

Fruit Trees

There are one million, seven hundred and forty-two thousand six hundred and nine fruit trees, one year old, growing in Yakima county. This is in accordance with figures of T.O. Morrison, district inspector which includes Yakima and Kittitas counties, Mr. Morrison said.

Nursery stock delivered in Yakima county the fall of 1909 and spring of 1910 to be planted in Yakima county included;

575,496 apple; 171,039 pear; 188,711 peach.

The above trees were planted on the following acreage:

Apples ,9,581; pears 2,443; peaches 2,358.

Nursery stock delivered in the fall of 1910 ~~and~~ and spring of 1911 to be planted in Yakima county included: 582,071, apple; 59,464, peach and 30,725, miscellaneous

Yakima county has 42 licensed nursery growing blocks of nursery stock of various sizes which I estimate amount to 1,160 trees. Much of the stock produced was sold outside the county including Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah. The total nursery production of the county for 1911 was approximately eight million trees--The Yakima Herald, Nov. 8, 1911.

Apples

An apple tree census has been undertaken by the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers association and the figures already in hand show some interesting facts with relation to the favored varieties....

Sixty different kinds of apples are named by the 118 growers who have answered the inquiry.

The Winesap is in the lead as in that time (the past eight years) 32,828 have been planted as against 18,654 of Jonathans. Others were Spitzenberg 9,563; Arkansas Black 1,207, Rome Beauty 8,572, Golden Grimes 1,024; Stayman Winesap 1,739; Ben Davis 1,224; Wagener 1,196; Delicious 3,585.

Only seven varieties have been popular enough to reach a total greater than a hundred trees each. They are White Winter Pearmain, King David, Winter Banana, ^{was} Vanderpool, Yellow Transparent, Summer.

Five years ago the most popular period for Rome Beauty trees and three years ago for Jonathans and also for Winesap. Delicious was more popular a year ago and two years ago than prior to that time while the height of popularity with the Spitz was reached four years ago.... Yakima Herald, February 7, 1912.

Apple Blossom parade

That there was a financial value to the Blossom Festival parade is indicated by a statement made Saturday by Arthur Coffin, who was among the surprised citizens when the parade had passed.

He is the owner of a ten acre orchard in the Fruitvale section which he had desired to sell. Feeling conditions were not right and that there was little or no enthusiasm among the people and that a period of stagnation had arrived, Mr. Coffin on Thursday decided to sell the ranch for \$9,000.

He watched the parade on Friday, saw the crowds on the streets, talked with some and went back to his office and raised the price to \$12,000 that that is what it will cost now to buy it.

I saw the spring parade at Pasadena which it was said cost a half million dollars said Mr. Coffin and it was not as pleasing to me as what we held here.

Richard H. Hayden, secretary treasurer of the Midland Engineering company took some statistics of the parade as it passed the Masonic Temple. He reports that it contained 1600 161 automobiles and that 2,660 people participated.

Yakima Herald, April 24, 1912.

Richey and Gilbert

Every stockholder in Richey & Gilbert Co. is a fruit grower. Combined they own 418 acres of orchards in the Yakima valley, about 100 acres in bearing. Mr. Gilbert the manager says he has made over one hundred dollars growing orchards and fruit to every dollar he has accumulated selling and buying fruit... The Yakima Herald, August 7, 1912.

History was made Monday for the South Nob Hill Section when the work began there of loading the first carload of pears, or of fruit of any kind, loaded in the ground in the territory, of the district of the Fruit Growers association.

Pickers and packers began work in the morning in the pear orchard of the Hamilton nursery and the car was on the siding at the J.E. Shannon property across the street. It is expected to get out three carloads of pears this week.

The Hamilton nursery company has five acres of pears, young trees which have been bearing for but three years commercially and it is altogether likely that they will furnish five carloads of fruit. If this total is reached it will be something to boast about. The Yakima Herald, August 14, 1912.

Lyle Michelsen, box maker at the Horticultural union is a swift or an expert or whatever it is that a person is called that has achieved the ultimate in his art.

Michelsen makes 750 boxes in a day of 10 hours. That is an average of seventy-five boxes an hour and he can keep it up. For example on Thursday last he made 750 boxes. Then he worked another 10 hours, all night in fact and made 800 more. Then he went out and had breakfast and came back and in the next ten hours made 700 boxes.

In other words, in 30 hours of continuous work he made 2,250 boxes and that isn't all, at the end of the 30 hour marathon he turned to and worked until 11 p.m. helping some of the others at their work then went home to bed and was back next morning at 7 o'clock making boxes at the rate of seventy five an hour.

For his work Michelsen gets a cent a box. He came here recently from California where he learned the business--the Yakima Herald, Oct. 8, 1912.

There will be a Blossom Festival in North Yakima this year and it will be bigger and better than ever before.

This was determined at a meeting held in the Commercial club rooms yesterday. The sentiment was unanimous that the Blossom Festival this year be made the best ever produced.

The movement was organized by making James Leslie permanent chairman. No attempt was made to fix the date but it is understood it will be determined by the advancement of the blossoming season--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 11, 1913.

Blossom Festival

Plans for the third annual Blossom Festival for North Yakima are being worked out..The festival cost between \$1200 and \$1300 last year..The Yakima Herald, Feb. 14, 1913.

The first official "Apple Day" was celebrated yesterday in practically every city in Washington and Oregon and Idaho. Railroads served apples on their dining cars and chambers of commerce entertained members and friends. All over the northwest apples were used in the decoration of stores and windows were sold, given away and eaten.

The whole Yakima valley entered into the observance of the day. In several of the towns apple dinners were served.

North Yakima combined Apple Day with the collection of funds for its charitable organizations and members of all the women's clubs in the city sold apple day tags on the streets.

The prize of \$10 for the best decorated store window went to Callahan Co with a display of red apples in baskets and silver dishes, against a background of polished dark wood....The Yakima Herald, April 3, 1913.

Yakima valley apples in storage January 1 totalled 4,704,860 boxes or 6,223 cars, figuring 756 boxes to a car.

This is 1849 carloads more than were in storage January 1, 1923, E.E. Samson, president of the E.E. Samson company, Inc. reported today, following a careful survey of all cold and common storage warehouses.

Cold storage apples amounted to 2,572,780 boxes or 3,403 cars at the first of the month. Common storage apples totaled 2,131,980 or 2820 cars. On January 1, 1923, there were 1,944,390 boxes in cold storage or 2,572 cars and 1,362,790 boxes or 1,802 cars in common storage.

Boxes in both classes totaled 3,307,180. December shipments from here made up 1,240 cars as compared with 1000 cars for December 1922.

Apples remaining in storage probably will be shipped within the next five months according to Mr. Samson although he does not expect a material rise in the price but does anticipate much better demand. Yakima Republic, January 3, 1924.

Apple snow:

Whites of three eggs, 3-4 cups grated tart apple, white apples preferred, six level tablespoons confectioner's sugar, whipped cream, six maraschino cherries.

Directions: Whip whites of eggs to a stiff froth. Add sugar to the grated apple. Then beat eggs and sweetened apple together to a stiff froth. Serve in sherbert glasses with whipped cream garnished with a maraschino cherry. Keep in a cool place until served. Serves six people. English walnuts may be added to the sweetened apple if desired. In seasoned grated fresh peaches may be substituted for apples.

Make a syrup, add a little red coloring matter; put apples in dish and cook until soft in the syrup. While cooking, baste often with the syrup.

Place sliced apples in baking dish or casserole and cover with thick cream. Bake about ten minutes. If apples are sweet, they need no sugar.

Apple cake:

Two cups sugar 1-2 cup shortening, two cups unsweetened apple sauce; 1 cup raisins; 1 teaspoon ~~condensed~~ cinnamon; 1-2 teaspoon clove; three small teaspoons soda; three cups flour and a pinch of salt.

Apples en Surprise.

Pare and cut eight apples; add 1 cup sweet cider; 1-2 cup maple syrup; two slices lemon 1-4 teaspoon salt; 1 table spoon butter and a little nutmeg. Stew until soft; rub through a sieve and serve in red apple cups.

(From Washington State library files.)

Here are two versions of the same orchard. It is still standing.

First version:

In the book, "Winthrop, the Canoe and Saddle," edited in 1913 by John Williams, is a half tone illustration on P. 161.

The author says: "The apple tree shown here was planted in 1857 by Fathers DeHerbonez and Pandozy of the Atanum Mission."

Lyman gave the second version in his history p 189. In 1870 one of the most notable of the Catholic missionaries located at Atanum. This was Father Caruana. Two years later came Father Grassi. It is interesting to note that in 1872 these fathers set out an apple orchard on the Tampico place which is now the A.D. Eglin ranch.

In 1860 Egbert French came to the Dalles, Oregon from Cleveland, O. He married an Indian girl and took a homestead at Lyle on the Columbia river. Here a little daughter, Susan, was born. She became Susan Stone, later Susan Swasey. A year or two later Mr. French moved to White Bluffs. In 1867 he traded his White Bluffs ranch for William Parker's ranch in Parker Bottom. On one of Mr. French's trips from the Dalles he brought with him an apple tree (1867 or 1868) This tree is still bearing fruit; it can be seen from the highway at Dan McDonald's residence.

Dear Mrs. Eastland. Here it is, but the date is not authentic, either 67 or 68, but these three orchards, Eglin, Benton and French, Yours Truly, Geo.

There are three orchards indisputable. I think this is the oldest. I sent a picture of one of the trees. I have seen all these orchards. The gavel for the State Medical Society was made from the tree set out by H.L. Benton, said to be some of the oldest.

A.E.

The third and last orchard discussion was set out in 1867. The trees were brought by horseback from The Dalles by H.M. Benton. These trees were planted on the Allen place. Benton married Mary Ann Allen who came with her family in 1866.

Wood from this orchard was used to make the handle of a gavel for the Yakima County Historical society. The rest of the gavel was made from wood from the orchard set out by the Catholic fathers in 1872, later the Eglin ranch but now owned by Wallace Wiley.

The committee appointed for making this gavel of historical value consisted of Wallace Wiley, Mrs. Myrtle Vance and Bert Flint. It was made by Bruce Taylor. Carved in the polished wood are the name of the organization, the numerals 1871 and 1935 and the names of the committee members.

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Vancouver, "ash March 13, 1926--One hundred years ago this month the apple tree that later became the mother tree in a section world famous for its apples was brought to Vancouver from England by a party of Hudson Bay trappers.

The tree is still alive. To commemorate its one-hundredth birth anniversary this old town is soon to hold a celebration--

Pear trees in Yakima county doubled in number during the last seven years according to the tree census made by W.L. Close, district horticulturist which has just been completed.

There are 9 percent less apple trees in the orchards of the county than there were in 1918, the figures show. There are now 1,884,022 apple trees of which 1,553,450 are bearing.

Of the standard varieties "Inasaps, Delicious and Rome show increase while Jonathans, Spitzenburgs and Newtons show a decrease. "Inasaps led all other varieties in the county with 804,170 trees; Rome 228,737 trees; Jonathans 353,454 trees and Delicious 257,106 trees.

The census just completed shows 999,890 pear trees with Bartletts the principal variety. The number of plum and prune trees increased greatly and peaches made a slight increase--The Yakima Republic, January 8, 1926.

the fruit industry over any given period of years has been good and will continue to be so. Yakima Daily Republic, August 27, 1925.

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In the completion of the C.M.Holtzinger Fruitcompany's new building at Second and Yakima avenue the cold storage facilities for the handling of fruit on Produce row have been increased by 300 cars. Replacing the old structure which was wiped out by fire last summer the new \$150,000 plant represents the latest in equipment for the handling of fruit on a big scale. The common storage capacity is 1500000 150 cars. The brick building is 117 1-2 by 200 feet in extent...Yakima Daily Republic, August 27, 1925.

Office headquarters of the C.M. Holtzinger company were yesterday moved into the new building of the company on Yakima and Second avenues. A crew of 25 carpenters and workers is today putting the final touches on the building and its equipments which will be completed within a week.

Today the Daisel engines with which the building is equipped were at work and a crew of fruit workers operated the cold storage room which is being used to its full extend ruing the pear run.

Construction work yet to be done consists chiefly in the building of a receiving platform, interior finishing and the installation of conveyors and equipment for handling the fruit. Although the offices of the building have been established the building itself has not been formally opened--The Yakima Daily Republic, August 19, 1925.

King A₁bert cherries , the only ones of their kind in the nation are rapidly maturing on the two branches of that variety in Edward Remy's Fairview orchard.

The King A^ubert Cherry is a golden yellow in color and is distinguished by having a deep crimson stripe that extends from the base of the cherry to to the tip and when the fruit is mature, goes from the outer skin to the stone.

The fruit is exceptionally attractive and is equally pleasing to taste.

Remy says he named it King A₁bert because he is a native of Belgium and Q2ell in the first place the cherry is like King A₁bert at Liege in that it was found where it wasn't expected. . I first noticed it on one branch of the Lambert tree. A₁l the cherries on that branch were light colored and marked with the crimson line. Of course I did not know whether it was a true variety or not so budded from this branch to my Oxheart tree. The branch developed from that bud is now loaded with King Albert Cherries.... June 19, 1925, Yakima Republic.

Master George Washin ton would have dropped his hatchet and run for a ladder had he seen a cherry tree like the Royal A_n owned by William G. Martin of the Wapato district.

Martin 's A_n is the queen tree of the valley inthe opinion of W.C. Dumas, field man for the Horticultural Union and has broken all records this ye r for quanitty production.

The branches are bent low under the weight of the fruit approximately an even 1,000 pounds of which soon will be moving into consumption. Martin has about 50 other trees, Bin s and A_ns, averagin close to 700 pounds of cherries each.

J.E. Squire, Fruitvale grower, has about the darkest red Royal A_ns in ~~the~~ his orchard of any place in the valley. "There are the best colored and look like Lamberts," Squire commented....Yakima Republic, June 13, 1925.

The new association was originated following discussion of its possibilities at the annual convention of the International Apple Shippers association at St Louis last August. It was the general feeling there that the work of conducting apple week campaigns was becoming too burdensome for the association to handle effectively.

Administrative and organization work alone in the secretary's office involved the preparation and distribution of more than 175,000 letters, announcements, telegrams, booklets, apple recipe books, stickers and buttons. The project had developed to such a point that members agreed it could no longer function on sporadic contributions and the plans should be formulated long in advance. Memberships are \$10 for application and \$10 for one year's dues.....The Yakima Republic, February 18, 1925.