NOTES ON NATIONAL APPLE MEN'S CONGRESS

Through the courtesy of a gentleman who lives in Omaha but is the owner of orchard land at Hood River and deeply interested in this section, we are enabled to publish the following interesting account of the apple exhibit at the congress of apple growers at Council Bluffs:

At Council Bluffs, Iowa, a National Horticultural Congress has just been held. It aroused much interest and enthusiasm in that city and surrounding states and cities. The city of Council Bluffs was draped in red, white and blue streamers along miles of its streets, and in every store and public building. Delegations and large numbers of visitors to the National Corn Show, which was also in session at Omaha at the same time, visited the Congress in Council Bluffs. Several trains of visitors to the Corn Show went in a body to the Congress.

The exhibits of really high grade were in quantity about a third of a Hood River Fair exhibit, but still the interest was intense. Wenatchee, Canyon County, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, and a Stark exhibit from Missouri practically consituted the total. There were also exhibits from Colorado and Utah, about 16 states in all were represented although not all in fresh fruit. The Southern Pacific company had a booth and was supposed to represent Oregon. Only a few individual apples were shown. No literature on Oregon was obtainable except from one locality on the Umpqua. Inquiries for literature about Oregon fruit lands were met by California fruit land literature and the statement that this was practically the same land.

The difference in appearance of fruit land due to locality was shown as it could not have been in any local fair. Apples of the same variety from the Pacific coast, from Iowa and Missouri, and from Maryland could be compared, as to color, size and general appearance. In general it may be said that fruit from the middle west is lacking in color, good appearance and size. The fruit from that territory not merely was pale, but it was marred with blotches and uneveness of color, ring streaks and speckled. Enthusiastic comment on the Pacific coast fruit in contrast was everywhere heard. The people simply said that they had never known what an apple was. The congress might have been termed a congress to show how the Middle West could not raise attractive fruit. Even Stark's exhibit in his specialties ,such as Black Ben Davis and Delicious was pale and colorless compared with these same varieties from the Pacific coast. The Black Ben from the coast showed up dark, even colored and as fine looking as Arkansas Black.

The Winesap exhibit was remarkable in showing what the Winesap proper could do in size, additional to its normal good color, and in what the Stayman Winesap could do as to color, additional to its better size. Maryland sent some remarkable exhibits of Winesap and Stayman Winesaps, showing what that state can do in competing with the Pacific coast in this variety. In size, color, and general appearance this exhibit was remarkable.

King David from the Pacific Coast was one of the most striking exhibits. The red of the samples was a deep rich Mahogany red, and made a wonderful background for the bright yellow flush on each apple, excited great interest, particularly when massed in piles or boxes.

Banana may be inferior in flavor and keeping qualities, but no apple received as much admiration, not even the magnificent Spitzenbergs. The clear transparent waxen appearance and perfect evenness of color commends itself to multitudes who wish adornment for the table and the home. The grower is apt to undertsand this selling quality and base everything on flavor. Whenever puddings are made for show as well as for food, the eating thereof is not the only proof of value. The demand for such a fancy apple will result in methods of shipment without injury. There are fancy apples of beautiful appearance which the consumer is going to have, irrespective of the opinion of the grower, and Banana appears to be one of such variety, judging from the comments and purchases at the Congress. One grower from Idaho stated that he had just sold his Bananas for $3.75 per box. The value of a variety of handsome apples, also, to make a beautiful exhibit on the table, appeared to be emphasized at the congress, although minimized by the grower. Beauty has its value in the home as much as has feeding. Flowers are growing in demand in the wealthy east, and with this is a growing demand for beauty and variety in fruit.

The following varieties, chiefly in Iowa fruit, were very poor in appearance: Huntsman, Richards Graft, Isham Sweet, Roman Stem, Hamilton Crib, Kinnaird's Choice, Falls Orange, Lawver, Roxbury Russet, Ideal, Arrow, Pewaukee, Perry Russet, York, Utter Red, Sowell, Red Beitigheimer, Grant Crab, Train, Sweet Crab, Gen. Grant, Allen Choice, Hawthordon, Seevirs, Winter Maiden Blush, Surpriss, Baltimore Red, Mason, Senator, Hunt's Red, Mann, Champion, Red Cheek Pippin, McIntosh, Willow Twig, Early Ripe, London Pippin, Paragon, Smokehouse, Sutton Beauty, Quince Apple, Chicago, Ben Hur, Alaska, Sherrieb, Fulton, Iowa Blush, Gilpin, Red King, Sweet Pear, Sheridan, Dr. Walker, Wilson Sweet.

Black Twig showed up more poorly than usual, too much green and blackish red, but of good size.

A variety termed White Winter Pyramid appeared to be much like White Winter Pearmain. York Imperial and Missouri Pippin made a fine showing for such inferior varieties. Porter apples were shown in very beautiful waxen samples of perfect color, samples of Hoover in deep and uniform color made a fine showing. Other inferior varieties that made a good appearance were Sweet Romanite, Windsor, Springdale, Winter Sweet, Paradise, Canada Baldwin, Legal Tender, Deleware Red, Prize Taker, Givens, Newport, Waxen, Patten Greenings, Jersey Sweet.

The recent congress emphasized strongly the fact that every hundred dollars spent on exhibiting in the consuming districts is worth a thousand dollars spent in exhibiting in the growing districts. The man with the apple between his teeth is the man that sets the price. It was pitiful to see so much enthusiasm of the people over the tiny Pacific coast exhibit at this Congress in view of the magnificent displays that Pacific coast growers have been showing each other in Oregon and Washington at their annual admiration societies. The genuine demand and eagerness in the east and middle west for fancy apples is not understood on the Pacific coast. A small educational display held each year by Hood River in several large cities, with a moderate amount of fancy fruit for sale, could in a short time create a positive demand at prices still higher, the visitors being able to sample quality as well as appearance. The larger the increase in the demand for fancy fruit, the larger can the present prices be maintained in spite of crop increase, or even be run higher. The fact that Hood River has sold its fruit heretofore to buyers seeking all of it, does not prove that the highest possible price has been secured. Fruit growing is a manufacturing enterprise of high grade. Few manufacturers attempt to get along without a large force of traveling salesmen and well organized advertising, simply leaving the public to hunt the factory. That Hood River has done so well under crude arrangements for pushing its products, is evidence that well organized displaying among consumers and well planned arrangements for supplying them, must be very profitable in maintaining and arranging prices, on the other hand, the Hood River that despises other growing localities and their products is making a mistake, if eastern observations are of any value. The Wenatchee, Yakima, Idaho or southern Oregon apple is so far ahead of eastern fruit, that the eastern consumer will not reject it in favor of a Hood River apple not ready at hand, and when a growing district has become familiar to a consuming territory, Hood River can't then get into its trade on the bare assertion of superior flavor. While Hood River is sleeping and remaining satisfied with its sales, other growing districts are establishing themselves in the general eastern territory.

Western fancy apples are now being used in small quantities as a bait for selling their inferior grades. In many cities and towns a few boxes of fancy apples are placed in the windows, but customers are refused anything except from boxes of No. 2 or culls in the rear of the store. I have been repeatedly turned away from such exhibits of fruit with a curt and positive statement that the latter was not for sale. A Hood River exhibit in such a town, and opportunity given to purchase such fruit, and to see how a reliable box of apples is the same, top, botiom and middle, would train buyers to resist the bait process. In New York there is less of this bait process and the high grades are obtainable. In November last I purchased them for eight cents each, the same quality of Hood River Spitz that I was selling at Hood River for 3.27. I asked one dealer whether he had Oregon apples from some other locality. He replied in a most scornful manner, "I carry only Hood Rivers."

St. Louis seems to be almost bare of Oregon apples at all times. Chicago is generally without them except for short intervals. I explored Chicago many times last winter without finding one such apple. Very small Colorado Jonathans were the only fancy apples on the dealers' stands and later eastern Russets of small size the only apology for good apples.

Omaha gets a few cars of Washington apples annually, with a car or two only of Hood Rivers and these are inferior varieties. The Omaha commission men aim to buy the cheapest goods, both in fruit and other lines. Yet probably a fair amount of fancy fruit could be taken at good prices. One retail dealer this winter quickly disposed of one box of Hood River fancy Spitz, for 10 cents each, size about 72. Last winter a car of No. 1 inferior varieties and some cull Newtowns were brought to Omaha. The Newtowns make the name of Hood River the laughing stock of the town. They were hardly larger than walnuts, scabby and inferior in every way. The name on the box was that of a Hood River prize winner not now an orchardist.

Will Room Poultry Business.

Poultry raisers are taking lots of interest in the coming show of the Lane County Poultry Association at Eugene December 21st to 24th. Handsomely engraved silver trophies will be given as prizes. The poultry product of Oregon is valued at five million dollars annually.

CRAPPER.

Miss Mary Wickham was the happy recipient of a shower on Friday afternoon of last week. It was not a linen nor a tin shower but a miscellaneous shower of things both useful and ornamental in the way of housekeeping. The contributions and contributors were too numerous to enumerate. What does it mean?

Rev. Charles Sherman of Hood River preached at Oak Grove hall on last Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Huyett in Portland on Dec. 20th, a son. Mr. and Mrs. Huyett are former Crapperites and ye scribe is grandpa some more.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house on Thursday afternoon Dec. 24th. An elaborate program will be rendered and a general invitation is extended to the public.

The Ladies Aid Society desires to render thanks to the public for their liberal patronage and presence at their annual bazaar. They also wish to state that the teachers of the Crapper school kindly loaned them a part of their Christmas program for the occasion. The bazaar was an all round success. The proceeds amounted to something over $61.

BELMONT.

We are to have two Christmas trees in the neighborhood this year, the one at Belmont church will be Thursday evening where a program will be given by the Sunday school children, also special music. The other at Grange Park Hall. We trust no one of the little folks will be passed by or any of the older ones.

Mr. Skinner of Washougal visited friends in Belmont Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Ernest Blalock and Miss Mabel Heaton sprung a suprise on their friends by getting married Thursday instead of Sunday as they gave out. May happiness be their's.

It is rumored another wedding will soon take place not 20 miles from Belmont. The more the merrier.

Mrs. Frank MacFarland has been to Portland visiting her mother Mrs. M B Potter, who has been quite sick. Her Doctor advises Mrs. Potter to go to San Diego for the winter.

Will Davis has a new graph-phone. The children are very proud of its music.

Miss Ethel Farrell had a birthday last week. She received a new ring from her parents.

Mrs. Isabell will spend Christmas at Hermiston, Oregon, where her parents resdie.

W. L. Smith will spend the holidays in Portland with his wife and daughter. He finds it rather lonesome keeping bachelor's hall.

A. D. Ramsey has a spanking new team. The way the dirt will fly now will not be slow.

Mr. Henderson is having some land cleared. Martin Masiker is kept on the jump.

The illustrated lecture at the church was not as well attended as it would have been had the weather been more favorable.

A beautiful carpet of snow covers the earth hiding all defects and impurities. A fitting likeness for us. To help us have our lives as white and pure as it is.

Sleigh bells are ringing joyously as the cutters and bobsleds pass by filled with happy light hearted folks, happy because the Christmas season has come again.

Dorsey Smith, formerly a Belmont boy, is to be married today to Miss A. Wilson of Pennawawa, Washington.

M. P. Isenberg returned from Forest Grove last Friday.

Alice Merrill has been quite sick with cold and sore throat.

We hope everyone will have a merry Xmas. While we are merry let us not forget those whose homes have been saddened and send them Xmas greetings.

FRANKTON.

Frankton met a disastrous defeat at the Coliseum rink, Friday, December 18. Barrett won the victory. The score was 18 to 6. It was a one sided affair, Barrett having the advantage in team work. At the close of the first half, Frankton had a show for winning, but the second half was just the sequal. Barrett walked through us as easy as the hen crossed the road. Many fouls were made on both sides, Frankton making the majority. Murphy was the star of the game, he made the most difficult baskets. "Pete" Markham did his share to make the game interesting. We will try not to let it happen again. The lineup was as follows:

Frankton		Barrett
Eby Cap.	r f	Thornbury
Keer, Ledford	l f	R. Murphy
Ledford, Heaton	c	Markam, Capt
Nickleson	r g	Thomas
Kerr, Nelson	l g	Davidson

Timekeepers, Stubbs, Murphy; Umpire, Young; Referee, Waldsetin; halves, 20 minute.

Reply to last week's postal trouble: It is strange that a poor fellow cannot play a joke on a party for his own pleasure that the public is so wrought up over it that they wond r at his financial standing or his amount of brains.

Eva Gatchel, a primary tot, has departed from Frankton with her parents to her former home in Kansas. We wish her good luck on her journey.

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64. 2½ miles from Underwood, fine sightly location, excellent soil, not a stone on place. Most of it easy clearing. Will sell 15, 20 or 25 acres at $125 per acre.

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66. 10 acres, cornering on town of Husum, fine level tract, fine soil, a very desirable small tract. $100 per acre. Very easy terms.

67. Another 10 acre tract near the above, fronting on the White Salmon river, fine soil, somewhat broken up by ravines, a beautiful place for a home. $75 per acre.

68. 40 acres 2½ miles from Underwood, in a sheltered little valley, earliest strawberry location in the whole Underwood district. About 25 acres good tillable land, balance fit only for pasture. About 12 acres in cultivation. About 4½ acres in strawberries, 3 acres more ready to set to berries or trees, free water to irrigate, same from spring piped into land. About 30 bearing fruit trees. 450 Newtowns set this spring, 25 Spitzenberg set a year ago. Has the making of one of the finest ranches in the Underwood district. A good income from the start. Price $6500. Half down cash.

69. 80 acres 4½ miles from Underwood. 4 acres in alfalfa, 6 acres cleared. About 50 fruit trees, some just coming into bearing Newtowns, Spitzenberg and Winter Banana. New house, barn and out buildings. 30 acres easily cleared. Price $4000. Terms.

70. 100 acres 4 miles from Underwood, overlooking Columbia river for miles, land gently rolling, deep loose red shot clay soil. The most desirable of all soils for growing highly colored fruit, land rather heavily timbered, enough wood to more than pay for clearing. A fine commercial proposition if taken as a whole, but will divide into small tracts if desired. $100 per acre, half cash.

71. 75 acres adjoining above tract on the north, identical in every way, but will sell in small tracts at from $50 to $100 per acre, on very easy terms to those who will reside on the land, will accept labor for part of purchase price or some portions of this. Owner will clear, plant to orchard and care for same for purchaser if desired.

72. 80 acres 2 miles from Underwood, uncleared, more or less surface rock, but very fine soil with plenty of moisture. A fine opportunity to get a good home close in. This land grows especially fine peaches, as well as all other fruits to perfection. 1 mile from school. Price $80 per acre. Easy terms. Will accept part in labor.

73. 35 acres ¾ miles from post office, railroad and dock. 1½ acres set to strawberries and peaches last spring, about 6 or 7 acres slashed and burned ready to grub, 2 or 3 acres so called levee dam land, which will grow anything. Land strictly first class for all kinds of fruit. Less than an acre unfit for cultivation, which is more or less rocky. Telephone line along place, county and state roads on one side, school ½ mile. Price $6000. Easy terms.

74. 20 acres 1½ miles from Underwood, 75 to 100 bearing apple trees (600 boxes 1908,) 200 apple trees, 2 yrs. old, Newtowns and Spitzenbergs, 100 peach trees, 20 in bearing, balance 2 yrs. old; 10 pears Bartlett bearing, 20 cherries, Royal Ann and Lambert, 6 bearing, balance 2 yrs. old, 8 bearing prunes, 1½ acres strawberries, grape arbor, house, barn, water piped to house from spring with rain. Extra early location, deep, rich soil, but some lying on rather steep slope. Magnificent view of both White Salmon and Columbia Rivers. Fine location for ideal home. Price $5000.

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How Could She Do It?

The homely forms of speech used by the country people with whom little Edith and her mother boarded last summer were frequently very puzzling to the child.

One evening the farmer's wife, in talking for a few minutes with Edith's mother, remarked that, as she was very tired that night, she would "go to roost with the chickens."

When Edith's bedtime arrived a little later the youngster was nowhere to be found. After considerable search she was discovered sitting on a large stone near the chicken house, quietly watching the fowl as they came in one by one.

"Edith," called her mother, "what are you doing there? I've been looking for you everywhere; it's time to go to bed."

"I know, mother," was the reply, "but they're nearly all in now, so she'll be here soon, I guess."

"Who are in and who will be there? What on earth are you talking about, child?" asked the mystified mother.

"Why," explained Edith, rather impatiently, "you know Mrs. — said she was going to roost with the chickens tonight, and I'm waiting to see how she does it."

Eating Test For Cooks.

In a certain employment agency ten cooks out of a job waited one afternoon last week for a situation to turn up. Presently a well gowned woman who was short of servants applied at the desk for the desired help. The manager referred her to the ten cooks. The woman interviewed each of them in turn with unsatisfactory results.

"Not one of them," she explained to the manager of the agency, "likes to eat the things that we like."

"But what difference does that make?" asked the manager. "They are no doubt good girls for all that."

"Yet they wouldn't suit me," the woman replied decisively. "My family have very pronounced tastes in cookery, and my experience has taught me that only a cook who likes the same dishes that we like can prepare them satisfactorily. That is a matter of simple common sense. It stands to reason that any dish a cook likes will turn out better than one she doesn't like; consequently I will do the work myself till I find a girl whose tastes agree with ours."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Nature and the Barnacle.

In the barnacle we have a unique and wonderful case of a creature that can afford as age comes on to dispense with the eyesight that was so useful in youth. For the young and old barnacle are as different one from the other as fishes from seaweed. In the heyday of life the barnacle swims about the sea, seeking its food with the aid of its eyes and generally leading a roaming existence. Later in life, however, it grows tired of this aimless wandering and settles down to worry ships' captains by attaching itself to the keel of their craft and defying the much advertised powers of various preventive paints. Once, then, the barnacle has become a fixture, whether on ships or sharks, its eyesight is of no more use. It cannot seek its food, and it cannot shun its foes, for it never more will move. Therefore its eyes become superfluous and, according to nature's invariable rule in such cases, disappear.

Lived to Fight Another Day.

Frederick the Great simply lost his head at Molwitz, his first battle. Had he not been a king it is safe to say that he would have been shot at the next sunrise. In the heat of the carnage he got an idea that the army under his command was being overwhelmed, so he put the spurs to his horse and dashed headlong among his soldiers. He rode many miles before he stopped in his wild flight. Late at night he was discovered hiding in an old mill, awaiting, as he thought, capture by the enemy. Then he discovered that the army he deserted had won the battle. As Frederick was a prince, everybody tried to forget the incident just as quickly as possible, and after that, when the king went to war, he was just as brave as any other soldier.

On the Verge of Prostration.

"What else have you got?" asked Cholly, looking languidly over the bill of fare for something to tempt his jaded appetite.

"Well," replied the waitress, "we have hot biscuits too."

"That'll do," said Cholly, resting his intellect by tossing the bill of fare aside. "Bring me a hot biscuit stew."—Chicago Tribune.

Rebuttal Testimony.

The Guest—Isn't your little boy rather nervous, Mrs. Bimm? Mrs. Bimm—No; I think not. Little Boy—Yes, I am, ma; when people who come here stay too long it makes me wriggle around and kick my chair.

Badly Expressed.

In Grant-Duff's "Notes From a Diary" it is told that when Landseer, the great animal painter, was presented to the king of Portugal his majesty said: "Ah, I am so glad to see you! I always like beasts!"

Compromise.

Customer (in bookstore)—Let me have a copy of "Antony and Cleopatra." Clerk—Yes, sir; $1, please. Customer—Dear me, I've only got 50 cents. Just give me Antony!—Harper's Weekly.

A Pocket Symphony.

"My piano is very much like my trousers pockets. When my wife goes into them she often finds nothing but keys, and then there is music."—New York Globe.

Why He Fretted.

Amateur Sportsman (after shooting his best friend)—Too bad, too bad! But I thought you were a deer. The Victim—Don't fret. Amateur Sportsman—Don't fret! Why, man, I promised my wife a pair of horns.—Illustrated Bits.

What's the Use?

"Ought we not to do something more for the preservation of our forests?"

"Oh, what's the use?" answered Senator Sorghum impatiently. "Trees can't vote."—Washington Star.

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Born That Way.

There is perhaps no point on which the librarian and child disagree so entirely as that of the proper condition of the hands. A child whose hands were black with dirt solemnly stated, "I was born that way." Another declared that the doctor said "he must not wash his hands till the weather got warmer." Another whispered, "Teacher, that's the color of my skin."

A boy who brought back a book with its cover soiled and greasy refused to pay the fine and finally brought his mother in to speak in his behalf. We had been very unjust and unkind to her boy, she said, "for he is very careful. He puts his book in the icebox where the baby can't get it, and nothing but our food and Willie's books ever goes in that icebox."—Library Journal.

A Few Sufficed.

Sir James Crichton-Browne was sent on a mission to Jamaica in connection with the British colonial office. While at Kingston he had an encounter with a colored but very humble official. Sir James, a strenuous sanitarian and an ardent Scot, was keenly interested in the Scottish population of the island. "Do you have many Scotsmen in these parts?" he asked of the official. The darky thought for a moment and then answered, "Not many; just a few, but enough." Sir James collapsed.

A Diplomatic Tramp.

"Why don't you vamoose? I said no."

"Ah, madam, a beautiful woman's no ofting means yes."

He got the cold bite for which he was pleading, and it was even warmed over for him.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Great Art In Little.

"Is there really any art in conversing?"

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