

COUNTY EXPERT PLAN SMOKER MAKES REPORT AT EARLY DATE

FIRST YEAR'S WORK PROVES VALUE OF AGRICULTURIST

Scale Testing and Fruit Inspection Covered in Report.

Completing the first year of work in this county as county agriculturist, Claud C. Cate, today submitted his report of the work that has come under his supervision. Union county is one of ten in Oregon employing a farm expert and Mr. Cate has proven himself of so much practical benefit to the farmers and orchardists of this county that the county commissioners in their budget provided for a continuation of the work for the next year, and the sentiment of the tax payers from all parts of the county stands behind this action of the commissioners. Mr. Cate in his reports covering the testing of scales in the county and as fruit inspector says:

"Considering the diseased condition of many fruit trees due to what is commonly known as 'fire blight,' I believe a great deal of good has been accomplished during the last year in the way of suppressing and controlling this dreaded disease. Once established, this disease makes rapid gains and is only held in check by timely and vigorous action on the part of all pomaceous tree-owners. A great deal of effort has been exercised by the inspection force, endeavoring to secure unity of action on the part of orchardists and tree owners for it is only through thoroughness and timely action by all that we may expect to eradicate this disease from any infested district.

"Other serious pests that are gaining foothold in the county, besides the codling moth are apple scab, woolly aphid, mushroom root rot, cherry and pear slugs, powdery mildew, and oyster scale. Apple scab and woolly aphid are very serious and expensive pests and preventative methods rather than curative ones will prove more profitable, therefore, the policy of the Inspection Department for the ensuing year will be to devote more attention to these destructive pests along the line of prevention in uninfested fields as well as the best methods of control in the infested districts.

"Aside from the regular inspection work, several demonstrations on pruning and spraying have been carried on in different sections of the county.

"Total number of inspections made in Union county, 1200.

"It is not possible at this writing, to record the actual number of trees that have been destroyed on account of fire blight. A very large percentage of the old pear trees have been destroyed, and very few pear trees are to be found in the county that are absolutely free from blight.

"During the year practically all of the scales and measures have been tested. There are only a few public scales that have not been tested up to date. Union county, as a whole, is equipped with very creditable scales. Some scales have been condemned and ordered removed. Others were found inaccurate but were adjusted. Of the inaccurate scales, about an equal percentage were registering overweight as compared with underweight.

"Some public scales were being used where it would require 50 pounds to break the scales. Other wagon scales were found where farmers bought and sold stock and produce where 100 pounds only registered 90 pounds or an error of ten per cent. Another scale was tested that registered 120 pounds for every 100 pounds placed on the plat-form. One scale was

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP TO BE RECRUITED.

Suitable Display Window for "Home Industries" Sought.

Another of these enthusiasm-creating rally meetings is in store for the members of the commercial club, and the business men of the city who are not but should be members. The meeting which is planned for some time next week, the exact date not yet having been decided upon, will be an informal smoker and get-together meeting for the purpose of infusing a little new life into the organization and enlisting additional members.

"We want to double the present membership if we can," said Secretary Clark. "We now have between 50 and 60 paying members of the club where we ought to have at least a hundred good loyal boosters, and we want to do something to stir up a little enthusiasm among the business men who are not now members of this organization. Every business man in the city should belong to the club if it is worth maintaining at all. A few business men should not be asked to keep up an organization which is meant to benefit all."

So far Mr. Clark has been unable to secure a room in which to place the display of Grande Ronde valley products. Every suitable window in the business section of the city is occupied and the secretary is up against it to carry out the plans of the club for boosting the "patronize home industry" campaign. However, it is expected that it will be possible to arrange for a suitable display window in the very near future.

found that gave three pounds extra on every draft, and the owner figured that it had cost him about \$1000.00 in the last two years as a great deal of wheat had been bought over this scale, and afterwards sold in Portland, and Portland were less than here. This party was inclined to accuse other parties of swindling him when it was his own scales.

"It is difficult to keep oil pumps adjusted so that they will deliver accurate measures at all times, consequently, they should be tested frequently. The greatest discrepancy found in pumps was the half-gallon short on five gallons.

"Wood dealers should bear in mind that 'Bulk Heading' will be doctored from 15 to 25 per cent, and when bulk heading is used, an extra amount of wood is required to make up this difference.

"The following statement covers the amount of work for the last year:

Scales inspected	224
Scales found O. K. and sealed	119
Scales adjusted and sealed	32
Scales condemned and use forbidden	19
Inaccurate weights condemned and confiscated	54
Liquid Measures Tested:	
Pumps, gas and oil	21
Pumps found accurate and sealed	12
Pumps adjusted and sealed	7
Pumps inaccurate and condemned until repaired	2
Measures (Liquid and Dry)	
Measures found correct	29
Measures condemned	3
Measures (Linear)	
Measures, accurate	13
Measures adjusted to standard tape	6

KIDDLE FOR LAW AND ORDER.

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from the state executive soliciting advise from the legislators on the matter of appointing a woman senator from a Willamette valley county where a vacancy occurred. Governor West sets out in his letter to the senators of the state, that he has named a lady as a senator from one of the valley districts to fill a vacancy, but the governor admits he is not certain what the constitution requires in the matter. He says that if the senators will not support him in the appointment, he will have to call a special election in that district which he does not desire to do if it can be avoided. Hence he seeks advise from each senator, asking what position

each will take on the matter and urges all of them to answer by wire. Mr. Kiddle answered immediately on receipt of the letter, as set out above.

Accident Proves Exciting.

Almost, but not quite, Senator Kiddle was sent to the hospital last night in which even he would have been unable to advise the governor in the senatorial appointments today with such wisdom. Senator Kiddle was coming from his Island City home to attend the Masonic lodge, and his lights having given out, he attempted to find his way to town without them. Near the oil tanks, the machine skidded into the ditch, completely wrecking a new top. Mr. Kiddle, who was the only occupant of the car, escaped with only minor bruises and was able to proceed to the city on foot. After lodge some friends took him home in their car. The damage to the machine was considerable.

MAY DELIVERY WHEAT SOLD

Ten Thousand Bushels Bring \$1.48 Per Bushel, on Portland Exchange.

Portland, Jan. 6.—Ten thousand bushels of May delivery Blue Stem wheat was sold at \$1.48. The sale of 5,000 bushels of February delivery Blue Stem at \$1.41 was also recorded.

Veterans of Civil War Elect.

Baker, Jan. 6.—H. S. Buck, veteran of the Civil War, recently elected to the command of the Joe Hooker Post No. 20, G. A. R., but unable to qualify because of membership with a post at St. Joseph, Mo., today received his transfer to the Joe Hooker post at Baker and will now be able to qualify. He today issued a call for a meeting of Joe Hooker Post No. 20 to be held at the city hall Friday afternoon, January 8, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Buck announces that a campaign will be started to increase the membership of the post. There are now 17 members but Mr. Buck said today that there are at least 20 other Civil War veterans in the Baker district and an effort will be made to have all affiliate themselves with the post here.

Veteran Editor Arraigned.

W. A. Maxwell, publisher of the Oregon Scout at Union, was today arraigned in circuit court on a grand jury indictment charging a violation of the corrupt practices act in the publication of a statement regarding State Senator C. A. Barrett, of Athena, during the late political campaign. Maxwell was given a reasonable time in which to enter a plea to the charge.

It is very likely that a plea of not guilty will be entered by Mr. Maxwell to the charge, in which event an attempt will be made to prove the statements made regarding Senator Barrett in the article in question.

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Bland "gentleman upon my left."
With whispered hints most sedulous,
Toastmasters, too, on him rely
To praise the wit and "extra dry."
He is so blooming cautious!

We know him, but know not his name.
Alas, such is the end of fame!
He may have no biographer,
But when he goes to Peter's gate
He'll pass right in and grab a plate,
And pose for the photographer!
—Chicago News.

A Daring Skater.

Shortly after the light at Jena in 1806 Napoleon dispatched an officer to Marshal Mortier requiring him to seize certain important towns without delay. When the officer arrived at the mouth of the Elbe, where the river is seven and one-half miles wide, he was threatened with serious loss of time. The river was just covered with ice; therefore to row over was out of the question. He could not cross by the nearest bridge without going twenty miles out of his way on roads heavy with snow. So he resolved to skate across the thin, freshly formed ice. Had he tried walking he would have sunk at once, but by skimming along on his skates at the top of his speed he got over the river both dry and unharmed. By this daring deed he saved six hours, did what Napoleon bade him do and won great credit for his bold and clever exploit.

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Napoleon and the Balloon.

When Napoleon was a young cadet he went on one occasion to witness the ascent of a balloon in the Champs de Mars. He entered, unperceived, the enclosure which contained the balloon, which was then very nearly full and about to ascend, and requested the aeronaut to allow him to enter the car. The request, however, was refused, the reason given being that the feelings of the boy, might embarrass the aeronaut.

"Though I am young, I fear neither the powers of earth nor of the air!" Bonaparte is reported to have exclaimed.

On being requested to retire, the little cadet, enraged at the refusal, drew his sword and, slitting the balloon in several places, destroyed the apparatus which had been constructed with infinite labor and ingenuity.

Such was Napoleon's first and last attempt to ascend in a balloon.

Lord Kitchener's Way.

Lack of funds was upon one occasion the excuse brought forward by a head of department as the reason for not proceeding with certain public works at Cairo. Lord Kitchener, with characteristic terseness, scrawled across the official document in blue pencil, "Find the money." Needless to say, the money was found.

Another time when the question of making a roadway from Cairo to Helouan, a distance of fourteen miles, was broached Kitchener asked the responsible engineer if the road could be completed by a certain date—May 1. He was told it could scarcely be done.

"But is it possible?" asked Kitchener. "It's possible, but—"

"Very well, then," came the Napoleonic reply, "I shall drive my car from Cairo to Helouan over that road on May 1" And he did.

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