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LETTING THE ENEMY COME TO US

U. S. S. Pennsylvania, the new queen of the navy, illustrates the cardinal points of our program of naval construction. The warship excels all competitors in size and armament, but is comparatively slow, that is because we build battleships for defense and not for offense. Our policy is to let the enemy come to us. Whether this is the correct principle no one knows because it has never been put to a test. It is based upon the reasoning that no foreign power would attempt a landing in force upon our shores until that fleet is defeated. And a slow ship with sixteen inch armor plate and twelve big guns playing in broadside is harder to sink than a swift ship which sacrifices weight of armor and metal to speed. On the other hand foreign naval experts are continually increasing the speed of battleships on the theory that fleet victories are as often due to speed in maneuvering as to ability to stand up and fight. The Bluecher, it will be remembered, fell behind its consorts and was sunk by the British solely because it lacked speed. Yet the German battleship was three knots faster than the Pennsylvania. Great Britain's battle cruisers of the Pennsylvania's size, are fast enough to sail rings around our new battleship. Even the Queen Elizabeth which carries larger guns but fewer of them and less armor plate, is three knots faster than the new pride of our navy. Nothing but a test, which all pray may never come can determine whether ourselves or the Europeans are proceeding along the proper principle of naval construction. The hope of the nation is that the Pennsylvania's giant guns will never be piped to action and that years hence when it goes upon the scrap heap it will not be necessary to replace the vessel with a similar instrument of destruction.

SPRAYING FOR CODLING.

By CLAUDE C. CATE. (County Agriculturist.) The time for the first spraying for codling moth and for the second spraying for apple scab is near at hand. In fact in some places in the county, it is now time to be doing the work, while in other sections, the latter part of this week and the first of the next will be about the proper time for this application. Since the fruit grower is not able to control the market price for his finished product, or is not able even to receive a compensation that will be sufficient to pay him for the cost of production, to say nothing of his labor depreciation, or interest on his investment, it behooves him to take advantage of every opportunity to reduce the cost of growing his crop. This

does not mean that he is not to spray or cultivate his orchard, or that he should only spray once, where he has been spraying three times for the codling moth. It is well to remember that the cost of production of the crop includes not only every item of expense that is used in production, but may also include the costly results of insufficient or careless work of producer. If orchardists can successfully control or combat the various diseases that they are obliged to fight, it is absolutely necessary that they insist upon a thorough application of the various spray materials.

As most of our pests are controlled by preventative, rather than by curative means, there is no ground whatever for assuming that light or careless or less frequent applications will be justified on account of low prices of fruit. It has been shown many times where the labor included these operations as well as cost of ingredients have been thrown away simply because they were not properly applied, or were not followed up by control of the various pests. I have found some growers who wish to economize, for instance in the matter of spraying for codling moth, and will use double the amount of spray material in their solutions, and then make a hurried or light application, believing that they will receive just as good results as if they had used proper amounts and made thorough applications. It is often the case in years when crops are light that we get larger percentage of wormy apples. Under these conditions the moths concentrate their efforts upon the smaller quantity of fruit and where applications of spray have been made carelessly, it is difficult to find any clean fruit at all. To make myself plain, will say that I know of fruit growers who have used, for instance, 4 lbs. of arsenate of lead to 50 gal. of water, and then make light applications, thinking that they were economizing. It has also been found that 1 lb. to 50 gal. is sufficient, providing that thoroughness in application is insisted upon. So my advice would be to economize by possibly using a weaker solution and by making absolutely thorough applications. Especially is this important for the first codling moth spray, what is otherwise known as the calyx spray.

Apple scab is gaining a foothold in the county and it is well to apply some fungicide spray for this pest before it gets too much of a start. It is not necessary to make an additional application, for by combining what is known as lime and sulphur solution and neutral or the arsenate of lead, we can save the labor of one application. I would especially advise fruit growers who know that they have had some scab in their apples to use the combination spray. It is prepared as follows: 2 lbs. arsenate of lead, neutral to 50 gal. of water, one gallon of lime and sulphur to 30 gal. of water. If the powder form of arsenate of lead is used, only 1 lb. to 50 gal. of water is necessary. Spray with high pressure and angle nozzles, so that the calyx will be more easily filled. Be sure to fill all the blossoms.

Hotel Arrivals. Foley hotel arrivals:—R. A. McKinney, Spokane; J. T. Rea, Baker; O. W. Loomis, Seattle; A. H. Irving, Spokane, Jas. McIntosh, Tacoma; J. H. Magsam, Hays, Kans.

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OREGONIANS AT FAIR San Francisco, May 10.—(Special)—Eastern Oregon people who have registered at the Eastern Oregon booth in the Oregon building lately are: Lillian McCall Kinney, La Grande; A. E. Wilkinson, Baker; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Larson, Baker; E. L. Bussey, La Grande; J. D. Matheson, La Grande; Reese Myers, La Grande, Jane Stark, Baker; Hazel Shinn Beardley, Baker;

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Table with 3 columns: Price, Item, Price. Includes items like \$9.00 Coats now \$6.75, \$11.50 Coats now \$8.65, \$12.50 Suits now \$9.40, etc.

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On account of the law passed by the last legislature, prohibiting the giving of merchandise premiums, all stamp books must be redeemed on or before May 15th.

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North Powder Lady Dies Baker, May 13.—Mrs. Ruby Crane, wife of Guy H. Crane of North Powder, died last evening at St. Elizabeth hospital, having been a sufferer from a complication of diseases. The remains will be shipped from here to Trinidad, Colorado.

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Hyde and Deputy Assessor Stears, who went to Halfway on official business a few days ago, are held up and unable to get home until tonight or possibly tomorrow owing to the bad condition of the roads since the recent heavy rains. Very few vehicles can get through from Pine to Eagle Valley now, the stages and auto trucks being held up as well as other machines.

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