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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**U'Ren Has New Tax Idea.**  
Salem.—W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, evidently intends to have submitted to the people at the next general election an amendment to the constitution providing for the exemption of personal property to the value of \$1500 from taxation. Mr. U'Ren called Secretary of State Olcott over the telephone and asked him to approve a form of petition which will be circulated for the initiation of the law. It is planned to make it mandatory upon the secretary of state to resubmit the measure to the people for repeal at the 1916 and 1918 elections. While the object of this plan has not been revealed, it is believed that it is intended to win votes for the amendment.

**REVISE SCHOOL COURSE**  
County Superintendents Approve and Urge State Board to Adopt It.

Salem.—Freedom in exercising the election of studies constitutes the chief feature of the revised high school course of study just completed by a committee appointed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, and which, together with the recommendation of the committee, will be submitted to the state board of education at its next meeting for adoption. Both the course of study and recommendations were submitted to the county school superintendents in session here, and both received their approval and endorsement. Additional features are that a pupil may graduate from the high school without mathematics, the placing of American history in the third instead of the fourth year, and half a year's course in civil government. The consent of the principal, however, is necessary for the student to do so. American history is made a study of the third instead of the fourth year. The revised course of study provides for five courses and it is intended that all of them shall be taught only in the larger high schools. Probably not more than one of them will be taught in the smaller high schools.

**Watson Starts Crusade.**  
Salem.—Ralph Watson, corporation commissioner, has started a crusade against corporations which fail to pay their licenses when due. The law requires that all fees are due July 1 and after July 15 they become delinquent and if not paid by August 15, the corporations may be fined \$100. The commissioner will request the various district attorneys to start action, when it is considered necessary, and should they default, he will ask the governor to issue writs of mandamus.

**Big Oregon Lumber Mill to Be Rebuilt**  
Hood River.—The large mill of the Oregon Lumber company, controlled by the Keeles interests, which recently burned at Hood River, will be rebuilt at once at the same location at Dee, near the junction of the east and west forks of Hood river. It is planned to build a mill of the same capacity as the one burned, about 150,000 feet per day, and driven by electricity.

**LODGE TO SCALE PEAK**  
Enterprise Knights of Pythias Initiate in Clouds.  
Enterprise.—Knights of Pythias of Enterprise are preparing for a novel mid-summer outing—an initiation on the summit of Eagle Cap, a tall peak in the heart of the Willowa mountains. The plan has been under consideration for more than a month and committees of the lodge are now working out the details. Grand lodge officers have given the project their hearty approval. Eagle Cap, 10,000 feet high, is 25 miles south of Enterprise. The Knights plan to go out to the base of the peak the first day, camping there for the night. The second day will be passed in preparations for the "ceremony in the sky." From the camping ground to the summit is a long and steep climb, up which must be taken paraphernalia of all kinds and part of the camp outfit. The initiation will take place at night on the highest point of the peak. As the descent is not safe in the darkness, the lodge members expect to pass the night on the peak. In the morning the party will descend to the meadows at the base of the snowbanks and will return to Enterprise after another rest.

**Customs Collector Ousted.**  
Metahfield.—T. H. Berry has been appointed collector of customs at the port of Empire, vice Major Tower, who was discharged because he had failed to file his resignation. Tower is a prominent old soldier and there is much indignation over his dismissal. The office is to be moved from Empire to Metahfield.

## STOCK, LEGUMES AND HUMUS.

These three go along together for any adequate success at farming. Growing grain for marketing in its raw state means impoverishment of the soil, as all experience shows. Growing live stock of course means grain to feed them, and a wise rotation means growing of clover or vetch or cowpeas, alfalfa or some other legume to secure the soil nitrogen, and with this combination of legumes and barnyard manure that greatest organic soil element, humus, is secured, which also aids in holding moisture in plant growth.—Farm Progress.

## IT'S A MISCHIEVOUS MOTH.

Codling Species One of the Most Destructive in American Orchards.

The codling moth is perhaps the worst enemy with which the apple grower must contend. It lays an enormous tax upon the apple growers of this country, not only in the destruction of fruit, but in the cost of sprays, for this pernicious pest has made spraying a necessary part of orchard-ling. It has been estimated that the codling moth destroys fruit annually in the United States to the value of \$12,000,000.

Trees must be sprayed for this pest when the petals of the flowers close and before the calyx lobes close and



Photograph by Ohio agricultural experiment station.

## CODLING MOTH.

the apple turns down. Much depends upon doing it at the right time and in the right manner. The best way is to begin just as soon as the blossoms fall and get over the orchard as soon as possible.

Arsenate of lead or paris green is the poison used. This may be combined with bordeaux or lime-sulphur for summer spray to destroy fungi. About three pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water or fungicide or about one-third of a pound of paris green should give satisfactory results. It may be necessary to spray two or three times, in which case the second spraying should follow the first in about ten days.—Farm and Ranch.

## FROM THE HEN DOCTOR.

Remedies That Restore Health to Ailing Fowls—Homemade Hopper.

Conventional feeds should always be avoided except in case of sickness, when they should be used as a medicine and the supply stopped as soon as the bird recovers. Instead of paying three prices for these combinations, supply the flock with a hopper of charcoal and occasionally clean out the digestive tract by putting epsom salts in the mash. Half a teaspoonful to each bird can be given without danger.

In feeding the mash dry and keeping a supply of oyster shell, grit, charcoal and so on before the birds at all times a hopper or feeding device of some sort is necessary. To supply this want a varied assortment of devices has been invented. The merits of some would warrant their use if the price were not beyond the farmer's pocket.

book, but that is just where the difficulty lies. Every time the farmer pays a big price for something he can easily manufacture at home he is robbing himself of just that much clear profit. A hopper that can be built any length desired and have as many compartments as the feeder has need for is five feet long, eight inches wide and twelve inches high to the square. The board which forms the front of the trough is five inches wide. The laths are placed two inches apart, inside measurement. The top strip, to which the laths are nailed, is two and a half inches wide. The top may be given any slant desired. When raised from the floor a platform must be provided. With these simple directions and some odd pieces of lumber a cheap, efficient hopper may easily be made in a few hours.

## Summer Pruning.

In theory summer pruning has a strong tendency to check the superabundant growth of the tree, to encourage the formation of fruit buds and to make the tree generally more fruitful. When the work is done carefully it doubtless has this result. It is quite possible, however, by summer pruning to force a weak growth from side buds which might otherwise develop into fruit buds, and such a course naturally tends to diminish the fruitfulness of the tree. It often happens that trees are damaged by storms or broken down under heavy loads of fruit. Such injuries have to be remedied as far as possible by pruning.—Country Gentleman.

## For Halter Pullers.

Stretch a small rope across the stall behind a horse that is inclined to pull at the halter. Many a bad case of halter pulling has been cured in this way.

## FAVORS YOUNG SOWS.

Experienced Hog Raiser Believes Gilts Raise Best Litters.

The contrast between gilts and aged sows has often been dwelt upon, writes G. P. Williams in the Ohio Farmer. The man who has a bunch of gilts is too often like the boy beginning grammar—his suspicions and prejudices are thoroughly aroused, and he does not expect much luck with the young sows. We have tried both young and old and all ages between. Our ideas have changed from time to time. There are reasons for contending in favor of both young and old sows.

When young sows are to be wintered with the old ones then get ready for the realization of your fears. Gilts will be driven from the trough, from the corn and from the nest by old sows. They will be thoroughly cowed so as to be peevish and ill nourished.

Gilts should be fed differently from old sows. They cannot stand heavy feeding and do well. They need growth instead of fat. They need exercise. They do not want a 500 pound sow climbing on top of them in the nest at night.

Five years ago we had spring litters from gilts only wintered together with no old sows. We had better averages at farrowing time than ever since. This spring we have all gilts, wintered together, as before, fed with moderation and a feed designed for growth, by far more quiet and careful than the bunch we said goodbye to last spring. They have as nice and even a lot of piglets as one would care to see—averages good, no runs, no half dozen extra pigs to be laid upon and no bad habits, bawling and climbing over nests or creating disturbances.

We have found no age better for raising pigs than gilts bred at one year of age and farrowing when weighing 200 pounds or even less. The next two or three litters are possibly as good. After that the pork barrel is a better place for most old sows than is the farrowing pen.

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