

APPLES RETURN \$1,000 AN ACRE

The story of one thousand dollars an acre from apples seems hardly possible until a visit is made to the orchards of Sears & Porter on the East Side. Here Mr. Sears will tell you the tale and point out the trees, 91 of them, from which last fall were gathered 585 boxes of 3 1/2 and 4-tier Yellow Newtowns, to say nothing of the 4 1/2 and 5-tier fruit. As these apples sold for \$2.10 a box, figure out yourself the returns from that one acre.

A walk through the orchard leads one to believe that the very same trees will duplicate the record again this year. Although it is yet two months before the picking time the apples are now large enough for 5-tier fruit. What the next two months will do in filling out the fruit remains only to be seen. The trees on which these apples were grown are now in their eighth year. The glacier had heard a great deal about the famous East Side orchards, and last Friday hitched up horse and buggy for a look at some of the fruit trees. One day will not suffice to see more than a half dozen or so of the banner orchards.

First, at the head of the grade going over the hill is the farm of V. V. Hickox, purchased last year by H. Hickox. Mr. Hickox paid \$2,300 for the 40 acres, but says he wouldn't take \$3,000 for the place. He has been offered \$2,500.

Mrs. Foss owns a fine ranch on the left hand side of the road going south. Her boys are farming the same, with prospects of a good apple crop this year. The boys have sprayed thoroughly, and have kept the trees in good shape. Most of the trees are of the standard Spitzenbergs and Yellow Newtowns. This farm also has 30 acres planted to wheat hay.

Adjoining the Foss ranch, Earl Prather has leased 15 acres of the Seaman Cox place. Mr. Prather has a berry and apple ranch, and by hard work has a place that in a few years will be turning out a snug sum of money. This year he expects to harvest 500 boxes of apples. The fruit will be first class. Mr. Prather finds it profitable to keep a dozen or so hens, as eggs have been 25 cents all spring and summer, and on a farm of this sort there is plenty of food for the hens. Water from the home irrigating ditch is now within reach of all these farms, and patches of green garden truck are everywhere to be seen.

J. L. Carter, who bought the 55 acres from Martin Rand, has a very fine farm. This is Mr. Carter's third year here and he has the orchard in splendid condition. Mr. Carter has a crop of fine apples. Mr. Carter estimates his crop at 2,000 boxes. On this place there is obtainable one of the best bird's-eye views of the valley to be had anywhere. Mr. Carter looks the editor out to the promontory overlooking the stream of Hood River, and with a pair of field glasses a splendid view of the whole of the west side of the valley was to be had as superior or chief ranger. Inverness under M. P. Isenberg, became the latter's successor in February last. Mr. Aschoff and Mr. Isenberg have each other's friendship and confidence.

There are 5 to 20 rangers under the direction of the supervisor of the division of the reserves, the larger number in summer and the smaller in winter. There are three classes of rangers. The first class or chief ranger, travels all over the whole range or division and must be posted in everything relative to rangers, must be familiar with the woods to be able to locate land and timber, estimate and scale timber, to follow and run out survey lines and to direct and report intelligently on ordinary work of the reserve, etc. Rangers of the second and third classes require no particular special qualifications, but must be able-bodied, sober and industrious. All rangers are usually required to keep one or two saddle horses for traveling about the reserve, and they have to be provided with pocket compass, a camp outfit, ax, shovel and pick or mattock. Last year Mr. Aschoff as chief ranger traveled over 1,400 miles on horseback through the different parts of the reserve. The division of the reserve looked after by Mr. Aschoff extends from the Columbia river south to the Three Sisters, comprising about two million acres. First class rangers get \$80, second class, \$75, third class \$60 per month. Mr. Aschoff's home is on the "Devil's Backbone," on the Barlow road, 35 miles from Portland and nine miles above Sandy postoffice, and is a great summer resort for summer visitors.

Wm. Crapper, in mixed farming in Crapper district has a place of over 100 acres, partly improved. The soil here is a friable red clay loam, many feet deep, and highly productive. Four acres in strawberries on the place produced 150 crates per acre, and several acres of fine orchard bearing well.

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a mile and a half. The distance on a straight line across the river is one mile. This is a swimming record few can equal in the state of Oregon. Others may make the distance in still water, but the coldness of the Columbia requires strong enduring powers.

Describes Hood River Farms. A. Paffenberger, who recently canvassed Hood River in the interest of the Pacific Farmer, has the following descriptive article on some of the Hood River farms:

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Eastman own choice acreage on Phelps creek, Hood River valley, with a fine 4-acre orchard mostly Ganos, Spitzenbergs, Black Twig and Roxbury Russets, mostly in bearing. A fourth of an acre of Lawton blackberries are very thrifty, having produced 125 crates, or at the rate of 500 crates per acre; last year the patch netted \$100. A few years ago, when the Eastmans settled on the place, it was a dreary, brushy piece of land, but it has now become a valuable piece of property.

Gar Eastman and son, Al, own a valuable 40-acre tract on Phelps creek, and have a good orchard of a thousand apple trees, chiefly Spitzenbergs and Yellow Newtowns in bearing. The great thriftiness of the trees shows good care and cultivation.

F. C. Church, native of Milwaukee, Wis., and four years in the Hood River valley, owns the highly improved Savage tract in Belmont district; 8 acres of same is in orchard, mostly beginning to bear, last year producing 500 boxes of choice apples. Last year he harvested a 2-acre crop of strawberries. As soon as harvested, the last of June, he plowed the ground and sowed it to clover, and in August he cut the first crop of clover grown from same early in September for green baling, and again in late October for hay, making in all the equivalent of two tons of hay per acre. The present season he will get two good crops of hay and a good late pasture. Four years ago the place with good improvements cost \$125 per acre; now land of the same kind brings \$350 to \$500 an acre.

J. W. Anderson owns a choice 40-acre tract, being a part of the Arnot tract in Belmont district. Part of the place is meadow and produces 75 tons of hay in season. Mrs. Anderson is breeding buff Orpingtons and buff Leghorns, and has some remarkably good birds of both breeds.

Mr. Isenberg and son, M. H. Isenberg, in Hood River valley, since '91, own land in different localities. The home place of 17 1/2 acres in the Belmont district is a very choice one, mostly in good bearing orchard and strawberries. Mr. I. knows how to cultivate his strawberries to the best advantage, and an important point at picking time is to have the vines stripped clean of all ripe berries. Maturing the seed in the strawberries is a very exhausting process, and if the vines are not picked clean, the later berries will be fewer and smaller than otherwise.

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timber land in Barrett district, and is making substantial improvements. W. S. Hull, raising strawberries on Indian Cross of Hood River, produced 1000 crates on 1/2 acre, crop of 1903; past season 100 crates per acre, want of water early in season making the shortage; also smaller berries than usual. Think, as it was, 50 crates more per acre could have been picked had there been canning facilities for caring for the large surplus that went unpicked in the valley. This land will produce big crops of canning pears and beans, as evidenced by Mr. Hull's garden.

S. J. Hershey, native of Lafayette, Ind., came to Hood River two years ago and settled on tract of pine and oak stump land, paying \$150 per acre for the same, and last winter sold about half of same for almost enough to pay for all. In spring of last year he set out strawberry plants grown on runners from double and triple crowned parent plants, and most of the new plants have proven to be double and triple crowned, and are far ahead in growth and vigor to those from single crowns, and are also proving more productive, too.

G. A. Howell, Mount Hood road, owns choice 15-acre tracts, considerable portion in orchard and small fruits. One H. is a blacksmith and purchased acreage here several years ago, improving his place, making it productive enough to make him independent of his trade.

Slump in Eastern Apple Prospects. Two months ago apples promised a bumper yield throughout nearly all sections of the country. Growers based their estimates on the heavy bloom, which exceeded expectations after such a trying winter such as that of 1903-4. Since the fruit began to develop, however, there has been marked change in conditions. This is quite general. One reason assigned was the wet springs which prevented proper pollination. Another was the abnormally heavy drop in many of the middle states. However, it is evident that if early promises will not be fulfilled, orchardists should bear in mind the impetus given the fruit industry by extensive planting of trees the past few seasons. Many of these will now come into bearing the present year, and their yield in measure tend to offset the poor prospects.

The season continues late in New York and advices from big apple growing countries indicate that the crop will not prove near a full one. Ontario grows 100 for 50 cent, Albany for 80, St. Lawrence 70, Ontario 35 to 50. Oregon indications are for a higher yield than in 1903. Erie is counting on a medium to fair crop. At this date it would appear that peach and pear prospects throughout the Empire State are for moderate yields. Growers in several counties say they will be surprised at a half a crop of pears.

In the Keystone State the apple outlook is somewhat irregular. Columbia counts on a heavier crop, Schuylkill on a good yield and Center on a fair harvest. Frank reports to American Agriculturist that apples will be a failure; Dauphin will not have over one-quarter of a full yield and Cumberland 50 per cent on high ground. The Pennsylvania peach crop promises fair crop to fair in one or two counties it is very mediocre, while in a few it is ahead of last year. Pears are fairly promising.

The Virginia apple crop is disappointing and some parts of the state orchardists say they will consider themselves lucky to get a half yield. In Rockingham the harvest is said to be less than for many years. This condition is more discouraging by reason of the heavy bloom that was secured early in the spring. Many counties report a good peach crop in sight. In central Delaware, apples are fairly good, and peaches are better than last year. Peaches uneven. Northeastern Maryland looks for a more general apple crop than in 1903 and a full yield of peaches. Season is late, but pears promise fair and plums a big harvest.

In New Jersey, conditions are irregular. Essex County looks for a good yield of apples, while Burlington orchardists say prospects favor no more than a half crop. The peach yield in Essex promises well, and the same may be said of the pears. New England apples prospects are much better than were expected during the winter, and generally show less depreciation during the spring months than was noted in other parts of the country. Peaches, however, will be light, although parts of New Hampshire are counting on a better crop than last year.

Reports from Missouri state that under the most favorable conditions from this time on that state will have not more than one-fourth of a crop of apples. Dr. Whipple, horticulturist of Missouri Experiment Station, says the dropping was due to the unusual development of fungus. The wet spring was favorable to the development of the fungus and prevented effective spraying with Bordeaux mixture.

Notwithstanding all that is done by boards of health and charitable organizations, the death rate among small children is very high during the hot weather of the summer months in the large cities. There is not probably one case of bowel complaint in a hundred, however, that could not be cured by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

One Lady's Recommendation. I have, I believe, sold 50 boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets on the recommendation of one lady here, who first bought a box of them about a year ago. She never tires of telling her neighbors and friends about the good qualities of these tablets. —P.

Some Bargains. 1. 5 acres one mile out, all in berries. A beautiful location—will be sold at a bargain. 2. Two 20 acre tracts, on East Side. All set to apples; best varieties. 3. 34 acres—one mile out, set to apples, pears, clover and strawberries. 4. 42 acres—4 miles out, 16 acres in orchard—10 in full bearing. First-class improvements. A beautiful home. 5. 80 acres—3 acres 7-year-old apple trees, balance in clover and general farming. New four room house. 6. 40 acres in the most beautiful portion of the valley. 4 acres in orchard one year old, 3 1/2 acres in berries, 4 acres in alfalfa, balance general farming. 7. 10 acres four miles out; splendid soil; 1 acre apples, best varieties; one year planted. 1 1/2 acres in strawberries, 2 acres in potatoes, 5 acres in clover. 8. A number of 10, 20 and 40 acre tracts of unimproved land, that will bear investigation. Also a number of large tracts from 150 to 350 acres in Oregon and Washington. Some few residences and lots in every portion of the city. W. J. BAKER, Real Estate Agent, Hood River, Oregon.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 15, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before George T. Prather, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Hood River Oregon, on September 1, 1904, viz: PETER SALTZMAN, of Hood River, Oregon, H. E. 636, for the N.W. 1/4 of section 9, township 2 north, range 11 east W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Mark E. Thomas, Francis A. Todd, K. S. Eastman, John W. Shreve and William F. Rand, all of Hood River, Oregon, and Amos M. Rupp of Mount Hood, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 15, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 18, 1892, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, the following named persons have filed in this office their sworn statements to-wit: WILLIAM M. HOUCK of McMinville, county of Yamhill, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 230, filed June 25, 1904 for the purchase of lots 4, 5, 6 and 9 of section 35, township 2 north, range 9 east W. M. GEORGE A. PAYANT of Fairbault, county of St. Louis, state of Minnesota, sworn statement No. 234, filed June 16, 1904 for the purchase of the S.E. 1/4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 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