

AFRICAN APPLE GROWER STUDIES LOCAL METHODS

No more enthusiastic horticulturalist has recently visited the Hood River Valley than F. J. Harper, an English apple grower of Clocolan, Fickersburg district of the Orange Free State of South Africa, who has been touring the Western apple belts of the United States to make a study of the methods used in the packing and grading of apples. Mr. Harper is the owner of about 500 acres of land in this district, which he says produces an excellent fruit in quality and flavor.

"Our land is a heavy red loam," said the English fruit man, "very similar to your red shot soil in this valley, but heavier. Our fruit districts are similar to yours in that we plant and get better results on the hillsides and in valleys surrounded by protecting ranges. At present our principal market is Johannesburg. Our apple orchards are young yet, have been out but a short time over five years, but from the products that they have borne, we feel assured of success."

"The American varieties that do best with us are Jonathan, Home Beauty and York Imperial. We cannot raise the Newtown to advantage. However, we have two excellent varieties of yellow apples that we have secured from Australia, the Cleopatra and the Munro Favorite. The London Pippin, another yellow apple from Australia, does very well with us. All the yellow apples have a fine flavor. The Missouri Pippin, an American apple, does fairly well.

"The district in South Africa, where we have our orchards is fine for all kinds of fruit. Pears do well and cherries grow like weeds. Walnuts, too, do well, and in time the district will supply large quantities of nuts. However, we are not attempting to raise small fruits in any large quantities; for the European market is well supplied from Cape Colony. They are closer to the European markets, we are handicapped because of being so far inland, and thus we are going to pay attention to the raising of hard fruits, such as we can store and ship to advantage. We can raise as fine peaches as any other region in the world but because of the greater ease with which they can get them to market, Cape Colony supplies the Continent and England with peaches.

"The visit to America is certainly a revelation to me. Especially that to your Western districts. Before I began my tour I consulted Dr. White of the United States Pomological department. He advised me to visit Watsonville, Rogue River and Hood River. I was at Watsonville for the Apple Show. They can raise fine fruit. Flourish there but Oregon surpasses them on everything else. The growers of that district need to learn some of your co-operative methods and some of your lessons at pack. It seems to me that they were growing careless down there about those things. I like Medford and Hood River very much. But you have it over Medford, when it comes to the management. It seems that you have better business men at the helm of your affairs here. Your business methods of pack and marketing here I consider ideal.

"My visit was more for the purpose of studying such things than anything else. We practice the same methods of care for orchards, pruning and the like that prevail here. I am going to take home with me the ideas of the Oregon pack and endeavor to cause them to prevail in our South African region.

"While in Medford I made a study of the smudge pot system of heating orchards. We have frosts in our country, and while they have never damaged our apples materially, I want to be prepared for emergencies. We cannot use oil there; for we do not have it. We will be forced to use coal in our pots should it become necessary."

Mr. Harper is the secretary of the Orange Free State Board of horticulture. "We do not yet have government supervision of such matters," he said, "but when I return I am going to make an effort to have laws similar to those of this state passed. The government at present is favorable to them I think and it will not be any difficult matter to secure beneficial legislation.

"I wish we had the wonderful natural resources that you Northwestern people have, such as great power sites and electric plants. We have nothing of the kind. However, we do have better freight rates to European markets than you have. Our rates to London permit us to sell our fruit at a great deal cheaper than you do and yet realize a larger profit. When our orchards come into full bearing we are going to be Australia's strong competitor. We will be able to put our fruit on the London market, just as the American fruit is going off, three weeks earlier than the Australian can do it. I believe that our apples are going to bet on and we will beat the Australians out. They made a serious mistake last

year when they put some bad apples on the English market. They are not as careful with their pack as they should be.

"So far we have no serious pests to fight. The codling moth has given us some trouble, however. I notice that mildew has a pretty firm hold in the Pajaro Valley. I am very much impressed with the action of your local growers here who have organized the so-called Fellowship Association. I think it shows a splendid spirit."

Mr. Harper states that he and the Orange Free State associate will ship only extra fancy grade apples. The remainder of each year's crop will be used in making cider and vinegar and evaporated fruit, for all of which there is a great demand in South Africa.

School Notes.

By E. E. Coad.

The following new students have registered: Miss Tidd's room—Selma Gassawa; Beulah Turner, Roger Gregory, Myron Hoyt, Wessie Andre; Miss Ely's room—Mabel Pray, Florence La Mar, Witter Hoyt; Miss Evans' room—Webster Turner; Miss Hicks' room—Elsie LaMar; Miss Poole's room—Stanley Wach, Elma Turner, Clinton Pray; Miss Howard's room—Harry Jordan.

Mrs. Sprecher gave an interesting reading before the High School assembly Tuesday morning. Mrs. Sprecher was a member of the High School faculty five years ago, the first year Hood River had a four year High School course. She is now a resident of Portland, having spent the intervening years at Eugene.

There are eighteen students among the one hundred thirty seven in the High School who were in the Hood River schools five years ago. This illustrates how population changes.

Why not teach a system of business writing in the public schools of Oregon? The Course of Study is to be revised and new text-books selected in 1913. This selection will stand for six years beginning with the school year 1913-14. Do you want your child to be taught vertical writing or business writing? It seems to me that we have had about enough experience with fad. If a fad gets into Oregon Course of Study there is no escaping it for the course is mandatory as long as the text-book publishing company keeps it part of the contract made with the State Text-book Commission for the schools of Oregon.

In the past there has been too much of a tendency on the part of the Colleges and Universities to dictate what shall be taught in the elementary and secondary schools of the country. As a matter of fact there is no reason to justify its existence. It will have to get out of the rut it has been forced into and construct a more practical path for itself. What it teaches outside the elements necessary for a secondary school to teach will be determined by the community and its needs where it is located.

Cherries Picked From Tree All Summer.

Perhaps the most prolific cherry tree in the Hood River Valley, is that on the place of Philip Kollas, near Summit. The age of the tree [Mr. Kollas does not know. It is in an old home orchard on his place. Nor does he know the variety of the tree, which has been bearing all summer. His family has been picking fruit from it since August and many of its branches are still loaded.

A quantity of cherries picked from the tree last Saturday are on exhibit in the window of G. Y. Edwards & Co. The fruit is large and has an excellent flavor. The tree has a large number of blossoms on it now. Another interesting exhibit in the window of Edwards & Co., is that of the almonds grown by Clifford McDonald, son of D. McDonald.

East Side Whist Parties.

At the home of Mrs. W. E. Sherman, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Frank P. Friday, entertained Saturday afternoon and evening, and Monday evening, at whist. The prizes of the first party on Saturday afternoon, were won by Mrs. Etta Bancroft and Mrs. Stanton. When the games were finished a delicious two-course luncheon was served. On Saturday evening, the prizes were won by Mrs. R. W. Pratt and Frank Doorn. On Monday evening, there were fourteen tables at cards, prizes being won by Mrs. F. C. Brosius and C. T. Roberts. Those attending the party from the city Monday evening, made the journey as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Early on a special train over the Mt. Hood Railroad.

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HEIGHTS NEWS

Mrs. Merrill Butler went to Portland Monday to meet her husband who has been spending some time in the Willamette Valley and Northern California looking over the country, and together they will look over Portland.

Mrs. Jack Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sunderland, returned to Portland Monday after spending a few weeks with her parents and visiting friends.

Thomas Rowe, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Sunderland, came up from Portland Saturday night to spend a few days with his wife and son, who have been here for some time with Mrs. Rowe's parents.

A few more days of pleasant weather and we will see the finish of the street work on Pine street.

Mrs. O. H. Baker has been seriously ill for the past three or four weeks. Last week Mrs. Edgington took her case and she is now improving rapidly. Viava is all right in many cases as plenty of women in this town can testify.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baldwin and Mrs. Carl Sumner made a trip to Parkdale Sunday.

A happy social event took place one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sunderland, the occasion being Mrs. Sunderland's birthday. Her daughters, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Marshall invited in several of their friends and surprised their mother very much. Delicious refreshments were served and all had a pleasant time. The present were: Mrs. O. B. Evinger, Mrs. Ray Evinger, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Fred Howe, Mrs. Chester Shute and Mrs. Zellar, of Summit, a sister of Mrs. Sunderland.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes is sick with typhoid fever. This is the record case in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Taylor and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson at Odell.

The old boiler formerly in use at the Hotel Oregon was removed last week to furnish heat for the Heights greenhouse. Mr. Haslinger's flowers, especially his carnations, are very beautiful now.

Some of the lads of The Heights began the celebration of Halloween on Tuesday night. The red lanterns along Pine Street, where Connor & Co. are laying the sidewalks, were distributed along fences and on the porches of the residents of the community.

Hood River Bowling League.

The following scores were made Thursday, October 26.

SPAULDING'S TEAM.			
PLAYERS	1st	2nd	3rd
Spaulding	128	100	134
Harry Duck	132	97	130
De Wit	150	140	187
Max Menden	140	183	147
W. G. Aldred	135	116	106
Totals	694	640	703
Team average	681		

STEWART BOWLING CO.'S TEAM.			
PLAYERS	1st	2nd	3rd
Harmer	115	83	114
Shields	104	112	104
Hodge	114	153	138
Hodge	123	78	107
W. A. Isenberg	111	124	115
Totals	637	650	655
Team average	614		

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