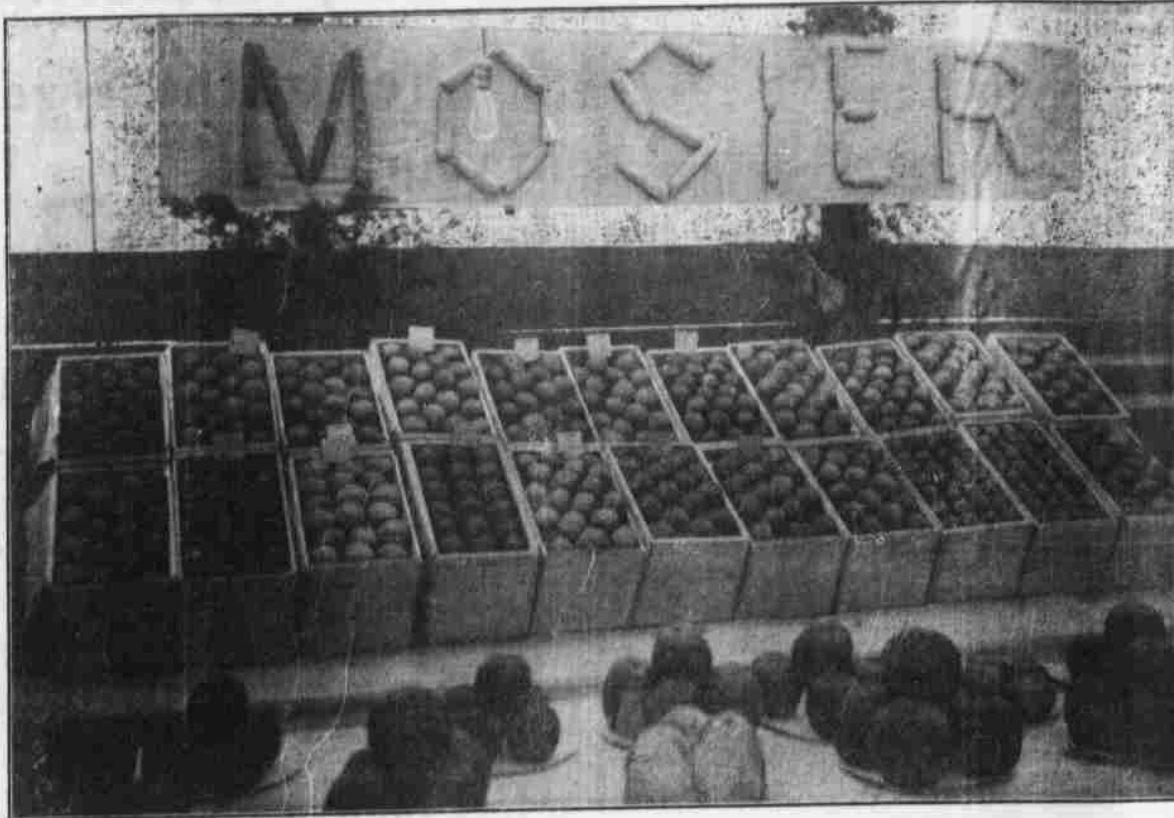


**A. P. BATEHAM'S EAST HOOD RIVER FRUIT COMPANY**  
(By a Special Correspondent)



A. P. BATEHAM'S DISPLAY AT HOOD RIVER FRUIT FAIR, 1904

It was the writer's privilege some days ago to accept an invitation to visit A. P. Bateham's ranch at Mosier. Driving one-half mile from Mosier station, we reached the southwestern corner of the ranch, touching Mosier creek; then for a mile and a half we angled across the farm along a beautiful road, overlooking at first Mosier valley, and then the Columbia, toward which most of the farm gently slopes.

At the far end of the farm we came upon the dwelling, partially hidden by luxuriant shade trees. As we sat on the long veranda of the bungalow, toying with mine host's Havanas, with the murmur of cool waters falling over rocks reaching to our ears through the walnut trees, there grew upon me, not only the developed utility

foundation, no one who saw his three-tier Spitzbergs and other apples at the Hood River fruit fair can doubt. Of these apples Professor H. E. Van Deman of Washington, D. C., said: "I doubt that these Esopus Spitzbergs have ever been equaled any place in the world." Professor Van Deman knew Mr. Bateham's father, M. B. Bateham of Ohio, who was a life-long leader in horticulture as nurseryman, grower and writer.

Having 270 acres of good fruit land in a ranch of 297 acres is unusual in this country. Yet such is the case here. One hundred acres of this land is already in fruit, comprising 50 acres of apples, 37 acres of strawberries and 14 acres of apricots, peaches, cherries, peaches, etc. The five acres of strawberries in bearing this season sent over 200 crates to the acre, ripening with the first White Salmon berries.

**One Hundred Miles of Strawberries.**  
Were all the strawberries of this ranch put into one row, that row would extend a distance of 100 miles, which gives another view of the size of the strawberry field, and the work required to grow them. Being his conclusion on ten years' experience as grower and shipper of Hood River fruits, Mr. Bateham says that the greater part of his ranch is the best land for the growing of Spitzberg and Yellow Newtown apples that he has ever seen. Inheriting the taste for the study of horticulture, and with a practical knowledge of Hood River valley, Mr. Bateham finds that those peculiar qualities in the soil that make for the best fruit are very much in evidence on his ranch, and he hopes that within a few years he will complete the clearing and planting of the entire farm.

**Large Pumping Engine.**  
Three good springs afford water for a good part of the ranch, and for those parts not supplied by the springs, Mr. Bateham expects to install a 20 horse power engine and pump to irrigate 40 acres of straw-

close to one end of the farm and a railroad station near the other end, early strawberries that will command the highest prices, immense orchards producing the best of apples, water for every need, and in and about it all a panorama of which one could never tire. Mr. Bateham has attached himself to those causes that should bring him as manager of the East Hood River Fruit company unbounded success. O. J. N.

**BIG MONEY IN MOSIER FRUIT**

(Hood River Glacier, July 20, 1905.)  
Fruit growers of Mosier are feeling jubilant over the fruit crops in that valley. Strawberries and cherries yielded well there this year; the apple crop will be a large one, and



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**CITY IS SUPPLIED WITH GOOD LODGES**

Mosier is a lodge town, having four societies all well sustained. The Odd Fellows are the strong society. They have been in evidence less than a year. Prior to the organization of the local lodge, the many members who belonged to other orders were compelled to go to the adjoining cities to attend lodge.

Beacon lodge No. 182, I. O. O. F., was organized January 13 with thir-

ty peach plums are now being shipped in large quantities.

A. P. Bateham, one of the leading fruit men of that locality, shipped 1021 crates of strawberries this year that will net him an average price of better than \$2 a crate. He received as high as \$6 a crate for his early berries. The season with him lasted for 31 days. He is harvesting a large crop of peach plums, which are bringing 90¢ a case net.

P. Henningsen reports that he gathered six tons of cherries off of 100 trees. The cherries sold for enough to make his income about \$500 an acre. The hundred trees are all he has in cherries. Between the cherry trees he grows strawberries and hay. His strawberries are very early, and from an acre of ground he marketed 100 crates which returned him a net average of \$3 per acre. Here is \$800 made from a little over an acre of land.

Mr. Henningsen's family left last week for Buffalo, where Mrs. Henningsen will spend the summer with relatives.

E. L. Carroll gathered 14 boxes of cherries from one six-year-old tree. The cherries sold for \$1.07 1/2. All passenger trains make the Mosier stop to take on fruit these days. The peach plums are shipped in 20-pound cases. Mr. Henningsen is buying all the plums he can, paying \$15 a ton. He packs the fruit and is shipping it to points East. This fruit does exceptionally well at Mosier. The crop there will amount to about 4,000 or 5,000 cases this summer.

cellor; Mrs. Grace Coyle, Marshal; Miss Delle Graham, Assistant Marshal; Miss Cora Root, Inner Sentinel; P. Elsie LeeHawat, Outside Sentinel; Managers—John Wellberg, Mrs. Addie Root, Mrs. Myra Wepe.

Assembly No. 245, United Artisans, has the following list of officers:  
E. F. Fisher, Past Master Artisan; J. N. Mosier, Past Master Artisan; M. M. Mosier, Sec.; Mrs. R. Stewart, Inspector; D. M. Duval, M. of C.; Mrs. C. H. Wyse, Surt.; M. M. Cass, Treas.; J. H. Hawick, S. C.; Jerry Wyse, Instructor; J. J. Lewis, Warden.

**Yakima Gets Good Prices.**

This week 17 carloads of fruit were shipped out of Yakima for Eastern and Western points. All kinds of fruit grown in Yakima are high in price this year, and the demand is good. Apples, it is predicted, will be worth from \$2 to \$2.50 per box by Christmas. Already some of the fruit growers have received \$1.50 a box for their winter apples. Over 10,000 boxes have been contracted for in Yakima for the export trade. The apple crop will be about 60 per cent in the Yakima valley this year, as against 30 per cent last year. This is the off year for Yakima apples, and nobody expected a big crop. Peaches and pears are selling for almost one-half more than they did a year ago.



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and natural beauty of the place, but the possibilities as yet dormant. I think that the inspiring beauty of it all was the first thing that appealed to me.

In undulating and graceful curves are the orchards creeping away to the line of hills, and beyond these still other and higher ones until the series in ever increasing altitudes are crowned by majestic Mount Hood gleaming white above the firs.

Looking to the north through the apple trees, glimmers a spring fed ake three or more acres in extent, with a depth in places of 20 feet. Here live the trout and catfish with their kindred fluky tribe. Perpendicular walls of rock nearly a hun red feet in height divide part of the shore into sequestered nooks, equal in artistic effect to any bit of scenery on the Columbia. Beyond rolls the Columbia, reflecting the multi-colored hills of Washington, with their miles of wild beauty reaching up and back to the sky line. About twelve miles of the Columbia can be seen from the ranch.

I say the artistic setting of the ranch appealed to me first, but no one who has lived in California and Hood River and has taken a live interest in the commercial value of fruit land could fail to see the commercial value of this property of the East Hood River Fruit company, of which A. P. Bateham is the manager. That the manager is alive to the ranch's possibilities, and has organized his forces with the genius born of great executive ability and a natural liking for the work is one of the strongest impressions the writer received. And that his enthusiasm has a rational

ries with water from the inexhaustible lake on the farm, a project entirely feasible and eliminating all possible worry on the water question. This plant will be available after the berry harvest to irrigate orchards if ever needed.

The East Hood River Fruit company expects to market and ship their own fruit. With a steamboat landing

teen charter members. The order is in flourishing condition, with a membership of 19. The officers are:  
J. M. Carroll, N. G.; H. Lamb, V. G.; M. H. Croft, Sec.; Lee Evans, Treas.; C. E. Stauffer, W.; G. L. Carroll, Cond.; R. S. to N. G.; C. T. Bennett; L. S. to N. G.; R. J. Hardwick; R. S. to V. G.; J. P. Carroll; L. S. to V. G.; C. D. Morgan; W. E. Hickey; I. G.; E. O. Winans; O. G.; R. S. S.; John Wellberg; L. S. S.; C. E. Davidson. Meetings are held very Tuesday night at Lamb's hall.

Mosier Camp No. 10,724, Modern Woodmen of America, was organized in January, 1902, and has a membership of 37 and is offered as follows:  
J. M. Denny, V. C.; P. Henningson, W. A.; E. L. Coyle, Banker; L. Lamb, Escort; Jeff Mosier, Clerk; J. P. Davenport, Watchman; A. R. Hogan, Entry; Chas. Stark, Manager; E. H. Gilbert, Manager; J. H. Wellberg, Manager; John Wellberg, Chief Forester.

Mayflower Camp No. 3289, Royal Neighbors, was organized last December. The present officers are:  
Mrs. M. A. Mosier, Oracle; Mrs. E. J. Graham, Vice Oracle; Mrs. C. J. Phelps, Past Oracle; Mrs. Rachel Stewart, Recorder; Miss Edna Root, Recorder; Mrs. C. M. Hogan, Chan-



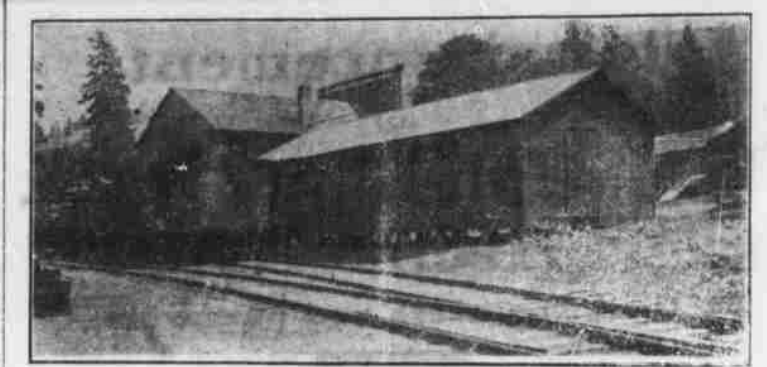
RESIDENCE OF W. A. STARK

**FORTUNE IN SIGHT ON THREE ACRES**

From less than a quarter of an acre on a little sand patch on a small island in the Columbia river opposite the 71st mile post counting from Portland, and one mile below the station of Mosier, Thomas Henningsen had gathered up to last Friday 258 cases of tomatoes.

When the Glacier representative visited the little oasis, 29 cases of fine large tomatoes had been gathered for that day's shipment, and it appeared that at least 50 more crates remained on the vines. Besides the tomato patch, there is a melon patch of about a rod square from which Mr. Henningsen has taken a large number of melons. Another little piece of ground is planted to alfalfa, from which a ton of hay has been harvested, and while there isn't to exceed half an acre all told in cultivation, a patch of corn with stalks eight and ten feet high will keep a boarding case supplied with roasting ears for a month.

This little island of probably five acres in extent has not to exceed three acres of tillable land, but with a high soil bank to the north and a well of



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basal rock to the south, the little pocket of rich river silt is very early. Mr. Henningsen believes it is from a week to ten days earlier than any other point at Mosier, and Mosier is considered as early as any point on the Columbia.

Mr. Henningsen expects to set out cherries. With careful management he has here the chance to make a small fortune in a few years.

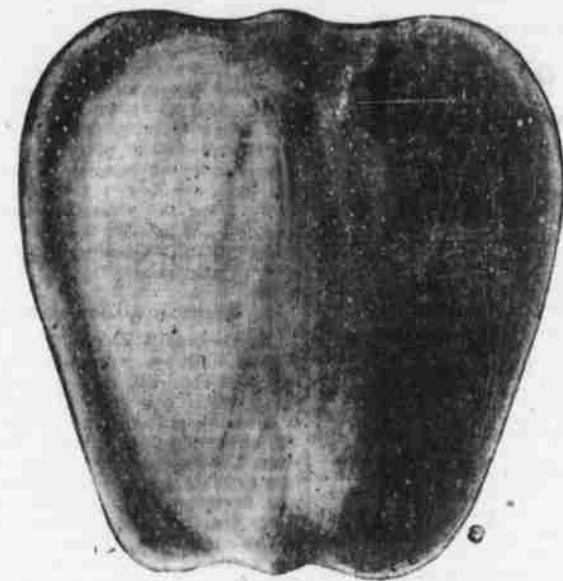
County Assessor Carl S. Graves has completed the 1905 census of Folk county, and finds the enumeration of inhabitants for the county and incorporated towns as follows: Total population Folk county, 10,178; Lullas, 1528; Independence, 1214; Monmouth, 572; Falls City, 480.

**SOIL IS DEPOSIT OF VOLCANIC ASH**

The great productiveness of Mosier soil is due to volcanic ash deposited during the glacial period and eruptions centuries ago from Mount Hood, and this mixed with the finest loam, gives it the chemical elements needed for plants, and fruit growth. The depth of this soil extends in places to over 50 feet, making it practically inexhaustible. In this deep soil the roots of trees run down to a great depth, drawing nourishment and moisture from a great body of earth that insures long life and vigorous growth.

Cheap transportation is assured by competing lines that make daily trips to Portland, and by the O. R. & N. railroad, which makes a very low rate on fruit. A new road is being made to the boat landing east of the town that will give an easy grade and shorter haul. The freight rates on fruit to the East also, over the O. R. & N., are very low, allowing Mosier fruit to be marketed in New York city at a good profit. Express Agent Waite also gives personal attention to handling fruit for individual farmers, consigning them to other agents along the line, and making prompt returns. Many thousand crates of fruit are handled in this way.

Mr. Lamb is improving his store building and public hall with the addition of a large veranda. The store room is occupied by D. M. Barrie, the merchant, while the second story is used as a lodge room and public hall.

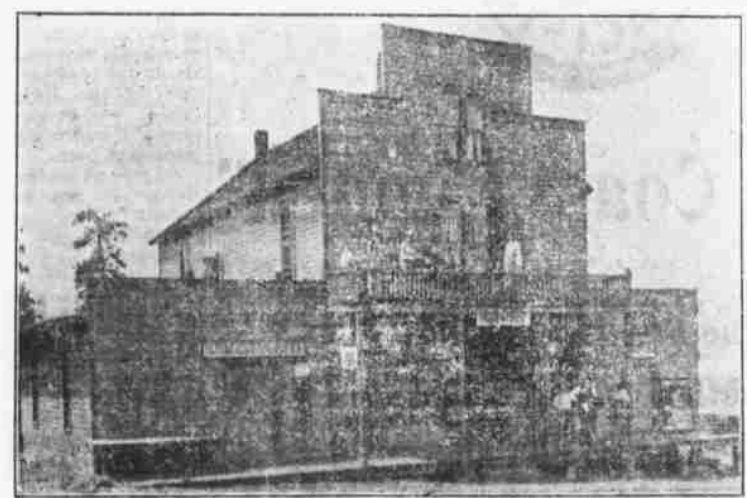


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