

**CAPT. SHAW TALKS
BIG APPLE EXHIBIT**

The Irrigation Congress, of which the writer, among others, was an accredited delegate, closed its sessions at Hood River on Friday last. While the attendance was not so large, the enthusiasm and interest manifested by those present, made up for the paucity of numbers. It was voted to hold the next session at Grants Pass.

The congress was held during the Seventh Biennial fruit fair of the famous Hood River valley, and of this, I particularly wish to speak.

The attendance from Clackamas county was fair, and yet as an object lesson—for it certainly is an object lesson to visit these fruit fairs—the attendance ought to have been greater.

As is pretty well known, the fame of the Hood River apple is world wide, and justly so, therefore, it was expected that the attendance would be large, and from all parts of the country. Buyers a plenty were there to snap up the exhibits, which sold at no inconsiderable more than \$3 a box.

The red on the Hood River apple is a deeper red, and the yellow on a Newtown is a richer golden color than is found elsewhere. Rub your hand over a Hood River apple and you get a varnish like appearance to the skin that is marvellous. Nowhere else has the apple reached such perfection as in the Hood River valley.

The climate in this little gem of a paradise is all that might be desired. The air comes from the mountains laden with sweet smelling fragrance of fir and pine, giving health to the inhabitants as it spreads out over the little valley below.

The precipitation, much of which is in the form of snow, is somewhat less than that of Clackamas, the average being 42 inches. This, however, is being augmented by irrigation which is carried on by the growers through the valley. Public opinion, however, being the rule, and has solved the water problem to the entire satisfaction of everybody interested.

The exhibits of apples were superlative grand; more than one thousand boxes, artistically arranged in a canvas pavilion 150 feet long by 50 wide, was a sight worth while to go to see, and while I have not talked to any of my fellow delegates, I venture to say that the display was a pleasing sight, if not a revelation to them. Our genial neighbor from Milwaukee, Mr. Richard Scott, was there, and to show his loyalty to old Clackamas, brought an exhibit with him.

Yes, "Dick" was there all right and had a fine display of pears and apples just to show what Clackamas could do, when once she takes up fruit culture as a business. "Dick's" exhibits occupied a prominent place among Hood River's famous red and cheeked beauties that were only rivalled by the bloom on the cheeks of the equally famous Hood River girls, and this is saying a great deal, for Clackamas can boast of a goodly number of maidens with the peach blow on their cheeks.

Our fellow townsman, Judge Ryan, was there viewing the "Big Red Apples," and occasionally casting furtive glances on the fair maidens as they paraded through the pavilion. Owing to a previous engagement, the Judge remained but one day, much to his regret, as he was denied a 15 mile drive through the valley to see the orchards, which are just now laden with fruit, and joy to behold.

If the Courier will grant the necessary space for a more extended article on the Hood River apple, the reasons why it has reached its present state of perfection, and what can be done along these lines in Clackamas county, I will avail myself of the opportunity to point out a few facts, and offer some suggestions to the farmers and others who are growing of fruits and especially apples should be taken up as a business in Clackamas county.—Jas. P. Shaw in Oregon City Courier.

Wanted—A Master Mind.
Hood River and its apples are in the public eye. Many Oregonians journeyed Hood Riverward last week to see the apple fair. The display of fruit is said to have been beautiful. It was the talk in Portland that the exhibition was as fine as the world can make in the apple line. Great, indeed, is Hood River and her apple industry.

There is, however, something remarkable in this story of apples and the beautiful valley up the Columbia. It is a valley known in the markets and busy streets of New York City. It is known in the wealthy homes of that great town. It is known in the London and to London apple buyers. "Hood River apples" emblazoned on a box of fruit sells the apples without question on the part of the buyer.

Three dollars and fifteen cents a box for Spitz nbergs and \$2.50 for Newtowns, is the price Hood River growers get for their apples this season. The crop is all sold. Three dollars and fifteen cents a bushel is a beautifully profitable recompense for the trouble of growing apples. The sum of \$4,500 is what a 20-acre orchard netted one man, and there are dozens and scores of similar instances in the Hood River valley. The growers are all getting rich, just as hop growers have made fortunes in the independence district the past years. Yet it is a truth, a solemn, sacred truth, that great as is Hood River, famed and fabled as are her apples, it is possible to grow and sell apples just as well in the Willamette valley. Equally good apples can be produced, and equally fancy figures can be secured for them. A box of apples displayed for sale in the Corvallis market last week and grown on Benton soil were just as fine as those the best exhibited at the Hood River fair. That is the statement of a man who saw the box at Corvallis and saw the apples at the fair. He is an apple expert. He has no motive that would speak him to misrepresent. What he says is not in derogation of Hood River, but in glorification of Benton and other Willamette valley counties.

But why has Hood River all this fame, and why are her apples clamored for all over the world at fancy prices? The answer is easy, according to this apple expert. It is a case of indomitable worker led his community up and on in progress. This man saw that the world wanted perfect apples, and would pay liberally for them. There is no fruit so standard, so stable, so all valuable in a home as an apple, and he knew it. But it must be an unblemished apple. It must look right. It must be clean and attractively packed. All this the Hood River leader understood and he began to preach it to his neighbors. In season and out he talked, explain-

ed, demonstrated. He proved it by what he grew. By degrees he convinced his neighbors. He induced them to spray, to cultivate and to adopt every method suggested by scientific inquiry. The trees now are gone over when the apples are babies, an inch or two through. If too thick, the apples are thinned by picking. They are not allowed to grow nearer than five inches apart. That makes an apple of perfect size and shape. It lays the foundation for fame and fancy figure. A skilled association packs and ships all the fruit. The private orchardist doesn't do it. Enlightenment directs every department of the industry. Experience shows that it is easier to do it that way than by the old-fashioned, slipshod method. The consequence is that every grower is getting rich.

It could be the same in the Willamette valley. The soil is here. So is the climate. In all the uplands of the foothills is the place. That is what an apple expert who knows says. The industry, though, lies dormant, dead, unawakened. There is no master mind to arouse it. There is no firm hand to lead it. There is no clear headed prophet like they had at Hood River to foresee and go ahead and blaze the way. There is no E. L. Smith, for he is the man who, more than all others, is the maker of the fame and fast multiplying wealth of Hood River.—Corvallis Times.

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Wm. Yates P. M.

May Have Smallpox.
A message received by Dr. J. A. Glensdorfer this afternoon from G. T. Parson, says his wife has a light attack of smallpox and he desired the doctor to find some one who would go up and nurse her. She has one of those light cases which were epidemic a few years ago.—Chronicle.

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