

FRIENDS RALLY TO AID GRUBB

Would Save Candidate Trouble and Worry of Office Holding and Let Him Enjoy Life at Home.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 19.—(To the Editor.)—As citizens of Ashland we would like to say a word in your live paper, as there are so many subscribers here. Regarding W. N. Grubb, the recall candidate, we do not think it right for so many of our citizens to find so much fault with Mr. Grubb. Mr. Grubb is a good, honest farmer and an honest man, and the fact that two certain real estate men and some of the farmers have gotten mixed down during the winter on the boulevard near Mr. Grubb's residence does not necessarily follow that Mr. Grubb should be compelled to pave, and the fact of him being opposed to paving the boulevard is his own business, and the fact that he does not belong to the Commercial club, although the club's advertising has enhanced the value of his 60 acres of land adjoining the city limits from \$50 per acre to \$850 per acre is also nobody's business but his own. Mr. Grubb is well qualified to attend to his own business, and, as I said on the start, Mr. Grubb is an honest, hardy-handed farmer, the men we always feel like taking off our hats to, as our fathers were farmers; but farmers are not city builders, and as a matter of fact, Mr. Grubb would make a better mayor for Talent or Heonix than he would for Ashland or Medford. Those towns do not want either sewers, paved streets or cement sidewalks, and as Ashland is made up largely of town and city people, and an old farmer would be like a Texas steer in a flower garden trying to please them, and we believe we will do better to keep our live and progressive Mayor Snell for another year, as we are not ready to stop all progress.

As it is only our friendship for Mr. Grubb that causes us to write this letter, as we know the worry and turmoil and the number of fault-finding people might cause him to lose his mind before the year is over, and as the recall is finding a great deal of fault with the real estate men, we wish to put ourselves right as real estate men and show that we have no animosity to Mr. Grubb, as we are both great friends of his and want to see him stay at home in comfort and away from trouble and worry in his old days. Yours very truly,

F. G. WILLIAMS,
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Real Estate Men.

C. E. WHISLER'S ADDRESS.

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show you that our contention is right, I trust that I shall have your hearty support and sympathy. (Applause.)

"Now, gentlemen, for a little demonstration. (Opens box of apples.)

"There is the Spitzenberg apple (showing), taken by the government as the standard of perfection for all apples. Mr. Van Diemen, who is no doubt known to many of you, was chairman of the board of judges at the Spokane national apple show. When the action of the judges was over I had a talk with Mr. Van Diemen regarding these apples. He said: 'Mr. Whisler, we were obliged to give you the world's prize because of the quality of those apples, which we were compelled to mark 100.' And we have the indorsement of Mr. Van Diemen, gentlemen, a man who is well known in the apple trade. He says, 'Never surrender your box.' We have the government measures. Some tell us these boxes are filled with paper and western hot air. (Laughter.) I am going to remove all the paper and all the hot air and put the apples into one of the government standards.

"The box itself weighs six pounds and the apples often run up to 54 pounds, the gross weight. These apples have been handled very much before coming here. They were on exhibition at Spokane, at the national apple show. (Fills one-half bushel measure from the box.) Now, gentlemen, is that stroke measure? This question of stroke measure does not apply in packing apples. We give you 23 inches above the government bushel, and then the swell on the box amounts to over 100 inches. If I were to pick those up and pour them over into that vessel you would find they would fill it even fuller than it is now. Perhaps I better do that, because that is the method employed by the merchant when he fills one of those receptacles—he pours them into it. I will take these apples back here and just pour them over into that. I

wish to say further that these apples are a little past their ripest stage and have shrunk considerably. You will notice some of them going down. Consequently they lose a certain capacity. These apples should have been used at about the time they were shown at Spokane. With the shipping and transferring about which they have gone through, they have naturally shrunk.

"I also have in my pocket an affidavit from Mr. Sherwood, who is handling a car of apples in Washington. This car was sent down there and sold at a price which netted \$3.40 a box. We went down there day before yesterday and got a government standard bushel and took a box of these apples and filled it into that bushel, and filled it full. He even stated it was fuller than it was often filled when they delivered them to the trade. I have in my pocket an affidavit from him, made before a notary public, to the effect that that box contained a good government bushel.

"Gentlemen, I would like your consideration in this matter. We do not want to give up your pack that we have been using for fifteen years. It costs us a lot of money. We are dealing fairly with you. We are giving you everything that is contended for. (Fills a second half-bushel measure from the same box.) I would not have you for one moment think that the apple-growers of the northwest were in any way attempting to be dishonest. We have had the proposition of establishing an honest pack and an honest grade at heart from its very inception. We are the originators of this plan for introducing high principles of grading and of packing apples, and we cherish, gentlemen, your appreciation in this matter. We also ask your consideration. Were we attempting to give you something that was a travesty upon justice, I would not have the hardihood to stand here and defend it. I could not do it for one moment. But we are giving you something here that meets with the requirements you gentlemen have set here, that a bushel shall be the basis of unit. You state right here in this proposition that the bushel shall be taken as the unit, and then you arbitrarily jump over all government rules in arriving at your standard and you take a bushel that shall be 2342 cubic inches. Gentlemen, it is not in the records. You not only break up our pack, but you give much more than a bushel for a bushel. We are willing to meet you in fairness; we are willing to give you 23 extra cubic inches in addition to the bulge on the box, which, when new, before those apples shrink, will fill that measure nicely—nicely.

"Just one moment more, if you will pardon me. I do not like to detain you on this matter, but you are dealing with a question of more magnitude than any other that operates in the northwest at all. The apple industry is the big industry of the northwest. You are all interested in it. We are increasing in it at an enormous rate. We are putting up the fancy apples today of the world. You cannot dispute it, and we claim consideration. I am glad to know that I am down here among a lot of my friends, because there are many among you whose faces are familiar to me, and the names of nearly all are.

"I have been in the apple markets and in the pear markets for years. This year, under the name of the Bear Creek orchards of Medford, I have marketed Bartlett pears in nearly all of your markets. I am not saying this boastfully or to advertise myself in any way, but I do wish to say that with 18 straight carloads of Bartlett pears I topped 16 of your markets. I have in my pocket now the sales returns of a car of d'Anjou pears at the enormous price of 6½ cents for every pear that was in the car, all sold in New York City—the world's record price. They netted me back a return of 5 cents a pear for every one that was in the car; and, gentlemen, when I talk from the producer's standpoint I know what I am talking about and I claim your consideration and appreciation of our conditions. We feel that this measure is rather an intrusion upon the rights of the producer. We are willing to give the consumer everything that is right, yet we do not like to cut off our heads. That is all we ask. We stand as fairly as any one for measures of right and principles of justice, as I heard proclaimed in this audience this morning; but all the trouble comes from the fact that you have a wrong standard."

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