

WALKS UP MT. HOOD FROM HOOD RIVER

Miss Gertrude Benham, an English woman who has walked over a good part of the earth's surface, arrived at the Mount Hood hotel here Saturday, after having planned in Hood River for the purpose of getting some coffee and sandwiches, and was left by passenger train No. 5 on the morning of August 5. When last seen she was standing on the platform. Two witnesses saw him standing, his daughter and Conductor Freeman. "That was the last seen of him," said the missing man's nephew, police officer here. "I have followed every rumor that has come out as to his whereabouts, but am as much in the dark now as I was when I began. My uncle was 63 years of age, though he did not appear more than 50. He weighs about 5 feet 6 inches tall, sandy hair, sandy mustache and thin blue whiskers and is not at all gray. When he was last seen he wore a light gray coat, vest and hat, the hat being soft felt, dark trousers and a soft tan shirt. He has rather thin features and speaks with a Swedish accent. On his person were two drafts on the Cumberland, Wis., (state) bank for \$200 and \$100 respectively. He had very little "cash."

Local officials are on the lookout for the missing man, but only the two theories as to the cause of his disappearance have thus far been advanced. One theory is that he was struck or dragged by the train and scattered, or that he was the victim of foul play by thugs who had probably followed him, awaiting an opportunity such as was presented at the Umatilla station in the early morning, when the old man left the train practically alone. The latter is considered more likely. The old Pennsylvania Dutch, Dunkard recommends "Hickory Bark Cough Remedy." Guaranteed to cure your cough, and guaranteed to be pure. Made from the bark of the shell bark or white hickory tree. For sale by Chas. N. Clarke and all dealers everywhere.

Murdered at Cook's Landing. Ben Stahl was murdered at Cook's Landing last Wednesday night at 11:30 by being shot and instantly killed. The murderer is an Italian bartender in the saloon run by W. K. Ellsworth. Stahl is a young man, who lived on a homestead back of the landing and had spent several hours in the saloon. The trouble which caused the shooting, was started over a purse of money. Stahl, it is said, laid his pocketbook on the bar and later could not find it and then accused Vicinno, the bartender, of stealing it. This accusation was the last words he spoke for the Italian instantly whipped out a gun he had beneath the bar and fired at Stahl. One shot was enough for the dropped to the floor dead. The Italian was quick to realize what he had done. Leaping over the bar he ran out of the saloon and before the people at the landing could realize what had occurred he had crossed the river in a row boat and made his escape. The officials in this city were notified to keep sharp lookout for the murderer. It is thought that he made his way toward the Dalles.

Work Commenced on Records. A. D. Hughes and E. F. Wentz, of Baker City, who have the contract for transcribing the records pertaining to Hood River county from the books of Wasco county began the work last week. Three stenographers have been engaged in the near future, for it is the intention of the contractors to have six typewriters at work continually. The terms of the contract provide that the work shall be completed within ten months from the date of filing of the contractors' bond. The bond will be filed immediately. The contractors say, however, that it is their intention to have the work finished some time before the date set it must be completed.—Chronicle.

Shippers Report on Apple Crop. According to the report of the executive committee of the International Apple Shippers' Association in the United States, Canada and Nova Scotia is to be moderately larger than last year, it being the heaviest on the Pacific slope. The estimates, as usual, are based upon the crop of last year in each state and the increase or diminishing of the percentage shows the relative condition of the crop as compared with August 1, 1907. The estimate follows:

State, percentages and quality: Maine, 45 per cent, quality good; New Hampshire, 70, good; Vermont, 70, good; Massachusetts, 60, good; Connecticut, 65 fair to good; Rhode Island, 75, good; New York, 100, very good; Pennsylvania, 100, good; New Jersey, 90, poor to good; Delaware, 85, fair to good; Ohio, 125, fair to good; Michigan, 75, fair to good; Wisconsin, 130, good; Indiana, 100, poor to good; Illinois, 80, poor to good; Missouri, 138, poor to good; Kansas, 300, poor to good; Oklahoma, 70, good; Arkansas, 10, poor to good; Iowa, 70, fair to good; Nebraska, 300, fair to good; West Virginia, 60, poor to good; Virginia, 85, poor to good; Maryland, 35, poor to good; Kentucky, 50, poor; Tennessee, 75, poor; Colorado, 100, good; Idaho, 200, very good; Utah, 200, good; Montana, 250, very good; California, 250, very good; Oregon, 200, very good; Washington, 250, very good; New Mexico, 300, very good; Nova Scotia, 100, good; Canada (not including Nova Scotia), 100, good.

New Ways to Market Apples. H. O. Mead, one of the well known fruit growers of the state, who originated the Mead strawberry, has an original way of marketing his Baldwin apples. His plan is to allow the apples to ripen on the trees, thus obtaining the very highest degree of quality and color. The apples are not picked, but are allowed to fall upon a thick mat of straw underneath the trees, thus protecting them against injury or soiling. It is a common joke among his neighbors that Mr. Mead gets more for his windfalls than other people get for their No. 1s, but there is a plenty of truth in the joke. For the writer has seen actual title of sale made by Boston commission merchants for Mr. Mead's very fancy prices for these same apples. Baldwin's ripeness in this way are of unusual size and a very deep rich color, which enables them to make a place for themselves in the market when handled by dealers used to choice trade. This fruit often sells at 80 to 85 per barrel when other fruit is not bringing more than half that value. It is hard to say whether any large amount of apples ripened in this way could find a similar market, but Mr. Mead's fruit sells on its reputation year after year with the best of results.—Lowell Courier.

BACK IN NEW YORK RAE TELLS OF TRIP

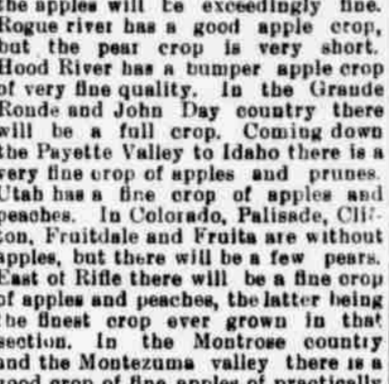
George Rae, of Rae & Hatfield, says the Fruit Trade Journal, returned Monday of this week from an extended business trip through the fruit producing sections of the northwest, which was made for the purpose of sizing up the fruit outlook and closing up contracts for his firm. He reports that he had a very successful trip and that his firm will have larger shipments of fruit from these sections than ever, and that the quality of the apples will be especially fine. In speaking of the outlook in the sections he visited, Mr. Rae said: "North Yakima will have a fine crop of apples, peaches and pears, the pear crop being the largest ever produced in that section. This crop begins moving this week. In the Wenatchee and Lake Chelan section there will be double the apple crop of last year and the apples will be exceedingly fine. Rogue river has a good apple crop, but the pear crop is disappointing. Hood River has a bumper apple crop of very fine quality. In the Grande Ronde and John Day country there will be a full crop. Coming down the Pacific Valley to Idaho there is a very fine crop of apples and pears. Utah has a fine crop of apples and peaches. In Colorado, Palisade, Clinton, Fruitdale and Fruita are without exception, but there will be a few pears. East of Rifle there will be a fine crop of apples and peaches, the latter being the finest crop ever grown in that section. In the Montrose country and the Montezuma valley there is a good crop of the apples at especially all varieties. On the northern slope at Paonia and Hotchkiss there is a good crop of apples and a fair crop of peaches. At Delta the apple crop is light, but they will ship about 100 cars against 250 cars shipped from this point two years ago. Taking the entire producing section of the north west I feel safe in saying that the apple crop will be exceptionally large and collectively of high quality. The weather has been exceedingly hot and this has aided very materially in causing the peaches to mature early."

Superstition Kills Indian. Walrus Strong, the second Indian to die by the hand of James Coosee-i Pahot, made farewell to his Indian friends last evening and passed to the happy hunting ground, says the Yakima Herald. He died at Toppenish, where he had been taken by pneumonia some time ago. Medical aid had been refused, the strange superstition of their kind remaining with the Indian until the last moment. Dr. Frank offered to take care of Strong some time ago, but the Indians would not permit him to do so, preferring to put into use their own medicines and their own ceremonies over the dying man. The direct cause of Strong's death is nothing more than blood poison. When he was shot by Coosee-i in the latter part of June, the bullet simply entered his arm. He died it been removed at the time there is no doubt but that he would have recovered. Coosee-i is in the county jail awaiting to be arraigned when the fall term of court opens. He is a bad Indian and has caused more or less trouble on the reservation for some time. He quarreled with Strong last June over some trivial affair, resulting in his shooting Strong in the arm and murdering his mother-in-law outright. He also threatened several other Indians and is said to have shot at several in making his escape to the hills and on to Salem, Oregon. He was captured at Salem and brought back here.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the assessor of the Hood River Irrigation District has completed the assessment roll for 1908 and turned the books over to the secretary, where it may be inspected. The Board of directors will sit as an equalization board, commencing Wednesday at 2 p. m., August 20, 1908. By order of president, R. W. Kelley, Secretary.

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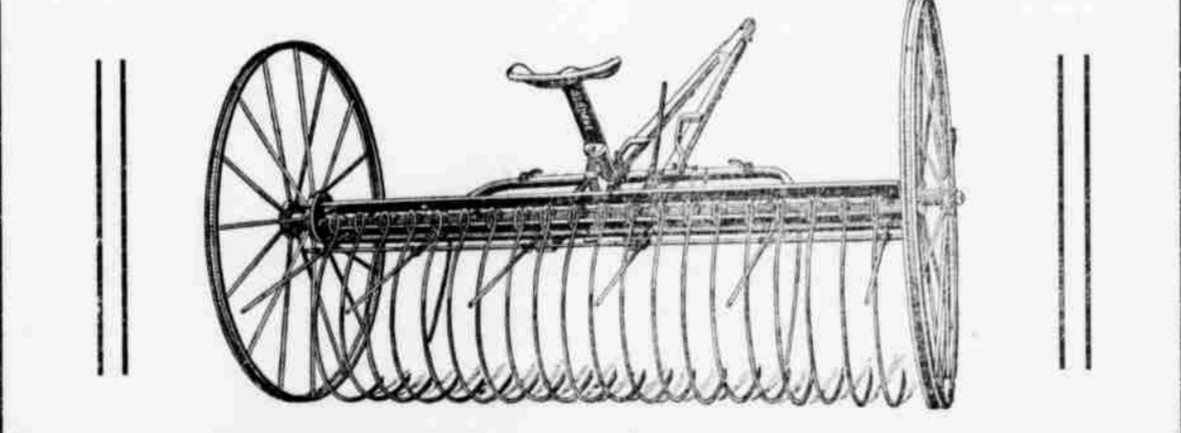
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