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MANY FRUIT MEN VISIT HOOD RIVER

Hood River has never been such a mecca as during the past week for prominent factors in the boxed apple industry. Shippers and market men were here from all parts of the country.

B. A. Perham, formerly sales manager of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors and until recently general manager of the Earl Fruit Company of the Northwest, was here calling on his former associate, C. W. McCullagh, former sales manager of the Yakima Fruit Growers Association. P. F. Clark, Mr. McCullagh's successor at the local crop. Mr. Clark was accompanied by his brother, Edward Clark, cashier of the Yakima National Bank.

John M. Walker, of the Chicago firm of Walker Bros., and Jake Schoenberg, who recently formed a partnership with Tom Peppers for the distribution of apples in eastern markets, were here on purchasing expeditions and to see the scenery of the Northwest.

It was a coincidence that C. W. Hooker, of Los Angeles, W. M. Dickerson, of San Francisco, and Dwight L. Woodruff, of New York city, three district managers of the Association in their respective markets, and who also handle the "Y" brand of Yakima, happened to be making their annual visits to headquarters simultaneously and to get first hand information for the coming season.

Following conferences of the visiting apple men and Mr. McCullagh, the latter is of the opinion that jobbers and principal shippers agree fairly well on price conditions. It is still too early to forecast the general market condition because previous years' experience has shown a decided reduction at harvest time over earlier estimates. The quality of fruit is expected to be above normal because of ideal growing conditions.

Northwestern boxed apples, it is declared, are today considered a staple commodity by dealers, and the trade is coming more and more to consider the apple's food value, compared with other staples. The standardization pack and the assurance of a steadiness in supply, as a result of organization, has made the boxed apple a moneymaker for jobber and retailer alike, and the consumer, it is said, is taking to the product because of its low cost compared with other foods.

Mr. McCullagh, after the week's resume of Northwestern apple conditions, expresses the belief that estimates on the Northwestern crop have been too high. In his opinion the total yield of all districts will not exceed 25,000 cars. The respective tonnage of different districts is placed as follows: Yakima, 9,500 cars; Wenatchee, 8,500; Oregon, 3,300; Idaho, 1,800; Spokane district, 500; Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater districts, 500.

Clipped Here and There

From earliest records we have the evidence that apples were regarded as the most desirable of all fruits and, in consequence, they frequently played the part of tempter and bribe. Satan himself could think of no more potent appeal to Eve than the apple of Eden, and with an apple Eve enticed Adam to his fall. Since that day even the greenest of apples have proven irresistible to small boys, spite of the disastrous consequences which overtake them as surely as they did Adam.

We find the apple chosen as the fitting prize for beauty when Paris made his famous award to Venus and, in spite of her astounding loveliness, she had to offer him a beautiful wife to get it. What apple-lover does not sympathize with Atalanta, the Arcadian princess who was so fleet of foot that, wishing to remain unwed, she consented to marry the man who should outrun her. Her cousin, Milanion, despaired of distancing her in the race, but she was fair and he was wily. What would tempt her most powerfully? Ah, ha! he would scatter apples upon the sands of the shore where she made her get away, and Atalanta stooped to pick up the luscious fruit and Milanion passed ahead of her.

So we see three very famous ladies—Eve, Venus and Atalanta yielding to the allure of the apple. In more modern times a fourth distinguished woman was aided by the number when Arthur Stevenson, American minister to the court of St. James, presented Queen Victoria with some fine Albatross Pippins. We should not dream of insinuating that this was a bribe, but certain it is that these Virginia apples so tickled the royal palate that the queen had the import tax on apples removed and since that time England has been the principal export market for American apples.

This history shows the power of apple, the wise man today raises many and good apples are a power in the land.—American Fruit Grower.

"Owing to the fact that poets are getting so numerous in this vicinity, and the cost of living is advancing daily, the News editor wishes to announce that from now on a charge of five cents per line will have to be levied for poetry published in the News."—Glendale News. How about Sam Jackson's people-passed state law limiting rates to 3¢ a line? Is home-made poetry to be discriminated against in favor of a law fixed for legal notices?—Oregon Voter.

All records for mole pellets in the state of Oregon, and perhaps in other states, were broken this week in the pool held in this county. During the week 2,785 pellets were brought to the office of the county agent, to be disposed of by him in the best advantage. This exceeds any other record by 500 pellets, the next largest record being 2,247 pellets, which was the record for this county last year.—Banks Herald.

Have you sampled the new cocktail, liquid shrimola? It has been brought in to prominence by the Indians of this section. It is said to contain the kick, headache and conversation of rich rare booze. What flavor do you prefer, straight blacking or tan? Fill 'em up again, barkeep.

The drink no doubt will shine things up, brightening and illuminating the imbiber.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Every generation has to learn for itself that a canoe is no place for spooning. At least the survivors do.—Dufur Dispatch.

Mrs. Howe Harvests First Apples
The first of Hood River's largest box apple crop for the 1919 season was harvested last week by Mrs. Fred Howe from city lot trees. The fruit, of the transparent variety, was marketed for six cents per pound. Early apples will be ready for shipping within a week.

MOSIER CALLED ON FOR BRYAN'S CIDER

Hood River citizens who Saturday night entertained William Jennings Bryan, nationally known for his sponsorship prohibition, as a chief feature of their greeting presented him with a demijohn of sweet apple cider. Recalling Mr. Bryan's propensity for grape juice, it was announced here several weeks ago that an effort would be made to convert him to the juice of Hood River's best apples. Consternation, however, prevailed when it was discovered that members of the reception committee had failed to reserve a supply of the popular beverage. Not a drop of cider was available at the plant of the Hood River Apple Vinegar Co., and no apples were at hand for pressing.

Someone, however, thought of the cider mill of C. A. Hage, of Mosier, and to the neighboring district must go the honor of furnishing Mr. Bryan with the delicious beverage. En route to Portland on an early train Saturday morning M. Hage brought the cider to Hood River in person. He was met by a committee, who guarded the juice of recent vintage jealously until the arrival of the guest of honor.

The dinner to the Commoner, held at the Hotel Oregon, was strictly non-political. It was attended by county and city officials and many representative Republicans as well as Democrats. Billy and Ma Sunday were expected to be with Mr. Bryan around the banquet board. Others present for the dinner were Mrs. Chas. H. Castner, Mrs. C. K. Marshall, Mrs. A. G. Lewis, Judge Derby, Judge Flowers, Mayor Spokes, Postmaster Leavis, H. G. Ball, O. B. Nye, J. H. Hazlett, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, W. H. Boddy, M. M. Hill, E. O. Blanchard, A. W. Stone, E. T. Robinson, W. H. Boddy and Milton A. Miller, internal revenue collector of Portland.

Mr. Miller and a party of Wasco citizens brought Mr. Bryan here by automobile. The latter delivered a chautauque lecture at The Dalles Saturday afternoon.

RECORD AUTO SALES MADE THIS SEASON

With sales of dealers already reaching 150 in number, the automobile business of 1919 will far exceed that of any former year in Hood River. Local concerns, as a result of the general prosperity following high prices for all varieties of fruits, find there is a task of securing sufficient cars to meet the demand. Standard popular makes of cars are far oversold.

Harry T. DeWitt, local Ford agent, who secured an allotment of 72 cars, has applications, accompanied by cash deposits, from 17 additional prospective purchasers. Mr. DeWitt visited Portland headquarters last week, endeavoring to secure more cars for his customers.

Counties Work Roads

"I have recently visited Willamette valley counties and I am just back from a motor tour as far east as Fossil," said Commodore Dean, "and I have the fullest praise for highway work of all counties except those in Wasco county."

Mr. Dean, who returned last Friday, says that he found Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler county citizens very busy bettering their roads, but he declares that residents of Wasco county seem apathetic.

"And," continued Mr. Dean, who was accompanied on his recent jaunt by Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foust and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson, "the roads of Wasco bear witness to apathy. They're not altogether bad, but they seemed to us the worst we struck."

Porter Expects Clean Crop

J. C. Porter, director of the Apple Growers Association and a pioneer in the commercial orchard industry here, expresses the belief that the 1919 apple crop will be the cleanest ever harvested by Hood River growers. While Mr. Porter does not believe that the crop will reach the 2,000,000 box mark, as recently estimated in the government's forecast, he says the size of the fruit may develop to such an extent, as the growing season continues, as to bring the tonnage above expectations.

On his own East Side orchards Mr. Porter is expecting a crop of 10,000 to 12,000 boxes.

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids at its office in the Capitol Building at Salem, Oregon, up to 10:00 o'clock a. m., September 2, 1919, for all the State's interest in the overflowed lands hereinafter described, giving, however, to the owner or owners of any lands abutting or fronting thereon, the preference right to purchase said overflowed lands at the highest price offered, provided such offer is made in good faith, and also provided, that the land will not be sold for, nor any offer therefor accepted of less than \$7.50 per acre, and that the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The lands are situated in Hood River County, Oregon, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the west line of Sec. 30, T. 3 N. R. 11 E. W. M., 1965.84 feet north of the southwest corner of said section, thence N. 64 deg. 30 min. E. 374.88 feet along meander line which is the northerly boundary of Nathan S. Benson D. L. C. No. 37; thence S. 75 deg. E. 463.98 feet along said meander line; thence S. 60 deg. 15 min. E. 549.78 feet along said meander line; thence S. 54 deg. E. 159.72 feet along said meander line; thence S. 19 deg. 45 min. E. 379.50 feet along said meander line; thence S. 54 deg. east 363.00 feet along said meander line to the northeast corner of said Nathan S. Benson claim; thence North 40.00 feet to low water, south bank of the Columbia river; thence N. 51 deg. 13 min. W. 382.20 feet along low water line; thence N. 24 deg. 04 min. W. 314.47 feet along low water line; thence N. 45 deg. 52 min. W. 190 feet along low water line; thence N. 53 deg. 42 min. W. 593.53 feet along low water line; thence N. 28 deg. 16 min. W. 148.10 feet along low water line; thence N. 68 deg. 30 min. W. 770.00 feet along low water line to a point in west line of said section 30; thence along said west line of section South 564.00 feet to point of beginning, containing 6.93 acres and lying north of the Nathan S. Benson D. L. C. No. 37, T. 3 N. R. 11 E.

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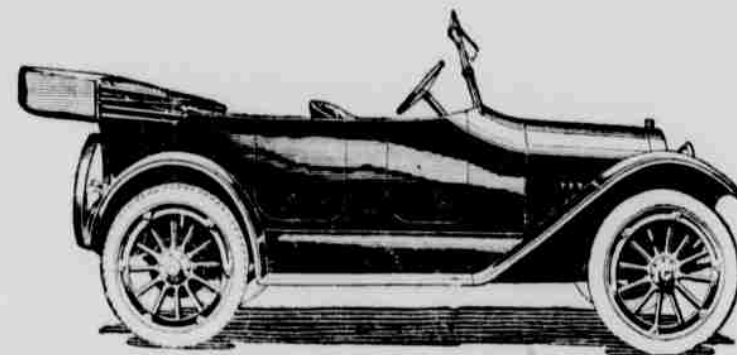
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