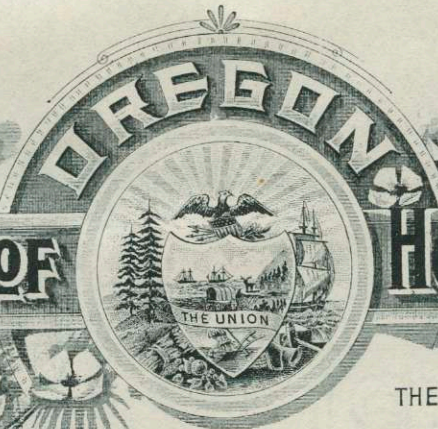


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Col. Henry G. Dosh
Bohland or

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your valued favor of the 25th inst. requesting an estimate of the cost of an apple orchard in Hood River valley of 20 bearing age.

I believe the following is a close approximation for an orchard of the above

480 trees planted in square form 30' x 30' @ 10 ⁰⁰	\$45.00
Digging holes and planting 480 trees @ 6 ⁰⁰	28.80
Cultivating with Spading with harrow 3 times each way 1 year 8 days @ 3.50	28.00
Cultivating with Road & brushman twice each way 1 year 4 days @ 3.00	12.00
Pruning average per year	20.00
Moving about base of trees	10.00
Pruning trees &c	5.00
Total for one year	\$77.00
" " 4 years	308.00

Grand total to 5 years

\$384.00

This estimate is the supposition that the ground was

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plow and harrowed and ready for planting
no estimate is made for spraying as it is believed
that the fruit that 4 year will fully cover that expense
I have not made an allowance for water or value
of land or for taxes as no general rule can be followed
both varying greatly.

The 5 year tree orchard will
pay all expenses and usually leave a margin of profit
Last year, 1903, a young seven year old orchard of
15 acres paid on a profit of \$100. You are not deducting
interest and taxes.
Very truly yours
E. L. Smith