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EXPERIMENT STATION WORKING ON BERRIES

(By Gordon G. Brown)

It will be of interest to fruit grow-
ers in the Hood River valley to know
that the local experiment station is
cooperating with the United States
department of agriculture through the
bureau of plant industry in testing
the firmness and keeping quality of
raspberries and strawberries. It is
recognized that in the production of
these two fruits, firmness is a prime
requirement. This is true, not only
where fruit is shipped fresh but also
where it is sent to the cannery. It
is impossible to produce high class
canned goods unless the berries are
firm. This fact was particularly em-
phasized during the 1923 season when
raspberries, on account of softness,
met with much disfavor among can-
ners.

The experiment station is testing
these factors in so far as they are
related to the use of various com-
mercial fertilizers. During recent
years there has been a great deal of
propaganda offered the public by var-
ious fertilizer concerns which claim
particular virtues to their own brands
in influencing quality. The man who
has potash to sell is sure that the
use of potash is a panacea for a
great many troubles. Likewise the
man who has organic fertilizers to
sell has a marked advantage in the
use of his particular brand as com-
pared with the one who has mineral
fertilizers for sale. The experiments
as staged, have a direct bearing upon
some of these more important con-
siderations. The experiment station
is testing on a large number of dif-
ferent fertilizers from the experi-
ments as applied at different times and the
data thus far collected, although not
inclusive, show the error of many
misconceptions that have often been
accepted without question. For in-
stance, many concerns would make us
believe that the use of nitrate of
soda necessarily causes soft fruit.
Preliminary tests on raspberries this
year do not show that growers using
potash or superphosphate produce a
berry with greater firmness than is
true in the case of nitrate of soda
alone. On the other hand, the use
of potash has often had a tendency
to reduce yields. Apparently there
is a big field for future investigation
along this line as it has an important
bearing upon future recommendations
in the fertilization of these crops.

JAPANESE DRUBBED BY DR. HULBERT

Dr. H. L. Hulbert, lecturer of the
Ellison-White chautauque circuit, who
addressed a large audience at the
open air theatre here Sunday night,
declared that the United States need
have no fear of war from Japan. Dr.
Hulbert, who was for many years the
chief commander of the emperor of
Korea, characterized the Japanese as
a people who think of might only as
right. The Japanese, he said, are con-
sidered an aggressive, warlike nation,
but he characterized them as shrewd
but cowardly. Dr. Hulbert said the
Japanese have never entered a war
without first having taken a full ac-
count of all the chances. They have
always known in advance, he said,
that war was already won. Dr. Hul-
bert said the Japanese would have
found a way to have joined the cen-
tral powers, had they won the world
war.

Dr. Hulbert termed as the crime
of nations the seizure of Korea by
Japan. He declared that America
erred in not answering the plea of
Korea. When the United States
failed, Japan drew the conclusion that
the United States was a cowardly
nation. Because of this attitude it
became necessary in 1907 to send the
American fleet around the world as
a demonstration to Japan of American
power.

Dr. Hulbert declared that Japan
makes much of the propaganda that
new territory is needed for an ex-
pansion of her people. He said, how-
ever, that the country owns an island
to the north of Japan, where the tem-
perature is similar to that of New
York City, and another island is con-
trolled by Japan off to the south
where the climatic conditions are sim-
ilar to those of Florida. The one is
considered too cold, while the other
is too hot.

Freezer Is Hit By Elements

Adverse price conditions last year
and the elements of this year, accord-
ing to N. W. Mumford, apple grower
and shipper of Freewater, here last
week conferring with the office of Dan
Walle & Co., have left growers of
that section in a serious state. Mr.
Mumford said that the freeze of last
April left the Freewater district with
only three cars of cherries where 100
cars were shipped last year. The
apple crop, he declared, will not be
over 25 per cent of normal. Pros-
pects were good for a small yield of
prunes, but the drought has reduced
these to negligible quantities.

"We had planned to recuperate
by a heavy acreage of tomatoes this
year," said Mr. Mumford, "but the
dry weather has ruined the 1,000,000
tomato plants set in that section."

Museum Man Praises Hood Scenery

Curator Woodruff, of the Lincoln
Museum, Chicago, who spent last
week at Mt. Hood Lodge and Cloud
Cap Inn, expressed enthusiasm over
the mid-Columbia Cascades as a rec-
reational center. He predicted an in-
creasing popularity for the district
in the next five years.

Mr. Woodruff spent his time while
here securing a collection of photo-
graphs for the Chicago museum.

No Arrests On Fourth

Although the crowd of celebrators
at Koberg beach was estimated at
3,000 to 3,500, and a large crowd as-
sembled at the Park grange commu-
nity center on the West Side, orderly
conduct was the order of the day, and
not a single accident occurred to mar
the pleasure of the celebrations.

Sheriff Edick and City Marshal
Hart declared they had never seen
a more peaceful Fourth of July cel-
ebration. Not a single intoxicated
person was observed, and no squab-
bles and fights occurred. Not a single
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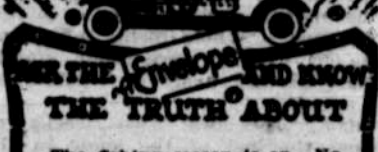
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shipped Tuesday to her birthplace,
Naperville, Ill., for interment. Miss
Butts was a sister of the late Aaron
Butts, for many years a well known
West Side orchardist. She had re-
sided here for the past six years. Miss
Butts recently returned from a
visit with relatives in Omaha, Neb.
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The news of the sudden passing of
Miss Butts brought sincere grief to
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side some swirling pool where
fighting trout will give you the
taste of your life—where the
kids can roam the hills and ab-
sorb the life-giving freshness of
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