

OREGON PROGRESSIVE IN ORCHARD WORK

"Oregon has demonstrated through the eradication of fire blight at Hood River, and the excellent work in control of pear blight at Rogue River, the fact that she has at least two of the most progressive fruit-growing sections in the entire country," said Dean A. B. Cordley, of the O. A. C. school of agriculture, discussing recent pest fighting work done in these districts.

"Some four years ago, when I first detected the presence of pear blight in the Rogue River Valley, the fruit growers of that section immediately inaugurated an energetic campaign for its eradication. Upon being informed that, owing to a lack of funds this institution could not place a man in the field, they at once applied to the Department of Agriculture at Washington for assistance. The result was that Professor O'Gara was sent to their assistance.

"Professor O'Gara organized the work so successfully, and gave such satisfaction, that when the Government decided to withdraw from the field, the fruit growers themselves

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raised the necessary funds to retain his services.

"He has been in complete charge of the work ever since, with such success that, notwithstanding the fact that hundreds and thousands of acres of orchards have been completely destroyed in other fruit growing sections, the losses in southern Oregon have been insignificant, though the disease has not been wholly eradicated as yet."

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Is Growing Persimmons

Harry E. Mercer, proprietor of a lunch counter at The Dalles, is experimenting with the growing of the persimmon tree. Mercer says that the tree he has is making a phenomenal growth and that, in his opinion, the fruit can be successfully raised in that vicinity.

DESCRIBES EFFECT OF RATTLER'S BITE

How it feels to be bitten by a rattlesnake and to ride and walk in a vain effort to shake off giddiness, and to feel the poison permeate the body, drawing muscles tight in an unbearable agony, then to lapse into unconsciousness while struggling to reach a habitation where aid may save life, was the experience of Wm. J. McGreer, a stockman of Clarno, who was in Antelope early last week. McGreer is recovering from an encounter with a rattler at a spring eight miles from Antelope, where he had stopped to get a drink while riding the range for stray horses. McGreer killed the snake.

"Oh, yes, I'm getting along all right," said McGreer "but the snake died as the result of his indiscretion. I've ridden the range so long that no reptile that bites me can survive. I stamped the gizzard out of him on the spot. You know when a snake's gizzard is scattered around outside of his skin in a promiscuous manner, he loses ambition and dies.

"You can say for me—and I'm an expert now—that rattlers don't always rattle before they strike. This one didn't. I had just got in position to drink from the spring in Gallagher Canyon when the cuss struck me on the right arm between the wrist and elbow. It felt as though some one had given my arm a hard jerk. The snake hung on by his fangs. I knocked him off with my left hand and killed him. He had six rattles and was about 18 inches long.

"I immediately tore my handkerchief into strips and bound the arm tightly at wrist and elbow. I reached for my knife expecting to cut the wound. When I found I did not have it with me I was scared. My arm did not pain me then—it was between my shoulders. That nigger was right who said 'it ain't no disgrace to run when yo's sear't', so I got on my horse and lit out for Antelope, about eight miles away. By the time I reached a mud hole about half a mile from the spring, I was having excruciating pains all over my body, as though my muscles were all contracting. I dismounted and plunged my swelling arm into the mud.

"I think I must have been crazed by the pain, for here I turned my horse loose and started on foot for Billy Malone's house, a distance of four miles. The only thing I remember from the time I left the mud hole till I got to Malone's house, was eating tobacco. My chaps were found later about two miles from the spring, but my hat hasn't been found yet.

"The horse I was riding was a good one, and if I had stuck to him he could have landed me in Antelope in 20 minutes from the time I was bitten.

"However, as soon as I arrived at Malone's ranch, John Malone cut open the wound and Jack Brogan sucked out as much of the poisoned blood as he could. Undoubtedly this service is all that saved my life until Dr. Bower arrived from Antelope, which was about fifteen minutes after they telephoned for him. A drummer (whose name I do not know, but who has my sincere thanks) brought the doctor out in an automobile.

"It was some time after the doctor arrived until he got my arm to bleeding. I was suffering indescribable agony and my arm was swollen to an immense size and was a glaucous blue in color. Dr. Bower worked with me all night and, I understand, took two quarts of blood from my arm. The doctor and Jack Brogan took me to Antelope the next morning, where the treatment was continued through the day. My brothers, George and Ed, had come over from Clarno and looked after me that night, and then I was under the care of Miss Condie Murphy and Miss Howie, trained nurses from The Dalles.

"I believe I was bitten about 7 o'clock and arrived at Malone's about 9:30, so it was at least two and a half hours before I received medical attention."

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Real estate transfers in Hood River county for the week ending July 29, 1911, as reported by the Hood River Abstract Co.:

- C. J. Gessling to Lelann La Roque, part of lot 3, block 5, Pleasantview.
- R. L. Herrick to J. Gentemann, lot 42, block 9, Erwin & Watson's 2nd Add.
- David Cooper to Elizabeth Cooper, lot 7, block 7, Wiman's Add.
- Lizzie J. Elder to Annie Fellows Johnston, 40 acres on east side.
- John Elder to Annie Fellows Johnston, 40 acres on east side.
- Homestead Orchard Co to Florence Schoen, 40 acres on east side.
- Central Orchard Co to William Ferryhough, 10 acres in Upper Valley.
- Margaret S. Carton to J. L. Johnston, 48 acres in Upper Valley.
- F. A. Jones to James C. Howorth, lots 45 and 52, Riverside Park, near Dee.
- Kate C. Dumble to W. A. Mercer and Nannie E. Clark, south 33 feet lots 5 and 6, block 3, Hood River.
- W. A. Mercer to Nannie E. Clark, undivided half of north 67 feet of lots 5 and 6, block 3, Hood River.
- Boneboro Orchard Co to Cascade Orchard Co, 100 acres in Upper Valley.

THE DALLES GETS TERMINAL RATES

The Dalles will be greatly benefited as a result of the Interstate Commerce Commission decision announcing terminal rates for that city. The railroads have until October 15 to adjust their tariffs and comply with the ruling. In the future that city, Pendleton, Baker, Lewiston and other cities of the interior will have as low rates as Spokane or any other large interior city of equal distance from point of shipment, while The Dalles and other interior coast cities have been awarded terminal rates on goods shipped from Missouri river terminals. Local people will now be able to ship from St. Paul, Duluth, Kansas City and Omaha for the same rate which Portland gets.

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MEDFORD PLANS BIG GOOD ROADS MOVE

Proposing to ignore any objection of the Governor and the Legislature as far as immediate action for good roads is concerned, the Southern Oregon Mining Bureau Thursday petitioned the County Court to hold an election and submit to the people the question of the county's incurring an indebtedness of at least \$1,000,000 to construct a system of permanent highways in Jackson County.

The mining bureau argues that section 10 of article XI of the constitution of the state permits counties to incur indebtedness for permanent roads on approval by a majority of those voting on the question and that warrants may be issued until legislation makes issuance of bonds possible.

The project being taken up by Medford people was advocated at Hood River in the early part of the present year, but was abandoned on the opinion of the attorney-general that there was no law providing for a special election for this purpose. It is hoped by good roads enthusiasts that Medford will be able to work out this plan as it can then be taken up in other sections of the state.

EXPRESS COMPANY TO HAVE NEW QUARTERS

The American Express Company has leased the building belonging to the Mt. Hood Railroad Company, on First street, formerly used as an office, for its express business. The building will be remodeled and enlarged. Its location near the railroad station, it is believed, will make it more convenient for the company and patrons than an up town office. The work of remodeling will be started shortly.

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