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I am just finishing emptying the silo for the second time, and both years it has been the last to be emptied and I find the feed to be as near perfect as I could expect it to be. Just a little spoiled around some of the docks where we ourselves were not particular enough in chinking all cracks or may be in some instances the door was not just true. Not enough to mention in any case.

As to the care in adjusting hoops and keeping tight during our dry hot summer months, I am more than glad to say that I have not spent one minute on it nor given it a moments thought except to go and look at it sometimes when the wind is blowing real hard and silos both empty, to compare the actions of the two under such weather conditions. With my stave silo weaving and cracking (and sometimes falling down) and pulling at the guy wires and breaking the cement from around the bottom, in fact the only thing that keeps it from falling down many times is 4 unsightly guy wires that are run out in the 4 directions from it, and this after the hoops are tight that it began to buckle and then I put three steel bands on inside, bottom, center and top, and a bolt through each 10 or 12 in.

From the Tum-A-Lum we have never seen a quiver and we have watched close. Satisfaction? Sure it gives satisfaction, and while it may not be the best silo ever built I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe it a better silo than any stave silo ever put up or that ever will be put up to stand in Yakima climate.

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EXCHANGE ASKS FOR THROUGH RATE PARITY

(From the Hood River Glacier)

A request has been received by the Commercial club from J. Curtis Robinson, traffic manager of the Northwest Fruit Exchange, of Seattle, to use the influence of its members in securing through rates for deciduous fruits from the Northwest to points south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi.

Mr. Robinson states in his letter that unless the northwestern growers take some organized and decided stand on the rate matter, securing a parity between rates to points south of the Ohio river with those of cities north of the existing division line, California will do practically all of the deciduous fruit business in the southeastern part of the United States.

Devlin & Firebaugh Win

In a case brought by purchasers of orchard land against Devlin & Firebaugh, a decision in favor of the plaintiff was recently rendered in Portland by Judge C. U. Gastenbein. The orchard lands involved are located in the Ortley district east of Mosier. They were bought in 1912.

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GROWERS HEAR AGENCY PLAN

UNIFORM CONTRACT IS BIG STICK

C. W. Moomaw on Friday Points Out Chief Features of Government's Suggestion for Marketing

At a mass meeting called by the Mosier Fruit Growers Association, local apple growers listened to pointed and cogent facts of an address delivered at Lamb's hall last Friday afternoon by Clarence W. Moomaw, representative of the Office of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, who in outlining the proposed plans of a central growers' agency declared that by signing a uniform contract the grower will hold a "big stick" over the operations of sales agencies. The uniform contract provides, said Mr. Moomaw, for the withdrawal of tonnage unless the agreement embodied in it are carried out.

"Throughout the east," said Mr. Moomaw, "the fruit districts of the northwest have been pointed out as models in the line of cultivation of orchards and marketing. But we have discovered that you have used your organizations of certain districts to fight the organizations of other districts, and through your fighting have been dissipating your energies and resources. You yourselves have realized that there has been enough fighting, and unless there is a let up, you are going under."

Mr. Moomaw explained that the central organization of growers and sales agencies, to be conducted at Spokane, would be known as the Growers' Agency, incorporated. To avoid existing legal provisions, he stated, the organization is a combination of actual growers and selling interests, the board of trustees being composed of five growers and five sales interest representatives, these 10 choosing an eleventh. According to the proposed plan, the independent northwest agency that assembles and sells a minimum of 100 carloads of fruit may become a member of the central organization on payment of an annual fee of \$100. If a grower, proxy holder or raiser of a minimum of 100 carloads of fruit, thinks that he needs greater representation than that granted by signing the uniform contract, he may secure a passive membership by payment of an annual fee of \$5. Any grower, whose tonnage reaches a carload, may become an active member by payment of \$100. Communities may select a representative from their midst and join in the payment of the annual fee for an active membership.

Mr. Moomaw declared that the apples of the northwest had changed from a former novelty basis when extreme high prices were realized, to a commodity basis, and that adjustments must be made to meet commodity prices now being realized.

In his judgment, as expressed in his address, the greatest benefit to be derived from the combined efforts of growers, through the proposed central agency, will be realized by the gathering of market reports and the establishing each season of a uniform value of the product before the selling season begins. The uniform contract calls for cooperative machinery in securing reliable crop reports on all fruits, and agencies are required to hold frequent conferences prior to the opening of the selling seasons, although they are prohibited by the Sherman anti-trust law from setting a price.

During past seasons, according to Mr. Moomaw, returns on apples have been reduced 10 per cent because of improper methods of handling the product in the orchards. The uniform contract calls for the establishment of community packing houses, which will enable growers to get their crops into cold storage plant in a minimum time and yet utilize home and family labor.

Except for two digressions in his talk, Mr. Moomaw's address was of a general nature, applying to any northwestern fruit district. In one of the instances he told local growers that they should be warned of their proneness to believe that in the production of Newtowen and Spitzenburgs they were engaged in a specialized industry. "It is true," said Mr. Moomaw, "that other districts raise but few of these varieties, but the fruit that they do produce competes to such an extent with yours that you will be aided by any general movement toward cooperation."

In the other instance Mr. Moomaw praised the local growers for their foresight in providing adequate storage facilities for a large portion of their annual production. "We have been so bold," he said, "as to point out to other districts the independence you fruit men here have because of your storage facilities."

Mr. Moomaw characterized the annual scramble of sales agencies for tonnage as a very hurtful influence. "Agencies should be engaged at this time in plans of marketing. Any minimum uniform contract provides that the time for signing tonnage contracts must be limited. We propose to limit this period on apples to July 1." The representative markets pointed out that the uniform contract calls for the cooperation of sales agencies in chartering ships for the exportation of fruits to foreign countries.

"We had in mind," he said, "when we inserted this clause, 'the opening of a fruit trade route to Europe through the Panama canal, and unless you fruit growers take some action on this matter, we do not believe such a route will ever be opened.'"

Mr. Moomaw also cited complaints against freight rates. "It is true," he said, "that while prices on northwestern boxed apples have slowly declined for the past several years, the freight rates have remained the same, but you will never be able to secure a good result in getting readjustments as individuals as you will by organization."

It was expected that Dr. Hector McPherson, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who will cooperate with the government in outlining to growers the plans of the new agency, would be here, but it was impossible for him to come. Mr. Moomaw in his discussion of the need of northwestern growers to cease their homicidal competition told a good

story. "Your fighting," he said, makes me think of an Irishman and a negro down home. They were everlastingly fighting. Their frequent scraps soon grew into a neighborhood disgrace, and one day after they had met and mixed on the roadside, a number of the representative citizens took them to a rear barnyard and drawing a ring told them to fight it out, and let the fight be an end of their troubles. When one of you has enough, instruct the ringleader of the contest preparations, 'just yell sufficiency, and we will consider that you have had enough and the other fellow will be pulled off.'"

"The two men fought till each was black eyed and bloody. After both were pretty well worn out the Irishman finally cried, 'sufficiency.' 'Thank God, white man,' cried the darkey, 'I been tryin' for the last half hour to think of that word.'"

Mr. Moomaw stated that the central Spokane office would be operated by the growers and agencies themselves, that the government would act only in an advisory capacity.

He stated that the new plan had been worked out in such manner that better things could be evolved, and that in the future it was hoped that the plans would permit of growers enjoying all privileges of the Clayton amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law.

STORY TELLS OF LONG CANOE TRIP

The March number of Pacific Motor Boat, just off the press, contains the fourth installment of the story now running in that magazine about a trip down the Columbia river on a small motor boat. These articles have attracted wide attention because of the unusual performance of this small boat in the northwest. The other man was Mr. Moomaw, who is writing the articles.

In the last two installments Comings speaks enthusiastically about the scenery along the river and says that neither the Hudson nor the St. Lawrence are to be compared with it. Referring to one part of the cruise, he says:

"To me this part of the river, from the magnificent Wallula gateway to Bonneville, below the Cascade Locks, is in many ways the most interesting portion of the great waterway. I have taken the much advertised trip up the Hudson river from New York to Albany many times, and while it is a beautiful trip, why, the scenic features could be scattered along the Columbia down. And I know that the famous Lachine rapids aren't half as thrilling as the roaring Umatillas, for I've run both of them."

TIMELY IDEAS FROM COUNTY AGENT

This week is the time to spray for Peach Leaf Curl using winter strength lime sulphur.

Get the gopher and the digger now before the summer increase. The Macabee gopher trap has been found very effective.

The formula for the grafting wax now being used for cherry grafting is five pounds resin, one pound beeswax, one pound lincseed oil, one pound charcoal. This is a brush wax.

Plant to inoculate legume crops when planting for the first time this year in new ground. Inoculating material for fifteen acres can be secured from Oregon Agricultural College for sixty cents.

Plan a good home garden for the ranch, and get it in early this spring. Some men can save more on their garden than they clear on their wheat. Plant field peas just as early as the ground can be well-worked. Plant in double rows thirty-five inches apart. Grass seed and grain seed are tested free at the Oregon Agricultural College. Send a half-pound sample to the seed-testing laboratory at the college.

Only 22 Days Left to Register

The time is rapidly drawing near when it will be too late to register in order to vote at the May primaries. The registration books will be closed on April 15, which leaves only 22 days in which to register. As it is necessary to register only once it behooves the citizens to sign their names at once to avoid the rush of the last few days. A change of residence or failure to vote within two years are the only causes from which in order to vote a citizen must register again. Women are not compelled to state their ages, simply swearing that they are over 21 years of age.

The total registration to date as reported by Registrar P. L. Arthur in the Mosier precinct are as follows: Republicans, 66; Democrats, 32; Progressives, 2; Independents, 2; Prohibitionists, 7; Socialists, 4.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROAD WORK REFUSED

It was a deaf ear that County Commissioners Clausen and Butler turned to the pleadings of the Mosier taxpayers when asked for funds to carry on much needed road work in this vicinity. These two county officials were here last week; Judge Gunning was not present, having been called to Portland on urgent business. A number of local taxpayers spent the day with them in going over the roads.

When it was learned from these two commissioners that the county court would allow no survey made for the highway on this side of Seven Mile hill, surveying only that part of the hill from the summit in to The Dalles, preparatory to placing it in condition, the greatest blow of all was struck. Since the proposed route along the river has seemingly been abandoned, the Seven Mile hill route will form the only direct road between Mosier and The Dalles and is an important link in the Columbia River highway. For the past three or four years the county court has been asked to repair this widely-traveled county road, but all to no avail. This highway is especially in need of repairs between the places of E. W. Davidhizar and A. B. Burton, and if fixed up at all this year it will be necessary for the local taxpayers along the road to do the work by volunteer labor. Last year one orchardist, in hauling a load of cherries in to the warehouse of the Mosier Fruit Growers Association over this road, learned upon his arrival that the juice was oozing from the boxes and considerable fruit crushed.

The sum of \$300 was promised by the county court last year, before the 1916 budget was made up, for improvement on the Fisher road and the Cramer grade. The majority of the people in this vicinity make their livelihood by hauling their own wood and also lumber from the Root sawmill. Here is a stretch of 12 miles of road, and the farmers living a few miles from the city must haul five miles on either road, then unload or else double up with their teams. They offered to donate their services, and asked only \$300 to complete the entire roadway. While here last week the county commissioners stated that they did not remember promising this money last year, and consequently would be unable to grant it.

For the continuation of the Mayerdale road \$500 was asked from the court to complete the road to the tracts of R. D. Chatfield and C. C. Isom which was also turned down. It is now necessary for the children of C. C. Isom in order to get to and from school to travel two miles through private property. The road now has become muddy and impassable and permission has been granted by Geo. Chamberlain for them to come through the Middle-swart place. It is possible to travel the private road with a light rig only at the present time. In getting to and from school the children have their choice of passing through six gates on the private road or crawling through six wire fences on the trail through the orchard.

The only work allowed by the two commissioners was to finish a little work left undone since last fall on the Carroll road, a survey of the road up Dry creek, and putting in a new small bridge on little Mosier creek near the Peugh place.

The people of the Mosier district are bitterly assailing the county commissioners for their stand in this matter. It is felt that Mosier and vicinity are not getting a square deal as thousands of dollars are being spent in other parts of the county on roads. Notwithstanding the fact that the Mosier taxpayers have repeatedly asked for small appropriations to repair their roads and have offered their services for the major part in volunteer work, the county court seems loath to do anything that will aid the bad road situation in this district.

Prominent Boxer Mayerdale Guest

Enjoying the invigorating climate of Mosier and taking a few days of rest from strenuous labors, Ralph Gruman is a guest at Mayerdale. Mr. Gruman is a prominent boxer in the lightweight division and although he has had a short career has won seven battles and is rapidly coming to the top rank in his division. He was born in San Francisco but attended high school in Portland, during which time he won every battle he fought as an amateur. He turned professional in the fall of 1913 and lost his first contest in San Francisco against a much heavier man. Since that time under Billy Roche of New York, he had not lost a battle until two weeks ago when he was compelled to give up to Callahan in Salt Lake in the seventh round on account of a sore jaw from a wisdom tooth that had been pulled a short time before. He had had the best of the contest all the way through.

Mr. Gruman is scheduled to meet soon Johnny Dundee and then will sign up with Freddy Welsh, the present world's champion in the light weight division.

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