the county clerk's office here and collected the state bounty. He trapped the animals in the Upper South Santiam river region.

TO INOCULATE SOIL OF OREGON

Agricultural College Giving Free Bacteria to Farmers.

Corvallis—Free bacteria for the raising of leguminous crops, such as alfalfa, peas, beans, and clovers, will be furnished to the farmers of Oregon upon request by the department of bacteriology at the Oregon Agricultural college. The experiment station experts have been busy preparing this material for the inoculation of soil for some time, and will send full directions for its use with each culture. Those desiring the material should send their requests at least two weeks in advance of the time they wish to use it, stating what leguminous crops they desire to raise, and how much land they intend to plant.

Anyone who has examined the roots of a thrifty plant of this sort of crop knows that there are found on the roots small lumps, known as nodules. Scientific study has shown these to be caused by bacteria infecting the roots, and that unless these are present, a good stand will not be obtained, showing that the bacteria are necessary to the full growth of the plant. If the soil does not contain the bacteria, a good catch of the crop may not be expected. By using these cultures the proper bacteria may be introduced into the soil. Where a crop has never been grown on a particular piece of land, as where alfalfa is being introduced, or when the stand obtained has not been satisfactory and it is known that the lack was not that of sufficient lime, such cultures can be used with good effect. They will not, however, correct lime deficiency, nor will the bacteria thrive in acid soil. For this reason, lime should be applied where needed before the culture is used.

FARM IS WORLD PROBLEM

Samuel Hill Says Country Must Be Made Attractive.

Portland—That the problem of inducing people to go back to the land can only be solved by providing good roads, telephones, good schools, rural delivery, was the declaration of Samuel Hill, pioneer in the good roads movement in the Pacific Northwest, in an address delivered in Westminster Presbyterian church, dealing with the building of highways.

He pointed out that between the years 1870 and 1900 the proportion of the population engaged in agricultural pursuits had been reduced one-half. This, he declared, was one explanation of the high cost of living. He said the problem of putting people back on the farm and keeping them there is not only a national one, but is one with which the whole world is called to deal. To keep people on the land, he asserted, required that they should not only have improved facilities, but that they should have markets for their products. Good roads over which to haul these products were shown by the speaker to be indispensable in the solution of this economic problem.

15 CENT MEALS STARTLE

State Auditors Gasp at Assessor's Expense Account.

Salem—Fifteen-cent meals and beds for 50 cents a night, charged by Assessor Strain, of Umatilla, against his expense on a state account caused the auditing department in Secretary Olcott's office to gasp. Strain was here recently attending a state meeting of the assessors of the state. He reported no expense for carfare. For three days he charged 45 cents a day for meals, or 15 cents a meal, and 50 cents a night for lodging.

His three days' stay here at the assessors' meeting will cost the state \$2.85, which is considered a record-breaker.

OREGON FRUIT IN GERMANY

Grande Ronde Apples Make Big Hit in Europe.

La Grande—Returns have been received from the Grande Ronde apples which were shipped to Germany. They averaged \$1.82 the box. With the remittance came a most flattering report that the apples were received in the best of condition and that the box of extra fancy apples shipped gratis with the shipment to Emperor William of Germany was well received and much appreciated. From present indications the Grande Ronde valley expects to market most of its apple crop this year in Germany.

Poultry Car Starts Tour April 6.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—On April 6 the poultry demonstration car equipped by the Oregon Agricultural College will leave Corvallis for a long tour of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, in which it will make some 45 stops, covering practically all of the territory adjacent to the branches of that road. Ashland will be the first stop. The itinerary will be arranged by the railroad officials, and the average stop will be a half a day, though a longer time may be allotted the larger centers visited.

Fruit Buds Not Injured by Cold.

Brooks—The cold weather of last week is ended and a careful inspection of the fruit buds discloses very little harm done. Pear buds, which were a little in advance of the season, are slightly blackened on the outside, but the heart is not affected.

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