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APPLE SHIPPERS ARE LEARNING

'16 FRAUGHT WITH COSTLY LESSONS

Car Shortage and Cold Weather Point to the Need of More Storage Terminals in Northwest

While the beginning of the 1916 marketing season for the huge 20,000 carload crop of Northwestern box apples has been fraught with expensive lessons for growers, because of the abnormally cold weather and a shortage of refrigerator cars, sales agency officials are coming to the conclusion that the lack of rolling stock to move the fruit to market has been really a blessing in disguise. Had a sufficient number of refrigerator cars been available nearly all of the bumper crop of apples would have been rushed to marketing centers before this date, and a chaotic market condition would most certainly have resulted. Despite the much talked of car shortage, the total number of cars moved from the Northwest up to Monday, according to a report of the Fruit Growers Agency, of Spokane, reached 9,726. On the same date last year the total shipments reached 8,406 carloads, far in excess of a half of the total yield for 1915.

The car shortage, officials say, has tended to prevent disastrous gluts, and a price, such as will return profits to growers, has been maintained. Up to orchardists have lost heavily from frost damage and have incurred the added expense of having to move their product to market in ordinary box cars that have to be heated and attended by crews of men to look after them, their losses might have been extremely heavy, had the condition of over supplied markets and sacrifice prices prevailed.

On November 20 last year shipments from the Apple Growers Association had totaled 1,250 carloads. Up to Monday a total of 600 carloads of the 1916 crop of apples had been shipped, a figure somewhat in excess of the total tonnage for last year.

As a result of the severe freeze throughout the fruit districts at Lewiston, Idaho, Washington and Montana which have taken an estimated toll of \$5,000,000, the construction of storage plants, the cost of which will reach well up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, will follow next spring, the prediction. With storage facilities commensurate with the crops of apples produced, growers' agencies will be in a position not only to combat the elements, but to prevent a glut of markets, which heretofore has caused apple growers a greater loss than all other conditions combined.

While the Hood River valley cooperative agencies of growers have terminal storage warehouses capable of handling approximately 600,000 boxes of apples, these buildings have been inadequate this season. No increase in local storage plants, however, is predicted for several years to come. But scores of individual growers are already making tentative plans to erect private plants to care for large portions of their crop. Hood River's total loss from the cold weather is placed at a maximum of 15 per cent, a money loss of \$225,000. Less than half of this sum would provide an adequate space for the protection of the apple crop.

For a period of five years apple growers have been studying and groping for some means that will make more stable their industry, which has frequently felt the touch of disaster because of an inability to maintain profitable values for their fruit. In a period of less than a year, the clearing house for market data and progressive ideas, will give the new movement an impetus.

NOVEMBER TERM GRAND JURY REPORT

To the Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of the above entitled court. We, the grand jury called and sworn for the above term of court, report that we have examined into all matters coming before us and have made report on the same from time to time.

We have examined the county records and find the same neatly kept. We have examined the county jail and find that the same is a dangerous risk from the standpoint of possible fire. We therefore recommend that at all times when a prisoner is confined therein a man be kept constantly on duty.

We recommend that a competent person be employed by the county to supervise the county road work, to whom the people may look for explanations in regard to the expenditures of county road money.

We recommend that on all grades and angles in the county roads a sign be placed by the county reading, "Obey the Law. Turn to the Right," and especially on Tucker and Davidson hills and at Struck's corner.

We further recommend a policy of expanding all county road moneys on roads leading from the center of traffic, and we believe this to be sound policy and productive of the best results to the taxpayers.

We recommend that all elevated flumes on the county roads and highways, where the same are unsightly or dangerous, be required by the court to be placed underground.

We recommend that all bills against Hood River county be accompanied by a requisition for the supplies required, which requisition shall be signed by the proper person in authority, and that no bill be paid unless accompanied by the requisition, and further that this requisition in all cases be filed with the bill in the county office of the county clerk for reference.

Having completed our labors, we respectfully request that we be discharged from further duty.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1916.

H. C. Dietz, chairman,
D. L. Rowntree,
W. H. Farrow,
E. W. Dunbar,
J. H. Day,
Frank Van Horn,
M. J. Foley.

SKAMANIA RECALL UP TO SUPREME COURT

It is likely, according to visitors here from the Underwood orchard district that the proposed recall of J. M. Boyd and J. W. Shipley, commissioners of Skamania county, Washington, may be carried to the supreme court of the state.

Petitions calling for a recall election against the Skamania county officials were recently filed with County Auditor C. H. Nellor, of Stevenson, recently. The petitions were canvassed and count of the signatures were made last week. While it was found that the signatures exceeded in numbers the necessary 35 per cent required before an election could be legally called, Messrs. Boyd and Shipley and their attorneys, E. E. Shields and Geo. E. O'Brien, presented counter petitions from signers of the original document, asking for the election, who asked that their names be withdrawn from the latter. Auditor Nellor ruled that the names appearing on both petitions should not be considered in that calling for the recall election. H. W. Arnold, as attorney for the recall element, which was led by H. V. Rominger and H. W. Arnold, resisted this ruling, and it is now declared that the supreme court will be called on to settle the question. The term of office of Mr. Shipley will have expired before a decision of the Washington supreme court can be rendered, Mr. Shipley going out of office January 1.

The recall petition was precipitated in Skamania county early last summer, charges of misuse of their office in the construction of new roads and in the expenditure of \$210,000 bond issued Monday in the county last year having been made against the commission.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 5

This has been a year of many elections for Hood River. Next comes the regular annual municipal election, December 5. For the office of mayor, three councilmen, treasurer and recorder the following are the respective nominees: Dr. H. L. Dumble, for reelection; Kay W. Sinclair, Walter Walters and C. C. Cuddeford; L. A. Henderson, for reelection and B. L. Howe for reelection.

The greatest interest at the coming election, however, will be created by the proposed charter amendment, providing for the exclusion from the bounds of the corporation of all territory east of Hood river, including the East Side grade and steel bridge.

The Monday night meeting of the council, touching slightly on the approaching election, was of short duration. Among other items of business the council passed an ordinance amending certain paragraphs of the recently adopted traffic ordinance. Under the provisions of the new rules, vehicles will be permitted to stand on the restricted part of Oak street, between First and Fourth streets, but 20 minutes. The maximum speed of motor cars is placed at 15 miles, and machines must travel at a rate of speed that will enable the drivers to control them at all times while turning corners. The maximum rate across the steel bridge must be eight miles per hour.

Agencies Deny Early's Charge
Officials of apple sales agencies deny the charge recently made by Chas. J. Early, who declared that apple shippers were not loading to capacity refrigerator cars.

"In every instance where it is possible," says Wilmer Sieg, "we have filled our cars to the utmost capacity. Refrigerator cars cannot be loaded, however, to their capacity in weight, when apples are hauled. A space must be left for the proper ventilation of the fruit. But in the larger portion of our shipments, the cars have carried 860 boxes of apples, and above 1,000 boxes, where ordinary box cars were used."

"In many instances, too, we have connections with limited markets that will take only the minimum loading of 630 boxes of fruit. We have to take care of these small buyers and of course load accordingly."

Winter in Artistic Mood

Winter was in an artistic mood in the mid-Columbia Tuesday. The breath of the chill Walle Walle chinook on huge fog banks hanging well down the sides of the Columbia river gorge turned the moisture into daytime frost. Vast forest areas, every branch and bough covered with a thickness of the frosts, became great expanses of fairland brilliancy. The metamorphosis touched the tops of rock pinnacles. To the fog line the canyon sides remained brown and gray, but above, the frozen gossamer lined every crag and crevice, and the gorge of Wasna was never more beautiful than in the wintertime garb.

Off-Grade Demand Heavy

Frank Waters, a fruit processor of Portland, here Monday in an endeavor to secure a supply of cull apples for the manufacture of apple butter and for evaporating purposes, was unable to make purchases. Apple sales officials declare that the low grade product of the valley was never better taken care of than this season. The Apple Growers Association has contracted up to 5,000 tons of cooking grade apples to the Wittenburg-King Co., of The Dalles, and the Hood River Apple Vinegar Co. will take the remainder of the cull product, consisting of windfalls and frost-bitten fruit, made unfit for commercial shipments.

Sacred Concert

A sacred concert will be rendered at Asbury M. E. church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. H. Sletton. Some of the best musical talent of the city will assist in the program. These services are becoming very popular and if you want a seat come early.

RECORD COLD HITS VALLEY

NIP IS GENERAL IN NORTHWEST

Heavy Toll is Taken of Apples and Potatoes—Sunday Was a Perfect Winter Day

According to the statements of pioneer residents, the cold weather of last week, when the thermometer registered as low as 13 degrees on the West Side at the place of E. W. Birge both Wednesday and Thursday nights, set a record for autumn in the Hood River valley. Usually the days of November are warm with more or less rain. Rarely are any Hood River apples injured from frost.

But the cold of last week took a heavy toll, not only here but throughout the northwest. While Hood River damage is placed at a maximum of 15 per cent, the maximum estimates of some other districts ran well up toward 50 per cent, and the total crop loss for the four Northwestern states, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, has been placed at an approximate \$1,500,000. It is stated that no less than 1,750,000 boxes of apples were made unfit for commercial use by the nip of the frost.

With the prevailing acute potato shortage, the toll taken by last week's frost on the local potato crop will fall very heavily. Potatoes probably sell for unprecedented prices here next spring. More than a half of the estimated 30 carloads produced in the Hood River valley the past year were frozen.

The cold weather, however, failed to delay to any considerable extent the movement of apples from unprotected warehouses and barns to the city. While associations were receiving apples only in limited quantities at their storage plants, dozens of vacant business properties and basements were pressed into service. William Rand was stationed at the corner of Third and Oak streets to act as traffic manager.

A silver thaw threatened in Hood River Saturday morning, lying up traffic on country roads and city streets. The precipitation of the night before, when the temperature had climbed with an accompanying west wind, had frozen solidly on street and road surface. Automobiles participated in freak skidding, such as one seen in moving pictures. At one time nearly a hundred loaded apple wagons were halted on the East Side grade.

A more perfect winter day than Sunday never prevailed over the mid-Columbia district. Saturday's light precipitation was turned into record thick hoar frost that lasted well toward noon on sidewalks protected from the sun, and on the steep grades children were privileged to enjoy good coasting. Scores of the youngsters' light sleds with them to Sunday school and rode the flyers toward ward.

The low temperature of the past week had frozen the surface of Columbia sloughs to the thickness of nearly an inch and many venturesome young men and women were out on skates. A perfect calm prevailed, and Sunday afternoon the roads were lined with motorists.

BOX MISUSE MAY BRING PROSECUTION

Shipments of diseased and improperly branded apples from the Hood River Valley in boxes bearing the imprimatur of local cooperative sales associations may end in prosecution. Association officials declare that the practice is in conflict not only with the Oregon pure food laws but with federal regulations. Portland dealers are accused of coming here and buying low grade fruit that growers cannot, under strict grading rules, dispose of except to vinegar factories. Attracted by the larger margin of profit in selling to Portland buyers, many growers have disposed of diseased and diseased fruit, shipping the apples in boxes marked with association brands. Growers and purchasers alike, it is stated, are thus violating the law.

"Protests will be made to J. D. Mickel, state food and dairy commissioner," says Wilmer Sieg. "This flooding of the Portland market has put Hood River in bad with the consuming public. Hood River's displays at the Pure Food Show have created a furore, and we find that the reputable grocers of the city are willing to cooperate with us in selling up-to-grade apples, but the indiscriminate offering of the frosted and low quality product has practically ruined the market. The housewives of Portland, themselves, only can remedy conditions by making a demand for the best quality fruit, which is being offered at most reasonable prices."

Kenneth McKay, manager of the Fruit Growers Exchange, declares that independent buyers have shipped fruit from Hood River that should have been confiscated by fruit inspectors. "It is a crime," says Mr. McKay, "that such product has been allowed to leave the valley."

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The November meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held at 8 o'clock sharp. At this time Dr. Waugh will speak upon health measures, prevention of disease and give us some enlightenment upon the subject of infantile paralysis, about which so little is known.

Prof. McLaughlin wishes to present to the parents the subject of school savings banks for the children. This is a very important matter in the training of the child and one in which all should be interested.

The musical program in the hands of a committee composed of Mrs. Lemmon and Miss Kopan.

You are cordially invited to be present and help to make this evening a success. Please come prepared to register. If you are not a member of the organization you are a "back number" in progress.

Pine Grove Dance Saturday Night

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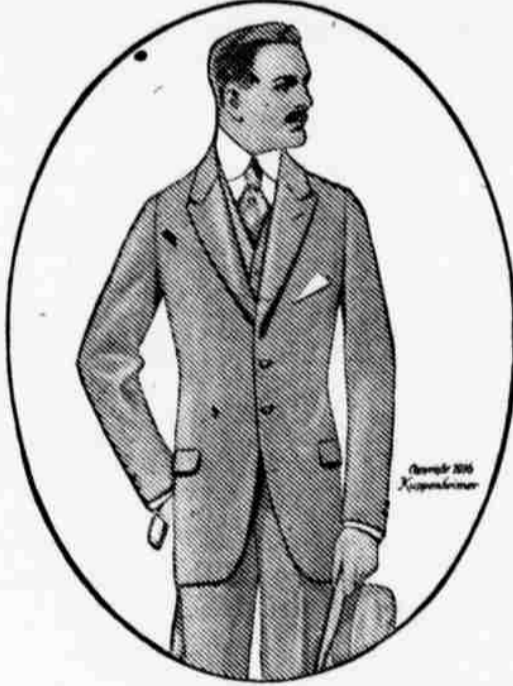
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