

# THE LEAVENWORTH ECHO

IN THE WENATCHEE VALLEY—HOME OF THE BIG RED APPLE—WHERE DOLLARS GROW ON TREES

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## FRUIT CROP ESTIMATE FOR JUNE FIRST

The report of the Federal Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates for apples, peaches, and pears is as follows:

**APPLES.**—Washington apples averaged 85 per cent of normal on June 1, forecasting a total crop of 22,754,000 bushels as compared with 29,062,000 bushels in 1921 and 21,502,000 bushels in 1919. June 1 conditions in-

dicted a commercial apple crop of 6,295,000 barrels, against 8,300,000 barrels last season.

The average condition of apples for the United States on June 1 was 72.7 against 42.2 one year ago and 69.2, the ten-year average condition on June 1. The forecast of total apple production for the country this season is 179,910,000 bushels as compared with 98,097,000 bushels in 1921 and 179,000,000 bushels, the average production for five years, 1916-20.

The forecast of commercial apple production for the United States will probably be issued July 10, 1922.

### TOTAL APPLE PRODUCTION IN BUSHELS

	1921	1920
New York	29,648,000	47,987,000
Pennsylvania	10,032,000	18,584,000
Virginia	8,063,000	13,744,000
West Virginia	4,583,000	8,040,000
Ohio	7,659,000	13,960,000
Michigan	10,078,000	16,500,000
Missouri	7,156,000	4,800,000
Arkansas	3,800,000	3,900,000
Colorado	3,863,000	2,830,000
Idaho	3,800,000	3,420,000
Oregon	5,248,000	4,158,000
California	7,221,000	6,000,000
WASHINGTON	22,754,000	21,502,000
Total of above 13 states	123,905,000	164,449,000
Total for the United States	179,810,000	223,677,000

(Note: 1922 forecasts are based on June 1 conditions).

**PEACHES.**—Washington peaches, with a condition of 77 on June 1, gave promise of 1,171,000 bushels as compared with 772,000 bushels in 1921.

The forecast of peach production for the United States is 53,629,000 bushels against 33,000,000 bushels in 1921 and 44,000,000, the average production, 1916-20. The crop, for the country as a whole, averaged 77.1 per cent of normal on June 1 as compared

with 45.6 per cent one year ago.

**PEARS.**—The pear crop of Washington is expected to amount to 1,674,000 bushels, based on a condition of 77 per cent of normal on June 1. The 1921 crop was 1,710,000 bushels.

Pears, for the United States, averaged 72.8 per cent of normal on June 1, indicating a production of 15,021,000 bushels as compared with 10,705,000 bushels in 1921.

## DIRECTIONS TO STERILIZE DRINKING WATER.

U. V. Simpson, of the state board of health, accompanied by the county health officer, was in town on Tuesday. They recommended the sterilization of all water used for drinking purposes until such time as the Icicle river water is again permanently turned into the mains.

The following directions for sterilizing drinking water are given by the Washington State Department of Health:

Procure from any grocer a small can of **CHLORINATED LIME** (also known as bleaching powder—bleach—chloride of lime).

Prepare a solution by thoroughly dissolving **ONE HALF TEASPOON FULL** chlorinated lime into **ONE PINT** of water.

To remain efficient this solution must be kept in a **COOL** and **DARK** place, in a bottle **TIGHTLY CORKE** (preferably a **GLASS STOPPERED** one).

To sterilize water, use **ONE TABLESPOON FULL** of the solution to **TEN GALLONS** of drinking water, or

**THIRTY SIX DROPS** of solution to **ONE GALLON** of drinking water, or **NINE DROPS** to **ONE QUART** of drinking water.

Mix thoroughly and let stand at least fifteen minutes before drinking.

## PARK LANDS GOING FAST.

E. R. Tyler, colonization agent of the Wenatchee Park lands, is selling the lands rapidly, five twenty-acre tracts going last week and a party of five were taken out Tuesday morning. Mr. Tyler says that every acre of the lands will be sold before fall, and this is not surprising in view of the great possibilities for stock and agricultural farming throughout this whole section of the state, where water for irrigation is available every season and beside which nothing but work and seed is required to produce abundant crops every year.

As the facts of the possibilities of Western Chelan county become better known people will continue to come here and it will be a matter of only a few years until every acre of arable land will be owned by someone who wants to establish a home, for if the people who are endeavoring to live in the sagebrush country come out here and put in the same amount of work and live as economically as they have had to there, a few years will see them independently situated, for management with work is all that is required to insure reasonable production.

Mr. F. G. Wettstein and daughter, Miss Gladys, left last Saturday on No. 4 to visit for several weeks with relatives at Miami Beach, Florida. The trip across the continent at this season will have been an interesting one.

## NINE MAKE BID FOR BLEWETT PASS WORK.

Portland, June 10.—Nine bids were received for Blewett Pass work yesterday here. Chas. T. Jordan, Seattle, bid approximately \$140,000 while Grant Smith and Company of Seattle and Portland bid approximately \$163,000.

The contract to be let by the U. S. Forest Service includes the regrading and surfacing of nearly 20 miles of the Blewett Pass route between Mountain Home and Liberty on the Kittitas county side. In some places an entirely new route will be laid out and it is the plan to keep the old road open while the work is in progress.

A total of \$200,000 was appropriated for this work which includes engineering, inspection, etc. When it is completed and when Chelan county finishes the work now completed on the Peshastin Creek side, there will be a good, well surfaced wide road with no steep grades or sharp turns, all the way over Blewett Pass.

## FIELD VICE-PRESIDENT.

R. B. Field of Leavenworth was elected vice-president of the state bank section of the Washington State Bankers association.

Mr. Field took an active part in the discussion of the California bank act, which it was proposed to be followed in recommending the enactment of a guaranty law in this state, making the assertion that such legislation would virtually put the Leavenworth State Bank out of business and would similarly affect two hundred other state banks. The matter closed without action.

## MALAGA HERE NEXT SUNDAY.

Malaga, the leaders of the Valley League, will cross bats with our team here next Sunday and the best, hardest fought game of the year may be expected, for Bill Walton is determined to keep going until his team lands in first place.

So come on out fellows and contribute your two bits to the exchequer of sport and your vocal talents to the general uproar. Help make history and leave a foot-print on the sands of time.

## HATCHERY TO BE ENLARGED.

Improvements have been going on at the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery and when completed the capacity of the institution will be about doubled.

Elmer Johnson has been doing the concrete work and Sam Heald is doing the carpentry work. A pump will be installed so that in case of a failure of water the pump can be immediately started and no loss result.

Frank Losekamp, the old Leavenworth merchant and business man, returned here last Friday and has been greeting old friends.

## BOY SCOUTS WIN PRIZES AT WENATCHEE

Scoutmasters Chalmers and Cockburn went to Wenatchee Wednesday with two troops of the Scouts and participated in the Flag Day games, contests and program given by the Elks, with the result that our boys were successful in two events and showed up well all through the program.

Those present from here were Eugene McClain, George Gardner, Maurice Wise, Francis Darmody, Edward Koch, Clifton Wedon, Elvin West, Joseph Stafford, George Rumohr, Foster Hatmaker, Fred Sinclair, Charles Howerton, John Emig, Nick Kincherf, Leonard Brender, Fletcher Gardner, Ray Jones, Howard Burgett, Charles Hatmaker, Walter Hatmaker, Clifford Gammond.

Winners in the contests were as follows: Neatest Scout, Elvin West, Leavenworth, who received a bronze statue, Harold Squier of Okanogan was second, receiving a hike stick.

Bugling contest, Frank McDonald, Cashmere, who received a red, white and blue bugle cord.

Obstacle race, won by Wallace Argbright, Okanogan, first, second, light; George Lee, troop two, Wenatchee, second, compass.

Tug-of-war, won by Leavenworth team, composed of John Emig, Clyde Stafford, Fletcher Gardner, John Kincherf, Elvin West, Leonard Brender and Joseph Stafford. Each received a trench mirror.

Counting contest (entrants to count trees in Memorial Park as they ran through it). Harold Raab and Leland Cord counted 192 and 194 and the exact number was 193. Each received a compass.

Relay race, won by Cashmere with Chelan second. There was some dispute about the final heat but it is understood that Chelan relinquished its claim.

It was a great day for the boys. There were 361 registered at headquarters in the Y. W. C. A. The forenoon was given over to the scout program. At 2 o'clock the Elks' band lead a parade in which soldiers of all wars marched escorted by the women's auxiliaries, the scouts and members of the lodge. Memorial Park was thronged for the afternoon program which included music by the band, presentation of flags to the Wenatchee scout council, introductory exercises by the Exalted Ruler and officers, prayer by the chaplain, songs by a quartette, history of the flag by F. Stuart Hyatt, altar service by esquire and officers, tolling of eleven bells, the Elks' tribute to the flag by John Duff, address by Philip Tindall of Seattle, and America by the band and audience.

Then followed a game of baseball at the grounds in which the Everett Elks' team defeated the Wenatchee city team, 11 to 5.

And to conclude the day the scouts were given their fill of ice cream and other edibles at the Elks' club—and all then departed for their homes with the deep-seated conviction that the B. P. O. E., and especially Wenatchee Lodge No. 1186, ought to survive in the memory of every scout present.

## THINNING DEMONSTRATIONS.

The 1922 thinning demonstrations for "Great Big Extra Fancy Apples" will be held at the J. C. Mitchell Orchard, Leavenworth, Tuesday, June 20, at 2 p. m., sharp. At Peshastin at the Bob Kennedy Orchard, Tuesday, June 20, 9:30 a. m.

All orchardists are invited to be present and each person will be given a 15 minute practical lesson in thinning each variety. J. R. Peters will give his practical successful thinning system at each place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lindley and daughter, Miss Fern, drove to Everett early this week.

The Pythian Sisters lodge will have a picnic on the Icicle river Tuesday evening and will entertain all Knights as well as a number of Sisters and Knights who are coming up from Wenatchee for the occasion. Anyone desiring to attend and not having a means of conveyance should be at K. P. hall promptly at 6 o'clock p. m., from which place they will be taken to the grounds. Dinner will be served at 6:30, after which the time will be spent at different amusements. Later adjournment will be made to K. P. hall, where lodge will be opened for a short business session, after which the balance of the evening will be spent dancing.

## REED SUES WINGATE FOR DAMAGES

World; Reed Andrews filed suit for \$11,304 damages against Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Wingate of Peshastin in the Chelan county Superior court Wednesday, June 7, alleging that that amount is due him for injuries sustained on August 21, 1920, in an automobile accident for which he alleges Mr. Wingate is responsible.

The complaint charges that Wingate invited Andrews into his automobile at Leavenworth to drive him to the Wingate farm near Peshastin and that the defendant drove recklessly at a speed of 40 to 50 miles an hour. The car crashed into a huge rock at the side of the road and Reed was hurled 25 feet, he complains.

He alleges that his right hip bone was fractured and crushed; his pelvic bone was fractured and crushed; his bladder and other internal organs lacerated, torn and ruptured; three lower ribs broken and injuries caused to muscles all over his body.

He deposes that he was at that time employed by Wingate on his farm. The accident took place, according to the complaint, where some public work was being done on the road and a sign had been posted warning drivers to slow down to 10 miles an hour.

Andrews alleges that he was in the Leavenworth hospital six weeks, and is permanently injured. His attorneys are Jones & Colvin of Seattle.

## THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The Republican state convention, held in Chehalis Saturday, adopted a platform that favors the repeal of the poll tax law now that the emergency which it was called upon to meet has passed; points the way for strengthening and safeguarding the direct primary; calls attention to savings in the cost of government and outlines economies planned to reduce taxes; opposes any plan of reapportionment that will deprive any county of representation in the legislature; calls for drastic efforts to stamp out the narcotic evil and recommends reopening the Women's Industrial Home and Clinic; endorses the anti-alien land law passed by the last legislature; and in national affairs pays a glowing tribute to President Harding, points with pride to the treaties negotiated by the national government to insure World Peace; urges a national constitutional amendment to prohibit child labor; endorses the new immigration laws; urges speedy action on the tariff, support of the Merchant Marine, immediate passage of the Smith-McNary bill and the adoption of the Columbia River Basin project in the form recommended by Gen. Goethals; approves of past legislation and the bonus for World War veterans and demands a reduction in national taxes. The budget system in all tax-levying units from road districts to the federal government is favored together with a provision making public officials charged with the expenditure of public funds liable on their bonds for exceeding their budgets.

Altogether there were 30 planks in the platform, some of them, though, closely related to the same subject. It is pointed out the administrative code can be extended to co-ordinate more state functions and improve its already remarkable record for efficiency and economy. New banking legislation for the protection of depositors is pledged. Reforestation, begun under authority of the last legislature, is pledged upon an inexpensive but effective plan that will perpetuate Washington's Timber supply and further aid to farmers' marketing organizations is offered.

Attendance at the convention was unusually large. For instance King county with an allotment of 197 delegates and Skamania with 3, the lowest number, both showed 100 per cent attendance.

Both the temporary chairman, Ray Greenwood, prosecuting attorney of Kitsap county, and the permanent chairman, Frank R. Jeffery, U. S. District Attorney, of Spokane, are ex-service men. Enthusiasm of the delegates found expression in cheers for President Harding; a remarkable demonstration upon the reading of Senator Miles Poindexter's review of the national administration's work; the recommendations of Gov. Hart for the repeal of the poll tax law and other legislation; the telling points of the platform and the reference in a speech by T. P. Fisk to the recent election of a Seattle "Socialist mayor"—the delegates quickly recalling

the fact that he had presided over the Democratic state convention.

**Protect Direct Primary.**  
The plank in the Republican state platform urging support of two laws passed by the last legislature to strengthen and safeguard the direct primary, brings that question squarely before the voters next fall, for both bills will be on the ballot.

When the two bills were passed they were frankly aimed at the Non-partisan League and they were referred by a movement headed by Wm. Bouck, expelled leader of the Grange, who was then chairman of the League's state executive committee. The bills were filed by W. D. Lane, the Seattle attorney, who as a city councilman since retired by the voters, presided over a banquet given Hulet M. Wells and other Socialists on the eve of their departure for the federal penitentiary to serve time for violating war statutes.

Neither bill hampers people holding like political views from forming political parties, but they do require voters to stay within their own parties during a primary election. One provides for party registration; the other requires political conventions to file party platforms with the Secretary of State and compels candidates to file a pledge to keep their party's platform promises.

**Americanism in Platform.**  
Americanism finds expression in several of the Republican state platform planks. At the outset the party renews its allegiance to representative constitutional government and endorses President Harding's strong pro-America diplomatic policy. Invasion of pauper or radical immigrants is opposed and a separate plank reaffirms the party's attitude, as expressed in the anti-alien land ownership bill against foreign ownership of lands in this state.

Adequate support of the American Merchant Marine, always a Republican policy, is demanded; a new protective tariff to guard American industry in home markets by importation of products from countries now paying labor pauper wages is insisted upon; grateful recognition of the services performed by American service men and women in the last war is given and not only is past legislation on their behalf endorsed, but further assistance through the bonus and preferential rights of selection in reclamation projects is pledged.

The platform concludes with a declaration that the party is "unalterably opposed to the existence of any organization whose doctrines, principles policies or activities are hidden under a disguise and tend to breed prejudice, injustice or violence against any group or class of American citizens on account of religious belief, creed, race or color."

**Favor Smaller Counties.**  
A plank in the Republican state platform commits the party to oppose any legislative apportionment that deprives any county of representation in the legislature. This plank is aimed at Initiative Bill No. 45 which would exclude 13 counties. It also commits the party to the same plan of legislative representation in this state as is guaranteed by the constitution to all states in Congress; that is each is given two senators, though house membership is based on population.

Incidentally, adoption of this plank and the selection of convention officials demonstrated a spirit of unity among the smaller counties. They were unanimous in their support of a candidate for temporary chairman while the largest county in the state voted alone.

**Cut Down Taxes.**  
The way to reduce taxes is to spend less money, the Republican state platform says and it pledges its party officials not to create any new offices or ways of spending. Immediate economizing with an ultimate reduction in the limit of assessments on property is pledged. Further consolidation of state and county offices is promised to continue the policy of saving and greater efficiency begun under the administrative code, proposed by the last Republican state convention and provided by a Republican legislature. A rigid budget law effecting every tax-levying body in the state is demanded and several reforms in the administration of public offices are urged.

**Against the Radicals.**  
An incident in the Republican state convention indicates the smaller counties in the state are opposed to radicalism. T. P. Fisk, of Kelso, was speaking against the direct primary and as he took an unpopular view on that issue was subjected to much heckling. However, when a Seattle delegate challenged one of his statements, Mr. Fisk rounded on him and

## THINNING TIME IS HERE ONCE MORE

Apples at this time seem to be equally as large if not larger than same date last year.

In some instances, apples this season have thinned themselves to a certain extent, but in most all orchards the trees will have to be gone over and limbs that are too heavy with fruit, should be lightened up. In some cases the bloom died off for some cause, leaving just the center apple in a spur cluster, but in cases there are too many spurs still holding apples for those limbs to carry through, and still make big apples and leave vitality enough in the tree for another crop next year. Then on the other hand, where a limb as thick as your thumb has only three or four apples left on, and these apples are all in a space of a foot or 15 inches, nothing would be gained by cutting off two out of the four, just for the sake of making them come a specified distance apart, say, eight inches, as a limb this diameter is capable of carrying and feeding more than the original four apples which are there, and would besides develop many idle spurs which would be getting sufficient strength for next year.

As well as figuring distance apart for spacing your apples, also figure wood diameter and what a limb would be able to carry without sapping the strength of that limb.

Apples should be thinned one to a spur, unless it be Rome Beauty, where the trees are light with fruit, may be left two to a spur, as they are a long stemmed apple and will not crowd each other off. In "wormy orchards" they should be one to a spur, so that the spray can go around the whole diameter of each apple, as worms like to start in where the two apples touch.

Apples with yellow stems will fall; those with the heavy dark green stems will stick. It is now easy to determine which are going to stick. The earlier we thin now, the more chance for size the permanent apples are going to get, and the more strength the tree is going to maintain to produce strong fruit spurs for the next crop.

In very few cases this season, where trees had a good strong fruit spur and tree vitality was high, did the trees fail to set a crop, frost being equal to all. The heaviest drop was on trees that have never had a cover crop on the ground or orchards which were just planted to cover crop recently, and have never been fertilized. The fertilizing our orchards in past year or two has proved wonderful results to our tree growth and god crops. Be careful when thinning not to break the fruit spurs, by pulling on them, or by slamming ladders into the trees. It pays to thin your trees for two reasons: to get larger apples, and to form a strong spur growth on the tree each year for future crops.

We need thinners who will do a good honest days work. It is not hard work, but the person who thins must have the interest of the grower, and thin not just for the sake of getting in the hours, but to make a bigger and better crop, which will benefit all fruit workers in months to follow.

AL DARLINGTON,  
Dep. Hort. Inspector.

## WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ABOUT COMPLETED.

The installation of the new 14-inch water main was completed last week and the water from the Icicle again turned in. The crew has since been working on the 10-inch main which forks from the old line at the head of the Harding line and comes in via the "red" bridge and the Great Northern Lumber Company's yard, giving us two 10-inch mains from the Harding lane into town, which will be fed by the 14-inch pipe from the intake down to the lane.

With the improvement to the system we ought to have plenty of water at all times for all purposes, but there still remains one weak feature of the system and that is that the intake is not such that it can at all times be relied upon, and it ought to be made right. This improvement, however, may have to be deferred another year.

declared his county, Cowlitz, always had been Republican and that there was no portion of his district in which a Socialist could have been elected mayor as, he said, was done in Seattle. Delegates from all the smaller counties cheered the retort enthusiastically and ultimately were joined by many King county delegates.