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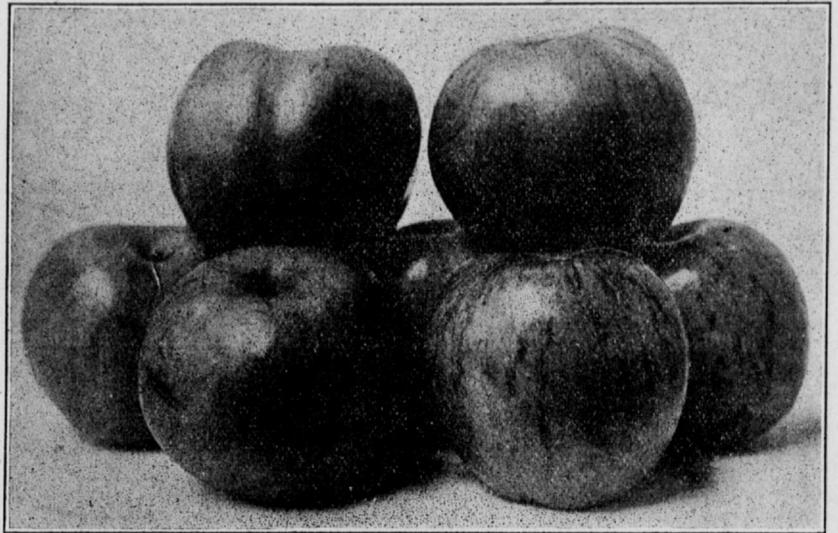
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Valleys of Western Washington

AMONG the many fertile valleys of Western Washington, the famous White River Valley stands pre-eminent for fertility of soil and abundance of crops. This valley is one of three which extends from the city of Seattle to the city of Tacoma, a distance of 36 miles. The three rivers forming these valleys are the Duwamish, the White and the Puyallup rivers, the principal rivers being the White and the Puyallup.

The White River Valley, in the center of which is the city of Kent, where The Ranch is published, is one of the most valuable dairy sections in the state of Washington. Here is the home of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Company, one of their six large plants. The well known Borden Milk Company also have a condenser located at Auburn, six miles from Kent, both cities are situated in the heart of the White River valley. The leaders of dairy cows raised in this valley are the Holstien-Friesian cows with a fair sprinkling of Jerseys. In addition to the immense quantity of milk furnished to the two condensers, large quantities are also shipped to Seattle and Tacoma markets.

In addition to the great milk supply the White River Valley is noted for the great amount of potatoes raised here, and the big fields of oats. Hundreds of car loads of potatoes are shipped every Fall and the yield of oats is excelled nowhere, 90 to 100 bushels being a common crop.



A plate of Golden Pippins grown on the farm of J. Hadden, half a mile west of Kent in the White River Valley.



WHITE RIVER VALLEY DAIRY SCENE. HERD OF A. ZEEUW, THOMAS, WASHINGTON.



Threshing machine outfit owned by Chas. J. Nelson and W. S. Crabill, of O'Brien, Wash., who threshed some 20,000 sacks of White River Valley oats this Fall.

Famous Berry Growing Section

THE Puyallup Valley on the south has the progressive towns of Puyallup and Sumner as its busy centers. These two towns have become famous as berry growing sections. During the past nine years, the Puyallup and Sumner Berry Association has grown from practically nothing, until the past season they sold \$340,000 worth of fruit. Each town has a large canning plant, making a specialty of berry fruits. They are not, however, confined to berries, but can immense quantities of sweet corn, celery, pears, apples, rhubarb, etc. The cannery at Puyallup is owned by the Association. This association is one of the most prosperous and progressive on the Pacific Coast, and is an example which could well be followed by other farming communities.

In the upper White River Valley are the towns of Enumclaw and Buckley. Enumclaw is the home of one of the most progressive co-operative body of farmers in the state. The farmers there own a co-operative creamery, a co-operative or Rochdale store, a co-operative insurance company, a co-operative cannery, and are said to be the principal stock holders of one of the banks. In each of these they are most successful. Nearly all of the farms are of 40 acres or less, they are well tilled and nearly all are occupied with comfortable homes. It is a most progressive community.

We show on this page several views of White River Valley industry.