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CONSEQUENCE OF BLIGHT IS GREAT MENACE

DEMONSTRATIONS OF CUTTING OUT DISEASE GIVEN

RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF LAW ADVOCATED BY PLANTOLOGIST

Direr Need of Strict Attention of Fire Blight in All Forms and All Places Pointed Out During Practical Demonstration This Morning of Blight Fighting by Science Methods.

Scientific methods of eradicating fire blight, the greatest menace to commercial orchards known to plantology, were propounded in a learned manner this forenoon when Professor H. S. Jackson, plant pathologist of the Oregon Agricultural college and experiment station met a number of fruit growers at the office of A. B. Cherry, sec'y of the La Grande Commercial club, this morning at 8:30. A short talk concerning the nature and seriousness of the disease, fire blight or pear blight, was given by Prof. Jackson and then the party was conducted to various small orchards in the city and vicinity where a practical demonstration of the manner in which the disease spread and developed, and of the method of cutting out the disease was given.

Professor Jackson pointed out that fire blight is the most serious disease of the apple and pear known. It will also attack the quince and various other trees and shrubs belonging to the apple family. It is generally considered to be the most serious on the pear, although certain varieties of apples are as seriously affected as the pear, notably the Spitzenberg.

Fire Blight a Disease.

Fire blight is a bacterial disease which is spread primarily by insects at blossoming time, though it may be spread at any time during the growing season by any agent which will actually carry the germs from one branch to another, or from tree to tree. It can enter the tree only through the blossom, tips of growing twigs or into wounds made in any manner, or by insect puncture wounds made during cultivation, picking, or pruning. Birds, particularly woodpeckers, may carry the disease long distances. It is not spread by the wind.

The germs are carried over the winter only in the dead bark of cankers.

FIRE DESTROYS 40-ACRE FIELD

UMATILLA COUNTY BLAZE IS A DISASTROUS ONE.

Thrashing Outfit Is Also Consumed by Fire.

Pendleton, Aug. 27.—(Special) —The most serious harvest fire this season occurred Saturday afternoon when D. H. Bayne suffered the loss of forty acres of wheat and a part of his machinery by a fire started from his engine. The fire, according to reports, occurred on the Nelson land near Saxe which Bayne is farming and occurred while a change was being made from one field to another. The cook house and feed racks were burned and some reports have it that the separators were also burned, but this latter has not been confirmed, owing to the fact that the farmers' telephone line is out of order.

formed the previous year. These cankers are call hold-over cankers.

Method of Treating.

The only method of treating diseased trees is to cut out the diseased parts. Spraying is of no value. The most important thing in treating a diseased orchard is to cut out in the fall or winter every case of hold-over blight. If every such hold-over canker could be removed in an orchard district the disease would be eradicated. Summer cutting should also be practiced. Every case of blight should be removed as soon as it is detected at any season of the year. Properly conducted summer cutting prevents much of the spread of the disease and results in the saving of many large branches or even of the tree.

Fire blight may spread from a twig the bark to the trunk in a week's time. In the top of a tree down through the disinfection.

All wounds made in cutting out blight must be disinfected with corrosive sublimate 1-1000 in water. All tools used in cutting blight must also be disinfected after each case is cut out. Do not attempt to cut out blight without a supply of this disinfecting substance on hand.

More damage is frequently done by not disinfecting properly than would occur if the disease were allowed to run its course. The cutting should be carefully and intelligently carried out. The disease must be thoroughly understood or serious mistakes will result. Details of the nature of the disease and of the method of control are given in circular bulletin No. 7 of the Oregon Agricultural experiment station at Corvallis, a copy of

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SPECIAL CARS TO CARRY MANY

ROOSEVELT SPEECH ATTRACTS FROM UMATILLA.

West End of Sister County to Help Pendleton Send Big Crowds.

Umatilla county is preparing to send a big delegation to La Grande to hear Colonel Roosevelt when the Progressive presidential candidate comes to La Grande September 12th. The arrangement proposed there, and the interest displayed, is told in a Pendleton East Oregonian news item of yesterday:

In order that Pendleton Bull Moosers may have an opportunity of hearing their chosen leader enunciate his political principles, a special coach will be added to No. 6 on the morning of September 12 and the Pendletonians will enjoy the unusual experience of listening to an address while the train is speeding along.

This is the announcement made this morning by I. U. Temple who yesterday made arrangement with Jack O'Neill, popular O.-W. R. & N. official, whereby the coach will be added to the train if 50 round trip tickets are sold. Inasmuch as the west end towns have promised a delegation of 25, there seems little doubt but that the required number will be secured.

Theodore Roosevelt is scheduled to deliver an address in La Grande on the 12th and will pass through Pendleton on No. 6 which leaves here at 5:15. That local people may hear the third party candidate speak and yet not lose an entire day, Dr. Temple is arranging with Chairman F. W. Mulkey to have the colonel speak to the local people while the train is en route to La Grande and so confident is he of the success of the plan, that he is promising those who contemplate going that they will hear an address while sitting in their car seats. This arrangement will enable those who desire to return on No. 17 the same day. Others have the privilege of remaining until the next day before returning and thus hear Roosevelt make his La Grande speech. A round trip fare of one and a third has been made contingent upon 50 passengers being secured.

CIRCUS CROWD OF THOUSANDS AWAIT TRAINS

PARADE FEATURE IS LIKELY TO BE DROPPED

MAIN SECTION OF TRAINS REACH CITY AFTER NOON

Town Filled to Suffocation With Visitors That Special Trains Carry to La Grande—Long Jump From Walla Walla Responsible for Delays—Estimated that 15,000 Visitors Wait

La Grande today for hours feared the long-waited Barnum & Bailey circus was doomed to disappoint some 15,000 souls, for it was far past the noon hour before a material showing of circus trains reached town. The long jump from Walla Walla via Umatilla was responsible. The first train carrying some equipment came at 9 o'clock but the main bulk of the big show did not reach here until afternoon, one train arriving at 12:30 and the two others at intervals of 15 minutes. The crowd in La Grande today is one of the largest in years—the streets filled early and were clogged by noon, the streets being lined with anxious waiters.

Toward noon the prospect of a parade grew dubious, the general belief among the advance men of the circus being that the parade feature would be dropped. The real boss of the big show will arrive on the last train at 1:15.

Early Trains Loaded.

Long before the circus got here the roads leading to La Grande from every nook and corner of the county was black with people; people coming on horseback, by automobile and rig and some even walking. Livestock and feed barns were filled to capacity long before 10 o'clock. Then the trains commenced to unload their human freight. The first train in came from Baker, bringing over 300, the principal number, however, being from North Powder and Union. The Baker delegation was fair-sized.

Walla Walla Sends 500.

A special train from Walla Walla county points reaching here about 10:30 brought something over 500, but the Walla Walla delegation alone numbered close to 400. The regular from the East was an hour late and brought still more while No. 6, also an hour late, brought Umatillians and the greater portion of the populations of Kamela, Hilgard and Perry. The crowds in La Grande at 10 o'clock were estimated at 5,000 and at noon to be over 10,000. Augmented to this is the 5,000 from La Grande and immediate vicinity that will attend the circus this afternoon and if the tent is crowded 16,000 will be within the tented arena.

While the circus takes out large sums of money, it is also conservatively estimated that each person here spends \$1.00, a neat sum to add to the city's business for one day.

MARY WARD BURIED.

The funeral of the late Mary J. Ward, who died August 24, was held last Sunday afternoon from the home on North Depot street.

Mary J. Ward was born March 18, 1866 in the state of Oregon and died at her sister's, Mrs. Alice Moores, on North Depot street, August 24, 1912.

She leaves two sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Alice Moore, Mrs. F. Knapp and J. W. Saling of La Grande, Ore., Ed and W. J. Saling of Hilgard, and Elmer of Montana. Besides these she leaves a number of relatives and friends.

FRENZIED MAN STABBED BY SON TO SAVE MOTHER

NEW JERSEY LAD CONFESES CRIME TO THE POLICE

MOTHER'S LIFE SAVED BY KILLING CRAZED FATHER

Patricide Said to Have Been Instigated by Attack on Mother With Huge Butcher Knife Following Quarrel—Father Drunk When Attack on Woman Was Made.

Vineland, N. J., Aug. 27.—Admitting that he killed his father, E. R. Garton, a rich horseman, Henry Garton surrendered to the police today, asserting he committed the deed to prevent the murder of his mother by the elder Garton.

Garton declared his father had been drinking after a bitter quarrel with his mother, and shortly after midnight seized a butcher knife and threatened to kill her. Young Garton asserts he grappled with the father and grabbed the knife and plunged it into his throat.

SUSPECTED OF "RUSTLING"

Arrests Made and Conflicting Stories Are Told.

Yesterday Sheriff Childers arrested two men on the charge of cattle rustling, Clarence Baker and F. P. Brooks. They drove 17 head of two-year-old cattle to Oro Dell and then rode into La Grande and offered their stock to J. A. Russell. Smith went to look at the cattle and noticed the many different brands and the air of uneasiness exhibited by the supposed owners. He offered to buy the cattle and pay in a couple of days but the Smith that they lived near Starky men refused demanding cash. He told but could not make Smith know just where their place was. Smith returned to see Russell and while he was gone the men told the butcher at the slaughter house that they had brought the stock from the John Day country. Later upon advice of the sheriff, Russell paid his check for the cattle and immediately Childers arrested the two men. Brooks remains absolutely silent about the matter, but Baker claims that he was working for Brooks and that he thought he was rounding up Brooks' cattle. Baker did not know the country through which they came, but describes the upper Grande Ronde country very closely. The ownership of the cattle will be determined as soon as possible.

Trans-Mississippi Congress.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 27.—With a display of enthusiasm that augurs well for a successful and interesting session, the 23rd annual meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress assembled in Salt Lake City today. President A. C. Trumbo of Oklahoma called the gathering to order. The roll call showed a record-breaking attendance of delegates from all of the states of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys and those making up the western half of the country. Welcomes and responses, the appointment of committees and business of a routine nature occupied the initial session. Tomorrow the delegates will take up the regular program of business. Some of the foremost men of the nation are here to engage in an exchange of views on the parcels post, the world peace movement, the opening of the Panama canal, land reclamation, immigration, good roads, currency reform, drainage, irrigation, transportation and other subjects of live public interest.

To Discuss Municipal Problems.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 27.—Delegates from widely separated sections of the Dominion assembled in Windsor today for the opening of the annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. The sessions will last three days and will be devoted to papers, addresses and discussions dealing with a wide range of subjects. The proposed new Dominion railway act, the municipal ownership of power plants, the cement situation in western Canada, public health and municipal finances are some of the leading topics.

Archbishop Riordan 70 Years Old.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 27.—Many felicitous messages were received at the archiepiscopal residence at the corner of Steiner and Fulton streets today to remind the venerable Archbishop Riordan of the completion of his 70th year. The archbishop was born in New Brunswick. He spent his boyhood in Chicago, to which city he returned after completing his theological studies and was rector of St. James' church there until his selection as head of the San Francisco archdiocese in the early eighties.

Gov. Johnson to Take the Stump.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 27.—Governor Hiram Johnson, the Progressive candidate for vice president, will start today on a campaigning tour that will probably last two months and will cover a large section of the country. The most attention will be given to the East. Governor Johnson expects to deliver his first important speech at the New York state convention of the Progressive party early in September.

GROUSE CAUSE OF LITIGATION

FOX HILL INCIDENT RECITED IN JUSTICE COURT.

One Who Killed Grouse Held to Be a Third and Unknown Party.

Accused of killing a grouse out of season—the charge saying he shot it before the season opened Aug. 15, A. M. Hendricks, a local painter, was arrested on the accusation of Arthur Brill yesterday but discharged. Arthur Brill stated in testimony for the state that he saw the defendant kill a grouse on Fox hill but the defense represented by Attorney R. J. Green held to the theory that Hendricks was in a cabin nearby and that the one who killed the grouse was really a third and unknown party. Justice Williams discharged the case after hearing the testimony on both sides of the issue.

Dog Bites Youth.

A dog this morning nipped the shin of little "Tom" Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Russell. The little fellow was coming down town on his wheel when the dog sprang from under a wagon and gnawed the leg of the Russell boy. Medical attention was given immediately, and it is not likely that any serious consequences will ensue.

Lawyers Begin Meeting.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 27.—The annual meeting of the American Bar association was opened in this city today, and will be continued through tomorrow and Thursday. President S. S. Gregory of Chicago called the gathering to order and delivered his annual address before an attendance of several hundred eminent representatives of the bench and bar of the United States and Canada.

Darrow Trial October 21.

Los Angeles, Aug. 27.—The trial of Clarence Darrow on a charge of bribing Robert Bain, a McNamara juror, was set today by Judge Willis, presiding judge of the Los Angeles county courts, for October 21st. Judge Willis announced that in a few days he will name the judge to sit on the case.

HANFORD UPHOLD BY PRESIDENT OF BAR ASSO.

RETIREMENT HELD TO BE UNQUALIFIED AND IMPROPER

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION COMES INTO SESSION

President Gregory Holds That Judge Hanford of Seattle Was Improperly Unseated and Says His Crimes Did Not Warrant Dismissal or Impeachment—Recall of Judges Opposed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 27.—Stephen Gregory, president of the American Bar association, opening the annual convention here today, defended Judge Hanford of Seattle, who resigned in the midst of the congressional investigation by which impeachment proceedings were intended. He said the matter sought to be proved was mostly trivial and not such high crimes and misdemeanors as would warrant the impeachment of a federal judge.

"We should not, however," said Gregory, "condone the shortcomings of the bench. There has been too much effort on the part of lawyers to do this to stand well with the judge." Referring to the action of Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the supreme court of Columbia, in the contempt of court case against Samuel Compens, John Mitchell and Frank Morris of the American Federation of Labor, Gregory said: "The action in this case was clearly an abuse of power."

Touching on the recall of judges, Gregory said: "As to electing judges for short terms, the idea is preposterous. I am opposed to it in any form or under any circumstances."

Gregory advocated woman suffrage.

TENNIS AFTER CIRCUS.

Morning's Games Fail to Be Played—Two Matches This Afternoon.

This morning Marble Green defeated his worthy opponent, Gene Good, in one set by the closely contested score of 6-4. The match will be finished at a later date. Ramsey and Curry failed to play their match and will try to play it this evening.

Bernie will play Squires this afternoon after the circus is out. The preliminaries so far have all been closely contested and the prospects are that some real tennis will be played before the tourney ends.

BUSINESSMEN ENJOY SWIMS

FIRST DETACHMENT SHOOT THE CHUTES.

Next Friday Again to Be Y. M. C. A. Swimming Date for the "Boys."

Under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. and its secretary it is planned to have the older "boys," the business men, to take occasional swims in the Ora Dell swimming hole that is so popular among the younger fellows. Last evening a mere half dozen responded to the call and they all enjoyed a good time. Next Friday is the day set for a real turnout and it is hoped that a goodly number will be present. An attempt will be made to have enough autos to take everyone and the party will start from the Y. M. C. A. office at four o'clock.