

## Apple Show, Spokane

Spokane, July 1, 1909-Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company has accepted the presidency of the National Apple Show, Inc., which will award \$35,000 in prizes and trophies at its second annual exhibition in Spokane, December 6-11. He succeeds Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company who was head of the organization last year.

The primary purpose of the exposition are to educate the growers and handlers to the fact that the apple is a staple product; that the markets at home and abroad are constantly increasing; that prices for clean fruit of color, size and flavor are advancing that the demand was never greater than at present and that over-production is entirely out of the question during this century. It is also designed to establish a standard with the view toward a greater development of the apple industry.

The competitions in the various classes, ranging from \$1,000 for the best car of apples to \$5 for the best single fruit will be free and open to all, the plan being to have a sufficiently wide variety to make a world's exposition in which every exhibitor will have a chance in the awards. Pomologists of national reputation will be judges of the exhibit.--The Yakima Herald, July 7, 1909.

## Apple boxes

The apple growers of the northwest are going to carry the fight against the Lafean apple box into congress. Against them will be arrayed all the apple growers of other sections of the country.

This is the statement given out by Ben H. Rice, secretary of the Second National Apple Show at Spokane, who was a delegate to the meeting of fruit growers at Denver where the Lafean box was indorsed in spite of the protest of the northwest growers.

The difficulty is this:

Apples grown in this section are superior to any grown anywhere in the country and sell or should sell by the pound or dozen. Apple from the other parts of the country are inferior and sell by the peck. The northwestern box now in use though it contains a standard bushel, does not hold four of the down-east "heaped pecks."

If the Lafean bill passes it will work a great hardship on the northwest growers, it is asserted and will necessitate the revolutionizing of the packing system. The northwest box is 10 1-2 inches wide, 11 1-2 inches deep and 18 inches long. It holds 2150.42 cubic inches.

Northwest growers contend that the box was evolved after many trials of different sizes and that it is the only one in which they can pack their fruit successfully because it adapts itself to the sizes grown in this country. They declare that their box contains the standard U.S. bushel and that it would be folly to make a new standard bushel.

Eastern growers complain that those from other sections complain that the east retail trade in their sections demands a box that will hold four heaped pecks.



## Fruit Production

Yakima county needs not one fruit inspector but five or six says F.E. Thompson and the way to get them is to levy a tree tax.

A tax of half a cent a tree would be more than sufficient And just at this season of the year there should be 10 or 12 inspectors.

These remarks came in the face of the fact that the county seems about to be deprived of practically all of the fruit inspection it has been having. The county commissioners in meeting with the fruit men seem to have decided that there is little they can do to continue the services of the county inspector, so that Yakima and Kittitas counties bid fair to have to get along with the services of but one man....

Mr. Thompson's remarks concerning the number of inspectors required are borne out by the statement of Deputy Inspector Starcher that he cannot get into more than a fifth of the orchards--The Yakima Republic, January 28, 1910.

J.M. Perry plans to erect this summer a great fruit warehouse 100 X 180 feet in size, two stories high of brick or stone and of such stability that its height can be increased to four stories whenever the occasion arises.

"I am not sure," says Mr. Perry, "that we will not make it four stories this summer. We will build big enough to provide all the warehouse room necessary, anyway even in case fruit should not need it to be stored on account of the shortage of cars."

We will have room for 2,000 cases. The stuff is going to come up to the tracks and someone will have to take care of it.

The location of the building is to be lots 2 and 3 in block <sup>B</sup> lying between the Northern Pacific tracks and the North Coast right of way. Lot 2 has just been purchased from H. S. Stanley Coffin for \$7,500...The Yakima Republic, Feb. 11, 1910.

## Apple boxes

There will be no standardization of apple boxes for this year's crop through congressional action. The Lafean bill to establish standard packages and grades of that fruit was adversely acted upon by the house committee on agriculture at Washington, D.C., today--Yakima Republic, April 15, 1910.



Breaking the record for all previous years, nearly a million and a half fruit trees will be set out this spring according to the estimate made recently by J.M. Brown, former deputy state horticultural inspector.

Even last year's total, which ran to 1,200,000 will be topped if present expectations carry to a logical conclusion.

Figuring 80 trees to the acre said Mr. Brown the total will be 15,000. One might suppose that there was a limit to the amount of fruit the growers of Yakima county would attempt to produce but such a hypothetical limit does not exist.

One of the notable sides of the present heavy demand for trees is the fact that pears are gaining in popularity and peaches declining. The acreage in peach production might be attributed to the fact that growers are safeguarding themselves so far as they can in the selection of their crops.

Berries are also losing their favor. ..Yakima Republic,  
April 22, 1910.

## Fruit-Okanogan

Horticultural Inspector J.N. Piercey has just given out a report which shows that more than a third of a million fruit trees were delivered to growers in Okanogan county during the present spring, exceeding last fall's deliveries by 50,000 trees.

Forty-two nurseries in various parts of the U.S. furnished the trees but a third of them were supplied by Okanogan county nurserymen. The bulk of the remainder came from Wenatchee and Toppenish.

Inspector Piercey estimates that more than a million grafts are being grown this summer by Okanogan county nurserymen for delivery this fall and that from this time on the bulk of trees to be planted will be from home grown stock.

The inspectors figures on this spring's deliveries follow:

Apples 286,995. crab apples 201; pears 5,428, cherries, 5,563, peaches 27,927, plums and prunes 2,932, apricots 4,198 and quinces 342---total 33,496.

Grape vines amounted to 4,001, berry bushes, 2,212, strawberries 8,654, ornamental and shade trees 194; roses 174-  
Yakima Republic, June 24, 1910.

## Fruit Production

### Marketing

Manager Ray Paddock of the Horticultural union writes from Chicago that the special fruit train service from the Yakima valley to the east is practically assured .

A number of railroad men have been out through the valley looking over the situation and conferring with the fruit men as to the crop prospects . The train has been talked of for a year or more--Yakima Republic, July 1, 1910.



In preparation for handling the 1910 bumper fruit crop of the country contiguous to North Yakima the Northern Pacific Railroad company is cutting 3,000 tons of ice at Tjossem's spur, a short distance this side of Ellensburg. The ice is to be stored in Yakima for use in the refrigerator cars which will carry fruit out of the valley during the coming season.

The ice will supply from 300 to 1,000 cars as each car requires, at the first loading from three to 10 tons of ice.

Other ice will be cut for use in other localities, the 3,000 tons being for North Yakima alone.

Roadmaster Scow has charge of cutting and shipping ice which has not yet commenced to arrive in the city.

The Yakim Republic, July 14, 1910.

## Transportation co.

Arrangements were completed today by President N.C. Richards of the Yakima Valley Transportation company for installation of \$20,000 worth of machinery in machine shops to be erected by the company on Pine street and South Third avenue. The whole plant will be worth \$30,000. Its installation will mark another long step in the rapid advancement of the transportation company in its operation in the valley.

With the barns, power house and other improvements recently installed, the company will compose one of the most complete outfits for handling transportation business that any company the size of the Yakima valley company has anywhere.

Buildings, tracks and improvements in the yards will be worth \$80,000 to \$90,000.

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Fruit will be hauled this season by the Yakima Valley Transportation company from the orchard district of Fruitvale, the Antanum and Wide Hollow to the warehouses along the Northern Pacific tracks on Railroad avenue says President N.C. Richards of the transportation company.

Arrangements have been made whereby several blocks of North Coast track are to be laid immediately up First avenue from Yakima avenue. A switch from Yakima avenue track is to be put in at once and this track laid. It will run along the west ends of those warehouses whose east ends front on the NP sidetracks. Yakima Republic, July 15, 1910.

## Labor--price

By offering two cents a box for packing peaches and \$1 or \$2.25 a day for picking them the fruitgrowers have not yet solved the problem of getting labor to handle the season's fruit crop, thinks one fruitman.

Two years ago he says, when there were not nearly so many peaches as there will be this year, packers were paid 2 1-2 cents a box and pickers got \$2.25 a day. And when it became evident there would not be enough packers, the growers made bids one against the other for workers and some of them paid three or four cents a box for peach packing.--Yakima Republic, July 22, 1910.



Thousands of dollars worth of peaches that otherwise would have spoiled on the trees in the Yakima valley will be sold in advance, picked and shipped to the east as the result of an understanding reached between the fruitmen of the valley and representatives of the Northern Pacific railroad at a conference here in the Commercial club rooms this morning.

The railroad will undertake to provide a five-day schedule to St Paul throughout the rush of the Alberta peach season with the understanding that the growers are to ship 30 cars of peaches a day to Fargo and eastern points.

Peaches for intermediate points and other fruit aside from peaches will be handled on the basis of a six-day schedule to St Paul. The rates will be the same as fast freight rates now in effect.

This will mean that the Yakima Albertas will be put into Chicago and other middlewest markets and the east ~~which~~ which they could not have touched without the promise of rapid transportation.

H.M. Gilbert of the Richey & Gilbert company of Toppenish presided and 75 fruitmen of the valley were present, sitting in a big circle with the railroad men at the table in the discussion. The railroad was represented by Thomas Cooper, assistant to the president; Henry Blakely, general western freight agent and I.B. Richards, assistant general superintendent. G.W. Plummer, western land agent was present but took no part in the discussion. Yakima Republic, July 22, 1910.

## Landmarks

### Apple Tree. Dixie

Control R. Frazier who owns a tract of fruit land near Dixie Walla Walla county, Wash. believes he has in his orchard the largest apple tree in the world.

It grew from a seedling planted by him in 1866. It has had no irrigation and has attained a height of 42 feet with a spread of branches of 57 feet; its trunk is 7 feet incircumference at the base.

The tree is thought to be the largest bearing apple tree in America. From 1880 to 1907 it 126 1-2 boxes were taken in 1907 and it has borne a total of over 1,600 boxes of fruit. It is estimated that the crop will be between 150 and 200 boxes this year. While unnamed the tree produces fruit that is sweet and keep juicy throughout the winter--Yakima Republic, August 5, 1910.

## Fruit processing

Toppenish-Herbert Rowland of Toppenish is the inventor of a novel machine, an apple wiper, with which threemen have been able to wipe 30 boxes of apples in 45 minutes. The machine and three men do the work of 10 men wiping by hand. Several orchardists have ordered machine-Yakima Republic, Sept. 30, 1910.



## Apple exports

H.M. Gilbert

H.M. Gilbert's slogan, "Yakima Valley Apples for the World" will begin to take a practical aspect next week when Richey & Gilbert and the Horticultural union start loading 200 cars of apples for the markets of England.

The apples have been sold to J. Nicholls of Convent Garden, England for cash. No particular variety or grade has been specified but the shipments will include some of the finest the valley can produce. Yakima Republic, Oct. 14, 1910.

The Pacific Fruit and Produce company report sending out a considerable quantity of grapes in peach boxes.

This firm sent out yesterday to their Tacoma house what is probably the first car of green tomatoes ever sent out from the city. These are used in making pickles. They will be put on the retail market along the Sound and find a ready sale. The company has already used half of its storage capacity here and is shipping some apples to the larger storage plant at Tacoma.

Yakima Republic, Oct. 14, 1910 .

Mr. J.B. Swagler of Selah is preparing to erect a \$10,000 house on his ranch in the valley, the house to be built of stone from his own quarry.

He has already in construction a large barn and an apple packing house. He is planning to keep a force of men at work all winter and will have the new house ready to live in within a year--Yakima Republic, Oct. 14, 1910.



School Section  
(locations or landmarks)  
Apple Prices

Here are some facts calculated to open the eyes of eastern skeptics who are never able to grasp the reason why such prices are paid for Yakima land.

The instance cited is above the average but in the sense that hundreds of other growers could get the same results with the same care and skill it is an exceptional and may be added that exceptional instances are becoming so numerous that they are ceasing to be at all extraordinary.

Alfred Chandler, residing on a ranch in School Section received returns from his apple crops a few days ago.

From one and one-quarter acres he harvested 3,000 boxes of Ben Davis for which he received 85 cents per box gross and 65 cents per box net. This was a total of \$3,000 gross and \$2,340 net or \$1,872 per acre from the tract which would be an 8 per cent return on \$23,400.

From eight acres Mr. Chandler received \$1,000 per acre. This sum would be 8 per cent return on a capital of \$12,500.

Last summer Mr. Chandler had a notion he wanted to sell and offered his 20 acre ranch together with this year's crop for \$25,000. His desire to sell is not so strong now.

Another example was a crop of Jonathan apples which brought its owner \$2,500 for an acre and a half, netting him in the neighborhood of \$1,300 to \$1,400 per acre.--Yakima Republic, Oct. 28, 1919.

## Apple Packing

One and possibly two North Yakima men are to take part in the apple packing contest in connection with the ~~added~~ National Apple show in Spokane this afternoon. Up to last night there had been seven entries as follows:

AA. Schmidtke, North Yakima; W.F. Cutler, Hood River;  
St John Pauncefoot, Walter E. Pearson, Ashland, Ore;  
A.P. Bowles, Fayetteville, Ark. and John A, Arrigona.

Herman Vander Aarde of this city went to Spokane last evening intending to enter the contest.

Spokane--The management of the National Apple show today selected Howard Elliott president of the Northern Pacific railway, president of the apple show for the coming year. It is his third term as head of the organization-Yakima Republic, Nov. 18, 1910.

## Fruit Production

With a total of 26,000 smudge pots delivered to the farmers in the lower valley this year by the Granger Storage Co., making more than 70,000 now in use between Union Gap and Kennewick there is little apprehension that Jack Frost will win very much of a victory if he should invade this territory the latter part of next month says the Granger News.

In the Kennewick country it is estimated that 10,000 of these frost proof devices are in use....

At the present time the Granger Storage Co. has tanks at Wapato, Toppenish, Granger, Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside with a total capacity of about 150,000 gallons of oil. ...Yakima Herald, March 29, 1911.