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The Apple Growers Association is making ready for its exhibit at the Spokane Apple show. "This fruit that we will send from here will be advantageous to us in an advertising way," says H. F. Davidson, "for it will be sent to middle western and eastern cities by the transcontinental railroads."

"We have received definite information as to the different exhibits, and find we will be entitled here at Hood River to exhibit as follows:

"Two exhibits, 25 boxes Spitzenburg, and two exhibits, 25 boxes Newtowns; three exhibits, 10 each, of Spitzenburg, Newtowns and Ortleys; five exhibits, five boxes each, of Spitzenburg and Newtowns; three exhibits, five boxes each of Ortleys and Arkansas Blacks; two exhibits, five boxes each of Baskin, Red Cheek, Pippins and Hayes Kings; ten exhibits, one box each of Spitzenburg and Newtowns; five exhibits, one box each of Ortleys, Arkansas Blacks, Winter Baskin, Chas. Cox and King, Winter King and other showy varieties."

"In furnishing fruit for any of these exhibits it will be necessary for the grower to select the fruit and bring it to the warehouse unpacked, the boxes filled tight enough so that the apples will not rattle around, bruise and while being hauled in, and yet loose enough so that the fruit will not show box bruises, as bruised fruit will not go."

"These apples, after being exhibited in Spokane, will probably be put into single layer boxes for exhibition purposes throughout the east, and for this reason the fruit must be handled very carefully. Therefore, we will insist upon packing this fruit at the warehouse and padding the boxes so that the fruit will be protected by the covers. This cannot be done where the fruit is packed in the country, besides if the fruit is packed by so many different growers it will not be uniform."

"If you are interested in the 25 box exhibit, for instance, send in at least 40 boxes of loose apples, 50 will be better, we will grade out the 25 boxes suitable for exhibition and pack the balance which will go into the pool, for which you will get full settlement and you will get the extra 25 cents per box for the fruit actually taken for exhibition purposes. For the other you will receive full value, all packing and grading will be done at our expense, and additional cost to you is the freight sent in by you for this purpose, provided we will not accept to exceed double the number of loose boxes that are packed out for exhibition."

"Inasmuch as the number of exhibits we are at liberty to accept is very limited, we will enter these in the order in which they are telephoned to us, or reported by other means, so if you are interested please take up this matter at once. Please show our general office with reference to this, at Main 2881, and Mr. Huxley will make a list of your offerings."

"The apple marketing situation of the northwest is being handled with the greatest of judgment, says Wilmer Sieg. "While apples are at the same time bringing good prices, they are at the same time possible prices. By this I mean, that they are good for the grower, good for the dealer, and fair to the consumer."

"The maintenance of these prices is all that could be asked for the northwestern interests. It is estimated that between 50 and 60 percent of the northwest crop has been sold, and the first attention of market men now is devoted to filling their orders. This means that there will be no consignments to anybody, and the fruit is going into the local markets, and they have their money invested in it. This will insure a stability of market conditions."

"This stability has been brought about by the thorough cooperation of all northwestern growers and packers."

Mr. Sieg says that the rumors of troubles with packers by the local association have been of small consequence. Local growers pay their packers local horticultural societies, and a few disgruntled men have made demands for higher wages. In such cases their packer's stamp and credentials have been taken away from them, and they have been asked to leave the area.

While recent announcements state that the United States government has officially criticized the alleged mismanagement of brands of fruit by northwestern agencies, the local officials say that they never allowed the arrangements to give them any worry. "Indeed," says Mr. Sieg, "we have not taken much stock in stories to the effect that the Spitzenburg must be called the Esopus. Local horticultural societies have got down their books," by high authorities and have found that the name Spitzenburg is synonymous with Esopus. According to Beach's work on New York apples, the first official recognition of the famous apple had been in 1817 at Esopus, Ulster county, New York. The horticultural work says that the Esopus Spitzenburg, commonly known as the Spitzenburg, is first mentioned on that date, although trees of it had been found scattered in all parts of the New York apple district.

"The name Spitzenburg and Esopus are synonymous," says E. L. Smith, who has been called the father of the Hood River orchard interests and who was for many years closely identified with the Oregon Horticultural Society, of which he was president. "The estimate on the crop for the year is going to be materially increased because of the excellent growing weather that the local orchardists have enjoyed this fall and because of the good size the fruit has attained. In round numbers the apple crop will probably reach 1200 carloads this year."

"All talk about our trouble with packers ought to be at once dropped," said Mr. Sieg again the first of the week. "It is true that out of the several hundred packers in the valley we have about a score of disgruntled men. But these are causing no worry. We are receiving letters from other fruit districts, where the men are getting less money than here and we would get a hundred packers on short notice, if we needed them. I am writing letters

every day to packers telling them not to come; that we do not need them. "I have had letters and telegrams from Watsonville, Calif., where the crop is short, and we could get scores of good packers from that district."

Advice from grower in different part of the valley minimizes the rumored packer troubles. "Winds the first of the week have blown a good many apples from the trees in different parts of the valley. However, this fruit will be placed in special grades and the association will find a market for them."

## E. L. SMITH LAYS LIBRARY CORNERSTONE

Despite the rain in the first part of the week and on the day before, the clouds cleared away Saturday morning and the afternoon was bright and sunny for the laying of the cornerstone of the Carnegie building of the county library, by E. L. Smith. A large crowd assembled under the classic gaze that have given Hood River a broad-spread fame for beauty.

The meeting was presided over by Truman Butler, chairman of the building committee of the library board. Seats had been arranged on the improvised floor of the structure, and a large crowd was present. The chief address of the afternoon was made by E. L. Smith, whose first of mortar at the base of the big stone, closed the exercises. In his introduction, Mr. Butler, as did all of the speakers who had preceded him, paid a great tribute to Mr. Smith. "I wish that I might properly express our appreciation of our grand old man," said Mr. Butler. "And I want to extend to him the good wishes of a host of friends."

"I wonder if you think of the benefit that will be derived from this beautiful October day," said Mr. Smith. "This library will be an emblem of the intellectuality of the people of our community. It will be the means of a postgraduate course for the students of our high schools. Thomas Carlyle said that a collection of books is the best university we may have."

Mr. Smith told of the aims of Andrew Carnegie in establishing libraries over the land. He named a number of the great institutions of learning that he had endowed. "The great Scotchman," said Mr. Smith, "tells us that a love of books will drive out the lower grades of a people. He acquired his wealth, not through speculation in stocks and bonds, but by straightforward business methods, and he considers that he has held it in a kind of a trust, and the libraries and institutions of knowledge are the only things he has left for the benefit of the people."

Mr. Smith recalled the earnest work his wife had done toward securing the building of the library. He said that she had done more than any other woman in the county. She was not only a woman, but she was a mother, and she was a citizen. She was not only a woman, but she was a mother, and she was a citizen. She was not only a woman, but she was a mother, and she was a citizen.

"I am happy that the building has been erected here on the property that is sacred to me."

Mayor Blanchard spoke on behalf of the city. "We do not mean to us merely an attractive building," said Mr. Blanchard, "that we may show with pride to our visitors, but it means that we will have mingled on the banks of the Hood River people, the people of all the county are given the privilege of using the institution."

"Last week some one telephoned in the evening for a cow book. By next morning's mail the desired volume was on its way by parcel post."

J. P. Lucas spoke in behalf of the library board. "Many years ago I passed on the Columbia, little did I dream that a fair city would rise on the banks of the Hood River river, and that some day we would have an institution of learning second only to the public school."

Mr. Lucas told of the heroic fight made by the Woman's club. Each year Mr. Smith presided the board for the selection that had been made in securing Miss Della Northley as librarian. In closing his address he paid a tribute to the late J. M. Schmelzler, who was an earnest worker on the library board.

Mrs. Chas. H. Castner, president of the Woman's club, gave a short address, telling of the efforts of the women, and declaring that the event of the laying of the corner stone was the most important ever participated in by the members of that organization. Mrs. Castner deposited beneath the corner stone, as a symbol of the things in which Hood River people are interested the following articles: A picture of little Ruth McLane, the second youngest baby of the Woman's club; the year book of the Woman's club; a photograph of those participating in the ground breaking exercises, a copy each of the Hood River Glacier, the Hood River News and the day's issue of the Oregonian, and a 1913 penny.

## BUT FEW REGISTER WITH COUNTY CLERK

"Registration is very slow," says County Court Clerk Hanson, "and most of those who have come in since the new law went into effect are women. The county registration will close Saturday, October 18. The list of voters already registered and who will not have to perform the task under the new law numbered 1,746."

Registration under the new law up to Tuesday were as follows: Men—Republican, 24; Democrats, 12; Progressive, 3; Prohibitionists, 1; Socialists, 1; Independent, 4; total, 45. Women—Republican, 117; Democrat, 49; Progressive, 6; Prohibitionists, 26; Socialists, 6; Independent, 11; nonpartisan, 8; total, 223.

## CITIZENS TALK ROAD BONDS

FIRST STEPS TAKEN TOWARD ISSUE

Representative Interests Meet at Commercial Club to Further Bonding for Better Highways

With a large crowd of business men and teachers present at a conference at the rooms of the Commercial club Tuesday night, the first steps toward preparing for a bond issue for better roads for the county were taken. Hood River people are not only eager to secure ways and means of pushing their portion of the Columbia river highway to completion but desire to raise at the same time sufficient funds to make a better system of highways through the valley. Under the existing laws, when the bond issue for the building of good roads cannot exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation, Hood River county's maximum bond issue will be approximately \$230,000.

"My interests are ready to stand their share of the expense of the good road improvement," said Chas. T. Early, managing director of the Oregon Lumber Co. "I don't think the amount considered near enough, but perhaps we had better start in a small way and get dollar's worth for road for a dollar's worth of money spent."

Chas. A. Bell, the largest individual taxpayer in the county, expressed the same sentiment. Mr. Bell is one of the most enthusiastic boosters for the Columbia river road in the county. "I figure that by taxation, if the road were to be constructed this way," says Mr. Bell, "that my portion of the burden would be about \$400, but I would be willing to pay more."

The money secured from a bond issue will be used in making permanent roads. Louis A. Henderson, a civil engineer, stated that he had recently been in communication with Prof. McAllister, of the University of Oregon, who had recommended the use of concrete roads. The concrete highway will last longer and while their first cost is not very much greater than that of macadam, the expense of maintenance is very little, while that of maintaining macadam is greater than the cost of building in concrete.

Although a considerable length of time will elapse between now and the time of choosing the material, public sentiment is strongly in favor of the concrete roads.

The proposed bond issue will find very nearly unanimous support. An intimation has come from A. I. Mason, who was at the Tuesday night meeting, that he has been in communication with the board of directors of the Columbia river road. The board will be expected to issue a bond issue. Truman Butler, who is a short speaker, summed up the feelings of those present and deprecating the action taken by the supporters of the recall, who have issued the statement through Mr. Mason that should the recall election not carry, the Columbia river highway will be opposed. "I am telling you these things at this time," said Mr. Butler, "to bring out all the things you are thinking about. I have been thinking about the matter, and I can see thoughts arising around over the room now. I am sorry that the Columbia river road is in any way drawn into our politics. Our court should, and will, stand on its own feet. It is unfair for the supporters of the recall to bring in the Columbia highway in this manner."

Commissioner J. R. Dutton spoke at length, calling attention to the need of a survey of the county's road system before any definite action is taken toward securing the bond issue. Mr. Dutton advised the appointment of a nonpartisan committee, and later on the motion of Mr. Bell, action was taken for the appointment of a committee of five non partisan, representative citizens to make a study of the needs of roads.

One of the most interesting of the speeches of the evening was that by S. A. Mitchell, who stated that he hoped the Columbia river highway would go through. Mr. Mitchell, who has been making a study of local statistics, cited the number of acres of unimproved land in the valley, and stated that he had improved each of the roads and called attention to the need of good roads and of the economy they would bring about. "Even if we have to spend \$1200 a year for interest on our bonds," said Mr. Mitchell, "this will be worth it. And we are ready to spend that much money on things we enjoy."

Mr. Bell later declared that it would be an excellent scheme to acquire the people with just how much the bond issue would cost. "They have an idea that it is going to be expensive and they will be so burdened that they cannot stand it. Just give them the figures and show them," he said.

W. L. Clark, president of the club, called attention to the cheapness with which roads are being constructed down in Jackson county. "Major Bowley recently told me how all interests were cooperating in aiding with the building of the road, and those folks," said Mr. Clark, "are going to have concrete highways at a cost not much greater than that of a macadam."

E. O. Blanchard spoke briefly. "Some of the words of the government expert who addressed us last Thursday evening, have stuck with me," said Mr. Blanchard. "He advised against the issue of bonds for any period of longer than the life of the road, and I think such a suggestion worthy of consideration. I am not going to get started further on roads; for I am so full of them that I can never stop. But I would like for any one to make a valid reason why Hood River county should not go ahead with its road building by bond issue, if it can get its money on six per cent bonds."

On motion of Wilmer Sieg, the sense of the Tuesday night meeting was expressed as being in favor of the board of directors of the club conferring with the county court and making preparations for the expense of collecting an exhibit for the Panama fair at San Francisco in 1915. It is the purpose of the club to have the main display of the county at the Horticultural building, where it will be seen by more people. However, Leslie Butler, who was a member of the Oregon delegation, which selected the site for the Oregon building, says that it is in one of the most favored spots and will be visited by at least 90 per cent of the people.

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