

IT'S A ROBUST INFANT

Fruit Industry in Lane County Is Growing.

SOMETHING ABOUT SPRAYING

President of Fruit Growers' Association Gives Some Interesting Information Along This Line in His Annual Address.

President H. F. McCornack of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, in his annual address, among other things said:

The 1909 fruit crop of Lane county in common with the entire Northwest was light, but prices were fair and the demand good so that growers realized well on what they had. For example, strawberries sold at an average price of \$2.65 per crate, while in 1908 the average price was \$1.48 per crate. Peaches this year averaged 95 cents per box and in 1908 63 cents. All small fruits brought a good price. Apples and pears sold readily at a good figure but there were hardly enough of the best grades to go around. Green or fresh prunes were shipped East in refrigerator cars and arrived there in good condition and sold at figures very satisfactory to the grower. I believe there is a great future for our fresh Italian prunes in the Eastern market. Several years ago the brown rot was bad on Italian prunes and they did not hold up well when shipped East, but the better care, especially the spraying with lime-sulphur solution which the trees have received for the past few years seems to have checked this trouble, and we hope that with better care and more thorough spraying the brown rot like many of other pests will become a thing of the past.

And speaking of fruit pests we certainly have had some experience with them. One by one we met them and fought them with various degrees of success with a great variety of insecticides and fungicides, and when at last we found the lime-sulphur solution we fought them not one at a time but nearly all at once and with complete success. I think I may safely say that the use of the lime-sulphur solution on fruit trees is the greatest discovery of the age for horticulture, and our eternal thanks are due to our little "friend the enemy"—the San Jose scale, for this pest taught us the use of the lime-sulphur spray while using it, for the destruction of the scale we found that it not only entirely exterminated the scale but it proved to be the best fungicide known. It stops anthracnose, that most destructive disease in our old orchards. It prevents apple and pear scab, a disease which made it impossible to grow some of our best varieties. Brown rot and shothole fungus have disappeared where it has been thoroughly used, and this destruction of fungus and disease allows the trees to assume a rich healthy color.

The fruit industry in this county is in its infancy, but is a very healthy, robust, promising infant. This infant fruit industry went to the Salem cherry fair with an apron full of cherries; she came back with a blue ribbon around her neck and a silver cup in her hand, representing the grand sweepstakes county prize for the best exhibit of cherries grown in the state. This infant went to the Albany apple fair with a pocket full of apples and returned with another blue ribbon around her neck and another silver cup in her hand, numerous small blue and red ribbons fluttering from her belt and a pocket full of silver, representing the grand sweepstakes county prizes for the best exhibit of apples grown in the state, and many individual prizes. Again this infant went to Portland with a big red apple in her hand and returned crowned apple queen of the Willamette valley, the original home infant of the "big red apple." I say a very healthy, promising infant.

Now, gentlemen, we have proven that we can and do grow prize-winning fruit, but we do not raise enough of it. It does not pay to produce common fruit, and this is especially true of apples and pears. Almost every state in the union grows plenty of common apples and pears. We can not produce this grade and pay freight on it, say to New York, to come into competition with the apples grown there. If we grow something better than they have we find a good demand for it at very remunerative prices.

ARMY DESERTER IS INSANE.

Young Pritchard Burns Buildings and Shoots Down Stock.

Ernest Pritchard, about twenty-three years of age, has been adjudged insane. He resided on a farm northwest of Cottage Grove, and is charged with burning houses and barns in the neighborhood, and with killing a farmer's horses. Young Pritchard was arrested last fall on the charge of insanity, but was discharged. For some time the boy has wanted to go to Australia, and he has asked his father time and again

for passage money. A few days ago, upon being refused again, young Pritchard went out into the field and shot one of his father's cows. The boy locked himself in his room every night, and constantly clung to his rifle. It is thought his mind has been deranged on account of worry for fear that he will be arrested as a deserter from the United States Army, he having deserted two or three years ago, according to his own statement at the previous examination before the insanity commission.

Care of the Dairy Cow.

Three important factors of consideration in the care of dairy cattle are comfort, kindness and cleanliness. It is bad for the dairy cow to stand outside in the rain during such cold weather as we have had. Thousands of dollars are lost to the farmers every year through neglect to provide comfortable quarters for their stock.

No animal can do justice to itself when forced to suffer cold and hunger at the hands of an unhuman owner. Men who are so inhuman that they will not provide properly for their stock, should be forced to do so. No matter how crude and homely the protection is, we respect the man who provides shelter for the helpless brutes, which are powerless before the gale and are left to the mercy of man to protect them. I have more respect for the farmer who, if forced to choose which shall be improved first his house or barn selected the latter. The man who does this invariably governs the dumb brutes about him with gentleness. The farm does not shelter an animal that responds more quickly to kindness than the cow. Her great, kind eyes are filled with gentleness and patience. She is almost human in her gratitude and under the influence of kindly treatment, she will guard the homes, help lift the burdensome mortgages, pay for the college education of children, clothe the family with serviceable garments, fill the home with comforts and provide the table with the most healthful articles of food. Kindness is a quality in man which costs him nothing, but the exercise of self-control and when properly invested it pays astounding dividends.

I will mention a few of the subjects that should demand every dairyman's attention. First, the importance of and how to improve the dairy cow. Second, the economy of feed ration, not how to starve the cow, for that practice has been tried too long and too often without success. How to produce the most and best milk from a cow well fed, well housed, kindly cared for, and her thirst slacked with the purest of fresh water from live wells or flowing springs. Third, the care of the milk from cow to dairy or the cream delivered to the creamery, in order to produce the best results. Fourth, the importance of often testing the milk of every cow in your herd, that you may know which is profitable. Fifth, the too often careless care of the milk and cream at home and in delivery of same to the creamery. This neglect alone in my opinion costs the dairyman of Oregon annually thousands of dollars.

DAN BLEUER,
Manager of Cottage Grove Creamery.

Grocery Men to Meet.

Grocers of the state will gather at Eugene January 26 at 27 for the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Grocers' Association. There is a splendid program of deep interest to the dealers in feedstuffs and the attendance is expected to be the largest in the history of the state association. Problems coming up in the grocery business will be discussed and mutual help gained from the interchange of ideas of the various dealers. The Merchants' Protective association of this city has elected ten delegates to the convention, besides whom several others interested will attend. "Should retailers pay cost of packing and cartage?" will be discussed by H. H. Veatch of Cottage Grove.

A Dairying Country.

In a recent address made before the Oregon State Dairy Association Mr. J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, said: "Oregon, especially the western part of it, is pre-eminently suited to dairying. Perhaps no country in the world is better suited. This is not our boast alone, but is the expressed opinion of all great dairy authorities who have examined conditions here."

Notice to Ticket Holders.

To Patrons of the Cottage Grove Lyceum Course:—The Clara Vaughn Wales Concert and Comedy Co. will begin their program at the Armory, Jan. 26, at 8 p. m. sharp. Be sure that your tickets have been altered according to the Armory seating. Any one appearing with unchanged tickets will experience some difficulty in securing proper seats. SELDEN C. ADAMS.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to return thanks to the Calapoo'ya Mineral Springs company of London and others for courtesies and aid rendered during the illness and after the death of my daughter Candace, who died on Sunday last.

MRS. BELLE KLADY.

John A. Williams of Curtain Spur was in the city on Monday.

NEWS FROM BOHEMIA.

Considerable Activity in the Gold Mining District.

Harry H. Parker came down from the Bohemia district on Saturday and returned Monday. During the fall and winter one mile of tunnel has been made on the Sarah Allen claim, and it is now just thirty feet to the expected shoot. Mr. Parker has been in the district four years, and says there has been less snow this winter than at any time during that period, thirty inches being the greatest depth.

There is nothing doing at the North Fairview at present.

At the Grizley cross-cutting is being prosecuted by President Klopfensten, Cochran and Johnson. A machine, the only one in the entire district, is in operation.

J. S. Coffman is spending a fortnight in Cottage Grove. He has been drifting on the ledge on H. H. Veatch's claim, located on Elephant Mountain at the head of Weaver creek. There is over 100 feet of tunnel.

Mr. Lilly will commence on 100 feet of tunnel at the Golden Slipper about February 1, he having been awarded a contract to perform the work.

RAILROAD SEEKS BONUS.

Coos Bay and Boise Line Asks \$150,000 Cash on Completion.

The promoters of the Coos Bay & Boise Railroad, which is being surveyed from Marshfield to Roseburg, are asking for a bonus of \$150,000, the money not to be paid until thirty days after the road is in operation. The people of Coos Bay will be approached with subscription papers and an effort will be made to raise the necessary bonus.

The people of the East are paying too much for apples in comparison with the price received by the grower. Where the grower gets \$2 per barrel for his fruit the consumer is forced to pay as high as \$6. The jobber and retailer get the lion's share.

Notice For Publication.

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, January 17, 1910.—Notice is hereby given that Levi Wetmore, of Wildwood, Oregon, who, on August 11, 1903, made Homestead Application, 02826, No. 12977, for S 1-2 of NE 1-4, and SE 1-4 of NW 1-4, Section 32, Township 21 south, Range 1 west, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 21st day of February, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Geo. Kerr, James Hunt, Loren Hunt, Arthur Van Schoiack, all of Wildwood, Oregon, Jasper Patten of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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