APPLES IN THE PAJARO VALLEY

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cans, the apple increased but little. Sufficient quantities of apples to supply the coast markets were being raised in other parts of the state, principally in the counties adjacent to San Francisco bay, and as the demand was limited, there was no special incentive to plant commercial orchards in this district.

In 1873-4 two of the apple grower's most dreaded pests, codling moth and San Jose scale, made their appearance in California orchards. Mainly through negligence on the part of growers, such havoc was created by these insects that by 1880 the industry was practically abandoned in what had been the foremost districts of the state. As a result of the calamity which befell those sections, together with consequent stimulated demand at high prices, our apples first came into prominence and the business received that impulse which afterward transformed Pajaro valley into the leading apple producing district of the West. Our climatic conditions proved not so favorable for the rapid multiplication of the above named pests and the loss to the orchardist from this source was very light for many years.

At present the number of apple trees in this district reaches close to 900,000, and the area covered exceeds 12,000 acres. Approximately seven-eighths of these trees are Newtown Pippins and Bellflowers in about the proportion of three of the first to two of the latter. The remainder is made up of every variety found in the catalogue, with White Winter Pearmain, Red Pearmain, Missouri Pippin, Sangford Seedling and Lawyer predominating. From present prospects the yield this season will amount to 1,750,000 boxes, or about 2700 carloads.

But slightly more than one-third of the trees have attained full bearing. Figuring on the rapid increase in yield of the large acreages which are just reaching the bearing age, the Pajaro apple output within the next five years will amount upwards of 5,000,000 boxes.

The Newtown Pippin on account of its superior keeping qualities, may be sent to the most remote parts of the globe. It finds best markets in Europe and the eastern states, but there is a growing demand in Australia, Asia, South America and islands of the Pacific.

Markets for the Bellflower are confined mainly to the territory reaching from this coast to Chicago, although the demand is gradually extending eastward from the last named place.

The poorer grades of apples are shipped to markets within the state, or are used for canning, jams, jellies, cider, vinegar and the dried product.

Though Pajaro can produce Newtown Pippins and Bellflowers which cannot be excelled by any spot on earth, yet through an unfortunate combination of circumstances, the reputation of our fruit has suffered materially during recent years. Some of the misfortunes came through causes which could not be obviated, others are due to avarice and shortsightedness on the part of some of those most interested.

Last season, shortly before picking time, an unprecedented hot spell prevailed for a day or two. The resultant injury to the apples shipped out was not perceptible until the fruit arrived at its destination in distant markets. It rapidly deteriorated, much to our discredit, but too late to remedy the evil consequences to the reputation of our apples. Again, the greater portion of the apples have been handled by packers who buy the fruit on the tree, paying a lump sum for the crop. Prices range pretty high in that event, the packer paying from one hundred to two hundred dollars per acre, depending upon variety and prospective yield. After paying a high price and with the whole crop, good and bad, on his hands, the temptation to the packer is very great to smuggle inferior fruit into the boxes marked "choice."

Particularly would this inferior pack be expected when brokers and buyers from outside markets "wink" at the deception and accept the pack because they can get the goods at a few cents cheaper on the box than they would have to pay for choice apples.

There are reliable packers in Watsonville, and if outside buyers would deal only with those who put out honestly packed goods, the unscrupulous packer would soon be eliminated.

Very few orchardists pack their own fruit. The growing tendency is to handle on a plan somewhat similar to that of the fruit exchanges. In this case reliable men have established large packing houses in town at convenient places for shipping. The orchardist delivers his crop at this place in boxes, loose. From this time the packer takes charge of the fruit, furnishing labor and material for packing and also finding a market for the product. These houses are sending out a strictly reliable pack and the plan is proving satisfactory to all concerned.

Apples are packed in pine boxes 10x11x22 inches in dimensions and a box holds about fifty pounds. For export each apple is wrapped in paper. The grade is determined by the number of rows required to fill the end of a box. Grades are known as 3, 3½, 4, 4½ and 5 tier. The 4-tier is in greatest demand and prices are quoted on a 4-tier basis. Prices for 4-tier Newtown Pippins and Bellflowers range from about 90c to $1.15 per box f. o. b. Watsonville.

While the apple orchard does not reflect all sunshine and profit, yet all things considered, there probably is no fruit industry of the state attended with as little annoyance and risk and no branch of fruit growing more pleasant to pursue nor yielding as sure profit as the apple business in Pajaro valley.

Excursion Rates To The Fair.

The general passenger department of the O. R. & N. Co., has notified agents east of Portland that round trip tickets for the Lewis and Clark exposition, at Portland, June 1 to October 15, will be sold under the following arrangements:

Individual Tickets.—One and one-third fare for round trip; daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case later than October 31, 1905.

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Organized Parties of 100 or More.—Individual rate of one fare per capita for round trip will be made for organized parties of 100 or more moving on one day from one point; limit 7 days from date of sale; continuous passage in one direction.

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LEWIS C. WEYGANDT, Jr.,

of Mt. Hood, Oregon; on H. E. No. 5363, for the S½ SW¼, NE¼ SW¼, SE¼ NW¼, of Section 9, Tp. 1 South, Range 10 E., W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James N. Knight, George Perkins, William S. Gribble, James E. Rees, all of Mt. Hood, Oregon.

12927 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Paul K. Paulsen, has been duly appointed by the Honorable County Court of Wasco county, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of James E. Foss, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, properly verified, or at the office of my attorneys, Menefee & Wilson, at The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

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