

WASHINGTON'S GREAT APPLE CROP.

(By A. Wolf.)

Commercial orchardists in Washington estimate the apple crop in the state this season will be between 3,400,000 and 3,500,000 boxes, or about 6,500 cars, the bulk of which will go to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Paul and other points in eastern, central and southern states. Export shipments also will be larger than at any time in the history of the state.

Though there is every promise that the yield will be the largest ever harvested in Washington, owing to hundreds of thousands of trees coming into bearing this season, growers say there will be no cheap apples the coming fall and winter. They are in position, financially and otherwise, to hold a big percentage of the crop and will take advantage of the market because of the curtailed production in the central states, by holding their fruit not already contracted for until top prices are reached.

F. A. Huntley, state horticultural commissioner, after comparing reports from deputy commissioners in various parts of the commonwealth, said there is every reason to believe the crop this year will be more than double that of 1907, when 1,425,000 boxes were shipped out of the state, while officers of the Washington Horticultural association are of the opinion the yield will be from 125 to 150 per cent larger than any yet boxed.

Growers in the Yakima valley expect to ship from 2,250 to 2,500 cars, and shippers in the Wenatchee valley predict that more than 2,000 cars will go forward from that district. Walla Walla and Spokane valleys should ship fully 800 cars. The Cashmere vale in the foothills of the Cascade mountains will put out from 200 to 250 cars, and the Entiat district between Wenatchee and Lake Chelan expects to find markets for 100 cars.

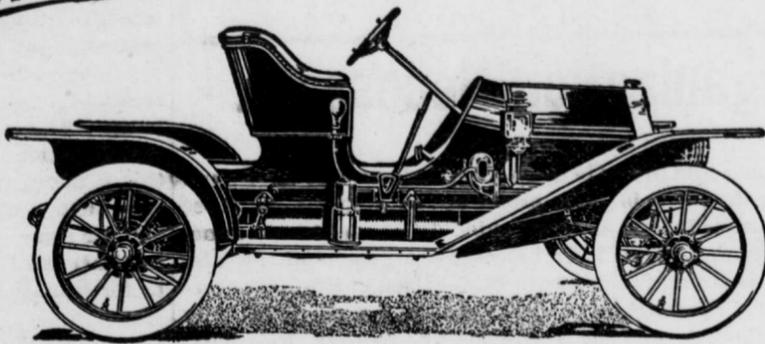
The Chelan district, 40 miles above Wenatchee, yet in its infancy, will ship more than 125 cars, exclusive of large quantities contracted for by mining camps and hotels in north central Washington, and orchardists in the Brewer district, 30 miles north of Chelan, look for from 40 to 50 cars. There will be sufficient fruit for more than 100 cars but there are no facilities for getting it to transportation lines at the present time. This will be remedied by the extension of the Great Northern railroad in that district early in the coming spring.

The Methow valley and Okanogan and Stevens counties will send out several hundred cars, as will the growers at White Salmon, Underwood and Goldendale, and it is estimated that other districts in Klickitat, Benton, Whitman, Columbia, Asotin, Franklin and Spokane counties will have from 100 to 150 cars. The crop on the west side of the Cascade mountains is estimated at from 300 to 350 cars.

There are many growers in the state who believe the crop will go above 5,250,000 boxes or more than 7,250 cars, and in proof of this they point to the fact that orders for 10,000,000 boxes have been placed with mill companies in Spokane and other parts of the state this year, and that less than 4,000,000 boxes will go to the adjoining states.

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state horticultural laws for clean fruit, there has been little or no trouble from pests and diseases in the orchards this year. A fairly heavy snow protected the ground during the winter months and in the spring the soil was soaked by warm rains. There has been ample water at all times for irrigating purposes and there is a large amount of water stored in the principal districts, in central and eastern Washington, to supply moisture by artificial means, if required.

Experienced orchardists from eastern states, Australia, Canada and elsewhere said recently after inspecting the various districts in eastern Washington, that marvelous results have been achieved in commercial orcharding in this part of the country in the last few years, adding that nowhere in their travels did they see

such thrifty trees or more well cared for orchards as those in eastern and central Washington.

Buyers for New York, Boston, Chicago and European houses have been active in various parts of the state the last 30 days and it is probable that 40 per cent of the crop has been sold, but many apples will be held in anticipation of increased prices around holiday time. The growers are keeping in touch with the markets by reports from horticultural associations, growers' unions and commercial organizations, and while no efforts are being put forth to form combinations or pools it is generally conceded that little or no fruit will be sent to commission houses until the price to be paid is agreed upon by seller and buyer.

The stockholders of the Skagit

County Fair Association have offered its five acre tract at the south end, to the Mt. Vernon school board for a consideration of \$2500 with the provision that the district would devote the use of the tract to school athletic purposes.—Ex.

The Common Type.

"I suppose," said the fair summer girl to the itinerant photographer who was plying his trade at the seaside resort, "you are a good judge of human nature?"

"Well," he replied cautiously, "I have many opportunities for observing it."

"Would you mind telling me," she continued "the most common type of women?"

"The tintype, ma'am," he answered, unhesitatingly. "Four for a quarter."