WILSON'S LETTER TO LOWNSDALE

Hood River, Or. April 5.-In view of the unwarranted attack on Hood River and Hood River apples by Mr. Lownsdale, of Lafayotte, through the columns of the Oregonian, I feel that it is but justee to put its readers in possession of facts that that gentle man has not seen fi to mention.

In the first place Mr. Lownsdale s articles have been neither logical, con flued to facts, nor imbued with common courtesy. They have been main ly screeds full of venom and malice and directed not only against Hood River but Rogue River as well. What has Mr. Lowesdale ever done to bring about the splendid reputation which the Oregon apple enjoys at home and abroad? While both Hood River and Rogue River have been ready and willing to impart any information that would better the conditions of the ap-ple growing industry in Oregon, Mr. Lownsdale h s kicked, frothed at the mouth, tought the officers of the State Horticultural society and resolutely refused to adopt the progre-sive methods of growers in other parts of the state. According to him we have reached that stage of development where a community cannot advance its own interests and the state's wel fare without an attermath of query, criticism, dissent, objection and even hostility. It seems that there are some jealous souls ever ready, like a bird of ill omen, to sit on the fence

and crosk their displeasure.

Some years ago Mr. Lownsdale was present at a meeting of the State Horticultural society when the methods of trying to exterminate the col-lin moth were being discussed. Among others he spoke on the subject and told of a spray that he had been using and which he said was very succestul. When pressed by the others who were present to give its formula he refused to do so. He wanted it all to himself. And yet he is accusing Hood River of wanting to snatch everything

However, his selfishness has not ap parently benefited him, for hogging his secret to his breast, and presuma-bly keeping on using it, he shipped a carload of apples to Vancouver, B. C., which were in such a diseased condition that he had to pay the return charges on them or have them confiscated and destroyed. Another carload, for which Mr. Lownsdale claims such superior keeping quali-ties, was shipped to Los Angeles, where they were refused by the buyer, and he then forwarded them to
Houston, Tex., were they were also
refused. As a last resort they were
sent to Beaumont, Tex., where they
were tound, by their prospective buyer, to be in such a decayed condition (owing to their superior keeping qualities) that they were immediately disposed of to keep them from being a total loss.

When Mr. Lownsdale states that there are no apples being shipped from Hood River at present it is very evident that the nearest he has been to that place is Lafayette. A carload of applie was shipped from Hood River taken right from the ranches on March 20 and another will leave on April 8. Both of these consignments in addition to being shipped 9000 miles across the Pacific will be sent 3000 miles into the interior of Siberia. There are 3000 boxes of apples in shield for the pattern and fell together Hood River valley, none of which have been in cold storage and which edges with tape. About three pairs of on the word of an experienced apple shields can be made from the one-buyer are in prime condition. They quarter yard at the cost of about 13 are of the cheaper varities and bringing from \$1.75 to \$2 a box.

to snatch everything in sight, and that its reputation for fine fruit is due to its great advertising is not borne out by the statement of Horace G. Day, of the firm of Sgobel & Day, one of the largest apple buying firms in New York City, who bought the Hood River Spitzenbergs the first three years that they were sold in carload lots. Mr. I ay stated in the hearing of the writer at Hood River that on the receipt of the apple- from here, they erased the latels on them so that other dealers would not know where they came from and that they sold for substantially the same price as they do now. When I was in New York last December I saw on the corner of Washington and Reade streets those wonderful apples of superior keeping qualities, rink color, and oily, spicy flavor of which Mr. Lowsdale boasts selling side by side asked why this was the case as both for self denial, she is capable of it. were from Oregon the dealer said that | She cannot help having nerves, but she the trade would not pay as much for the cheaper apples as they were not good keepers. He stated furthe:
"We get all of our fancy Spitzenbergs and Newtowns from Hood River and Rogue River." It will be a long time before Hood River, the gem of the Cascades, will exchange her mountain levels for Valley will as

laurels for Valley willows.

Hood River has been patient under
Mr. Lownsdale's abuse and misrepresentation, but in one of his letters and interviews he states that his dis-play of apples in Portland last November was packed by farmers, when to the writer's knowledge some of the boxes were packed by Iom Johnson, one of Hood River's best packers. As to another instance where he

bandles the truth economically be claims to have won prizes on two varieties of apples in competition with Hood River at a meeting of the State Horticultural society in 1906, when the fact is that Hood River did not compete for prizes on these varieties.

It is evident that while writing his last bunch of vituteration against Hood River Mr. Lownsdale had a brain storm for he misrepresented the truth with the persistency of ia Port-land gas meter. Time was when an Oregonian would hesitate long before prostituting his talents or his honor in upholding what he knew to be wrong. But the times seem out of joint, and even pioneer honor is on tap for prospective coin. JOSEPH A. WILSON.

Lownsdale Attempts to Reply

Lafayette, Or., April 8.—It is rather late in the day for a Hood Riverite to be trying the acoustics of heaven with a howl for courtesy-for fai-treatment. Ye Good River gods, what a spectacle! The howler should have thought of this years ag). I will ad mit that the trocar is a severe instrument and that I have employed it rather freely of late. But it is the in-strument to use if you would relieve an animal when he is so bloated that he can only strut about and bellow. To the assertion that my culls have this year sold for more money than was paid for Hood River's prime apples of the same varieties your apos-tle of courtesy from Hood River replies with the pertinent argument (1) that at some indefinite time 1 had two cars condemned as worny apples. (A gratuitous flight of fancy, 1 may say in passing.) What relation has this clinching argument (!) to the

current discussion? Admit for the pleasure of Mr. Wilson and his co bigots) that every letter in his article is of that high truth which be assures us is the inherent quality of all his words, does that change the fact for a moment that my \$1.06 is more than

his 85 cents? If the statement of this apostle o courtesy, this high priest of truth, self ancisted with the oil of honor be Hood River's best argument and the one she considers much germane to with rare complicency.

flarking back to the assertion of the lood Riverite that my apples are vormy (the old Hood River gag) I reply: "Fudge, Mr. Wilson! guess-again! and consult any dealer on Front street." Fudge, Mr. Wilson! guess

However, in order that you may have authentic information, Mr. Wilson, on which to make capital out of my experiences, I tell you now as I have often told your friends that in my earlier days of "learning the ropes" in the shipping business, I cave been held up by crafty dealers and compelled to allow rebates in several instances on the ground of the tock phrase "poor condition on arrival". These jugglings have been very annoying but I am sorry to be compelled to tell Mr. Wilson that the rebates have been really insignificant. I might say I discovered the scurvy dealers very cheaply. I have received harder knocks than these in the school of experience which will be gladly furnished Mr. Wilson on application in order that he may have something tangible to trade on, to distract attention and to obscure in

his letter writing. But most of these experiences are of the blessed past. I am proud of the fact that having had rough exper-tences it is easier to avoid the rock; places now—these rocks that are on the charts of every of every apple shipper in the state—these rocks that Hood River has had to learn to avoid as well as I. We all have the tricky dealers spotted now and are gradually working around the rocks in other di-

Before the remainder of your cor respondent's exceptionally grammatiprofoundest and most abject agita-tion, cheerfully assuring him that his comments are u. answeiable.

M. O. LOWNSDALE.

A Sweet Laugh. A woman has no natural gift more bewitching than a sweet laugh. It is like the sound of flutes on the water, and the heart that hears it feels as if bathed in the cool, exhilarating spring. Sometimes it comes in the midst of care or sorrow or irksome business, ringing through the room like a silver bell, with power to scare away the evil spirits of the mind. How much is debtor to that sweet laugh! It turns prose to poetry; it flings showers of sunshine over the darkness of the wood in which weary feet are traveling; it touches with light even tired sleep, which is no more the image of death, but is consumed with dreams that are the shadows of immortality.

Homemade Dress Shield. To make an inexpensive dress shield, purchase about one-quarter of a yard of lightweight rubber sheeting and one roll of narrow tape. Tear up an old cents per pair, thereby saving from 15 The assertion of the mouthpiece of to 20 cents per pair, and I find that Lafayette that Hood River is trying they are more durable than the bought ones.—Philadelphia Press.

Few people consider mutton fat good eating, yet it is a mistake to choose lean mutton, because the absence of fat shows poorly fed stock. The fat should be white, not yellow, and the meat should be firm and dry. As a general rule, all meat should be firm not flabby. But, while in choosing mutton one should look for a piece of which the lean part is dark colored, in the case of lamb and veal the meat cannot be too white.

A lady is soft of speech and pleas perfect control of herself, keeps her the will not make a display of them to the

Signs of Carelessness. It is distillusioning to a degree to see

an otherwise levely and dainty woman with neglected finger nails, solied col lar band or some other sign of carelessness. One cannot belp but feel that these are indications of greater shortcomings, and if a woman does not care to create such an impression it were well for her to look to her nails

A Shirt Waist Hint. down a shirt waist that has a tendency put it on before you put on your petticoat. Pin the ends of the shirt waist are put on, the waist is drawn in tight and smooth, and there is no chance of its working loose and becoming unsightly looking.

Coffee.

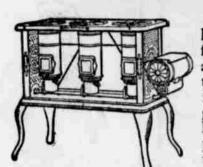
No matter of how good a quality your coffee or tea is it will be ruined if the water used in making it has bolled more than once. Do not let the water boil more than three or four minutes. The natural properties of the water escape by evaporation, leaving behind an insipid compound that is rulnous to the best coffee.

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