

Rogue River Fruit Notes

Profitable Pointers Regarding the Industry Gathered From Various Sources in This Favored Section of Oregon.

"I tell you we fruit growers must stand together," said one member of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers' Association and then he continued: "We may not have things come all our way, this year, owing to untoward circumstances and conditions which we cannot help. But in the future the wisdom of thus pulling together will become very evident. Indeed, this has been the history of all such co-operative matters and in such unions there is bound to be strength. So I would say to the member who is inclined to become weak kneed over the way things have gone this season, don't give up the fight. It's always darkest just before dawn."

J. A. Perry, president of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' Union, stated today that—financial conditions have had little bearing upon the fruit shipping industry of the Union. He says: "We have shipped to date all varieties of apples which we have handled at a date corresponding to this in previous years. We have received good prices for all fruit shipped, and we now have in transit to London and other markets, for which we shall also receive good prices, as I think the English market will not be subjected to financial conditions as in the United States."

J. F. Burke, who owns a four acre piece of land on West Fifth street has been finding that it pays to raise fruit. He this season had some very fine pears and from four trees he realized \$360 in spot cash, which he thinks is pretty good for a beginner. He is putting his ground in good condition and now he will put out a lot more trees and in the course of a few years he confidently expects to be able to ship his own fruit in car load lots to the large city markets. Mr. Burke came to this city from Washington state and he is very much pleased with the Rogue River climate, which he thinks is hard to surpass.

Following is the latest bulletin of W. Dennis & Sons of London on the condition of the London apple market: "Our market this week on apples has given away a little, but we are glad to note that the average daily quality of the fruit that has come in the past week has been considerably higher than heretofore. The market is very active and readily absorbs whatever quantities of apples are offering at what must be considered fairly satisfactory prices, although somewhat below the level of last week. The following prices are current: Albemarle Pippins, 24 at 25s; Virginia Newtowns, best quality, 21 at 25s; do, second class, 15 at 20s; New York Imperials, 30 at 22s; State Baldwins, 15 at 18s; State Greenings, 16 at 19s; Rox Russets, 14 at 15s; California Newtowns, four-tier, best quality, 12 at 14s per box; second quality, 10 at 11s; 4 1/2 tier, best quality, 11s; second quality 8 at 9s; Keiffer pears are in very strong demand today, and we have made 19 at 20s per barrel on all we had for sale. This market is very strong, especially for good, large fruit."

A. A. Fuller is a new arrival in this city from Richmond, Illinois. He has spent much time and money in looking over the various fruit growing sections of the coast and comes to the conclusion that right here in the Rogue River valley is the best of them all. He is thinking quite seriously of starting a nursery here at Grants Pass, for he finds that there is an opening here for such an industry and is finding much to encourage him in the undertaking. He means to know all about this region, for he has put on high boots and has gone out into all parts of the valley and he reports that the people who do not take such a jaunt are making a great mistake, for he has received more information and now has a much better feeling about the possi-

bilities of this region than he had before.

"Grapes of New York" is a volume shortly to be issued from the Geneva experiment station. It is a fact probably not generally known there are approximately 52,500 acres of grapes in the Empire state. Of this acreage 30,000 lies in the Chautauque district 15,000 in the Canadaigua and Keuka district, 3000 along the Hudson river, 2000 in the Seneca lake district and 1500 in the Niagara district, with 1000 more acres scattered over the state. It is not alone sunny skies and balmy climates that bring the grape to fruition.

Another LaGrande fruit grower has decided that the Rogue River is the coming part of the coast for the successful growing of fruit and this person is Wm. Hall, a well to-do-citizen of that place. He is greatly pleased with the excellent prospects for this entire section and he predicts great things for this valley. He spent much time in visiting the Famous Yakima valley and also looked carefully into the situation at Hood River, as well as in the Willamette Valley, but he has passed them one and all for the Rogue River Valley, where he proposes to obtain a choice piece of good orchard land and then settle down to spend his remaining days in this fine climate.

Apples have been in heavy receipt this week, the bulk of the stock, during the previous week, coming from Hudson River points, very little arriving from western New York. Prices have ruled lower this week than during any previous week during the season, owing to the large offerings and the rather slow demand except for choice stock. The majority of the sales have ranged at from \$2.25 to \$3 per barrel. There has been a continued good demand for choice Baldwins and Greenings, however, these varieties being wanted both for local consumption and for export. Baldwins have been bringing \$3.25 to \$3.50, and Greenings \$3.50 to \$4.50. Reports from state apple sections are to the effect that the farmers who have held their stock are now willing to dispose of it for a lower figure than they could have secured a few weeks ago, but the bulk of this is rather poor stock, and the farmers may feel well satisfied with the prices which they have received for their good stock this season. Opinions differ regarding the future course of the market, it is being argued by some that the prices will likely be lower than was expected earlier in the season, owing to the scarcity of money, and by others that the bulk of the apples are already in the hands of men who are able to hold them up to such a price that will enable them to come out on the right side. A considerable quantity of northwest box apples are being received, and they are selling at a very wide range of prices. The poor stock is selling down to 55 to 70c per box at auction, and the better grades fetch \$2.85 to \$3.10. Hood River Newtown Pippins put in their appearance here during the latter part of the week and were sold from store at \$4 to \$4.50.—Fruit Trade Journal.

Adolph Kuhlman, who recently came here from Wisconsin and who purchased 80 acres of fine land one mile east of Grants Pass, is now erecting a neat residence and is getting everything in readiness to plant a large number of pear, apple and peach trees. He will also try his hand at raising grapes. He, like all other newcomers, is enthusiastic over the fine outlook for the fruit industry and sees a rosy hued future for the successful fruit growers of this valley. Of course the climate is a big item with him, as it is with all other easterners who wend their way hither to become residents in this favored spot.

The slump in the price of boxed apples from the Pacific coast is not probably as great as some of the newspapers have reported. The Fruitman's Guide said, November 16 "One of the features in apples during the week has been the lower tendency on western box apples. A good deal of this stock has found an outlet through the auction rooms, and prices have been unsatisfactory in the main, cost of laying stock down here considered. At the sale on Wednesday a lot of 504 boxes of Ganes sold at from \$1.50 to \$1.70 per box. Spitzenburgs sold at \$2.00 to \$2.65 and Roman Beauty at \$1.75 per box."—Oregon Agriculturist.

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