

THE SEEDLESS APPLE NOT A NEW VENTURE

G. A. Brackett, Pomologist of the United States Agricultural department, in an article written for the Gen State Rural, has this to say about the seedless apple:

Dear Sir: Referring to yours of the 2nd instant concerning the Spencer Seedless apple, which has been so freely advertised of late by the unscrupulous press of the country, I will say we have given the matter our most careful attention, and after collecting specimens of these so-called seedless and coreless apples from various parts of the country, where they have been known for the past century, and comparing them with the Spencer seedless apple, we do not find any essential difference, and furthermore, we believe we have the true history of this Spencer apple, where it was first grown and how Mr. Spencer obtained seeds of this apple.

It is claimed by the Spencer Seedless Apple Co. that Mr. Spencer originated this variety by budding and grafting. This idea is preposterous. New fruits are not originated this way. The simple art of budding or grafting does not in any way alter the fruit. A Ben Davis seed budded or grafted upon any other apple stock will bear Ben Davis apples no matter how often repeated.

Seedless apples are nothing but freaks of nature and are by no means the result of any scientific efforts on the part of man. These are purely accidental and not subject to control or design.

These deformities—for such they are—are by no means new or unknown. These abnormal forms have appeared and are likely to continue to appear from time to time among any number of seedling apple trees.

Such of these as have appeared of which history furnishes us data, have been variously known as "Seedless" and "Coreless" and "Bloomless" and "Seedless," "No Core," etc., all of which signifies about the same in reality. The deformity first manifests itself in the blossom that is lacking in the full development of its parts, just as the fruit that follows is deficient in some of the organs that constitute a perfect type of its species. The chief defect in the flower, and that which renders it inconspicuous and therefore said to be "bloomless" is the absence of petals or corolla. None of these so-called seedless and coreless apples have been known to possess valuable qualities when compared with our standard varieties, neither are they entirely bloomless, coreless or seedless. All have flowers, though abnormal in character. All have abortive and some have perfect seeds.

All have more or less well defined cores which are more objectionable than seeds, and as to the claim that these freaks are "immune from insect injuries" I will state that in examining specimens submitted to this office by the Spencer Seedless Apple Co., the first specimen contained a well developed larva of the codling moth, alive and kicking.

The claims made for these freaks have been greatly exaggerated and the wonder is that so many of the newspapers and magazines have ignorantly given free advertisement to what I believe to be one of the most stupendous humbugs ever imposed upon an unsuspecting public.

Will Not Stop Discriminations. "It does not follow," so says the Milwaukee Sentinel, "that the Federal Government must assume and exercise the rate-making power in order to secure justice, nor is it certain that even if it should adopt that plan it would be successful. It would be as easy to grant a secret rebate on a rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission as on one established by the carrier itself. The greatest evil in the transportation business is discrimination of one kind or another. Government rate-making will not do away with discrimination. Let Congress pass a law granting to the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to make rates and put them in force at once and the problem of preventing discriminations would still be unsolved.

"This, the Sentinel believes, is the real question Congress should undertake to answer: How are discriminations to be abolished? The Interstate Commerce Commission is now engaged in examining into the practices of private refrigerator car companies. It assumes that it has the right to make such inquiries in face of the demurrer filed by the private car line owners, who contend that they are not engaged in interstate commerce.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has formally expressed the opinion that the practices adopted by the terminal companies, branches of large manufacturing corporations and organized primarily for the purpose of securing rebates under cover of a joint rate arrangement, are in direct violation of the anti-rebate law. The thing to do then is to enforce the law."

Wyoming's Governor Likes Our Apples G. R. Castner of this city has received a letter from Governor Brooks of Wyoming acknowledging the receipt of a box of apples sent him by Messrs. Smith & Castner. The letter reads as follows:

"Gentlemen: Some time ago I received a box of Spitzenberg apples forwarded to me from Portland, Oregon, and am informed by Mr. Camp who had a picture exhibit from our state that I am indebted to you for this kind remembrance.

"I wish to express my thanks for same. On Thanksgiving day I took a few of these apples to Chicago and they attracted a great deal of attention."

"I believe they are the best apples I have ever eaten."

Yours truly, B. B. Brooks."

Will Give His Impressions of Europe The Oregon Journal has made arrangements to secure the letters which will be written by W. J. Bryan, giving his impressions of the various countries of Europe in which he is going to make a tour covering a period of two years. Mr. Bryan is a very entertaining writer and his description of life in the old world will be well worth reading. He has reached the age where his view will be a normal one and will not, therefore, be fraught with the extravagant enthusiasm of youth nor the pessimism of old age. That Mr. Bryan is a statesman no one can deny and his treatment of the social and economic problems of Europe will be read with interest.

Perfection can only be attained in the physical by allowing nature to appropriate and not dissipate her own resources. Cathartes Grip, western discipline, DeWitt's Little Early Risers simply expel all putrid matter and bile, thus allowing the liver to assume normal activity. Good for the complexion. Sold by G. E. Williams.

INTERESTING ITEMS OF HERE AND THERE

The Orange Judd Farmer estimates the United States apple crop for 1905 at 23,450,000 barrels, to be compared with 25,325,000 barrels for last year, 22,625,000 in 1903, and 26,625,000 in 1902. In round numbers, therefore, we have just about half the apple crop of last year.

Can any one tell us of a hard drinker who always eats apples freely? We have hunted for such a man, but have never found him. Do you know him? We believe that such a man, with a temperance in the use of liquor, is it so?—Rural New Yorker.

Cow Hair in Oleomargarine. Concerning the mixing of cow hairs in oleomargarine for the purpose of deluding consumers, John F. St. John, an Omaha creamery man, is ready to swear that this deception has been practiced before his very eyes.

"I had long regarded the old butter story as a joke," he said to a reporter of the Sioux City Tribune, "until I visited an oleo factory recently. In some states manufacturers take particular pride in making the deception complete. There was a large amount of oleo, colored rich yellow, ready to make into prints. The man operating the print machine was over to a bench and brought over a small box with a sliding cover.

"When he began to make the prints he opened the box and took from it and placed in every piece of butter before it was passed into shape two or three white hairs. They were fine and white and I stepped over and looked at them. There was a whole box of the hairs, laid in as straight as though they were toothpicks.

"They resembled cow hair, though I do not know whether even they were cow hair or not. They looked too white and too long and straight, but the oleo maker was putting hair into his product to deceive the people and make them think it had been near a cow."

Late Strawberry Experiment. H. Laters, Springfield, Pierce county, Wash., gives the Horticulturalist final figures on his Alpine strawberry patch as follows: The ground covers about 1 1/2 acres, gravelly clay soil, plants set usual distance apart. The total crop was 187 crates for which \$285.20 cash was received. The expenses, including cost of crates, freight, wharfage and picking at 20 cents per crate, was \$71.62, leaving a net balance of \$213.58.

The ground was cultivated with a 5-tooth horse cultivator once every two weeks, beginning in March up through the time of picking and water from adjoining springs was run between the rows, at intervals during July and August so the ground was kept thoroughly moist, meanwhile the weeds were kept down. Picking began June 9th and last crate gathered October 19th. During the season when other berries were coming the picking was not large. There was no rush any time and during August and part of September the price ranged from \$3.50 to \$4 per crate. There was considerable work connected with the cultivating and irrigating. Perhaps as much wages could have been made in a logging camp for the time being, but this intelligently directed home labor has been well rewarded, besides the experiment is of exceeding great value for future operations. The problem of late strawberry cropping in the Coast country with profit is largely a question of proper place for irrigating, some good variety of late cropping plant, and close attention to cultivation and keeping down of the weeds.

A Treat For Music Lovers. Already music lovers throughout the entire state are looking forward with fond anticipation to the coming of the world's greatest singer, Madame Calve, and her excellent company of artists who will appear at the Marquam Grand theatre for one concert only, Monday evening, January 22, 1906. The demand for seats will be so large that it has been deemed necessary to receive mail orders from in and out of town beginning Monday, January 8, 1906. Each order must state clearly the number of seats wanted and be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope inclosing money order or check made payable to W. T. Pangle, Marquam Grand theatre, Portland, Oregon. This will give out of town patrons the same opportunity as those living in Portland. The orders will be filled in the order they are received and seats assigned as near as possible to the location desired. The regular sale will open Monday morning, January 15, 1906.

The mail will attend young men, husbands and fathers also big brothers, an opportunity to make a unique New Year's present in the shape of Calve tickets. This is a gift the recipients will not forget in a day, it being nearly half a month between the giving and its realization.

The company includes Miss Argyle Kastner, violinist; Mme. Isabel Bernard, pianist; Berriek Von Norden, tenor; Mons. M. Bouxman, basso; Mons. Louis Fleury, flutist.

Prices—Lower floor—parquette, \$5; first two rows in parquette circle, \$5; last five rows in parquette circle, \$4; Balcony—First 3 rows in balcony, \$5; second 3 rows in balcony, \$4; 7-8-9th rows in balcony, \$3; last 3 rows in balcony, \$2.50. Gallery—First two rows, \$2; 3-4-5th rows in gallery, \$1.50; last six rows, general admission, not reserved, \$1. Boxes and loges—\$25.

Excursion Rate to O. D. L. Convention. In connection with the convention of the Oregon Development League at Portland January 12 and 13, the O. R. & N. will sell round trip tickets at the rate of fare and one-third. Tickets will be good going on train 1, January 12, and train 3 and 5, January 13, with a final limit of January 16. It is urged that all those interested in the good and welfare of the league be present at the convention if possible.

Elected Sunday School Officers. The newly elected officers for the M. E. Sunday school for the ensuing year are: E. R. Bradley, superintendent; C. Crouse, assistant superintendent; Miss Nellie Hornor, secretary; P. McMillin, treasurer; Homer Wood, librarian; Pearl Bradley, organist; C. Crouse, chorister. The teachers are Mrs. J. W. Rigby, C. Crouse, Miss Ida Wright, Mrs. McMillin, Mrs. Halvorsen, Miss Hicks, and Mrs. Dr. Edgington. Mr. A. E. Woodgett, Mrs. F. Deitz and Miss Ida Evans will be the supplementary teachers.

Here is a Bargain. Five acres first-class land, one mile from Hood River; all in orchard; new buildings on place. Must sell at once. For particulars see John Leland Henderson.

WHAT OUR EXCHANGES SAY ABOUT OUR CITY

The city of Hood River, Oregon, has just added to its resources an electric power plant, with a capacity of 500 horsepower. The plant has been installed about one mile from the city up the valley of the same name by the Electric Light and Power company, at a cost of \$30,000, and it is proposed to furnish light and power to the city at a reasonable figure. The plant is complete in every detail and equal to the best anywhere.

The fruit buyer was in evidence in Oregon very early this season and it is reported that Hood River fancy apples were contracted in August for as high as \$2.75 per box. When it is known these same apples bring \$5.50 per box in the English market, and retail in the New York city markets at from 60 cents to \$1 per dozen, you can easily realize that \$2.75 f. o. b. Hood River leaves a fair margin for the dilettante orchardist.

The main things seen to have uniformity in style of grade and pack then to ship promptly when the product is required. A competent business manager, stricter inspection as membership increases and some bank bonds and sticktoativeness of all composing the organization, are essentials for success. An attempt to take in too much at the outset is likely to prove fatal. The Payallup and Sumner association in trying to handle the berries at Vashon came near wrecking their own, while results were unsatisfactory. Hood River the Fruit Union handles only strawberries, cherries and some other small fruits, while many of the same members join in an apple association for the specific purpose of handling that fruit, and a product of 200 car loads gathered within a range of ten miles.

The Hood River apple growers are of the opinion that places with wormy infested trees should be quarantined. If infested trees are not only quarantined but destroyed, why should infested fruit go free, unless under bond and seal it could be sent to the frozen north, where trees don't grow.—Northwest Agriculturist.

Millionaire's Poor Stomach. The worn-out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers, dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower restores the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes the worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. For sale by G. N. Clarke, Druggist.

A. F. & A. M. Install Officers. At a meeting of Hood River Lodge No. 105, A. F. & A. M., held Wednesday evening, December 27, the following officers were installed:

W. M.—A. S. Blowers. S. W.—A. D. Roe. J. W.—G. N. Clarke. Treas.—E. O. Blanchard. Sec.—D. McDonald. S. D.—J. K. Carson. J. D.—J. M. Wright. S. S.—A. C. Buck. J. S.—A. L. Stauffer. Tyler—A. L. Phelps.

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Will Color Plumage of Fowls. Fruit growers have long been of the opinion that the color of apples is improved by a liberal supply of iron in the soil. The poultry editor of the California Cultivator says she has personally found that iron will impart a yellow tinge to white fowls if given at the moulting season and that it will deepen and brighten the coloring of colored fowls. The iron also intensifies the yellow of yellow-shanked fowls.

Will Stay in Hood River. The remedy that makes you eat, sleep and grow strong, called Palmo Tablets, will be sold regularly by Williams' Pharmacy, Hood River. These great nerve and constitution builders cost only 50c per box, six boxes \$2.50.

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