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The Higher Up the Valley You Go the Bigger and Better the Apples Grow

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250,000 BOXES APPLES SOLD \$1.00 PER BOX ORCHARD RUN

Deal Closed with Wagner & Son First of Week—Go to Australia and South America

From J. B. Adams, who returned from the lower valley Wednesday we learned the facts about the first important apple sale made here this year. Ten per cent is to be paid in advance, the balance when the apples are delivered. In car loads it amounts in round numbers to 400, and practically makes that as the minimum price that will be paid for apples here this year. It also in round numbers amounts to about one tenth of the apple crop of the Wenatchee Valley. Selling one-tenth of the crop at this time, when the picking and packing will not begin much before the first of October, points to prosperity for the valley this year. A considerable number of the growers will not sell at a dollar a box, expecting to get better prices as the season advances. In this conclusion they find confirmation in the reports from the eastern and middle states, where the shortage in the apple crop becomes every day more convincing. Quite naturally Mr. Adams is highly pleased with the sale just closed, with which he had much to do, having spent the last week among the growers, laying before them the opportunity to sell their apples at an advance of from 20c to 45c per box over the prices Yakima and Hood River apples were contracted for last week.

The following is the contribution the different districts will make to the 250,000 box pool, the sale of which has just been closed: Cashmere, 50,000; Leavenworth, 15,000; Peshastin, 5,000; Monitor, 30,000; Entiat, 50,000; Chelan, 15,000; Olds, 15,000; Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, 75,000; Trinidad, 15,000. These apples are all intended for Australia and South America. The sale was concluded by Mr. Adams, acting as the representative of the Wenatchee Valley Central Washington Growers League.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS

Everyone's happy now. Checks came Tuesday.

Engineer Kinghorn who has been running mallets west has taken a work train near Tye.

For the first time in a half of a long while the switch engine was working Tuesday night.

Boilermaker C. J. Carlson was called to Mansfield last Saturday to make repairs on engine 1252.

John McKinnon is taking Bill Tegtmeyer's place on the 1905, while the latter is taking his vacation.

Another Mallet engine has been put into service on the Cascade division to take care of increasing business.

Switchman Briggs is taking a two weeks layoff intending to go fishing. Burt Hegler is taking his place.

Railroad business is getting better every day. Officials estimate the increase in the past two weeks at 150 per cent.

Ted Eresch will act as roundhouse foreman during the absence of R. L. Smith who leaves Monday on a ten days fishing trip.

Ed Lenz who is working on the local between Wilson Creek and Hilliard was in town the first of the week greeting the boys.

According to Art Babst chief clerk at the roundhouse, 322 engines were handled in the first fifteen days in July. That's going some.

The roundhouse bunch who for many months have only been getting in 8 hours a day, expect to get nine in a very short time.

It has been necessary to put on the "Fruit Express" train in the valley to handle the shipments of soft fruits. Jack Close is running the train.

Brakemen Corbett and McClain unable to stand prosperity, boarded No. 4

for Spokane Wednesday afternoon where they expect to have a "little time."

R. D. Hawkins, St. Paul, general superintendent of motive power of the G. N. was here the first of the week making an inspection over the Spokane and cascade divisions.

H. Fredrickson, whose face used to be familiar in Leavenworth, but who for the past year has been located on the Coast, at present hostling at Delta, came over on a helper engine Tuesday and spent Wednesday renewing old acquaintances.

Engineer Jim Thompson and Fireman Yellman left Wednesday for Oroville where they will take charge of the Al Barnes circus train and bring it into this city. They will have coal burning engine 1181 and Yellman's friends are wondering how he will get along.

Bob Meath who is working on the motors at Tye is the most forgetful man in this part of the country. He came down off the hill one day this week specially to get his laundry and returned on 43 forgetting what he came after.

Tuesday was the busiest day employees at the yard office had had for a long long time. Twelve trains were handled, six each way, totaling 956 cars. The yards which have a capacity of about 400 cars were filled three times. The longest train came in from the east bringing 176 cars.

In a bulletin last Saturday to train and engine men of the Spokane and Marcus divisions Superintendent F. D. Kelsey reduced the speed limit for passenger trains from 60 to 50 miles. The Spokane division has the highest limit of any division on the G. N. line, and the new rule will maintain a uniform speed as well as be a factor for safety.

John Knicesky, the wrestler who died in Spokane on Tuesday as the result of strychnine poisoning, believed to have been murdered by his wife, was formerly a Great Northern fireman and is quite well known by railroad men here having made several trips out of this city. While here he went under the name of Sopik. He quit the road about a year and a half ago.

Michael E. Ryan, Great Northern claim agent, well known in this city, died at his home in Spokane on Monday as the result of an operation for stomach trouble. Mr. Ryan was an old veteran having been in the employ of the company for over 25 years. Dr. Hoxsey, G. N. surgeon here whose acquaintance with Mr. Ryan began in 1889 attended the funeral services which were held in Spokane on Tuesday.

The honorary pallbearers, all officials or representatives of the Great Northern were: F. D. Kelsey, C. H. Putnam, C. S. Albert, Geo. S. Stewart, Wm. Kelly, and Chas. Mundy. The acting pallbearers will be A. M. Anderson, B. McGowan, Geo. Williams, W. G. Hendry, Thomas Balmer and Frank Gavin.

Wouldn't it make you sore if you crawled into a boxcar for a quiet little snooze and when you awoke found the door locked and your private car speeding down the line, you didn't know where. That was the experience of one of the G. N. employees last week who is striving to become a conductor. His name reminds us of one ex-prize fighter. Corbett, it is, for fear you might not recollect. It happened at Wilson Creek. Corbett says it was a hot day and being a little tired he lay down in the car for a rest. He fell a sleep it seems and when he came to about an hour later the car door was locked and he was traveling at a speed of fully a mile a minute. He sent out several S. O. S. calls before an agent at Adrian finally picked up the message and when the train pulled into Ephrata the prisoner was released. When he did get out into the open again he was one irate brakeman. Corbett blames Al Weaver for the incident and says if they wasn't such good friends, well there would be another story to tell.

Mrs. H. L. Kistler arrived here yesterday from Ritzville on a visit to the family of H. F. Williams.

YAKIMA AND HOOD RIVER APPLES ARE LESS DESIRABLE

From 20 to 45 Cents Per Box Under Wenatchee Valley Prices This Week

Yakima has been selling apples in the past few days, but the price at which they had to let go of their apples was way under the price at which 250,000 boxes of Wenatchee apples were contracted this week. The following is taken from the Yakima Republic of Monday:

"There was filed with the county auditor Saturday the first apple contract of the year, the parties being George W. Sherwood, who has a tract of 9.79 acres in Lower Naches, and Fred Eberle and W. W. Scott.

"Sherwood undertakes to deliver to the second parties Rainier apples at 55 cents for C grade, 55 to 70 cents for fancy and 75 cents for extra fancy; Winesaps at from 55 to 80 cents; Arkansas Blacks at 55 to 80 cents; Red Astrachans and Hyde's King at 65 cents for orchard run.

"The terms are \$250 paid now and the balance cash on delivery."

The sales manager of the Hood River apple growers association said to a newspaper man this week, discussing the apple situation:

"We do not expect any Australian business this year. The British government has issued orders that British vessels shall give preference to fruits grown in the provinces, and we do not expect to be able to get space. The Australian buyers know this and as yet we have received no queries about our fruit from Australia. Such a state of affairs produces practically a boycott of American fruit."

Fifty thousand boxes of the 250,000 contracted for this week it was expressly stipulated were wanted for the Australian market.

Hydraulic Mining Near Leavenworth

A mining man by the name of Hinton, from Entiat, arrived here this week with a hydraulic ram and a centrifugal pump. He has been engaged in placer mining near Entiat but was induced to come here and investigate a gravel bed in the Wenatchee river basin about two and a half miles east of this town. He was so favorably impressed with the prospect that he returned and shipped his machinery here this week and at once began installing it. It has been known for years that the gravel beds of the Wenatchee river yielded gold. Some ten years ago Wm. Smith took out some fifty or sixty dollars in the same vicinity by the crudest kind of methods. Two men about a mile this side of where Hinton proposes to operate, last week took out about \$15 in five days by the use of what is known as a rocker. Keep your eye on Leavenworth.

The Big Toggery Sale

The reorganization sale at the Toggery, put on for two weeks, will come to a close tomorrow. When we say it proved entirely satisfactory to the proprietors we draw it very mild. A liberal use of printer's ink helped to put the goods on the toboggan slide, and Mr. Verbsky, a thoroughly Americanized gentleman of Bohemian descent, did the rest. Helped, tho, by Mr. Van Brocklin, the junior member of the firm, not forgetting the assistance of Bill Simpson and Spencer Blangenship. Mr. Verbsky, in addition to being a slinger of printer's ink knows some things in addition to managing a sale, which the same can not be said of every vendor of clothing.

Alberta Dry Nearly 2 to 1

They had a prohibition election in the province of Alberta, up across the international line Tuesday. Every city in the province except Lethbridge voted dry. That place went wet by a small vote. Edmonton gave dries, 3,600 majority and Calgary 3,300. The new liquor prohibition act goes into effect July 1, 1916.

The Progress of the War

In the past week there has been some fighting on the French-German front but it has been of a desultory character, with no great advantage to either combatant.

The great German-Russian battle line, about a thousand miles long, is the center of interest just now. The greatest army ever assembled, not excepting the great Persian army of three million, led by King Darius against the Greeks, is engaged in battle in Russian Poland. The German objective is Warsaw. The Russians are making a stubborn resistance and the fighting is most sanguinary.

Italy is making steady but slow progress against Austria and has not yet met with a reverse.

Greece and Roumania Restless.

The Greek chamber of deputies met Monday after two postponements, and this event promises to bring the nation to its ultimate stand in the war situation. With Venizelos at the helm, backed by a tremendous majority of the chamber, there can be no great delay in declaring Greece an ally of the quadruple entente. The Hellenic mind is made up, and nothing can stem the popular demand for immediate participation in the war. The Greek army, trained and hardy fighters, is anxious to get in the campaign against Turkey. A hundred thousand men are in training and the reserves have been notified.

The friction caused by the refusal of the Roumanian government to allow the transportation of war material intended for the Germans. Austrians and Turks to pass thru their country has irritated Austria and Germany and some sharp correspondence is passing. This may lead the Roumanians into the big scrap, say the dispatches.

War Material By Way of Vladivostok

Twenty thousand American freight cars, says a Vladivostok dispatch of the 19th, and 400 locomotives are due here in the next two months from the United States to relieve the congestion of supplies destined for Russian armies at the front.

Munitions are arriving by steamer loads from the United States and Japan including hundreds of armored motor cars. Mountains of cotton bales are piled high outside the city waiting transportation to Moscow to be made into blankets and uniforms.

The Turks Want to Make Peace.

A Geneva, Switzerland, dispatch dated July 21 states that the Turkish minister of justice accompanied by an other dignitary and retinue are expected to arrive there today and meet representatives of the allied powers for the purpose of entering into peace negotiations on their own account. The dispatch states they are invested with official powers.

Allies' Losses in the Dardanelles

The total casualties of the Dardanelles expeditionary force to date in killed, wounded and missing have been 42,434 officers and men, Premier Asquith told the House of Commons Monday. The total includes both naval and military branches of the service.

Sweden May Come In.

The Oversea News agency gave out the following yesterday: The speech of the Swedish premier, Dr. Hammarskjold, indicating that under certain conditions Sweden might go to war, is regarded in Berlin as a warning to Russia and England.

Russians Sink 69 Vessels.

Wednesday's papers contained a dispatch to the effect that Russian submarines had destroyed 69 Turkish sailing vessels in the Black sea laden with war material and food supplies for the Turkish army.

Italian Forces Still Gaining

A Geneva, Switzerland, dispatch of Tuesday states: The Italians have made large gains since Friday. The Austrians have lost more than five miles in Cadore and lesser distances at various points in Carni.

Cholera is Spreading in Europe.

The dread scourge, originating in Asiatic Turkey, is reported to have made its appearance in the Balkan states and Hungary.

BIG FORCE EMPLOYED FIXING SNOQUALMIE PASS

Twenty-five Men With Teams Put to Work This Week—All Motorists Can Get Over Road Now

Twenty-five men and 25 teams are now employed in repairing the Snoqualmie pass road, one mile of which was made a total wreck by recent heavy rains. Other teams are on the scene to give assistance to any motorists who may be in trouble and word has been sent out that every machine can get over the pass.

Mr. Ziba Bennet, of Pine Bluff, Ark., who came over the pass last Friday, said that eight miles of the pass were so soft that it was with the greatest difficulty he got his Cadillac 8 thru. Until this time the road has been pronounced excellent by eastbound travelers, but the recent rains have now reduced it to mud. The road is surfaced with a heavy layer of gravel.

Since the opening of the National Parks transcontinental highway June 15 it is estimated that 200 automobiles carrying transcontinental touring parties have gone thru the state, and almost without exception over the Snoqualmie pass: They are coming now at the rate of 20 a day, according to advice received from Spokane, which exceeds by 50 per cent the estimates made by the good roads association when the pass was opened this season.

LATE NEWS NUGGETS

The last idle steel mill in the Wheeling, West Virginia, district began operations Monday, when part of the force returned to work at the Riverside plant of the National Tube Company. Two weeks will be required to get all the departments going and this will give work to 5,000 men who have been idle 14 months.

Train Plunged 200 Feet off Trestle—Three Killed

Near Dalhart, Texas, on Tuesday an El Paso & Southwestern freight train plunged 200 feet into a gulch and killed three men, destroyed the engine and 10 loaded cars.

Not for Sapheads or Mollycoddles

In a speech delivered in Portland, just before leaving for San Francisco, where he is to deliver three speeches, Theodore Roosevelt said last Monday: "From time to time I shall have something to say on matters of vital interest to the nation as a whole, but it will not be for sapheads or mollycoddles."

The dispatch further says Roosevelt draws crowds wherever he stops with his old time magnetism.

Thinks There Will Be War Between U. S. and the Orient

Bishop J. W. Bassford, at the Conference of the Southern Methodist church recently held at Junaluska, North Carolina, said he was convinced that war between the United States and the Orient was inevitable in the not distant future. Bishop Bassford is stationed in Peking, China, and is in charge of the church in that section of the world. The peace-at-any-price party will now charge the Bishop with being in the pay of the war party and the cannon makers. That's the only way they can answer him.

Note to Germany not to be Discussed

The president cautioned those with whom he counseled to refrain from discussing the note in advance of its dispatch to Germany. White house officials particularly requested the correspondents to avoid speculation in detail at this time because the character of the document had not been finally determined.

The note, it is understood, will be comparatively brief, expressing the conclusions of this government as a result of Germany's failure to give the assurances asked for in previous notes, namely, that the lives of Americans traveling on the high seas bound on lawful errands aboard unresisting and

unarmed merchantmen be not endangered.

Cherry Returns Prove Satisfactory

The cherry shipping season closed last Friday in Yakima with the shipment of the last car. Last year 75 cars were shipped, this year 131. The average price was slightly under three and three quarter cents per pound. The growers received over \$100,000. Thirty-seven cars were sold to canners and 94 cars for fresh consumption. It easily proved the most profitable cherry crop ever marketed in the valley, and is largely attributed to the purchases made by the canners.

Wenatchee reports the sale of upwards of \$50,000 worth of cherries, tho does not report as favorably as the Yakima district. This is attributable to the fact that Wenatchee would not sell to the canners.

Asiatic Coins Made Into American Money

Remaking English, Japanese and Chinese money into American dollars, eagles and double eagles, has become a regular task of the government mints since the balance of foreign trade has swung so decidedly in favor of the United States. Supt. Shanahan of the San Francisco mint, has recently received two large shipments of foreign money. There is nearly \$750,000 in Japanese coins and a half million dollars' worth of English sovereigns from Australia.

In the process of recoining, the foreign gold is melted into bullion and the alloy is extracted before the gold is remolded into American cash. It is accepted as payment by Uncle Sam only at its bullion value.

Shipment to this country of foreign coins has been increasing at a rate hitherto unknown, since last October.

Strike at the Krupp Gun Works is Threatened

A Basel, Switzerland, dispatch in the daily press of the 22nd says: An important meeting was held at Essen yesterday, according to advices received, between the administration of the Krupp gun works and the representatives of the working men, in order to settle the dispute which has arisen over the demands of the men for an increase in wages.

Directly and indirectly about 100,000 men are involved. Minor cases in which machinery has been destroyed have been reported. The military authorities before the meeting, it is said, warned both sides that unless an immediate settlement was reached drastic measures would be employed.

The Krupp officials are understood to have granted a portion of the demands of the men, which has brought about a temporary peace, but the workmen still appear to be unsatisfied, and many have left the works. A strike would greatly affect the supply of munitions, and for this reason the military has adopted rigorous precautions.

Popularity of Kaiser in Germany Increases

LONDON, July 2.—"The German emperor's popularity has been undoubtedly increased with the war," writes "a neutral correspondent" to the London Times from Germany. "He is considered to be the only man fit to serve as an example to his subjects and he is at the same time, the embodiment of all they most admire. His outward appearance, his mind, his piety, and almost all his undertakings are in accordance with the taste and wishes of his people."

"That he is clever, active and in many ways brilliant even his worst enemies admit; most of his subjects, in their idolatry, think him infallible. Among the military caste, however, tho nothing is openly said against him, he does not possess the same influence in directing strategic operations as he unquestionably had in the early stages of the war. His generals seem to have found a way of preventing him from seriously interfering with the campaign."