

WEED BOOSTS STATE BITTER ROOT SHIPS IN INTERVIEW MANY APPLES

RECENT VISITOR TO MONTANA THOUSANDS OF BOXES ARE BEING PACKED AND SENT TO EASTERN MARKETS.

A recent issue of the Helen Independent gives the following interview with General E. D. Weed, who recently made a visit with Montana relatives:

"The state was never so prosperous as it is today. Its mines, its ranges, its forests, and, more than all of these, its farms—we call them ranches—are producing as never before in the history of the state. In proportion to its population Montana is the richest state in the Union. That may be surprising to the people of Wisconsin, who are so well-to-do themselves, but it is true. Another thing which may not be known to the readers of the north-west is that we have out there about the finest climate in the world. The mean temperature, that is, the average for the year, of Helena, where I live, is practically the same as Cincinnati.

"Not many of you people here in the east—you are east to us—know that, do you? That of you had an idea, I suppose, that Montana was in a sort of frozen zone. Well, that is a mistaken idea. We have less cold weather there, and much less, too, than you have right here. Come out and spend a winter some time instead of going to Florida or California; you would be delighted. But, seriously, we have the most agreeable climate; more days of sunshine out of the 365 than almost any other section of the United States. The range cattle, sheep and horses live out of doors there the year around.

"Speaking of ranches and the livestock business, the big ranches are fast being broken up. Settlers are swarming into the state by thousands, and the small farmer is taking the place of the big rancher. It is estimated that not less than 100,000 settlers came into Montana this year. They came mostly from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the states farther east. A few foreigners came also. Most of them are young farmers who have means enough to enable them to get established. They make the best class of citizens.

"The agricultural output of the state already exceeds its mineral output, and in a few years Montana will be among the leading agricultural states. There are some 20,000,000 acres available for agricultural purposes, according to statistics given out by the government experiment stations. It is not an unusual thing for farmers to grow 30 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, and in rare instances they have raised 80 bushels or more. To the farmers of Wisconsin this may seem an extravagant statement, but the department of agriculture at Washington will furnish the tabulated statistics to anyone who sends for them.

"Fruit growing is one of the chief industries and is increasing rapidly. No country in the world grows larger or finer apples than Montana. The profits of the business, too, are sometimes almost past belief. The owner of an orchard in the Bitter Root valley, near Missoula, marketed from a single acre in one season, \$1,750 worth of apples. We do not hold the record, however, as one acre in Wenatchee county, state of Washington, produced apples to the amount of \$2,500 in one year.

"Helena, as most everyone knows, is the capital of the state of Montana. It has a population of about 25,000; we expect it to be a large commercial and manufacturing city within a few years. It has water power to the amount of about 60,000 horse power. This comes from three dams built across the Missouri river near Helena. You will readily understand that with this amount of electric power available, many large manufacturing establishments are certain to be established in Helena.

"The forest fires which caused so much destruction of valuable timber this year are now over. They were so serious at one time that it was necessary for the governor to call out the state militia to help put them out, and the war department at Washington also ordered out the regular troops stationed there.

"What about politics? I have been absent from the state for more than a month, and you know that a good many things can happen, especially in Montana's politics, during such a space of time. Yes, there are a good many progressive republicans out there, and under ordinary conditions the state is republican. I look for it to be so this year. If, by any possibility, the democrats should control the state legislature, I look for former Senator W. A. Clark to be again elected to the senate.

"The fact of the matter is that the people of Montana are too busy developing the splendid resources of the state to pay much attention to political matters.

Hamilton, Sept. 25.—Without a doubt the big warehouses of the Bitter Root Stock farm, located close to the Northern Pacific tracks in this city, house the busiest group of workers to be found in the entire valley. Within these two large structures a crew of 50 packers, under the immediate direction of Leo W. Davenport, is carefully grading, wrapping, boxing and labeling a large part of the immense crop of choice apples being harvested this fall in the Bitter Root valley. With the valley minus a fruitgrowers' union to handle the fine crop, the Valley Mercantile company of this city early entered the field on the wholesale basis and began to pay good prices for the apples as fast as they were brought to their packing houses. At first a small crew was put at work handling the crop as it came in, but, as the season advanced and the apples began to pour in upon the company, additional graders and packers were employed, until a force of 50 was at work.

Realizing the value of sending none but closely-graded apples onto the market, and the importance of the pack, the company has exercised the utmost care and the closest vigilance in the grading and packing of the fruit. During the past six or eight months there has been much agitation in Hamilton regarding the organization of a practicable fruitgrowers' association here in the valley, and the main thought that has predominated all of the discussions of the different meetings of the fruitgrowers was that apples going out of the Bitter Root valley onto the market should be so graded and packed as to establish a name for an honest pack to give apples bearing the Bitter Root stamp a prestige in the open market. It was pointed out that the apple industry, as a commercial proposition, was a new thing in the valley and that a market could be established only by exercising the greatest care in putting out none but creditable fruit. Acting upon these suggestions, the Valley Mercantile company is establishing a record that will be of great and inestimable benefit to the future of the great and growing industry of the Bitter Root.

Experienced graders have been employed by the company and all of the apples have been subjected to a close process of grading, all of the inferior apples, or "culms," being thrown out as unfit to ship. These "culms" have been made into cider at a mill operated in connection with the packing houses. More than 100 barrels of cider have already been turned out of the presses, which shows the great number of apples going the cider route, and in a way, the efficiency of the grading. Part of this apple juice will be preserved in the cider state, while the rest will be allowed to turn to vinegar, which will find a ready market later.

Following the grading process, all of the apples are wrapped in papers and carefully packed in the boxes. The diamond pack, with the blossom and stem ends alternating, is the one most generally used by the company. Each box when packed is labeled with a large poster, that all, even he who runs, may know that the enclosed apples came from the Bitter Root valley.

In addition to the large forces employed in this city, the company has two men on the road disposing of the pack as fast as they can be loaded onto cars. C. E. Davenport is at work in this state and in Canada, while Mr. Sullivan is caring for the trade in Chicago and in eastern markets. Most of the apples shipped thus far have found a market in the Dakotas, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee and Chicago. From now on the Chicago markets will take most of the company's shipments. It would be difficult to estimate the future value to be derived from these shipments that are finding their way into these eastern cities.

Thus far the company has shipped 21 carloads, 520 boxes to the car, making a total of 18,230 boxes. Today the company has 6,000 boxes at the warehouses, all packed and ready to be shipped tomorrow. The shipment tomorrow will bring the total of carloads to over 30. In the shipments the wealthy apple has predominated, tomorrow's shipment, including 3,304 boxes of this variety, 1,000 Alexanders, 300 McIntoshes and 500 pears, while the remainder is scattered among such varieties as, Ganos, Wolf Rivers, Ben Davis, Mammoth Pippin, Blenheim Orange and Northwest Greenings. In addition to the apples many crabs and pears have been shipped. Two carloads of pears have been shipped and another will follow tomorrow. Five hundred boxes of plums will also be shipped in the morning. Everything has been wrapped in paper, with the exception of the crabs and pears. At the rate the apples are now coming in, it is estimated that the company's shipments for the year will be between 70 and 80 cars. This will mean a total of 504,000 boxes, which ought to give a good many people a wholesome consideration for the Bitter Root's position in the apple world.

During the past few days, many prominent apple buyers and fruitgrowers of the country have inspected the work being done by the company and all were enthusiastic over the fine grade of apples being shipped, and had many nice things to say of the pack. According to their statements, no better work, in regard to grading and packing, is being done in the northwest. All of this is very gratifying to those in charge of the business and alone repays them for the extra care exercised in handling the crop.

The shipments of the Valley Mercantile company do not include all of the apples being shipped from the city. H. Forbrache is maintaining a large packing establishment in the city and its shipments by the carload lot have been unusually large and cover

the same field. Mr. Forbrache is exercising the same care in his packing and grading as is being shown by the company.

MOVING ALONG. Wallace, Sept. 25.—(Special).—The Copper King tunnel is now in 3,000 feet and in Burke quartzite. Little time was lost in the work on account of the forest fires, as the company's loss was slight. The property lies near the Missoula copper.

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Notice. Notice of intention of the city council of the city of Missoula, Montana, to adopt a resolution levying a special assessment and tax to defray the cost of maintaining a special improvement district No. 2 of the city of Missoula, Montana. I, Samuel Bellwe, city clerk of the city of Missoula, Montana, do hereby give notice that a resolution levying a special assessment and tax to defray the cost of maintaining improvement district No. 2 of the city of Missoula, Montana, has been filed for record in the office of the city clerk of the city of Missoula, Montana, subject to inspection for a period of five days from and after the 25th day of September, 1910, and all persons concerned, or in any way interested in any of the property described in said resolution, and against which a special assessment and tax is levied by said resolution, are hereby notified that Monday, the 3rd day of October, 1910, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the council chamber in the city hall in the city of Missoula, Montana, has been fixed by said city council as the time and place when and where any and all persons who are the owners or agents of owners of any lots, pieces or parcels of land situated within said special improvement district, No. 2, shall have the right to appear, either in person or by counsel, and show cause, if any there be, why such resolution should not be finally passed and adopted, or make objections to the final passage and adoption thereof, and to the levying of such special tax and assessment. (Seal.) SAMUEL BELLWE, City Clerk. Dated September 23, 1910. 9-24-25-26-27-28-29-30.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Mont., Sept. 6, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Daniel Wise of Potomac, Mont., who, on August 10, 1904, made homestead application No. 2799, serial No. 8858, for the east half of the southeast quarter, south half of the northeast quarter, section 14, township 14 north, range 16 west, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver, Missoula, Montana, on the 10th day of October, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Sidney Smith, William Briggs, both of Potomac, Mont.; George Lusher, James Watson, both of Missoula, Mont. JOSHIAH SHULL, Register. 9-8-10-8.

Notice of Probate of Will. In the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Missoula.—In the Matter of the Estate of William H. H. Dickinson, Deceased. Pursuant to an order of said court, made on the 19th day of September, 1910, notice is hereby given that Saturday, the 1st day of October, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the courtroom of said court, at the courthouse in the county of Missoula, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of W. H. H. Dickinson, deceased, and for hearing the application of Emma C. Dickinson, for the issuance to her of letters testamentary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. Dated September 19, 1910. (Seal.) THOS. P. CONLON, Clerk. W. B. KELLY, Deputy Clerk. 9-20-29.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, September 14, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Philip Magee of Lolo, Montana, who, on April 11, 1904, made homestead entry No. 2744, serial No. 0847, for the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, south half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, section 32, township 12 north, range 21 west, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at Missoula, Montana, on the 24th day of October, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Robert Thompson of Lolo, Montana; Peter Thompson of Lolo, Montana; James Finnifrock of Missoula, Montana; Thomas Lewis of Missoula, Montana. JOSHIAH SHULL, Register. 9-15-10-15.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, September 14, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Mary Gilrath, widow of Robert Gilrath, deceased, of Lolo, Montana, who, on November 25, 1908, made homestead entry No. 0634, for lots 2 and 3, southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, section 2, township 11 north, range 21 west, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at Missoula, Montana, on the 18th day of October, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas McGee, Robert Anderson, Robert Peet, Peter Thompson, all of Lolo, Montana. JOSHIAH SHULL, Register. 9-15-10-15.

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