

NO FRUIT LIKE HOOD RIVER'S

E. H. Shepard, manager of the Hood River fruit unions, returned Saturday morning from a trip to California and the cities of the Mississippi valley states.

"After last year's experience in handling the strawberry crop, I felt as if a thorough understanding of the markets, their conditions, their source of supply and an acquaintance with the different people who had handled Hood River strawberries was absolutely necessary in order to secure better results for the coming season.

"Among the principal cities that I have been in with the view of doing business, I visited Cheyenne, Denver, Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Grand Island, Moline, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Fargo, Grand Forks, Moorehead, Butte, Helena, Missoula, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma.

"I desired to find out as accurately as possible what prices our berries were sold for by our representatives to the different commission houses, what their profit was and what profit the retailer made and the price at which our berries were retained at by the bulk to the consumer.

"The greatest berry district in the Missouri and Arkansas berry fields which raise over 5,000 cars per year. About half of our crop was marketed in the vicinity of Omaha adjacent to the Missouri district and met such an immense supply of berries that I actually found berries were so low that a retailer without knowing who I was informed me that he had retained Hood River berries as low as 50 cents per crate, and it cost us 60 cents a crate freight to take them down in his city.

"I was enough to convince me that we must endeavor to avoid such a market at a time when certain conditions existed. There may be a period when berries could be marketed to an advantage in our southern territory but our best results will be from the northern states and cities for three reasons:

"The further we get away from the Missouri district the less plentiful the supply would be. To sell berries close to the Missouri field when they can bring them in the same day they are picked, would be like a man bringing apples to Hood River to sell. The further away we can stay from such a market, the poorer condition they will be in, and consequently the easier competition, and the further away we get the better price we can get for the reason that there will then be added freight charges which will raise the price at which they can do business, consequently the better price we can get.

"Our average will have to be in accordance with this territory and I believe the time will come as the more northern states increase in population and consumption, and the present acreage can be increased and the berries sold at a profit. I've eaten berries from Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and California, but so far have not had a decent strawberry to eat this year, and don't expect to until the late season and famous Hood River berry is ripe.

"Everybody who speaks highly of Hood River berries. At the present time California are very inferior and the crop will not be large. California berries are selling in Seattle today at \$1.25 for the 15-quart case, which would be equal to 50¢ for 24-quart case wholesale. They ought to contract their crop for 65¢, which would be equal to \$1 for our crate.

BERRY HARVEST SOON BE HERE

Strawberries are ripening in early places, but it will be a week or ten days, if the present cool weather continues, before shipments will be made. Ripeness will be reached in the Hood River valley about the 15th of May.

C. D. Moore and Sam Zeigler have very early places at White Salmon, and there is a friendly rivalry to see who will gather the first berries. Both sent in berries the same day this year.

Monday, Will Wheeler sent over a half dozen berries from his ranch beneath the Underwood bluff, and the berries on his place three miles below the city on the Hood River side of the Columbia.

This will break the record for early strawberries, but as there is indication that cool weather will prevail the remainder of the week, shipments will hardly begin for some time yet.

The berry fields are looking fine throughout the valley, and crop prospects never were better. The average is not so large as last year, but the crop when the crop amounted to 90,000 crates. The crop this year will reach about 75,000 crates, so the shipping concerns estimate.

Market conditions also appear very favorable. Wednesday morning, George McIntosh, three miles south of the city on the banks of Hood River, telephoned the Glacier that he gathered ripe berries that morning.

THEY WANT BERRIES FROM HOOD RIVER

Seattle, Wash., May 2.—California strawberries are still coming into the market, but are being received in very poor condition this season. The sales are slow and the people are impatiently awaiting the Hood River, and local berries, strictly fancy stock 15 boxes in a case selling at \$2.

A few baskets of local strawberries Odell next Sunday to get down, which they expect will be the case, as they have not had any practice as yet, and some of their players are laid up for repairs.

reached this market the middle of the week, and sold at the rate of \$9.00 a case. They came from Washon Island, a short distance from Seattle.

Fancy apples are in good demand selling from \$2 to \$2.75 a box. The market has been overstocked with asparagus during the past few days, and 150 boxes have been selling at 85¢ to \$1 a box.

Rhubarb market is overstocked, selling at 1 1/2 to 2¢ a pound. Green onions and radishes selling three dozen for 25¢. Spinach 75¢ a box. Potatoes and onions are in good demand, fancy Burbanks selling at \$2.25 to \$2.4 a ton. Fancy onions 5¢ a pound.

Will Soon be Ripe At Mosier.

Mosier, Ore., May 3.—The cold rains are retarding the ripening of berries, otherwise the growers would be shipping by next week. A few ripe ones are showing up, and only warm weather is needed to bring on the crop. The prospects are excellent.

Large Crop at White Salmon.

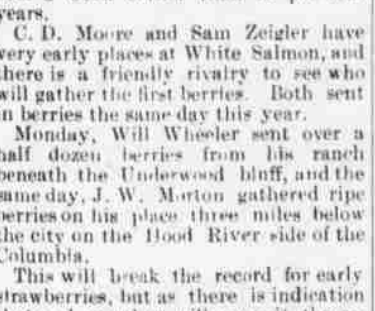
White Salmon, Wash., May 3.—The strawberries are in excellent condition and within a week some of the growers will begin to ship. The outlook is good for a large crop of choice berries.

ANXIOUS TO MARKET THEIR OWN BERRIES

Special Correspondence. White Salmon, Wash., May 3.—At the regular meeting of the White Salmon Valley Horticultural society, a paper was read by S. C. Zeigler on picking, packing and marketing of strawberries.

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Notice is further given that said Court by said order designated and named said district the 'Hood River Irrigation District,' and for the purpose of determining whether or not the said purpose irrigation district shall be organized, the words 'Irrigation district' shall be substituted for the words 'Irrigation district' in the act of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon, approved February 20, 1905, an election will be held at the Barrett school house in said district on Saturday, 6th day of May, 1905, which said election will be held and conducted as nearly as practicable in accordance with the general laws of the state of Oregon, provided that no particular form of ballot shall be required, and that the provisions of the election laws as to the form of ballot shall not apply. At said election, the electors of said district shall vote for or against the proposed 'Hood River Irrigation District' and shall also contain the names of persons to be voted for to fill the various elective offices prescribed in said act above mentioned, namely: an Assessor, a Collector, a Treasurer and a board of three Directors, for said proposed irrigation district.

Witness the Hon. A. E. Lake, County Judge, and Hon. H. J. Hillard and C. H. Stoughton, County Commissioners of the County of Wasco, state of Oregon, and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of March, A. D. 1905.

(Seal) S. BOLTON, Clerk.

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