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### J. C. Johnsen Hood River

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# Quality! Quality! Quality!

Should be taken into consideration first of all when purchasing paint supplies. The cost of labor is at least twice the cost of the material. Is it therefore not policy to use material that will last for years? Acme quality will stand the test of time. The sweetness of low prices never equals the bitterness of poor quality.

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### HOOD RIVER—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (Continued From Page One.)

Blowers Bros., brick hardware store now is located.  
On December 13, 1894, commenced the greatest snow storm known since the settlement of the valley. Snow fell everyday for three weeks, when it measured five feet on a level. It came so fast at first that no one attempted to turn out to break roads. The only way of getting about was by the use of snow shoes. About every man, woman and child in the valley got proficient in the use of snow shoes or skis.  
In June, 1889, Hood River's first newspaper, The Glacier, made its appearance. Geo. T. Prather published the paper three months, having it printed in The Dalles. John H. Cradlock then took charge of the paper, bought a press and type, and The Glacier has never missed an issue from that day to this. The first power press in Hood River was set up to print the Glacier about the year 1893.  
The growth of population in Hood River town and valley was slow until the completion of what is known as the ditch of the Farmers' Irrigating Co. Since then the growth in population and increase in price of land has been wonderful.  
The first church congregation was organized in the Barrett district about 1885. One Sunday morning when the people assembled at Frankton school house to attend the Union Sunday school they found a tramp in possession of the school room. He was a young Scotchman. He gave his name as Mac. His clothes were in tatters and his general make-up was anything but prepossessing. He stood at the door and greeted everyone, at least every adult, with the words: "Are you a Christian?" Instead of our Sunday School lesson that day this young man took charge

and preached a sermon and it was a good sermon, showing that he was well versed in Scripture, for which he had a remarkable memory. That evening he preached in Barrett school house, and his meetings there were continued every night for about two weeks. An old man named Van Asselt, who then owned the place now occupied by Chase, Plog, took the young man to his home, and the neighbors outfitted him with a new suit of clothes. Great interest was taken in the meetings and resulted in a church congregation being organized and from that sprung the first Congregational church of Hood River.  
The young tramp-preacher had struck it rich in Hood River, but like the genuine tramp he could not stand prosperity. While at the Van Asselt's house he made love to his host's youngest daughter. The young people, it is said, had laid plans to elope, but were discovered just in time. He was given a trial by a committee of citizens, who found him guilty of the charge of attempting to steal Van Asselt's daughter. He was then taken to town and given a railroad ticket to some point in Eastern Oregon.  
In those days before the advent of churches and the telephone it was customary for the settlers to exchange visits more frequently than it is today. Picnics were frequent. May Day, Decoration Day and 4th of July were picnic days when the whole community would get together. Frankton school grounds were generally selected for picnics. Society was all of one caste, no distinction being made. Every man or woman was as good as any other man or woman, and all enjoyed the same privileges in Hood River society.  
Hood River today boasts a city of 3000 inhabitants with a rural population exceeding that number. Hood River city is the county seat of the new county of Hood River. It has eight or nine churches of different denominations. It has a high school with a corps of teachers of which all

are justly proud. Its common school buildings, as well as those in every district in the valley, are up to date in every particular, with able instructors.  
The city has two weekly newspapers, The Glacier and News, and one monthly publication, Better Fruit. These banking institutions do a business in line with cities of the first rank.  
The products of Hood River's orchards have made Hood River known in every civilized land. Hood River leads in every thing that pertains to the propagation, cultivation and marketing of the apple, the King of fruits. Hood River's specialists in line of apple growing and preparing the fruit for market are in demand at every horticultural institute or gathering where people attend who are cultivating the apple for profit. Hood River's young men skilled in the work of packing apples are called to distant parts to instruct others.  
Of Hood River today it can be truthfully said it is one of the most favored spots on the Pacific slope. Land valuations have reached a stage that is bewildering to some of us who saw Hood River in earlier days. Sales of improved real estate at one thousand five hundred dollars an acre and upward are of every day occurrence.  
With ample return for capital investment, a steady demand for labor there is no want, no abject poverty in Hood River today.  
Intelligent and industrious, with strong faith in each other, the people of Hood River are rich in every blessing that goes to make up a prosperous and happy community.  
Being neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, I will not attempt to prognosticate Hood River's future further than to say that, having an abiding faith in the progressive spirit of its people, in the soil and climate and transportation facilities, with the scenic grandeur of its surroundings, there is no room for misgivings in regard to that which is to come.

### UNCLE SAM WANTS A RURAL CARRIER

Rural route No. 3, which covers a large section at the west side has been suspended and this is a job open for some enterprising man who has a good team which he can keep and at the same time keep himself on \$75 per month. John Sarrrell, who has been carrying this route for the past six or eight months, left the service with the end of February and Postmaster William Yates has been unable to locate anybody who will tackle the job. Only one application has been received for a rural mail job in the past year and when this man was taken in to be sworn and he saw the pile of mail which he was to deliver, he lost his nerve.  
All of the rural routes out of Hood River pay the maximum salary which Uncle Sam allows for such service and it is only \$900 a year. The carrier is to furnish his own team and he is not supposed to do any other work in connection or have any other remuneration. The patrons of the routes in Hood River are in the habit of making up a purse for the mail men but in spite of this the job don't look good to them all. The carriers out of this place are probably as heavily laden as any in the whole country and the routes have to be at least 24 miles long in order for the carrier to get the maximum salary.  
Route No. 3 gets about 200 pounds of mail a day and in the 25 miles there are from 200 to 300 stops. The business of the route averages about 30,000 pieces of mail a month.  
The Musical Club is growing in membership and interest taken each meeting. Today is Chalmers Day. Vocal numbers will be by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Stetten and piano numbers by Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Wilbur. The club will meet with Mrs. Marshall at 121 Sherman avenue.



The Stark Year Book for 1910 is ready to mail. It will be sent to any person interested in fruit-growing on receipt of 7 cents to cover postage. The Stark Year Book for 1910 represents an entirely new idea in nurserymen's literature—it is a work of art as well as a catalogue of Stark Nursery products. Within its covers are 32 full-page illustrations of fruits and flowers, representing 175 varieties, done in four colors, and exactly reproducing nature. 84 pages are devoted to descriptions, prices, and records.

### 25% Discount to Mail Order Buyers

is allowed from prices quoted in The Year Book for direct, all-cash-with-order business. Salesmen have been cut out—commissions formerly paid them is given to the planter—he can now have Stark Trees—the highest standard of tree-quality at prices usually asked for inferior nursery stock.

### We Pay Freight—Pack Free and Guarantee Safe Arrival

In addition to giving 25% discount we prepay freight to any point in the United States on orders amounting to \$10.00 (net) or more. All orders are boxed and packed free (most nurserymen charge extra for boxing and packing). We absolutely guarantee safe arrival, give liberal premiums and assure every customer complete satisfaction.

### \$15 per box for Delicious

Eight boxes of Stark Delicious at the Denver National Apple Show, sold at \$15.00 per box, while one box was sold for \$25.00. J. W. Murphy, Glenwood, Iowa.  
That is the world's record price for apples. All the newspapers reported it—it further opened the eyes of planters everywhere. Only surpassing quality—complete apple supremacy could command such a price. Stark Delicious is all that and more.  
If you have not yet planted Delicious or if your plantings of it have been small, make a big order for this spring—don't wait another season. It is the greatest producer in the whole list of apples—you simply can't afford not to have it in your orchard.  
Don't be deceived by unscrupulous nurserymen offering you Delicious. There is but one Delicious and that is Stark Delicious—owned, controlled and sold only by us.  
Send your order early—our immense stock will be over-sold before the end of the season.

### Black Ben Wins Carload Premium

Black Ben won the \$500.00 carload premium at the Denver National Apple Show. Here's a telegram:  
At National Apple Show just closed five hundred dollar carload premium was awarded to Black Ben apples grown on one hundred sixty Stark Trees at Fruita, Colorado.  
(Signed) Dr. S. T. Green, President Fruita Chamber of Commerce.  
Have you Black Ben in your orchard? If not get it in this spring—plant largely of it. As a commercial sort it is unsurpassed, a sure, regular producer of handsome profits. It sold this year at the Wenatchee Wash., Fruit Grower's Ass'n sale, at the same price as Jonathan—\$2.00 per box, while Ben Davis brought only \$1.40, Gano \$1.50 and Mo. Pippin \$1.50.  
You positively cannot make a mistake on Black Ben—plant it largely—you'll never regret it. As a filler for Spitzenberg, Newtown, Jonathan, Delicious, etc., it is excellent.  
Our stock of Black Ben is immense—finer trees never grew. Get your order in early.

From a commercial standpoint I fully and heartily recommend Delicious—Black Ben and Stayman Winesap as three of the finest varieties for commercial orchard planting. The eating qualities of Delicious and Stayman Winesap are superior to any other table apple while Black Ben is the apple for the masses. The keeping qualities of all three varieties are excellent. I came to the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition at the Coliseum, Chicago, with the Wenatchee Commercial Club Exhibit and have sold a number of boxes of Stark Delicious at \$10.00 per box. This, I think, speaks well for them.—C. W. Wilmeroth, Wenatchee, Wash.  
Note: Mr. Wilmeroth spent 32 years on South Water St., Chicago as an apple commission man. He probably is the best posted apple man in the country.—Stark Bro's.

### Stark Early Elberta

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