APPLE GROWING IN NORTHWEST

No Other Section of United States Is as Well Fitted for Apple Culture as North-West.

(Special Correspondence.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 20.—"Apple raising in the northwest began in the Willamette river valley in Oregon about 1845, when a few trees were hauled across the plains by ox-team and planted in the fertile soil near Oregon City. This was the start of what will be one of the greatest industries of the northwest. The shipment of apples from this district commercially, prior to 1900, was small, but in the last few years there has been a great increase, and in the next five or ten years there will be a very rapid growth, as the newer orchards begin to bear fruit."

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railway company, said this in the course of his address formally opening the second exhibition of the National Apple Show, Inc., of which he is president, in Spokane the afternoon of November 15. Twenty-three states and two provinces in Canada were represented in the displays, amounting to 1,500,000 apples of every commercial variety. Mr. Elliott was presented by E. F. Cartier Van Dissel, second vice-president and chairman of the board of trustees. He added:

"Washington leads the northwestern states in apple trees acreage. There were planted and growing about 9,000,000 trees at the close of 1909. Montana is second with 4,000,000, Oregon has planted and growing at least 3,500,000, and Idaho has not less than 3,000,000. Authorities differ as to the production per tree. Some say six boxes, but to be conservative and make due allowance for the unexpected, an estimate of two boxes is used for the production when these trees are all in bearing in 1915. On that basis the yield would be as follows:

"Washington, 18,000,000 boxes; Montana, 8,000,000 boxes; Oregon, 7,000,000 boxes; Idaho, 6,000,000 boxes; total, 39,000,000, or, on the basis of 600 boxes to the car, nearly 65,000 carloads; using three boxes to the tree would make nearly 97,500 carloads, which will be none too much for the consumption of the people of the United States by that time.

"With this large production, it is not to be expected that all apples can bring the premium prices that some of the best fruit brings now, and the orchardists must study carefully his expense account, so as to reduce the cost of production.

"These are large figures, and indicate the marvelous possibilities of this great Inland Empire, where we are meeting today.

"Montana on the east, admitted to the Union in 1889—a vast state with 93,491,200 acres of mountains, lakes, watercourses, plains and valleys; rich in gold, silver, copper, coal and lumber, and iron to be developed, together with herds of cattle and sheep, but now realizing full well its great productivity in agriculture and raising as good grains, grasses, roots and rfuits as any state.

"Idaho, on the south, made a state in 1890, of 54,272,000 acres, with the best wheat land in the world; with fruit, lumber, silver, lead, cattle and sheep, with beautiful mountains, lakes and valleys, waiting for transportation to attract its share of the expanding population of the United States.

"Washington, on the west, admitted in 1889, has 44,275,000 acres within its borders; is unique in the possession of the greatest inland harbor in the world, with great and growing cities upon it; with shipping, fisheries, timber, coal, wheat, fruit in many forms, and well-developed transportation facilities.

"Oregon, to the south—the oldest of the North Pacific states, admitted in 1859, an empire of 61,462,200 acres, and full of almost boundless possibilities; with the magnificent Columbia river on the north and waiting for railroads to develop an area within its border as large as the state of Ohio without a rail in it; a country that has fruit, timber, cattle, sheep, wheat and coal.

"Out of these four great states, which are only at the threshold of their development, is carved the Inland Empire, and who shall say that the growth of commerce and population will not, in due time, make necessary for this Inland Empire a coherent and harmonious self-government by the formation of a new state with Spokane as its capital?

"These great states and this Inland Empire are peopled by strong and hopeful men and women who

"'Crossed the prairie, as of old their fathers crossed the sea,
'To make the west, as they the east, the homestead of the free.'

"That they are performing that task bravely and well, this beautiful city and this apple show are good evidence. They love their country and they are glad to welcome the apple growers and visitors from the states of the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, from the Missouri and Mississippi valleys, from the lake basin, and from the Atlantic sea coast."

Mr. Elliott said in the earlier part of his address that 58,486,000 barrels of apples were produced in the United States in 1899, while only 23,025,000 barrels were marketed in 1908. However, he continued, the falling off in production will soon change to an increase in yield, and largely through the stimulus given by the National apple show. He added:

"Not long ago Governor Draper of Massachusetts started to rejuvenate an orchard of his own and to encourage apple growing all through New England, and the same work is going on to some extent in other eastern states. This is wise, because when the apple habit is once developed it becomes permanent, and our great population will need more and more apples."

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW IN PASS

Even This Late in Season Residents of Neighboring City Hold Flower Show.

(Mail Tribune Special Service)

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 20.—Grants Pass' first chrysanthemum show, which opened last evening in the Commercial club rooms, prepared by the ladies' auxiliary, was a great success. Some magnificent specimens are grown here, but the killing frost of a few days ago played havoc with some of the choicest specimens. A small admission fee was charged and refreshments were served. The proceeds are all to go for ievic betterment.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the next regular meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, to be held on December 7, 1909, at 7:30 p. m., for a license to sell malt, vineous and spiritous liquors in less quantities than one gallon at the Hotel Moore bar, on lots 9 and 10, block 45, of the town (now city) of Medford, in Jackson county, for a period of six months

Dated November 18, 1909.

W. F. RAU.

SCRIPPERS AND MINERS CLASH

Matter of Much Moment to Southern Oregon Tried at the Roseburg Land Office During the Past Week.

A matter which is far reaching in its effect and of vital importance to miners particularly, who are operating on unpatented lands, either surveyed or unsurveyed, as well as to the homesteader or squatter, was on hearing before the United States land office in Roseburg recently.

The defendants in the case were gentlemen from Salem, Messrs. F. E. Newberry, president, and O. A. Thomas, vice-president of the United Copper Gold Mining company, whose properties are near Merlin, Josephine county.

They were accompanied by Geo. C. Westby, mining expert from McGill, Nev., who appeared as a witness.

The facts in the contest are that on the claims of the United Copper Gold company is a lot of fine timber. An eastern corporation representing extensive lumbering interests in the west, assayed to take possession of the lands and timber in question by the scrip process. The eastern people, however, made an offer of compromise, asking the timber to be given them without protest and for such consideration they would not interfere in the miners' work.

This proposition was refused by the Salem people, therefore the case was filed for contest.

The scrip by which this transfer of title is expected to take place is Northern Pacific railway paper. It is obtained, in some instances at ease, by the railroad corporation relinquishing its right and tite to a piece of undesirabe and, or to a piece that may have been claimed by some homesteader in the railway's limit in the state of Washington, receiving scrip therefor from the government. This scrip is good way down here in Oregon, 500 miles from the railroad's line, and it is with such paper as this that the eastern corporation is trping to gobble up properties in Josephine county and by so doing ousting a mining company, which is at work on the premises and is spending money to develop the resources of the state.

If the department submits a decision adverse to the local organization it will establish a precedent that is fraught with grave results to various properties similarly situated, as to title, in Southern Oregon.

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