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FOR BETTER FRUIT.

County Fruit Inspector, J. H. Reid, of Milwaukie, is vigorously prosecuting his duties with an idea of insuring for Clackamas County an improved quality of fruit in succeeding years. He has just completed a thorough canvass of the county by which every farmer is being warned to immediately spray all of his fruit trees. Accompanying the personal notice is the warning that except the spraying is done within thirty days, such neglected trees will be cut down and destroyed under the provisions of the amended state horticultural law, which delegates this authority to the County Inspector.—News Item.

The effective campaign that is being waged by Inspector Reid in Clackamas county for an improved standard of fruit is to be commended. This section is naturally adapted to fruit culture and the spraying of trees should be considered a service that should be cheerfully performed rather than an act required and demanded by the statutes. Growers should gladly co-operate with the authorities in complying with all the requirements of the amended horticultural law and the result would be seen in a better quality of fruit and a more remunerative price for the product of the orchard. It is reported that because of lack of attention, largely resulting from a failure to spray and successfully combat vermin, only a small percentage of the apple crop of this vicinity is marketable this year. This should be convincing evidence of the practicability and the reasonableness of the demands of the fruit inspector for a faithful compliance with the state horticultural law.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE "KNOCKER."

If a stranger happens to drop into your place of business to get a little information about the country, unlock the closet and bring out your skeleton at once. Tell him there are just a few men in town who want to run everything. If you have a business rival tell the stranger all about his weak points and with a sly wink give him to understand that he is a grafter and can't be trusted. But don't fail to impress him with the fact that you do business strictly on the square and that any business entrusted to you will receive the most careful attention. If you have had any little difference up the street go into all the details and tell how unreasonable the other fellow was. The stranger may begin to get nervous and manifest a desire to move on, but pour it into him, for if he should conclude to locate here, he will have all these things to learn and you will feel clear after having given warning. Last, but not least, if you can't get your visitor interested in anything you may have for sale don't for a minute think of letting the other fellow get a chance at him. Your visitor will, if a man of good sense, leave you in utter disgust and look up an information bureau where the watchdog is of a more cheerful frame of mind, but cherish the thought that you are a "knocker" of the first order. It is worth something to do business.—Newberg Graphic.

BENEFIT OF LOCAL FAIRS.

There should be more district, county and neighborhood fairs held in the county. The holding of such fairs means some work for everyone connected with them, and especially for the leader in the enterprise, as some public-spirited person always has to take the lead and bear the heavy ends of such things, but fortunately almost every community has some person well qualified for such work that likes to do it, and the one who has this ability and inclination should receive sufficient remuneration so that they can afford to devote their time and energy in that direction. The beneficent results will doubly repay all such expenditures.

The benefits along the line of inducing people to buy and breed better stock and to strive harder for perfection in all lines of production are so apparent and have been cited so often that it is scarcely necessary to reiterate them here, but we do want to emphasize one point entirely overlooked by the masses in their tiresome round of daily toil with the single purpose of getting wealth.—Corvallis Gazette.

PORTLAND AND OREGON CITY GATEWAYS.

It is late to suggest it, perhaps, but the gateway at Oregon City should be held open to all such railway lines as must converge there on their way through the valley. For this reason the granting of an exclusive franchise to any one company on Oregon City's principal street would not seem to be to the interests of the public, especially to the Willamette valley in general.

Oregon City should require any company using that street to enter into trackage arrangements with any other company whose lines might converge

there. The salvation of its single business street would also be brought about by the construction of an elevated road through the city.

Portland has another proposition before it in which the valley is interested and that is the use by railway lines of Front street in that city. This is the only street on the west side of the river over which railway lines can enter the city on a level from the south, and while various persons are after the privilege the interests of the entire valley should suggest to the City of Portland that no such company should be allowed to keep others off the tracks which will go through there. It should be held as a railroad thoroughfare for all comers. Every facility for entrance into the city should be given every line knocking at the city's gates, and this sort of a scheme would seem to be an added inducement to new lines to look toward Portland and the valley.—Salem Statesman.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES IN CLACKAMAS.

The Oregon City Board of Trade has arranged for a series of farmers' institutes in various parts of Clackamas county for next week. Men wise in the lore of agriculture, horticulture and dairying will address the meetings, to the end that the farmer folk may add to their own store of knowledge the facts that are attested by work of government experiment stations and through scientific tillage of soils and crops.

The eagerness of intelligent men of every vocation to become expert in their callings is shared by those who win their livelihood from the soil. Since the day when the spade supplemented the sharpened stick and the plow followed the spade, in preparing the soil for the reception of seed, the vocation of farming has been a growing one. In no other domain of human effort has there been wider or more substantial improvement than in that of farming. This is true not only in the diversity and excellence of agricultural products, but in the improved implements and methods of agriculture. The time when the farmer, sickle in hand, went out to harvest his wheat, and later, through "the dull thunder of alternate falls," separated the grain from the chaff, lives only in song and story. The memory of the present generation knows it not.

Yet this method of harvesting and threshing is not so old, and it may be recalled as a stepping-stone to the cradle, the reaper, the header, and the "combined" harvester, each in its turn displacing the other, as the progressive farmer saw the advantages that each presented in saving time and labor. Indeed, the implements of modern agriculture are not less ingenious and wonderful in their way, than are those of the manufactures and the arts.

This is merely to say that American farmers are abreast of the times—ready to help themselves in accordance with the development of the age in which they live. This spirit is attested by the numbers who attend the farmers' institutes. Whether the address is given by a county fruit inspector, well versed in the the care of trees, including pruning and spraying; by a teacher in the Agricultural College on "Scientific Farming," or by an expert in "Dairying as an Art," there are many eager listeners ready to make intelligent application of the knowledge presented.

The social feature of many of these farmers' institutes, patterned after the methods of the Grange, are scarcely less valuable than those that are specifically instructive. While intelligent industry is the chief factor in successful farming, neighborhood harmony and neighborly interest are its ready auxiliaries.

The farmers' institutes are valuable for the promotion of these necessary elements of success and happiness in rural life. And further, when the business, manufacturing and commercial interests of the chief city of a community or county combine to get in touch with its farming interests, personal fellowship, which is the surety of good citizenship, follows.—Oregonian.

UNCERTAINTY OF JURIES.

Not even a Dutch lawyer can begin to fathom the probable verdict to be returned by the average jury and the probability of his being able to foretell the findings of a Clackamas county jury is even more doubtful.

Last week there were tried two cases in particular in which the obstinacy of one or two men resulted in either a disagreement or a compromise verdict. In disposing of a case by either of these two routes the juror of unyielding disposition violates the oath he takes upon entering the jury box and frequently defeats the ends of justice.

Without entering into a discussion of the merits of the case, we would cite a criminal prosecution that took place last week. The defendant was accused of assault with a dangerous weapon, to wit a rolling pin. An abundance of evidence, not including the badly battered head of the complaining witness, was offered to substantiate the allegations set forth in the indictment, but by his persistence in refusing to agree with his associates and return a verdict of guilty as charged, one member of the jury held that body out all night and late the following morning induced the other eleven members to return a verdict of simple assault, including with it the recommendation for clemency in behalf of the defendant.

To say the least, this sort of thing is a miscarriage of justice. From the evidence and the testimony at the trial, the accused was either guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon or he should have been acquitted. There should have been no compromise.

In another case a son sued his father for about \$800 which he alleged was being wrongfully withheld from him. A major part of this sum was claimed to be a loan to the father of money the boy had earned while still a minor, the balance of the sum sued for being claimed as wages for labor on the father's farm subsequent to the time the boy attained his majority.

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arrested upon. But again a few obstinate jurors managed to keep the body out all night and in the morning reported their disability to agree. Either the father or the son in their contentions regarding the money involved, was right and a verdict should have been returned, in accordance with the facts.

It is this sort of tactics that adds to the expense of circuit court sessions. At best, the circuit court usually proves to the taxpayer an expensive medium in which to air family difficulties without unnecessary delay on the part of the jury in reaching a verdict.

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

While the telephone proposition is under discussion, the people who are interested both in the country and in town should realize that nothing is to be gained in a general way from one telephone corporation more than from another.

The country people are entitled and should have the help of Oregon City in getting connection with this town. But it is doubtful if this can be accomplished by introducing a new company.

In the first place Oregon City will have to support two telephone companies and each business house put in two phones, or not have connection with all of the people having telephones with one or the other of the two companies operating in the city. Many places in the state have refused for this reason to allow the second company a franchise.

It might be a good scheme to allow the users of telephones to have a referendum vote on this question. In any event Oregon City should take such steps as it can to bring itself in closer and more direct touch with the farmers' lines.

It is doubtful if any good can be accomplished along this line by putting in another telephone system that at present, at least, would be unable to give any long distance connections with Portland or anywhere else.

HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS.

The city council did the handsome thing last evening. The ordinance for a franchise for the motor line was passed without a dissenting vote. Notice is thereby filed on all the world that Salem wants motor lines; that she invites capital, that she is ambitious and wants to grow.—Salem Statesman.

Salem's Councilmen evidently differ with Oregon City people in their views of franchises. And by the way, the franchise granted this week by the Salem Council is believed to be for the use and benefit of the proposed electric railway system that is to be operated between Portland and Roseburg.

If Sheriff Shaver ever had legitimate grounds upon which to bring suit for libel, based on willful or perhaps, accidental, misrepresentation, it was presented in the cartoon that the Telegram printed Monday evening. In it, the Clackamas county sheriff was depicted as a Texas cow-puncher of not pleasing address to say the least.

Emphatic denial is made by Deputy County Recorder Ramsby to the rumor that he has received an "offer" from the management of the University of Wisconsin to become a member of the track team at that institution. Mr. Ramsby says the Wisconsin educational institution is in search of long distance men while he excels only in the 100 yard event.

There is nothing like having obliging neighbors—for instance, the raid on the Milwaukie Club by the Portland Police authorities. To the casual observer, it would appear that the blue coats in the metropolis have about as large a contract as they are capable of performing in seeing that law and order are maintained within their own gates.

In the seven years that it has been organized, the Clackamas County Humane Society has done a great deal for the protection of dumb animals. The Society is entitled to the support and encouragement of the people of the county that its influence may be extended.

Mr. Thos. George, a merchant at Mt. Eden, Ontario, says, "I have had the local agency for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since it was introduced into Canada, and I sell as much of it as I do of all other lines I have on my shelves put together. Of the many dozens sold under guarantee, I have not had one bottle returned. I can personally recommend this medicine as I have used it myself and given it to my children and always with the best results." For sale by Howell & Jones.

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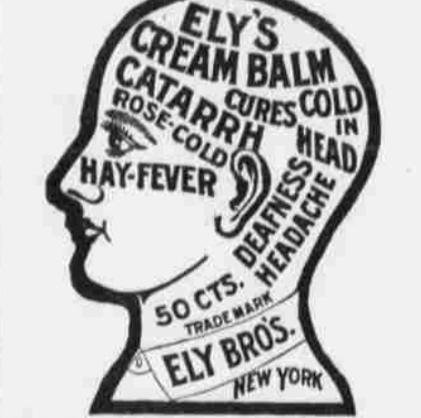
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