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This is a stereoscopic photographic view of apple harvesting in the Ozark region of Missouri published by the Keystone View Company of Meadville, Pennsylvania.

B. L. Singley founded the Keystone View Company of Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1892. In 1898 the firm established an Education Department, which distributed boxed sets of images with descriptive texts to schools for classroom use. This is image number 175, entitled “Busy Scene in the Ozark Apple Region of Missouri – Picking, Sorting and Packing in Barrels,” of series number 16714. The location was given only as latitude 37 degrees north and longitude 93 degrees west. That confluence is in Christian County, Missouri, near Bruner, but probably the coordinates were given only as a general location.

The educational text on the reverse (“Picking and Barreling Apples, Missouri”) describes apple raising in general terms. It includes statistics for 1914, so the text was written after that date. The image shows several men engaged in putting freshly-harvested apples into barrels for shipment.