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ASSOCIATION SOLD APPLES LAST NIGHT

WENATCHEE PRODUCE CO. AND GIBSON FRUIT CO. BIDS WERE ACCEPTED — PRICES RANGE HIGH.

The apples pooled by the members of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers association were sold last night by the board to the Wenatchee Produce company and the Gibson Fruit company.

The directors of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers association were in session all day yesterday up till late last night considering the bids received for the apple pool. The board of directors consists of E. T. Balch, William Turner, H. W. Otis, William Edmund, C. B. Clarke, Grant Paton and P. P. Holcomb.

The association had pooled about 75 cars of apples and there were seven bids received and the prices were uniformly high on all grades. During all day yesterday there were various rumors current as to the probable action of the association. One report was that the prices were considered too low by the association and that the directors would advertise. Other reports were that the prices on Winesaps were considered too low and that the association itself would market this variety of apple, but late last night the directors decided to accept the bids of the Wenatchee Produce company for a portion of the varieties and of the Gibson Fruit company for the balance.

The association directors refused positively to give out any information as to the prices paid but the various buyers are fully posted on the prices offered.

These are said to be the prices paid by the Gibson Fruit company for the varieties which they get:

- Spitznberg, \$2.50. Winesaps, \$2.25. Black Bens, \$1.75. Jonathan, \$1.75. Missouri Pippins, \$1.50. The following are the varieties which Conrad Rose gets: Delicious, \$3.00. Arkansas Black, \$2.10. Stayman Winesap, \$1.65. Ben Davis, \$1.40.

All other choice grades are \$1.15. The association directors were in session all forenoon and completed its contract with the Wenatchee Produce company and the Gibson Fruit company.

VALLEY WATCHING PLANET MARS

A year will probably elapse before the observations now being taken of the planet Mars by astronomers of the world will be put in concrete form and disseminated throughout the world. This is the opinion of Dr. F. J. Van Kirk, a close student of astronomy. Photographs of the planet are being taken and the information which these will yield can not be classified and published for some time.

Mars and the earth are in opposition and are now only about 35,000,000 miles apart. The planet is nearer the earth than it has been for 15 years. It is visible in the southeast and may be seen all night. It looms large in the heavens and appears blood red in color. Mars is in opposition to the earth only in the months of July, August and September. Its orbit is about 685 days, while that of the earth is 365.

People throughout the valley are watching the planet with interest.

Apple Trees in Blossom. W. S. Gehr has a peculiar phenomenon in his orchard on North Wenatchee avenue. Most of his apple trees are putting out new blossoms. This is not confined to any one variety but all varieties are putting out new blossoms and it is even fuller than the bloom of this spring. He is seeking the cause for this unusual freak in the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Zornes, of Spokane, are here visiting at the home of Mrs. Frank Davis, at 404 Yakima street. Mr. Zornes is a nephew of Mrs. Davis.

RAILROAD OUTFIT TO GO NORTH

SCRAPERS, WAGONS AND GENERAL OUTFIT PASS THROUGH CITY NEXT MONDAY ENROUTE TO OKANOGAN.

J. C. O'Brien, foreman for A. W. Guthrie & Co., the Minneapolis contractor who has secured the contract for the Oroville-Brewster line, was in the city yesterday and made arrangements with the C. & O. company for moving its outfit up the river next Monday. The outfit includes the scrapers, wagons and a general contractor's outfit. The foreman stated that it was understood that his company had a contract for 85 miles, which means that the road will be built to Pateros. The Associated Press despatch which tells of the awarding of this contract says that it was for 70 miles, which in that case would only take the road to the mouth of the Okanogan. The owners of Methow property are hopeful that the road will be built as far as Pateros. The contract price was given at \$2,000,000 and the foreman states that this company is given 200 days to complete the big contract.

STARTED WORK ON PALOUSE

CONTRACTORS STARTED REGRADE WORK THIS MORNING — A BIG CUT WILL BE MADE ON UPPER PART OF STREET.

Regrade work was started this morning on Palouse street by contractors Allyn & McKiver. A considerable cut will be made near the Presbyterian church.

The concrete sidewalk on the avenue has been laid from Fifth street to First street on both sides of the street. Work is in progress on the sidewalk in front of the Wenatchee Department Store. The plank sidewalk in the south end of the city has been taken up clear up to Orondo avenue and grading work is very active in that section.

Death of Mrs. Flora Pearl. Mrs. Flora B. Pearl, of 524 Columbia street, died yesterday at her home at 1:30. Death was caused by typhoid fever. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the Wenatchee Undertaking Co. Mrs. Pearl was a widow and leaves three children, Fanny A., Richard Le Roy and Oakley Pearl. She was a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America.

RETURN FROM ENGLISH TRIP

B. W. JONES AND WIFE, OF C. & O. COMPANY HAVE RETURNED FROM TRIP EXTENDING FROM MAY 4.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jones returned yesterday from a trip to England and France. Mr. Jones' parents live in London, England, and most of the time was spent at that place. The trip over was made by the steamer Minnetonka from New York City to London. The return trip was made from Liverpool to Montreal by the steamer Magantic. From London a short trip was made into France.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones report a very pleasant trip from the time they left here. The return trip was made clear through to the coast and the past week has been spent at the Seattle exposition.

Condemns Postal Savings. Chicago, Sept. 17.—Resolutions condemning in strong terms both the guaranty deposit law and the establishment of postal savings banks were adopted today by the American Bankers' association.

Wright Made High Flight. Berlin, Sept. 17.—Orville Wright, flying here today, attained a height of 765 feet, thus breaking Latham's record.

CLAIM SHORTAGE OF TREES

PRICES OF NURSERY STOCK ADVANCE TWO CENTS TO THE TREE OVER LAST YEAR'S MARKET.

As a result of a claim of an unusual demand for fruit trees for this fall's planting, the price of nursery stock has jumped on the average of 2 cents to the tree. Last year apple trees sold from \$14 to \$18 a hundred and this year they are selling from \$18 to \$20. Other fruit trees are held for sale at a like proportion in price.

There appears to be a shortage all over the northwest. At least, nurserymen from all sections are attempting to get all the stock they can carry. In short, the hunt for small stock has developed into a nurseryman's war. Contracts have been made for most of the season's available stock and being threatened with a shortage the nurserymen have been getting all the trees on which they can lay their hands.

Reap Big Profits. Nurserymen of the northwest will profit to no small extent as a result of the alleged increased demand. Apple trees are planted about 50 to the acre, which means that with the planting of a 20-acre orchard the increase in profits over and above what it would have meant last year on a similar tract will be \$20.

The planter "pays the freight," and while the individual increase in cost of nursery stock to the farmer is comparatively small, the aggregate increase to the nurserymen where hundreds of thousands of trees are sold in the course of a single season means a most handsome profit on the year's sales.

They have all recognized the opportunity to make big profits and the result is that they are all taking on all the stock they can carry. Those who handle the greater share of the supply of this country, it is said, have been particularly aggressive in getting control of young trees for the fall market.

Say Trust Exists. Not only that. The small fellow has gone so far as to accuse the big concerns of being in a trust. They say that they are buying up all the nurseries on which they can lay their hands and that they are aiming to control the prices of the tree market.

They believe that the big fellows have to an extent cornered the tree market for the fall supply and they accuse them of taking advantage of the shortage of trees and the unusual profits to the extent that they will eventually control by far the major portion of the nursery stock of the northwest.

LAKE CHELAN FRUIT EXHIBIT

F. W. EASLEY AND O. A. HOAG WILL REPRESENT CHELAN DISTRICT AT THE SPOKANE INTERSTATE FAIR.

F. W. Easley and O. A. Hoag came down from Chelan yesterday and left on the eastbound train for Spokane, where they will have charge of the Chelan exhibit at the Interstate fair. They had with them a general display of fruit and vegetables to the amount of 2,600 pounds. They report that the fair comes too early to permit their district to show to its best advantage.

Made \$1,100. F. Hillyer, of Chelan, who bought part of the E. F. Gaines place, sold his holdings to C. A. Reed, of Seattle. There were six and one-fourth acres in the tract for which Mr. Hillyer paid \$1,400 a year ago. He sold the place for \$2,500.

D. L. Pratt of the Chelan Butte Orchards left this morning for Dover, accompanied by L. McLean and W. R. Prowell.

Dr. E. C. Kilbourne, of the Kilbourne & Clark company, of Seattle, came down on the boat this morning from Entiat and the Waterville country. It is the Kilbourne & Clark company which is putting in the pumping plant at Entiat.

NOTES FROM THE ORCHARDS

TEDFORD BROS. WILL MAKE EXHIBIT AT THE APPLE SHOW — BLACKMAN BROS. HAVE SOLD 16,000 BOXES OF APPLES.

M. Baxter, of Walla Walla street, has a quince tree six years old that has averaged 40 pounds of fruit each year, which has been sold at an average price of 8 cents per pound.

Among those who won some good prizes at the Spokane Apple Show last year are the Ted' d Bros. They expect to send a good exhibit again this year. The boys have 14 acres in orchard, of which five acres are in peaches, five in apples and four acres are in young trees not yet in bearing. In 1898 they picked 6,700 boxes of peaches and 2,700 boxes of apples. This year they expect to pick 2,500 boxes of Winesaps, which with their other fruit will give them \$4,000 net on their orchard.

J. O. Stout has ten Rome Beauty trees, six years old, that will average three boxes each. He has 100 Winesap trees that will average eight boxes each. He figures that in his orchard of five acres he will have but one-half of a crop, yet he will take off enough to net him from \$2,500 to \$3,000 over expenses. He had two trees of egg plums from each of which he sold \$8.50 worth of fruit.

A. M. Wilson has 130 Stayman Winesap trees four years old from which he expects to pick an average of one box each.

Blackman brothers announced that they had disposed of 12,400 boxes of Stayman Winesaps and 4,000 boxes of Black Ben Davis, but they refuse to state the price or with whom they had made the deal.

From the Clark Company's orchard a car of Jonathans will go Saturday to G. M. H. Wagner & Sons of Chicago.

H. P. Glacier, living next to the Lewis-Clark school building, has the best 1 1/2 acre of apples that has been reported thus far. He has 150 Winesap trees that will average 10 boxes each. They cover 1 1/2 acre and from present prices he expects to have \$2,500 clear money after paying for boxes and packing. He also has 25 trees of Rome Beauty apples which will average six boxes each. He expects his orchard of six acres to net \$3,000 this year. He purchased the place a short time ago of W. W. Wenner for \$16,000. This was the place formerly owned by George Blair and sold by him to M. E. Fisher. Mr. Glacier came to Wenatchee this spring from Chelsea, Michigan, the old home of Chas. and Fred Cooper. He says that he regards Wenatchee fruit lands as the best investment he has ever made.

INSPECTED DAIRIES OF VALLEY

L. W. HANSON OF THE DAIRY AND FOOD DEPARTMENT SPENT THE DAY IN THE VALLEY INSPECTING DAIRIES.

L. W. Hanson, of the Washington dairy and food department, spent the day in the valley and while here inspected the two dairies which have been consolidated under the ownership of J. R. Ogan. Mr. Hanson was not satisfied with the conditions here at all and gave Mr. Ogan notice that changed conditions would be required. Mr. Ogan promised immediate compliance. In fact he has only been in possession of the business a few days and has had no opportunity to make any changes. The citizens of the state are paying particular attention to the milk supply and each large city has its own inspectors. In the smaller towns Mr. Hanson usually works in conjunction with the health department and states that he will visit the valley whenever there is any complaint from the city health department.

Some Handsome Peaches. S. L. Packwood, of Entiat, sent to the Daily World office today two as handsome specimens of Alberta peaches as have been seen in the valley this year. Both measure 1 1/2 inches in circumference and are perfect in every respect. Mr. Packwood has only young trees on his place at Entiat but next year he expects a good crop of both peaches and apples.

M'KEAN'S PROJECT AT WATERVILLE

SEATTLE ENGINEER WHO RECENTLY PURCHASED POWER SITE AT CHELAN TO BUILD WATERVILLE-DOUGLAS ROAD.

For the past week the trustees of the new Waterville Railway company which was organized for the purpose of building a railroad between Waterville and Douglas, have been busily engaged in devising a plan for the construction of the road at an early date, says the Waterville Empire.

Monday morning last they chartered three automobiles and went over the proposed line, traveling the greater part of the distance on foot, and it was decided that with a few changes an excellent grade for an electric road with little expense could be made.

However, some of the trustees had been corresponding with Frank McKean, general manager of the Rainier Power & Irrigation company of Seattle, and as Mr. McKean was in town a meeting was called for 7 o'clock that evening.

At this meeting all the plans were gone over and Mr. McKean offered to construct the road, equip it with rolling stock and electricity for the sum of \$80,000, which had been subscribed. An agreement was entered into between the trustees and this gentleman to that effect, providing that Mr. McKean furnishes the required bonds for fulfilling the contract.

Mr. McKean just recently purchased the power plant of George D. Brown at Chelan Falls, which, when it is developed will furnish 15,000 horsepower. He also has three power sites on the Methow estimated to furnish between 20,000 and 30,000 horsepower.

According to the contract entered into by Mr. McKean he is to have surveyors here next Friday to survey and cross-section the line and as soon thereafter as possible to begin construction work on a standard gauge road, to be completed in 90 days, equip the same with electric power, 20 boxcars, 10 flat cars, two interurban passenger coaches and one locomotive for freight hauling.

Mr. McKean agrees to operate the road for ten years, pay all taxes and bonded indebtedness. During the next ten years he agrees to pay a 4 per cent dividend to the stockholders and at the expiration of 20 years turn the line and equipment over to the stockholders in as good condition as when built, aside from natural wear and tear.

The trustees believe that Waterville could not ask for a better proposition for the building of this line.

As the \$80,000 subscribed for stock by the business men and farmers will be used for the construction of the road it will be necessary for every one to be prepared to pay off the notes given for stock as soon as possible, so that there will be no delay in the construction of the road. This is now one of the most important features of the deal. If the road is built the money must be forthcoming to build it.

DEPOSITS ALMOST \$1,000,000

STATEMENTS OF LOCAL BANKS SHOW THIS CITY TO BE IN A VERY HEALTHFUL FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The statements of the three banks in this city published this week show deposits amounting to almost \$1,000,000. Considering the fact that the fruit crop is just beginning to move and that there has been no summer fruit to amount to anything this shows Wenatchee to be in a very prosperous condition. The statement of the deposits of the three banks are as follows: Columbia Valley bank... \$403,679.87 First National bank... 385,291.27 Farmers & Merchants... 125,267.91 Total... \$914,441.05

The preceding statement called for by the comptroller of currency in the spring showed deposits amounting to over \$1,000,000, but since that time there has been little produce marketed and it is not to be expected that the deposits would hold up as high at this time. One month from now there will be a great deal of fruit money coming into the valley.

HUNTING MAN WITH BLOOD HOUNDS

SHERIFF FERGUSON AND DEPUTY AT PESHASTIN AFTER THE INDIANS WHO HAVE BEEN SETTING THE FOREST FIRES.

Sheriff Ferguson left yesterday for Peshastin and was there joined by Deputy Dehor of Leavenworth, and they are after the Indian who has been setting the forest fires at that place. Late last night they sent to Spokane for the bloodhounds to be used in capturing the man.

Advices from Peshastin are that the Indian is evidently crazy and he has been making a systematic attempt to fire the whole country. Several shots have been exchanged between the Indian and forest rangers and residents of the Peshastin country.

The Daily World called up Peshastin about 10 o'clock this forenoon but nothing definite could be learned. Del McCoy, in the store, stated that there were all kinds of rumors afloat but as near as he could learn the Indian was still ahead of his pursuers. The dogs are expected to arrive on No. 1 today.

George W. Hendricks, of Waterville, accompanied by H. Insigner of the Hypotheekbank of Spokane are in the valley today. Mr. Hendricks is a local agent for this company and Mr. Insigner is looking over the property on which loans have been made by the local agent.

ON TRIAL FOR WIFE BEATING

Barnard Kelly, of Leavenworth, is on trial in the superior court today charged with second degree assault. The particular act of which he is charged is that of using his fists and pummeling his wife, on September 3. The wife had him arrested and he has been in the county jail for the past two weeks. The jury selected to try the case consists of J. R. Lamb, Joe Hardenburgh, James Marshall, W. S. Gehr, S. G. Jarvis, Henry Nelson, John McDougall, C. A. Thompson, John Miller, J. H. Raymond, C. F. Ryan and Chas. Hinton.

REGRADE WORKERS STRUCK

The employees of Allen & McKiver on the street regrade work struck today noon for higher wages, but wanted a raise and after the men had a vacation of some two hours the contractors raised their wages to \$2.75 again.

ODD FELLOWS MEET IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Sept. 17.—Odd Fellows from all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico are gathering in Seattle for the annual communication of the sovereign grand lodge, which will be opened on Monday. The sovereign grand lodge is composed of about 250 representatives of grand lodges of the order in different states, territories and foreign countries. Auxiliary organizations will meet during the week. These include the Rebekah assembly and Patriarchs Militant.

It is estimated that by tomorrow night 50,000 members of the fraternity will be in the city. On the big day, which is Wednesday next, thousands of visitors are expected to be here to see the parade, which will be reviewed by the governor and other state officials, the mayor and the grand sire and representatives of the sovereign lodge.