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FIRE BLIGHT THREATENS MALHEUR COUNTY ORCHARDS

County Agriculturist Howard Gives Timely Advice and Offers Practical Suggestions.

County Agriculturist Howard has sent the Enterprise the following important information for orchardists, in regard to fire blight, which is getting a strong hold in the orchards of Malheur county:

"Fire blight has been given so little attention during former years that this year, when the conditions became all favorable for its development, it has ruined the crop in some orchards, especially the two varieties, Rome Beauties and Jonathans.

This disease can be gotten under control in a very short time, if the proper methods are followed, but it is a case of fight or be ruined. Indifference cannot be tolerated any longer.

"This disease is a bacterial disease, notwithstanding the fact that because of certain circumstances, some persons say not. The bacteria enter the plant through the blossom or through the stomata, or through wounds caused by insects. The bacteria can always enter through the blossoms and enter through the other twigs if they are in a tender condition caused by fast growth. Over irrigation, heavy rains, or application of fertilizers that induce heavy growth, lays the trees more liable to blight. Fruit growers will recall that this year the blight followed the heavy rains.

"It is of little benefit to cut out the blighted twigs at this time, for it is self-limiting, that is, the bacteria are all dead. Where twigs have been allowed to grow on the larger limbs or water sprouts allowed to grow on the trunks or roots, the disease may have entered the soft tissues of the bark on these limbs or trunk and here form the cankers where the germs remain alive until the following year. These cankers may develop so large that they will kill the limb or the entire tree, but the most serious phase of it is that these cankers throw off a substance, through the bark which is very attractive to insects. This sticky substance is filled with the active germs and as the insects travel from the cankers to the blossoms or tender twigs, they carry the infecting material with them.

"These few hold-over cankers are the seat of the following outbreak, and to get rid of the disease, they must be destroyed. It is a simple treatment but must be thoroughly done, for insects are free to travel long distances. Every tree in every orchard must be inspected and all cankers removed, for it is useless for one orchardist to cut it out if all of his neighbors do not do it also. Those who are indifferent should pull out their trees so that those who do wish to grow fruit can do so. This is the policy that has eliminated the disease from the Hood River valley and has brought it under control in the Rogue River valley. This is the only remedy known and so orchardists should be prepared to clean up the orchards this fall. It is a serious enemy unless taken in hand, and it is calling for vigorous action here.

"There are a few cures being advertised by persons, but the expert stations have not found one, and say individual that found one would first seek their recommendation, and so do not invest in them. Spraying with strong winter strength lime sulphur just before the blossoms open so as to coat over any undischarged cankers and so render them less attractive to insects has proven of some value, however.

"This disease can not be considered a serious drawback to this county as a fruit growing section for the disease is country wide, and the remedy if thorough is sure. The commercial fruit growers of this entire section will necessarily have to organize this fall and compel a general cleanup."

State-wide prohibition is not going to make all brewery equipment in Oregon entirely useless. The Northwest Fruit Produce company has incorporated at Salem and will take over the buildings of the present Salem Brewery Association for the manufacture of loganberry juice and for the canning and preserving of fruits of all kinds. The new company is capitalized at \$75,000.—Burns Times-Herald.

The following assignment of rangers for the coming season has been made by Supervisor Bingham: Crane Prairie station, T. M. Ray; Logan Valley station, J. H. Blinn; Crow Flat station, B. K. Bennett; Murderers Creek station, F. C. Mack; Bear Valley station, J. B. McEntire; Hyslop station, F. V. Bradford; Radue station, E. B. Moore.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Two men were arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor at Astoria and the girl brought to for transmission to the reform school.

THREE MORE FORDS SOLD.

Vale Agency Distributes Three More of Their First Carload of Fords to Interior People.

The Vale Hardware Company has sold three more Fords, in addition to the Weant car. The purchasers are Osroe Armstrong, of Riverside, and J. Branson and Austin Presley, of Westfall.

All were touring cars of five passenger capacity, which leaves only one of the large cars remaining from the first carload received.

MOTORCYCLIST SPEEDERS

TO BE ARRESTED BY THE LOCAL OFFICERS.

SALEM, Ore., June 22, 1915. (Special to the Enterprise.)—From many sections of the State the attention of this office is repeatedly directed to alleged violations of the "motor vehicle laws," the impression prevailing that the Secretary of State is vested with the enforcement of the same.

Such is not the case. This office is not vested with police powers. Its duties are only to register motor vehicles and chauffeurs as proper applications are filed.

Under this law (Sections 26 and 27) it is made the specific duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, to enforce its provisions. Violations of such law should, therefore, be directed to the attention of the local police officers.

BEN W. OLCOTT, Secretary of State.

MONTANA MAN ARRIVES HERE

Oscar M. Malenberg, of Bozeman, Mont., arrived in Vale this week to prospect for a location. Mr. Malenberg wants to buy a cultivated ranch, and is prepared to ship in his stock and farm machinery for the immediate development of the property, if he can secure what he wants.

Mr. Malenberg is an old friend of J. C. Murphy, who recently located in the Jamieson country, and Mr. Murphy is assisting him in locating a place that will be suitable for the purposes desired.

The forest office at John Day has issued some 250 grazing permits for the season of 1915, covering about 24,000 head of cattle and horses. During the next ten days permits will be issued to nearly 100 sheep owners covering approximately 130,000 sheep. Approximately 80 per cent of this stock will graze in Grant county, 15 per cent in Harney county and the balance in Baker and Malheur counties. The revenue accruing to the government from this source will amount to about \$15,000.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Something has infected the fruit trees in and about Canyon City. It resembles the fire blight which menaces the country a few years ago. Some claim that it is the result of late frosts while those who claim to know pronounce it as fire blight. At any rate it is seriously injuring the trees. A fire blight appeared here a few years ago, the disappeared without doing much damage, and it may repeat its visitation this time. And it may not.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE KEPT BUSY

Sheriff Ben Brown has been busy the last week with kid culprits. First two little girls put on long dresses and started out on a runaway trip to see the big world, and the sheriff's office was called into requisition. Sheriff Brown and Marshal Powell returned them after a slouching trip in Sheriff Brown's auto.

IRONSIDE DEFEATS UNITY.

Two Hundred People Witness Closely Contested Slugging Match.

IRONSIDE, Ore., June 22.—Ironside defeated Unity in a nine-inning game at Ironside, June 20. The score was 13 to 15. About two hundred persons saw the game.

Following is the lineup of the two teams:

Ironsides—C. Anthony and B. Lawrence p. A. Lawrence c. H. Anthony 1b, B. Jones 2b, Lawrence and Anthony 3b, E. Lofton ss, T. Beam rf, J. Beam lf, T. Wisdom cf.

Unity—Clark and Brady p. M. Hardy c. Scribner 1b, Brady and Clark 2b, A. Moritt 3b, O. Hardman ss, Roy Clark rf, Osgood lf, Houston Asher cf. The next game will be between Westfall and Ironside at Westfall on June 27.

LEO FRANK NOT TO HANG

ATLANTA, Ga., June 24. (Special to Enterprise.)—Leo Frank's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Slaton. Announcement of the governor's decision came several hours after Frank had been secretly taken from the jail here and hurried to the state prison farm at Milledgeville. Frank was sentenced to be hanged Tuesday for the murder of Mary Phagan in April, 1913.

A storm of bitter sentiment was aroused against Governor Slaton for commuting the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment.

With several hundred men and boys clamoring to get in the front gates of his country home, which had been barricaded with barbed wire entanglements, and threatening to overpower 20 county policemen, armed with riot guns, Governor Slaton called out the militia for protection as a result of his pardon of Frank.

The soldiers did not fire upon the mob, but steadily pressed them back at the point of the bayonet. Major Catron, in command, was struck by a stone. One soldier was knocked unconscious when hit by a brick and several others received minor injuries when stones, bottles, and clubs were hurled at them by the mob. The crowd was practically dispersed by midnight, but angry prowlers continued to linger just out of reach of the soldiers throughout the night.

GOVERNMENT LOSES CASE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24. (Special to Enterprise.)—The government in its side of the case, lost its suit in the supreme court to forfeit the unsold portion of the Oregon & California railroad land grant amounting to some 2,300,000 acres valued at more than \$30,000,000.

This railroad and its successor, the Southern Pacific, failed it was alleged, to dispose of the lands to settlers, as provided in the grants.

The court, however, granted an injunction against future violations of the land grant by disposal through contracts, and enjoined the railroad from the sale of timber on unsold lands until congress can conserve the federal interests.

The court rejected not only the forfeiture contentions of the government, but also the pleas of the intervenors for a trusteeship. It tied up the entire unsold land, however, with injunctions against its sale or disposal of timber from it until congress prescribes new regulations. However, it also leaves persons who have been sold land in undisturbed possession, unless the government exercises an option given to bring suits separately for forfeiture.

This will be done in the big tract cases it is understood. The court's decision was unanimous, by Justice McKenna, but Justice McReynolds took no part.

It is apparent that the supreme court recognizes the railroad's interest in the property to the extent of \$250 an acre, but as some of the land is worth much more than that it may be possible for congress to appropriate money to pay the Southern Pacific \$250 an acre for the property.

Land Grant Valuation is 21 Millions. Portland.—The assessed valuation of the Oregon & California land grant is more than \$21,000,000 in the 18 Oregon counties, according to the state tax commissioner's annual report for 1913.

A DARING JAIL BREAK

Prisoner Locks Office Door Against Deputy Sheriff, Steals Rifle and Escapes.

STEALS HORSE AND A SADDLE AT RANCH

Now in the Mountain with Officers in Close Pursuit and Avenues of Escape Closed.

Leaping suddenly back and slamming the door of the jail office shut, locking it behind Deputy Ross Soward, leaving that officer locked between the jail cell and the jail office, George McAllister, a prisoner held in the county jail for grand larceny, made his escape late last Wednesday evening.

The deputy sheriff had let the prisoner carry out some refuse from the jail and put it in a garbage barrel and was returning him to the cell. The door of the sheriff's office was opened and the deputy stepped into the narrow place between this door and the cell and was in the act of unlocking the cell door when the prisoner made his coup.

It required some quarter of an hour of time for the officer to extricate himself, giving the prisoner a good start before the alarm could be given.

Parties immediately began scouring the country for the fleeing prisoner, and notification was sent out by telephone in every direction, officers and posses being out all night making the search.

It was learned that he had stolen a horse and saddle from a ranch near town and Thursday afternoon he was seen near Hope station on the Oregon Eastern a few miles west of Vale. He has also secured a rifle and may be an ugly customer to deal with in making his arrest.

The following is contained in a circular sent out from the Sheriff's office, describing the man and the property stolen:

"Name, Geo. McAllister. Nationality, American. Age, about 20. Height, 5 feet 11 inches. Weight, about 160 pounds. Complexion, very light. Hair, light brown. Had about a week's growth of beard, is very light, almost cream-colored. Smokes cigarettes. Is a cowboy and an expert horseman.

"This man broke jail here on the evening of June 23, 1915. Left without hat or coat; wearing a light tan-colored shirt, dark brown corduroy pants (no suspenders), high heel cowboy boots, run over at the heels (outside), wears pants outside of boots. Has with him a 25-35 Winchester repeating rifle.

"When last seen he was wearing a black hat and leather chaps.

"When last seen was riding a buckskin horse, with black mane and tail; weight, about 1650 pounds. Small brand on left shoulder and jaw (brand not learned). He also had a new, \$36 saddle, round skirts, flowered; hair cinch, narrow stirrups. He got this horse and saddle the night after breaking jail. Is a bold thief and may have a new horse and new outfit of clothes. Will probably ride one horse until run down and then try to steal another."

Mr. Soward is the tax clerk in the sheriff's office, and seldom has anything to do with the prisoners, but at this time Sheriff Brown was absent in Baker City as a witness in the stage robbery case and Deputy Lee Noe had gone to Ontario on business, leaving Mr. Soward to care for the jail alone. The space between the office door and the cell door is only about 20 inches, and the officer in opening the cell door must use both hands, raising the lever with one, while the key is inserted with the other, so that it was an easy matter for the prisoner to close the outside door at the opportune time and fasten the officer in.

Mr. Soward had one of the prisoners call Mrs. Brown, who was out on the lawn, and she informed Harry Sackett, who was passing at the time, and who immediately unlocked the door and released Mr. Soward.

McAllister stole his gun, a 25-35 Winchester repeating rifle, from the sheriff's office before he left. He went directly across the street from the court house past Freeman's store to

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VALE SINGERS AT PAYETTE

Choir of First Christian Church of Vale Well Received at the Idaho City.

The Payette Independent of last week has the following in regard to the First Christian Church choir of Vale, of which C. B. Smith is musical director, and which sang at Payette Sunday evening, June 13:

"They gave some of the best sacred music which the people of this community have had an opportunity to hear for a long time. The house would not hold all the people. Every one spoke in the very highest terms of appreciation of this company. Their talent and training are excellent and should they return again they will be royally greeted."

MUST NOT CUSS THE OFFICER

SALEM, Ore., June 24 (Special to the Enterprise)—Declaring writers of letters in future criticizing Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner, for assessing policy holders of the Horticultural Fire Relief and the Oregon Merchants' Relief, which failed recently, would be cited for contempt, Circuit Judge Galloway declined to accept the commissioner's resignation as receiver of the companies.

Mr. Wells reported that only 422 out of 4607 policy holders subject to assessment to 100 per cent of the standard rate had paid, and Judge Galloway again instructed him to notify those who had not paid to do so. He said failure to do so would result in his instructing Mr. Wells to bring suit.

The receiver reported that of assessments levied on 3725 policies in the Horticultural Fire Relief, 238 members have paid \$1616.49; and of assessments of 882 policies in the Oregon Merchants' Mutual, 139 members have paid \$763.04. Regarding Mr. Wells' request to be relieved of the receivership Judge Galloway said:

"The court is of the opinion that you as insurance commissioner of this state are the proper person to look after the affairs of the many members of these associations, and therefore, I would not consider relieving you as receiver."

STUDENTS GO TO FAIR

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 24. (Special to the Enterprise, Vale, Or.)—Ten young people, each of whom are leaders of Oregon's young men and women are now an additional attraction at the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. These young citizens, three girls and seven boys, are the winners of the 10 capital prizes offered for the best work accomplished in each of the 10 industrial club projects carried on by the state department of education and the agricultural college Girls' and Boys' club department. Their trip to the exposition city for a two weeks' stay, with all expenses paid, is their reward of winning the highest honors in their respective contests. The young people are in charge of H. C. Seymour, county school superintendent of Polk county, and Mrs. Seymour, and will make their headquarters at the Oregon building with living accommodations at the Oregon Inn.

MEYERS' STORY IS CLOSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., (To the Enterprise)—The many incidents involving the names of Anton Meyer-Gerhard and a Dr. Meyer, reputed official of the German war office, in which it was charged that the state department had been hoaxed, was officially declared closed.

The German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, called to see Acting-Secretary Lansing. He said that reports tending to confuse Meyer-Gerhard and Dr. Alfred Meyer had been related to him a week ago and that he had denied them then. No Dr. Meyer, he said, was known to him or to other members of the embassy. He added that the whole story reflecting on his sincerity in asking safe conduct for Meyer-Gerhard was an "absolute fabrication," and that he had taken official notice of it only because of his desire to assure the president of the United States and the secretary of state that he had not sought to deceive them.

Mr. Lansing assured the ambassador that he was fully satisfied with the statement made by him.

NEW FEATURE BEING PLANNED FOR COMING TRADERS DAY MEET

New Auctioneer Sells Everything and at the Same Time Furnishes Abundant Entertainment.

SUNNYSIDE SHIPS ICE CREAM TO BURNS.

The Sunnyside Dairy at this Place is now Shipping Ice Cream to Burns to Supply Trade.

During the past week the Vale ice cream plant has begun supplying the interior trade, formerly supplied from Idaho points, much of the local product going to Burns.

The interior dealers are greatly pleased at being able to secure an Oregon product, and the interior trade of the Sunnyside will continue to grow.

PAYETTE BALL PLAYERS TAKE ONE FROM VALE

The Game Sunday Between Payette and Vale was a Surprise to Everyone, Payette Winning By Score of 7 to 4.

The game last Sunday resulted in a victory for Payette over the Vale team by a score of 7 to 4, although the home team had easily defeated Payette in the former game.

The Vale batters found the Payette pitcher very readily, but the support given by the visiting team prevented the many hits producing the necessary scores.

The two teams are sufficiently well matched to make their next meet during the 4th of July celebrations at Payette a strong drawing card.

George Carey returned home last week from a trip to the Drewsey country, where he went on a brief recreation trip and to pay a visit to his father.

THE CARLINES ARE TIED UP

CHICAGO, Ill. (Special to the Enterprise.)—This city's business life already running at low ebb because of the prolonged carpenters', painters', lathers', and other building trades' strikes, is to suffer still further by a strike of all street-car unions.

W. D. Mahon, the international president; Mayor Thompson and the company officials were working out a satisfactory solution of the entire trouble when the local officials took the entire matter out of the hands of Mahon and called the strike.

A final conference was held in the mayor's office Sunday night. The mayor summoned the officers of the Chicago local unions and laid before them the tentative proposition made by the companies, which was to be in effect during arbitration. The mayor told them bluntly that this was a fair proposition, supported by the press and public of the city, and they could take it or leave it, but he warned them that if they would not consider the proposition the entire police strength of the city would be used to maintain order.

WOODWARD—NELSON.

Clint C. Woodward and Miss Della Nelson were married at the home of the bride's parents in Boise Tuesday, and passed through Vale Wednesday on their way to Riverside, where they will make their home. Mr. Woodward having a position in the Vale Trading Company branch store at that place.

Clint was formerly a pitcher on the Vale ball team and has numerous friends in this city, as also has the bride, who was a stenographer in the County Clerk's office for several years.

A crowd of Vale young folks met them at the train and showered them with rice and good wishes during their brief stop here.

A crew of about 12 men left John Day last week for the Strawberry mountain district, where they will be engaged for the balance of the month in telephone construction work. Supervisor Bingham is extending the Forest service line from the Blue Mountain springs, its present terminus, to the commercial exchange at Prairie City. It is planned, as soon as funds are available to extend the line direct to the supervisor's office at John Day. Upon the completion of this construction work, early in July, the crew will be disbanded and put on fire control work throughout the Forest.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

What promises to be the best auction sale that has been had in Vale, is planned for Saturday, July 17. Mr. Hurley, who has these sales in charge, for Vale, has secured the services of Mr. J. M. Swanson, of Payette, who is probably the best auctioneer in Idaho, and he will cry these auction sales every month.

Practically every article placed on sale at the last Traders Day was sold by Mr. Swanson and he proved himself a good entertainer as well as a first class auction salesman.

Efforts are being made to have some dairy cows and other stock on hand for the coming sales day, and those wishing to buy for their herds should be on hand.

Special auction bills will be placed before the 1st of July among the farmers and stock buyers generally, giving a list of the goods and stock that will be for sale on auction sales day that is listed at that time. So it would pay those having anything to sell to notify Mr. Hurley before July 1st, in order to get their goods advertised.

The stores of Vale are co-operating royally in the big sales day movement and will offer bigger and better bargains in July than they have yet offered. The plan is to make Traders Day a feature, a real holiday from work among the farmers, and the bargains will help bring this about.

Saturday afternoon the band will give a concert on the street and at night there will be a dance.

Mr. Hurley stated to the editor of the Enterprise that a novel feature of the coming Traders day will be the young folks entertainment and bargain day scheme. The entertainment will start promptly at 1:00 p. m. and last until 2:00 p. m., when the auction sale will begin. There will be one hour of the liveliest fun and frolic for the boys and girls and it will be a surprise for every one. If you come on July 17th bring the kiddies. There will be entertainment for the week one as well as the big ones. This will happen all in one short hour, when you are usually resting after that big dinner meal. The young folks will all meet at the intersection of A and Court Streets at 12:45, where the fun will begin. For those who do not know the streets, we will state this will be between the Malheur Forwarding company's store and the Vale Trading company's store. The first feature will be the five prize boy and girl contest, free to all boys and girls under 13 years of age.

The coupon early morning offer is a store feature that is of benefit to the early trader on this Traders Day. Come early, stay all day and attend the afternoon auction. You must read the Enterprise sales day ad to get the plan. There will be only one from a store and only one to a person. Keep your eye open for the big sales day ad, also for the bargains.

The stores have decided to give special bargains to the boys and girls under 15 years of age and these bargains will start at 8:00 a. m. and close at 1:00 p. m., so as not to interfere with the regular bargain sales. Watch the Enterprise for the boys' and girls' specials from 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Tom Turnbull came in from the Riverside country Thursday with his countenance considerably disfigured, the result of a mixup with a colt in the breaking corral a few days ago.

At the school election Monday I. W. Hope was re-elected director and J. P. Dunaway re-elected clerk. There was no contest developed, and a very light attendance of voters was present.

EMMETT VS VALE TOMORROW

The Emmett baseball team will be in Vale tomorrow to play their first game of the season with Vale.

Emmett has some first class baseball talent, and an interesting game is expected. Vale fans will all turn out to see the game and size up the players from the interior Idaho town, where they raise peaches as big as pumpkins.

Emmett has not lost a game and Vale has lost only one. For this reason Vale will make a hard scrap to win tomorrow's game from Emmett, in order to again get at the head of the percentage column.