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BUSY SCENES AT THE WAREHOUSES

Almost a Train of Fruit Daily Leaving the Valley—Distributors Show Gratifying Returns on Soft Fruits

Railroad avenue, where the long line of loading and receiving stations of the Hood River Apple Growers Association are located, has been the busiest section of the city the past few weeks. Scores of growers' wagons, with their racks piled high with fruit, may be seen unloading apples, while each day from 12 to 14 carloads have been routed out to all parts of the globe.

"Every box shipped has been sold at a price 10 to 15 cents above the market," says Mr. Sieg. "And taking into consideration the fact that the Association is finding a market for all grades this promises to be one of the best seasons, financially, that Hood River has ever met with. We are selling at good prices cooking apples and C grade stuff. This heretofore has been a waste product, but the good prices received for the large quantities of this stuff along with the excellent values got for the extra fancy and fancy apples will make the returns the best for the production per acre."

"While the great preponderance of fruit shipped is of the higher grades, the vast quantities of the lower grades product and the value returned for the latter helps the orchardist when he begins to figure his net returns. Mr. Sieg says that the picking in all parts of the valley has been very nearly completed and that packing will begin in earnest now.

"We have had a shortage of boxes this year," he says, "due to the early conservative estimates of the growers. However, the local box companies and those of Portland started the manufacture again, and the needs of the local growers have been supplied."

The management of the local association expresses the opinion that the conference held in Portland last week, when shipping agencies and marketing concerns discussed the advisability of standardizing the package for strawberry shipments, will result in much benefit. Hereafter all northwestern berry districts will ship their fruit in crates containing 24 government pint boxes. The old boxes, containing slightly less than the government requirement, prevented the marketing of the fruit in many states the past year.

"Hereafter," says Mr. Sieg, "the berries may be sold in any part of the United States. And we are glad to see the decrease in the size of the boxes. They will stand refrigeration better and we have found that the trade likes the smaller package. We expect to be able to ship the fruit as far as New York in the smaller packages; for Louisiana berries packed in this manner have been marketed in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C."

Heretofore, the greater portion of Hood River berry crop has been sold in middle western cities. The demand for northwestern boxed apples is said never to have been better. Exports from a special dispatch from New York to the Oregonian are as follows:

"The low prices of last year, a heavy European and South American demand, general disgust with the barreled apples of the east, and a light crop in most fruit growing sections are fundamental reasons for the present good prices for northwestern apples in New York markets. The fact that the first shipments of Hood River Spitzburgs brought at auction \$2.35 to \$3.25 a box and Wenatchee Arkansas Blacks \$2.50 to \$3 at this crucial time, when all the apples that are not to be put in cold storage are being thrown on the market, is a strong indication that the present demand for high grade western apples will continue throughout the season.

"Mouths which never before had tasted boxed apples had their fill last winter. The enormous crop produced throughout the United States, with the resultant low prices and the present high grade fruit into thousands of homes for the first time. Like the peanut 'butter' on the trains who gives all the passengers a taste of his candy, the growers are reaping a direct benefit from the generous price of last fall. The fruit brokers of New York place low prices of 1912 as a prime factor in the increased demand for boxed fruit.

"Five years ago Sigbel & Day sent the first box of apples to Southerns from New York. It was a single box, sent as a sample. The Vandeyke, which left recently for Buenos Ayres and Rio Janeiro, carried 34,000 boxes of northwestern apples. Now that the tariff is to be removed from the shipping companies are increasing their cold storage capacities for the purpose of bringing meat north and taking apples and other fruit south.

"Colorado Jonathans, which were much in evidence in the overabundant market at this time last fall, are not to be found. The commission houses are lined with brightly labeled boxes from Wenatchee, North Yakima, Rogue River and Hood River valleys. There has been an immense shipment of Jonathans from Washington to New York. There are but few Jonathans from the Hood River and Rogue River valleys in the New York market, but Spitzburgs are just putting in an appearance.

Southern Oregon pears are found in every high class fruit stand in the city and are retailing at from five to eight cents apiece, according to quality.

"Colorado is not the only fruit district that has had a light crop. California's customary supply of Yellow Newtown Pippins is reported to be greatly diminished by the fruit growing conditions there. New York, Maine and other eastern states have but half the crop of 1912.

"The Chicago markets are taking all the apples grown in the middle west, leaving the western grown fruit to supply the needs that smaller crops in the east and Europe and the liking for the product is causing.

"Prices given by buyers in New York for apples f. o. b. in the Wenatchee, North Yakima, Hood River and Rogue River valleys are as follows: Rome Beauties, \$2.50; Spitzburgs, \$1.50; to \$2; Yellow Newtown Pippins, \$1.50 to \$2; Arkansas Blacks, \$2; Jonathans, \$1.40-\$1.50; Winter Bananas, \$2.25-\$3; Winesaps, \$1.75-\$2.

"The apple demand is greater than in former years," says Kenneth H. Day, junior member of the firm of Seibel & Day, "and the supply is far below normal. With these conditions, the prices are bound to be high for fancy fruit. There is great danger of the growers injuring the market for another year by holding their fruit too high now. The demand this season is greater on account of the low prices last fall and the reverse will be true if the prices are boosted out of sight."

PAASCH BECOMES LARGE EXPORTER

"The German apple market is offering the best of opportunities for northwestern apples this year," says Aug. Paasch, one of the largest individual exporters of fruit in the northwest, who states that he will this year sell to Hamburg and other German centers 50 carloads of Hood River fruit. Mr. Paasch, who has been selling fruit to the German markets ever since his orchard has come into bearing here, and who recently returned from an extensive journey through the German cities, states that the demand for American boxed apples is continually growing.

The local orchardist and exporter, who with his sons has a tract of 120 acres, one of the largest bearing orchards in the valley, has been busy the past week preparing his foreign shipments. He was one of the first individual growers to erect a packing plant and warehouse, located on a spur on the Mount Hood Railroad, has been one of the busiest spots in the valley during the past few weeks. So successful has Mr. Paasch been in the marketing of his own fruit that many of his neighbors now rely implicitly on his judgment and are handling their apples through him.

"Our prices in the German markets this year," says Mr. Paasch, "are going to net us back the most satisfactory returns, and I look for better results next year."

BENNETT TELLS OF VALLEY'S BEAUTY

In an interesting article in Sunday's Oregonian, Addison Bennett, a staff correspondent of the Oregonian, tells of the beauty of the region in the fall of the year, when the harvest of apples is on. Mr. Bennett says in part:

"When is the proper time to visit Hood River and the Hood River valley and see those places at their best? That all depends upon the ideas of the visitor but I should say the best time is the first opportunity you have regardless of the season, provided there is no frost on the ground. I have visited the valley in all seasons of the year; in the dead winter when the ice king reigned; in the spring, when the pussy-willows were first sending forth their buds; in the late spring, when the valley was a vast field of blooms and blossoms; when the luscious strawberries were ripe; when the cherries were at their best; when peaches were tempting the palates of all who could get in touch with specimens of that luscious fruit from that wonderful valley; then later, when the apple trees were beginning to bend under their burden of fruit; still later, when the various varieties of apples were beginning to show their color; and finally, when the ripened fruit was being picked and sent to the packing houses, as it is being sent now. I should say that the best time of all times to visit this valley and city is right now—today!"

WOMEN WILL HAVE GOOD ROADS DAY

The members of the local Woman's club will celebrate good roads day here next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Fenton, an expert from the government good roads office at Washington, D. C., will be here that afternoon and will deliver a lecture to the women and the teachers of Hood River county, who will be convened here then at their annual institute.

Mrs. Fenton is presented in the city by the Civic department of the Woman's club, the members of which urge all country women to make a special effort to hear the lecture which is given free at the Commercial club.

COUNTY ASSESSOR GIVES STATISTICS

Although the number has almost doubled in the past year, there are but few more dogs in Hood River county than dogs. County Assessor Wickham's statistics show that the county has 175 swine, valued at \$1,060, while there are 108 dogs, valued at \$830. The county has but 58 sheep and goats, valued at just \$80. Cattle number 700 and are worth \$17,985.

The total assessed valuation of the county property, excluding that of public utilities corporations, is \$9,063,854, a slight decrease over that of last year, which was \$9,234,600.

Other important items are as follows: Acres in cultivation, 21,670, valued at \$4,545,285; tillable land not in cultivation, 58,192 acres, valued at \$1,226,840; non-tillable land, 47,741 acres, valued at \$7,945; improvements on land, \$527,840; value of all town lots, \$756,131; improvements on lots, \$693,921.

The valley has 99 owners of motor vehicles, whose cars are valued at \$31,050.

Damage at Hydro Plant

A section of the canal wall of the Hydro-Electric Co. washed out last Saturday. Manager R. S. Danforth and a crew of men worked until after midnight Saturday repairing the damaged wall. The men worked by the light of the lamps from Harry Bailey's automobile and a lamp from Mr. Danforth's motorcycle.

Dr. Logan Dies at The Dalles

Dr. Hugh Logan, a pioneer physician, of The Dalles, who is well known in this city, died at his home in the city Monday. Dr. Logan was 63 years of age. He was prominent in fraternal circles, being a Mason of high degree and a member of the Elks.

FACTIONS IN RECALL RANKS

RECALL EXPONENTS DECREASING

Sentiment Sways Toward Defeat of Agitators, as Citizens Become Acquainted with Trivial Reasons

All efforts to appease those supporting the recall of Hood River's county court and all efforts to effect a compromise have been futile, and on November 4, the first recall election in the history of the county will be held. A strong fight is being made against the recall by the Taxpayers' League, an organization composed of representative business men and orchardists. No stone is being left unturned by the opponents of the recall, who are making a personal canvass of the county. The candidates, E. E. Stanton, Ed. Hawkes and J. O. Hannum, who filed their intentions with the county clerk last week, visited Cascade Locks. The recallers held another meeting there Monday night. The days between now and next Tuesday bid fair to be the busiest, from the viewpoint of local politics ever spent in Hood River county.

While many of the representative citizens of the county are supporting the recall, their action is being deprecated with equal ardor by others. On last Sunday in his sermon, the subject of which was "Lopsided Folks," Rev. E. A. Harris, pastor of the Riverside Congregational church, severely criticized the action of the recallers. Rev. Harris' sermon touched on various phases of politics of interest to local people.

He made a strong appeal for the appropriations for the University of Oregon, characterizing the referendum as a one sided measure. He rebuked the city council for granting the prayer of 60 petitioners that the pool rooms be opened Sunday without even looking over the names of 134 of the leading citizens of the city who asked that the present ordinance be not changed, and called it "lop sided government that reflected no credit on the council or the citizens who elected them." Considering the movement to recall the county court he said:

"We are in the midst of a fratricidal strife in this county which is as regrettable as it is intense, and as serious as it is extensive. It is a war that is setting brother against brother, and neighbor against neighbor, and turning the milk of human kindness into the gall of bitterness. The witch of repudiation is threatening to turn our fair dreams of the future into a veritable nightmare. Why this condition, this strife? Is it simply because of a difference of opinion as to the price that ought to be paid for oiling a mile of road; as to the choice of a road master; as to whether a bridge is properly braced and lined? No. There is a deeper reason. Consciously or unconsciously men are laying more emphasis on the wheel within the wheels of government than on the spirit of life in the midst of the wheels; they are making of sole importance things which are not of chief importance; they are mistaking the abuse of the law for the law itself. They are wider-eyed for immediate results than for future good."

"The one-sidedness of the law, which is its weakness, makes it possible. I am not here to defend any act or acts of the county court. Barring any favoritism and all personalities, I prophesy that in any county where the recall is invoked against any court, for no graver reasons than appear in the accusations charge against our county officials, after the smoke of battle shall have cleared away and time has healed, or at least mollified, the wounds inflicted, it will be the verdict of history that such a movement is the result of the lopsidedness of zeal without knowledge, personal feeling without brotherly love, encouraged by the servility of indifference without patriotic devotion. I believe the citizens of this county will not allow the stigma of the success of such a movement to be passed upon us at the polls."

But as time passes factions are arising in the camps of the recall supporters, themselves, and it is the opinion of those who are studying the situation that should the election come a week later the recall would completely fizzle out.

"I have made a thorough investigation of the matter in the county and have sounded public sentiment pretty thoroughly," says W. E. King, "and I believe it is not a question of defeating the recall, but a question of how badly we will beat it, if all the anti-recallers simply turn out and vote. I find that the good judgment and clear-headed commonsense of the Hood River valley citizens are being manifested, and as the people are becoming informed of the recall and the motives of the recallers, they are making determined efforts to put an end to it."

Numbers of the citizens who signed the recall petition are recanting, after they have learned the true situation. A. J. Friedly said Tuesday that he was one of the signers of the petition. "But I do not care to cast my vote to make our condition worse," says Mr. Friedly. Mr. Friedly was especially aroused because the recallers had nominated E. E. Stanton on the ticket for county judge.

Rev. J. G. Tate, through the use of whose name, declaring that he would head the recall ticket, the circulators of the recall petitions secured many of their signatures, is one of the strongest opponents to the movement. "It has behind it neither principle, integrity nor order," says Rev. Tate, who never attended any of their meetings, but who told those promoting the movement that he would accept the nomination were it to come as the unanimous will of the people.

Judge C. J. Tate says that he is gratified at the action the citizens of the county are taking in the matter and that he feels that the recall will be defeated by a heavy vote.

"I have interviewed more than 80 people on the matter during the past few days," says R. E. Scott, who is secretary of the Taxpayers' Association, "and I must say that I have found but six who do not believe the recall is a poor move and one that will be detrimental to the county. Sentiment seems to be all the time growing in favor of quelling the movement."

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