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We Will Measure Up

It was said of George Washington that the office of President of the United States was "cut to his measure" it fitted him better than any other man of his time.

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GROWERS HOLD MASS MEETING

COOPERATIVE PLANS DISCUSSED

While Committee Was Instructed to Investigate Further, Undercurrent of Distrust Seemed to Prevail

While Hood River orchardists in a mass meeting Saturday afternoon, when the proposition of a cooperative cider and vinegar plant was under discussion, fairly generally expressed the opinion that returns on cull apples were unjustifiably low, an undercurrent of distrust of cooperative management as a cure for the situation seemed to prevail. Indeed, several speakers frankly opposed any move toward launching a cooperative cider and vinegar plant.

R. E. Miller, Odell grower, declared the by-products business highly specialized and carrying such overhead expenses that it might prove disastrous in case growers decided to enter on a scheme of cooperation for operating a plant.

The meeting was called by the Vinegar committee of the Apple Growers Association, composed of August Guignard, S. G. Oxborrow and D. L. Pierson, with whom a delegation from the growers' Welfare Association, composed of West Side orchardists, has been working in securing data. E. B. Van Atta, a New York state manufacturer of cider and vinegar equipment, was present and addressed the meeting. Mr. Van Atta frankly admitted that the expenses of operating a by-products plant under cooperative management might be higher than under private management. He cited that the demand for cider, sale of which was stimulated to a great degree when the prohibition law first went into effect, had made a marked decline.

Mr. Guignard reported that it would be folly for a new cider and vinegar concern to attempt to compete with an existing plant, said to be one of the largest in the country, already operated here by the Hood River Apple Vinegar Co. He said the owners of the local concern were ready to transfer of their plant and stock at an appraised value, and recommended that such a course be pursued in case a cooperative plan is launched. Mr. Guignard suggested a plan of financing by the Apple Growers Association under approving credit of individual members.

One of the arguments advanced by those favoring a cooperative cider and vinegar plant was that it would turn into channels of control the low grade apples of the community and prevent their competition with commercial grades.

Mr. Guignard presided at the meeting and G. E. Frey was secretary. It was unanimously voted at the close of the session to have the committee to pursue its investigations further.

S. G. Oxborrow declared that the day would come when Blue Diamond canned Spitzburgs would be as famous as the commercial pack is today. John R. Edgar pointed out that cull apples in the Dee and Upper-Valley districts were worthless. Peter Mohr declared that cooperation, if really put into effect would bring the results desired here. He cited how Denmark has made a national name in dairying and agriculture by the practice of cooperation and the utilization of all products of the farm.

An interesting point made at the Saturday meeting by Mr. Van Atta was that the pomace waste from cider mills had a greater value as cow feed when stored in silos, than corn silage.

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The elder Mr. Butler was not available Tuesday, but his son, Truman Butler, states that the Raker letter, which was written after due thought, is a fair statement of the sentiments of his father. The Salem discussion, on the part of Mr. Butler, was, it is said, brief and inconclusive, as Mr. Butler was more of a spectator than a participant.

The letter written to Representative Raker by Mr. Butler last August follows:

Hon. John E. Raker,
Alturas, California.
My dear Mr. Raker: Referring to our conversation when you were here a few days ago investigating the Japanese situation, there is a very general feeling in Hood River valley that any material increase in our Japanese population would be a menace to the development of the valley. It is true that we could use a limited number of Japanese on some of our logged off land that will probably not be developed by white people for many years. The problem, however, of having Japanese settle in a restricted district is rather a serious one and on the whole it would perhaps be better for us to take the position of not favoring any material increase in the Japanese population rather than to attempt to restrict the Japanese to sections now being developed by white people.

In other words, Hood River valley is one of the most delightful spots in America for permanent settlement for Americans and we would not look with favor on any tendency towards increasing the holdings of the Japanese in the highly developed sections now occupied by white people. The matter of American born Japanese children becoming citizens is, of course, a serious phase of this question, and I am inclined to think that legislation should be passed denying citizenship to the children of parents who cannot themselves become citizens. The fact that the Japanese blood cannot be assimilated with ours would seem to make legislation of this kind necessary. If I can answer any questions or give you any further information, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Leslie Butler.

Miss May Davidson, who annually gathers bouquets of apple and pear trees from various parts of the valley, forcing them to blossom during the winter months, reports that the outlook for a heavy crop of Newtowns and Spitzburgs here next year was never better. The two varieties, which form the larger portion of the local crop, will have a heavy bloom, as indicated by the twigs folded by Miss Davidson.

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LOCAL FOLK VISIT SALEM

MEN SUPPORT ANTI-ASIATIC BILL

Anti-Asiatic Association Members Appeal to Legislature Tuesday—Bill Passes Lower House

A delegation of orchardists, members of the Anti-Asiatic Association, who in 1919 initiated an Oregon movement aimed at the ownership or control by lease of land by Japanese, were present at Salem Tuesday when a bill, prohibiting such ownership came up for hearing. Through the organization's secretary, R. E. Scott, daily postal cards, carrying arguments against Japanese ownership and colonization, have been mailed to members of the legislature.

Expressions Thursday at Salem by Leslie Butler against the proposed anti-Japanese legislation, resulted Friday in numerous citizens writing to members of the legislature re-asserting their support of such a measure. Commenting on Mr. Butler's utterances, Mr. Scott said:

"Mr. Butler's attitude on the Japanese question must not be taken as indicative of the general feeling in Hood River valley. It is true that Hood River folk have no fight to pick with the present Japanese residents, but we realize that the time has come when we must eliminate a further aggression on their part here. Mr. Butler has not viewed the Japanese as an ordinary practical American citizen. He is a retired business man, who for many years has devoted his time to philanthropy and idealism. He speaks in no wise for Hood River county but rather expresses his own feelings. The figures on population as presented by him need some revision. We have now more than 425 Japanese here."

The bill was adopted by the lower house of the legislature Tuesday by a vote of 35 to 24. Both Egbert and Roberts, joint representatives from Hood River and Wasco counties, voted against the measure. A telegram from Senator McNary, asking that Oregon keep hands off, in order that the Harding administration may not be embarrassed in settling the Japanese problem, whose stand against the legislation, however, continues to support the measure, its members declaring that such a bill is needed for the protection of local land owners, and that the action of the United States Senate on the immigration bill is not reassuring that the national administration will be able to carry out any effective campaign with regard to the Japanese bill.

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Washington's Birthday

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