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SHIP THROUGH AGENCIES, IS ADVICE

However large they may have been, campaigns and meetings among fruit growers of the northwest dwindle in comparison with the propaganda of education proposed by no less an institution than the Department of Agriculture of the United States, which is now, looming, according to advices received here by Wilmer Sieg.

C. W. Moomaw, C. E. Bassett and W. H. Kerr, representatives of the Office of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, who have been in Washington since the middle of January preparing a report on an investigation made in all the fruit growing states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, have been instructed to return to the northwest, and tomorrow will meet with the members of the Shippers' League at Spokane.

At this time they will make known their report and will undoubtedly offer some suggestions to the League, but the primary purpose of the meeting, as suggested by a letter received by Mr. Sieg from Charles J. Brand, chief of the office, will be to outline plans for meetings of fruit growers in every section of the four states.

Judging from Mr. Brand's correspondence the government investigation has found the failures in the marketing of boxed apples due to lack of cooperation on the part of individual growers, who make shipments to different markets direct. Mr. Brand evidences a feeling of confidence in the work of the Shippers' League, and the ability of the organization to cooperate to stabilize to a great degree the marketing of their product.

Before the work of the government can be made effective, it is declared, it will be necessary to carry a message direct to the growers themselves, and educate them to the necessity of cooperation, not merely in name, but in reality—cooperation that will be practiced.

All growers will be told to form some affiliation with a representative and reputable shipping organization. It is probable that the plans of holding growers meetings have been more thoroughly worked out for the state of Oregon than for any other of the northwestern boxed apple states.

It is expected that this incorporation will be effected along lines to be suggested at the Spokane meeting tomorrow.

gaps being estimated at \$75,000, provided the present highway law is not changed so as to prevent such expenditures.

Through the terms of this resolution the State Highway Commission expended approximately \$50,000 in opening up the difficult stretch of road at Mitchell's Point last year.

Except for the members of Hood River county granges, the failure of the State Highway Commission to take over the Columbia river highway as a state thoroughfare is not viewed as a repudiation of former promises on the part of the members of the Commission in light of full revelation of the pre-campaign proceedings and resolutions.

Whereas, We are informed through the public press that the State Highway Commission refuses all responsibility as to the maintenance of the Columbia river highway, and a fourth river county were given to understand that if we elected to bond the county for \$75,000 toward construction of said highway in Hood River county that the state would take over said highway and maintain same. Therefore be it

OTTEN PROPERTY APPRAISED AT \$30,000

Appraisers of the estate of the late John Otten placed the value of local business houses and a fourth interest in a 40-acre East Side orchard at \$30,000. This is exclusive of a house and lot deeded by Mr. Otten to his widow, which is considered worth \$5,000.

APPLE NOTES

A recent service and regulatory announcement of the Bureau of Chemistry contains the following, which should be of interest to shippers of berries, peaches, and tomatoes when ordering their crates for next season's shipment.

The department is of the opinion that berries, peaches, or tomatoes in small open containers which are packed in crates and arranged within the crates in layers or tiers, constitute foot packages from within the meaning of the net-weight amendment, and that consequently the law requires that the crates shall be marked with a statement of the quantity of the contents.

Eighteen owners of the largest cherry orchards in Wasco county gathered last week at The Dalles to discuss methods of pollination of their orchards up to that date have accepted a proposition from the Oregon Agricultural College to work in conjunction with an advanced class from the institution, the members of which will make graftings of 18,000 fertilizing scions to be furnished free by the Business Men's Association, of The Dalles.

The growers of the White Salmon district have voted to amalgamate their selling agency with that of the Underwood district. The latter association of growers took such action seven weeks ago. Last year the two agencies were under the management of a joint agency.

Apple exports for the week ending Saturday, January 29, were 4,790 barrels against 66,077 barrels the same week a year ago. Exports for the season up to that date are 1,046,935 barrels against 1,393,305 barrels the same period last year. Boxes are figured in the above three to the barrel.

Returns so far received from a post card vote being taken by the Pacific Fruit Produce company, of North Yakima, indicates that an overwhelming majority of growers desire the company to test in the supreme court the horticultural law under which the company was convicted of shipping infected apples out of the state. The company seeks 3000 inquiries. Of the first 400 replying, representing 600 acres of orchard, 285 favored a test and 52 favored compliance with the law. Others did not answer this question, which was one of five submitted. Three hundred and twenty-seven favored allowing wood stung apples in C grade pack, as was permitted last year, and 164 favored putting apples with two healed-over stings in the C grade.

an entrance, finding Ruth alone, for her people have gone to the west for a trip. Ruth is overpowered and Dutch and Steve fight a duel for her, then Pedro is bought off by Ghent, who realizing the helplessness of Ruth, suddenly comes to his senses and agrees to her proposition that she will be his wife in name only until he has proven himself a man.

Ghent agrees and the justice of peace in the valley is sought. Then he takes her to his cabin where as days roll on she begins to see better things in his rough character. One night, with drink his master, he violates the promise he has made to Ruth, and for it she learns to loath and hate and begins her work of weaving baskets that by her own hands she may earn the money necessary to buy back the nuggets from Pedro which bought her for Ghent.

The Jordans have planned to leave when Ruth coming upon them, introduces Ghent.

She, refusing to go back east with her people, is one day caught in a landslide and Ghent rushes to her rescue and is severely injured. For days he hovers between life and death, finally recovering to build a happiness for the noble woman who learned to love him and made him the man she had idealized.

Friday and Saturday Francis X. Bushman and Marguerite Snow in Metro masterpiece, "The Second in Command."

Sunday and Monday "The End of the Road," a beautiful dream of the south in which beautiful Mae Allison has scored such a tremendous hit.

Tuesday "Neal of the Navy," Pathe Weekly and two good comedies.

Wednesday and Thursday "The Turn of the Road," a Vitagraph tale of love and hate.

Most of our mistakes in life are avoidable. Half our faults could be eliminated if we stopped to think.

John King did not think. He plunged headlong into the yawning abyss of discontent via subterfuge road. He deceived his wife. He tried to abandon her. His child lay at the point of death—yet he did not stop. He took the step that would lead to destruction, despair, defeat.

John King knew he was wrong, his conscience told him so. The entreating of his sick child bade him stay, but he did not. He was in the clutches of a vampire. But righteousness finally, by a trick of fate, overcomes wrongdoing.

A plunge down a precipice in an unmanageable motor car disables him and nearly snuffs out the life of his clandestine friend. He is running away from his wife and child, deserting them, when the accident happens.

Again fate intervenes, and he and his companion, both horribly injured, are brought back to his own home. For days her life hangs in the balance, hangs by the thinnest thread. She is on the road to recovery when the accidental overizing of an alcohol stove sets fire to the house.

Whom does King rescue—his wife, who loves him dearly, or his amorous?

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