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## EXPERTS PLAN STORAGE TESTS

GOVERNMENT IS EXPERIMENTING

Representatives from Agricultural Department Visit Valley--Storage Plant at Spokane.

R. B. Pratt and H. J. Ramsey, experts from the pomological offices of the United States Department of Agriculture, spent last Friday and Saturday here to make an investigation of local cool storage conditions. Both men have been making a study of refrigerating problems for the past few years in the State of California. They have recently been at Puyallup, Wash., and at Salem, where experiments were made with pre-cooling systems by the government.

Friday afternoon the government experts, after a trip to the Union's cold storage rooms, where they were presented by James E. Montgomery with Yellow Newtown grown last season in the Central Vale orchards, were taken over the Valley in an automobile by Secretary J. C. Skinner, of the Commercial Club, and Prof. W. H. Lawrence of the Fellowship expert. Every section of the Lower Valley was visited, and the party penetrated the Middle Valley, in order that Mr. Pratt and Mr. Ramsey might get as comprehensive an idea as possible of the different soils of the valley. They left here Saturday afternoon for the White Salmon country, where they will spend a day in going over conditions.

The storage experts will visit every important fruit section between now and picking time, when they will secure samples of apples from the different localities for the purpose of experimenting with them at Spokane, where the government will conduct its storage tests. The Agricultural Department is conducting the tests for the purpose of working out the proper details of refrigeration for the different varieties of apples from the different communities. Apples of different keeping qualities should be subjected to different storage methods. This year's work, which is of a preliminary nature, will be for the purpose of determining the keeping qualities of apples from each section. It is probable that all the fruit will be subjected to a temperature of 32 degrees. Next year the work will probably go a step further and the action of soils will be considered. It is the hope of the fruit marketers that the soil in which fruit has been grown has a great deal to do with its preservation.

In the tests that are to be made Hood River fruit should prove to be among the front rank of keepers. The firmness of its apples is well known wherever the fruit has been marketed. The Newtown Pippin that are put present in the Union's warehouse are an example of the quality of the Valley's fruit. Secretary Skinner procured from the cellar of a rancher in 1909 about a dozen Arkansas Blacks, which were at the time a year old. He placed them in the Union warehouse, where they remained in a perfect state of preservation until the next year. Mr. Pratt and Mr. Ramsey spent Saturday morning going over the local situation with Secretary Skinner and Prof. Lawrence and securing data. Neither of the experts had ever been to the Hood River Valley before. They stated that it had a reputation as being pre-eminent among the Northwest's fruit districts. Both were enthusiastic after the motor trip through the orchards and were delighted with the beautiful scenery of the surrounding country. "It is indeed ideal," said Mr. Ramsey. "Your orchardists should consider themselves particularly fortunate. One of the things for which you are to be envied is the class of people of whom your growers are made up. With the exception of one or two small orange growing sections in California it is alone, I suppose, in the United States. And you have the Union's system of grading and the hearty co-operative spirit with which the organization was maintained, the methods of the Fellowship association and other details of the Valley's business machinery, were explained to him and he concluded: "No wonder, with such spirit, you are able to forge to the front ranks."

## GOVERNMENT EXPERT CRITICIZES BILL

The national good roads department does not approve the highway bill drafted by the state senate, says the Portland Journal. This bill was drafted several months ago and, it is said, will be presented to the people of Oregon as a proper measure to pass by the state legislature at the Oregon Development league.

Logan Waller Page, director of the United States office of public roads, has written to Phil S. Bates, special representative of the department in Oregon, saying:

"Sections 27, inclusive, provide for the selection of the roads to be improved through the medium of a road convention which is to be composed of delegates from each road district in the county to be elected at a meeting to be called therein. I should think this would prove an unsatisfactory way of arriving at a decision as to what roads should be improved."

"In the first place this method of procedure would most likely be more productive of local factionalism and bitterness than of wisdom in the selection of the roads. The mass meeting might pass off harmoniously, but there so many conflicting individual interests and so many individuals are unwilling to make concessions when it comes to a matter of road selection, that it is almost impossible to get as large a body as this would be to agree upon any course. It would therefore often happen that a very bitter fight would occur in the election of delegates to the road convention and at the road convention the conflicting claims of the representatives of the different localities would have to be thrashed out and passed upon by this convention, also composed of a large number. I, therefore, think that this plan is unwise and that it will be better to require the county court to designate the

roads to be improved in the order for election. This would give the people an opportunity to know which roads were to be improved and to pass upon the same, and at the same time it would obviate such a squabble as would be almost sure to occur in every mass meeting such as proposed in this bill."

## COUNTIES AID STATE IN FIRE PROTECTION

Reports from all sections of the state received at the office of the Forest Service, Oregon Forest Fire Association and State Forester, show a most gratifying condition so far as forest fires are concerned. The period of cloudy weather accompanied by showers in the mountains which followed the hot spell has made it possible to successfully cope with all of the fires which started late in July. The promptness with which fires have been discovered and steps taken to suppress them, reflects great credit upon the work of the Federal Government, State and private interests.

The period of greatest danger, however, still remains. Loss of green timber has so far this summer been comparatively small, the fires, with few exceptions being confined to slashings and old burns. There is, however, ample opportunity to reverse this good record unless the utmost care is exercised. Fires not thoroughly extinguished and which have caused no trouble during the cloudy weather will become a decided menace with the advent of a few hot days. These must be carefully watched to prevent their breaking out again.

Campers in great numbers are now in the mountains. They will prove a source of protection if the fire laws are strictly observed, but a decided menace if they are thoughtless and careless. Fire protection in the state has been stimulated by Counties taking upon themselves some responsibility in the matter. Clatsop, Columbia, Lane and Hood River Counties have each, at their own expense put on a man to assist the State Forester in his work. Federal assistance through the Weeks Law is now assured and with a co-operative public and extreme vigilance on the part of patrolmen Oregon has an excellent opportunity to establish a record unsurpassed in former years.

## CAPT. SPENCER WILL COMMAND REGATTA

Captain E. W. Spencer, father of Charles Spencer of White Salmon and famed as a motorboat expert and well known among the steamboat men of the northwest as one of the pioneers of that clique, has been appointed admiral of the Pacific coast regatta to be held at Astoria September 4-9 as a final glorious wind-up for the Astoria Centennial exposition, says the Portland Journal.

Admiral Spencer is popular among lovers of water sports and has always taken a keen interest in the various aquatic events which have been held on the Willamette river and other water sport centers in the northwest. He has had a vast amount of experience in handling all kinds of water craft and feels more at home on the water than on dry land.

Admiral Spencer is one of the real pioneer steamboat men of the Pacific northwest. He could place a nice little pile of cash in the bank if he were now given a nickel for every time he has piloted a steamer up or down the Columbia. In swift water stambolting in the Northwest he is one of the few who have become famed.

## COMMISSIONER SEELEY VISITS VALLEY

C. Ford Seeley, treasurer of the Baltimore Orchard Co., which purchased the Goldsboro tract last fall, arrived in the city Saturday evening and has been busy since then looking over his property. Mr. Seeley, whose home is in Baltimore, has been appointed one of the Maryland commission, which will visit San Francisco and select the site for the Maryland building at the Panama Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915.

Mr. Seeley states that his company, in which a number of influential Baltimore capitalists are interested, is well pleased with the Hood River country. The tract, which is located on the River Road just beyond Tucker's Bridge, has been greatly improved. The company is making a specialty of high grade nursery stock. They have planted about 200,000 young trees, which they are placing on the market. A. N. Swallow, who has been appointed sales manager, reports the sale of 7,000 trees this week.

The tract is under the management of Marshall Osgood. Mr. Osgood, recently married to Miss Stella Jaycox, of Gold Springs, N. Y. The manager and his bride are making their home at the handsome bungalow located in a beautiful grove of fir trees and overlooking the Hood River.

## OREGON WILL HAVE EXCELLENT LOCATION

Oregon may very likely be given first choice in locating its state building on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Due to the good feeling that prevails between the two Pacific Coast states and the help given San Francisco by Oregon in being made the Panama Exposition city, a sentiment favorable to letting Oregon place its state building anywhere it wishes on the entire exposition tract has developed and will probably develop into a definite promise.

Oregon commissioners expect to score a big hit at the coming exposition and assert it will be as such an Oregon affair as an exploitation of California. Exhibits to be shown from this state are expected to equal fully, if not actually outshine, the showing made by California itself.

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## SPROAT RETURNS FROM DETROIT

BOX APPLES ARE GAINING GROUND

Convention Attended by Representative Men--Prices for Year Continue Indefinite.

C. H. Sproat returned yesterday morning from Detroit, where he attended the convention of the National Fruitbuyers' association. The quantity of box apples in the eastern part of the United States and in the Middle West, says Mr. Sproat, is going to be heavier than it was last year. All sections, he stated, are going to have a fair sprinkling of fruit. The New York fruit region, the Ozark country and in fact all of the leading districts will have a good crop. The apples are expected to be of good quality.

"The box apple section," said Mr. Sproat, "will on a conservative estimate have a 10 per cent smaller crop than last year. The product of some of the sections will be greatly reduced, while others will just about hold their own." Wenatchee's crop is estimated at an increase.

The convention was attended by buyers from all over the United States. Mr. Sproat says that they were a good representative body of men and fairminded. They are willing to handle the crop on a business basis and will not make efforts to depress the market. However, the members of the association are all at sea as to making definite statements as to what the price for the coming season will be. The figures of buyers and growers are very inconsistent at the present time. The former are offering \$2 per barrel, while growers are demanding a price of \$3.

All of the fruit men had a good word to say about Western box apples. All assert that they are growing more popular with the trade. This has resulted from many reasons, they say. The box fruit is convenient to handle. The growers are careful to make their packs attractive and reliable. The former reason has great weight with the merchant and the latter two are persuasive elements with both the dealer and the consumer.

Mr. Sproat met a number of the growers from different parts of the country who had made purchases of Hood River fruit last season. "All," he says, "were well pleased with their buys. The apples they handled came up to the mark in every way and added to the reputation of the Valley. They all say that they will be in the market again for some of our fruit and assure reasonable prices."

Mr. Sproat made the return trip over the Canadian Pacific. He states that crop conditions are fair throughout the Middle West. The wheat along the Canadian road will make an excellent yield, from all appearances, he asserts. However, the farmers of the region are very greatly in fear of a frost, the damage of which would be severe should it come within the next two weeks.

## SHERIFF DIGS UP OLD TAX ROLL

In making up the delinquent tax rolls received from Wasco county at the time of the establishment of Hood River county Sheriff Thomas F. Johnson has found back tax due to the amount of \$2,743.49. The delinquencies are taken from the rolls of the years 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906. At that time there was a law in force providing for the sale of property on which taxes were due without advertising it.

Although not required to do so by law, Sheriff Johnson has made a careful investigation of the rolls and has traced the records until he has been able to find the present owners of the property. He has written personal letters to each stating the situation and the amount of taxes payable. The failure of owners to have been previously notified has resulted in heavy penalties from the accrued interest on the delinquencies.

Through carelessness at The Dalles office a number of serious mistakes have been discovered by Sheriff Johnson. In a number of instances, on receipt of the communication from the sheriff stating that tax was due, owners have searched their files and have found receipts for the amount. In instances property has passed through a number of hands. The local records have shown that the tax had been paid and contracts of sale have been entered upon accordingly. In such cases the delinquencies naturally create a great deal of confusion. Some of the property on which the Wasco records show tax due on an inspection of the local office has been found still to belong to the government.

The old law providing for the non-advertisement of property on which delinquent assessment of taxes were due was found to result in great hardships in many cases and was repealed by the state legislature year before last. Under the existing law one half of the amount of the tax is due on or before the first of April. If this amount is not paid at this time after four months the sheriff is authorized to place the property on a delinquent roll and advertise it. The remainder of the tax is due on or before the first Monday in October. If not paid by that date the tax becomes immediately delinquent. The courteous procedure of Sheriff Johnson in communicating with the owners of property, on which the old rolls show delinquencies, is meeting with the best results and will go far toward straightening out the records. Where owners, through oversight, find that they failed to pay the tax, they are settling the amount and glad that the matter is not allowed to run further, whereby greater costs accrue.

## Rigby House Secured as Hospital.

The Rigby house on Oak street and adjoining the Cottage hospital has been secured by the hospital association and will be used exclusively as a maternity ward. The new ward, which will be under the care of three nurses, will greatly increase the facilities and make more convenient the accommodations for patients.