

from seed brought to this coast by Missionary Spaulding, who came with Rev. Marcus Whitman in the year 1836, and were planted in 1837. The largest tree is over 40 feet high and 15 feet in circumference at its butt.

The Lewiston exhibit occupied the space on the left soon after passing through the entrance, being 20 feet wide by 80 feet long, and is one of the most artistic displays of fruit made at the fair. Great credit is due Commissioner Wessels and wife for the artistic and decorative arrangement of the same. First is seen a pyramid of grains and vegetables, whose smoothness and enormous size astonish, and excite the admiration of all beholders. A water melon is here exhibited weighing 76 pounds, which was grown in the yard of Arthur Stacy, who lives in the residence part of the city of Lewiston.

Wheat, flax, oats, barley, buckwheat, and in fact, all of the cereals are here shown. And from the prize tickets attached one is led to believe they are not easily duplicated. Next is shown a mammoth display of canned goods, entirely the product of Mrs. Wessels. It comprises preserves, pickles, fruit syrups, and also 250 jars of canned fruits and vegetables, including all varieties that are raised in the semi-tropical climates, and put up in such attractive form that one feels that he has only to reach out his hand and he is in the midst of strawberry, blackberry, raspberry and cherry harvest. Even the canned pumpkin makes you think of grandma's pumpkin pies, which we all so enjoyed in our school days. The well-deserved prize goes to Mrs. Wessels for canned goods.

The same lady also exhibits 800 glasses of jellies, of every shade and color known to jelly art, erected to represent the Lewiston State Normal school, a picture once seen never to be forgotten.

Next down the aisle was Robert Schleisher's display of twenty-eight varieties of pears, which gets the well-deserved first prize. Along with the same is exhibited a variety of nuts and soft-shelled almonds and an abundance of the celebrated Idaho pears.

From the nuts our eyes wander to a large pyramid of Henrietta peaches from the far-famed orchard of L. A. Porter, and continuing for the space of fifty feet we see nothing but plate after plate of large luscious peaches from the same orchard, comprising some seventeen varieties. If it were not for the placard placed behind them, the size of same might cause them to be mistaken for pumpkins, as the size and coloring seems only to be acquired in the peaches grown in the Lewiston valley. Mr. Porter here carries off the first prize, as he has done for the four previous years.

The grape display made by Mr. Porter and Mr. Schleisher is a surprise to people who have heretofore supposed that the varieties here exhibited could only be grown in California.

Immediately behind the display of grapes are several different varieties of wines from the cellars of both Schleisher and Porter, comprising red, white, sweet and sparkling wines, the clearness of which is only excelled by crystals.

From present indications the sour wines of the Lewiston valley will soon be as highly prized as the far-famed Rhine.

Along the whole outer side for the distance of 100 feet was arranged tier upon tier of apples of all known varieties, colors, shade, size and texture, as well as something like 1,000 plates of named varieties; mingling with same is a numerous variety of pears, peaches, plums, etc. Conspicuous with these exhibits were the large and attractive jars of fruits that ripened earlier in the season.

The success of Mr. Wessels in putting up fruit for exhibition purposes whereby the coloring of the fruit is retained, is here fully demonstrated. And one sees jar after jar of the earlier and larger sized peaches, grapes, plums, cherries, strawberries, pears, etc., forming no small portion of the exhibit and making the same highly attractive.

We wonder that the fine displays made from the orchards of R. Schleisher and L. A. Porter does not stimulate more of the prominent fruit growers of Nez Perce county to compete for the many prizes annually carried off by these two gentlemen and make the Nez Perce exhibit one of the greatest collections of fruit ever displayed.

The Walla Walla exhibit, under the superintendency of Dr. G. N. Blalock, assisted by C. L. Whitney and F. C. Still, was a most creditable one to the great rich valley which is the heaviest fruit producer in the state. The location was the most prominent in the pavilion, and the arrangement was particularly good for effective display and thorough inspection. Of course, there was a profusion of all kinds of beautiful fruits. A specialty of particular interest was a

house modeled from beans, together with a representation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It was well modeled and was the work of the mother of the Whitney Bros., a lady of 70 years of age. The famed farm of Dr. Blalock, who is one of the most progressive farmers and horticulturists in the entire Northwest, as well as being recognized as pre-eminent as a physician and surgeon, was well represented by over 100 varieties of products, including very fine growing and cured specimens of tobacco. One box of Hoover apples in this display called for the remark from A. F. Spawn, a deep student of all things pertaining to fruit growing and marketing, that they would easily bring 10 cents each in the markets of Australia. This box was put up by Chester Offner, the 18-year-old son of W. S. Offner, one of the principal shippers of that valley. Many high compliments were passed upon the manner in which it was packed.

The principal exhibitors were Chester Offner, Walla Walla Produce Co., C. R. Frazier, H. C. Shew, Mrs. Frank Loudon and Col. Frank J. Parker. The Colonel drew a silver medal for the exhibit of apples from his farm in Oregon. Walla Walla county was the winner of the \$100 Dodson cup last season, given for best district display.

One of the best and most attractively arranged exhibits was that of Umatilla county. The arrangement was effective, a large cornucopia being the main figure, pouring its wealth of luscious fruits and vegetables out in a plentiful gorgeousness of richness and bright colorings. O. R. Ballou, a pioneer of that productive district, was in charge, assisted

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