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ROGUE RIVER VALLEY FRUIT WINS TITLE KING OF THE APPLE WORLD

FIRST AWARD MANY HELPED IS EASILY TAKEN TO SEND CAR

In Every Class in Which Rogue River Fruit Was Entered First Place Is Easily Secured.

The Rogue River valley fared well at the second national apple show, and the only reason more awards did not come to the valley was because more exhibits were not made.

Interesting Story of How Interest Was Aroused and Prize-Winning Car Was Sent to Spokane.

How Tronson & Guthrie came to make the winning display of Rogue River valley apples at the Spokane apple show makes an interesting story.

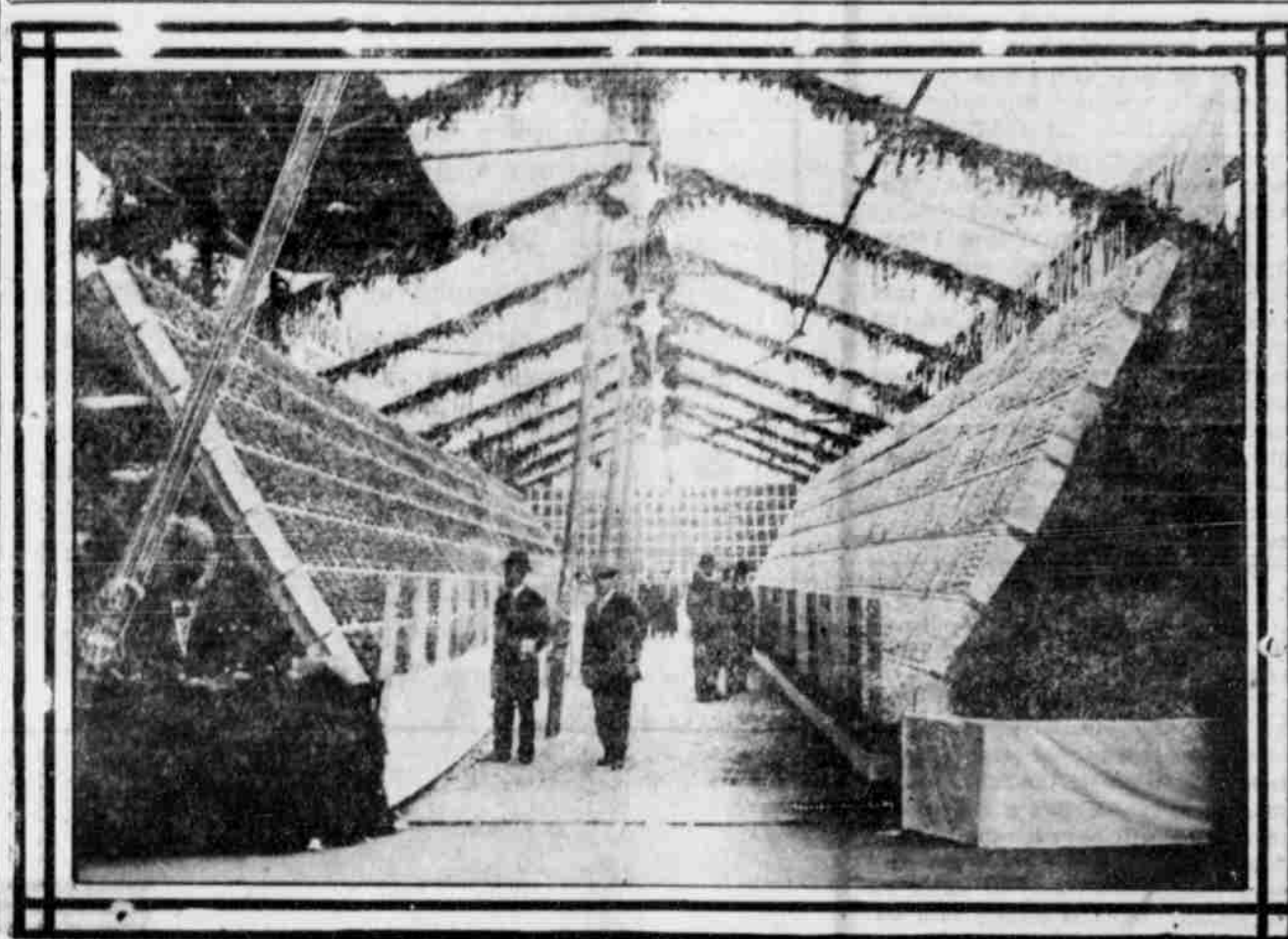
Shortly after, Assistant Manager Finley of the Apple Show arrived and was taken to visit the orchard. The beauty of the apples impressed him and he secured a definite promise from the orchard owners to place a car on exhibit which afterwards won the sweepstakes as well as a three-box exhibit.

The Southern Pacific agreed to rebate the cost of the additional haul and the Pacific & Eastern hauled the car free from Eagle Point.

Messrs. Tronson & Guthrie personally packed the car, examining every apple and passing each through a pair of calipers.

Twenty-one boxes of northwestern apples were sent to President Taft, five boxes of Northern Spy went to King Edward and 10 boxes of mixed apples will be forwarded to the Emperor of Japan with the compliments of the exhibitors and trustees of the show.

ROGUE RIVER'S UNEXCELLED APPLE EXHIBIT



Rogue River valley's carload exhibits at the National Apple Show—On the left is Tronson & Guthrie's unexcelled carload of Spitzbergs, which were awarded sweepstakes and won for their growers the title, "Apple King of America."

GROWING PRIZE WINNING APPLES IS PROFITABLE PURSUIT

A check for \$1100.00 issued by the National Apple Show in payment of prizes. The check is payable to the order of Tronson & Guthrie. It includes the name of the Treasurer, W. D. Vincent, and the Secretary, H. J. Maly.

The above is a facsimile of the largest individual check issued by the National Apple Show in payment of prizes. The check represents the \$1000 sweepstakes prize for carload exhibits, and \$100 for first prize in the Western States special class.

ORCHARDS OF WILL PLANT MILLION TREES ROGUE ARE HEALTHY

Nowhere is There Greater Intelligence Shown Than by the Growers of Fancy Fruit in the Valley—No Pests.

(By P. J. O'Gara, Government Pathologist.) There is probably no fruit district in the United States where so great attention is paid to the matter of caring for the orchards as in the Rogue River valley.

In order to fight orchard fruit diseases successfully there must be at hand a perfect knowledge of the situation so that there will be no misguided efforts, and where certain infectious diseases are to be combated there must be a united effort on the part of every grower.

Organization Necessary. In order to carry on a successful campaign against disease, there must be organization and instruction. Both of these important factors have been carefully planned.

What may appeal to many as a new feature for a district like the Rogue River valley is the appointment of an entomologist whose duty it is to study insect life in its relation to the orchards.

Through the efforts of the Rogue River Horticultural society, a pathologist of the United States department of agriculture has been stationed in the valley, and an office, with a large reference library on agricultural and horticultural subjects, has been provided.

Larger Acreage Than Ever Before Will Be Set Out This Fall—Sixty-five Per Cent Are Pears.

Sales made by nurserymen and estimates by Horticultural Inspector Taylor show that over a million trees have already been contracted for planting in the Rogue River valley this winter.

Of these million trees, approximately 65 per cent are pears, with Bartlett in the lead, D'Anjou, Winter Nelis and Comice following in the order named.

Probably 10 per cent of the new trees will be used in replanting, leaving the estimated new orchard 12,000 acres. As the planting season has just commenced, it is safe to figure that 15,000 acres of new orchard will be planted this season.

This is the first year that there has been an extensive planting of large tracts for subdivision into five and ten-acre tracts for sale on the installment plan.

"There will be the heaviest planting this year in the history of the valley," stated N. S. Bennett, the nurseryman, "and if sufficient stock could be secured, probably double the acreage of previous years would be set out.

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Charles Pope of Ashland was unable to enter his car of Newtowns for the carload prize in that class. However, owing to the high quality of the fruit the board of judges recommended that a special award of honor be tendered Mr. Pope.

W. W. Sawyer of Sunnyside, Wash., was second in the sweepstake, winning \$500, and took the first prize of \$250, for any standard commercial variety, not named, with a car of Grimes' Golden apples.

The show was complete in every detail and each of the 20 classes for prizes and premiums aggregating \$25,000 was filled. There were 2160 entries from 23 states and two provinces in Canada.

10 limited, 30 free-for-all, 73 state and foreign country groups, 98 10-box, 136 five-box, 278 single box, 28 unnamed varieties, 15 pyramids of big apples, 11 largest apple and 1328 plate entries. The Rome Beauty was the popular entry.

Outside the sweepstake event, chief interest was centered in the carload class, \$250 to firsts and \$100 to seconds, in which the awards were made as follows: For Rome Beauty—B. C. Cameron, Farmington, Wash., first; J. M. Bourgeois, Toppenish, Wash., second.

ROGUE APPLES ASTOUNDED EAST

W. W. Eifert Sends Boxes of Apples East, Which Are Received With Much Attention.

Under the head, "Gems in the Fruit Line," the Kenton (O.) Daily Democrat of November 19 says: In the Surprise store window there is on exhibition a box of the famous Newtown Pippins sent by William Eifert, formerly of Ada, now of Medford, Or., to a friend in Kenton.

WANTS SHOW IN CHICAGO

Professor Van Deman Says Chicago Is Logical Point for Holding National Apple Show.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27.—Professor H. E. Van Deman of Washington, D. C., who presided as chief judge at the National Apple Show in Spokane, November 15 to 20, in a letter to the management of the enterprise, reviewing the display of 1,500 apples and contests for prizes of \$25,000, says that while the exhibition was the best in the history of the world, Chicago is the logical point for exploiting American apples.

FIRST PRIZE SEATTLE FAIR

Rogue River Apples Topped All Others in Point of Keeping Qualities at the A. Y. P. Exposition.

The grand prize won by Rogue River apples at the Alaska-Yukon exposition on account of the keeping qualities of the fruit, is another of the proofs that this valley is the premier fruit-growing section of the world. From the first day of June until the 16th day of October, Rogue River valley was represented by just 225 boxes of apples, as against 1275 from other parts of the state, 1500 boxes being exhibited in all, of the crop of 1908.

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