have never been enrolled as a member of your valuable organization. 2nd. I know full well you possess talent far better equipped to grapple with so broad and important a subject. However, being assured by the Secretary that he would interest different members on the subject, and desirous of hearing their views in connection with the same, I have collected a few ideas, partly from experience and partly from observation, which I submit to your careful consideration.

No doubt you are all conversant with the general analysis of fruit preservation, particularly those who were so fortunate as to listen to the able address delivered at your January session by Dr. A. P. Reid, consequently I will not weary you with a repetition, but proceed at once with the subject in hand under which heading I propose to combine Canning and Evaporating; an industry which I shall endeavor to prove is required by the fruit growers of this valley to make fruit culture a success.

The present age of improvement and invention may be compared to a vast tidal wave sweeping over the land. The mind is filled with wonder in view of the great inventions of the past and present decade; many, however, from want of practicability are soon buried for ever from sight, only those that have been weighed and are not found wanting keep abreast of the waves. Improvement is a thing of growth, and the inventor must ever be on the alert if he would be foremost in the sharp competition.

Fruit culture in its different forms is daily increasing in popularity, bringing to its aid the best intellect of our land. What revelation future has in store for this wonderful product remains yet to be seen, but judging the future by the past we may look for grand results. It is not necessary to quote statistics to prove that the fruit industry is yearly increasing, all that is necessary is to look carefully around, up and down this valley, and on every hand may be seen proofs to verify this statement.

Fruit culture is unquestionably profitable. It is a fact not to be disputed that more money can be made from one acre set to choice fruit than can be made from ten acres put to wheat.

Experience has proven this, and fruit growers realizing the fact are yearly increasing the acreage. Capitalists confident of good percentage on their money are investing liberally. But this fruit when grown must find a market or else all of this labor will be for naught;

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