GROWERS TO FIGHT FRUIT EXCHANGE

A recent dispatch from Spokane says:

"Growers throughout the Inland Empire will fight the Northwest Fruit Exchange, recently organized at Portland, to a finish," said George Hingston, president of the Spokane county Horticultural Society. "I have proof," he added, "that the exchange is backed by the firm of Krutchfield & Woolfolk of Pittsburg, of the so called 'fruit trust.'

"Making Spokane headquarters for the organization was simply a bait and sop to obtain the cooperation and support of our orchardists."

The first move in the warfare against the exchange was taken when Mr. Hingston was authorized by the society to appoint a committee to report on a plan for organization of a central selling agency in the district tributary to Spokane.

"What we should do is to form our own association in the Spokane district, cutting out those men down there," Mr. Hingston continued. "It is not our intention to fight the commission men. We believe we should put forth greater efforts to open new markets. If we can do business to better advantage with the commission men, then that is the place to do it."

Bailey's new Farm and Garden Rule Book and all books embraced in the Rural Science series for sale at Pifer's Book Store.*

VALLEY DONS MOST GORGEOUS ATTIRE

Hood River Valley, which will throw open its gates for the reception of its festival visitors this week, has donned its most gorgeous attire for the occasion. A trip through the valley this week showed the trees bursting forth into bloom. The scented air and the delicate pink and white of the blossoms gives the senses a delightful treat and such a trip will furnish an experience which must make a lifelong impression upon the hundreds who will take advantage of the opportunity furnished during the festival to see the valley at this season.

A view from Van Horn Butte, which will be one of the points visited by the sightseers, reveals the valley as a veritable wonderland. Dame Nature has everywhere applied her brush lavishly, tinting all with the most delicate pink and green and white. It is as though the entire valley were drifted deep with blossoms. The dark green, forested foothills form a magnificent background, while the whole is framed between the two great snow-covered peaks—Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams—with the famous gorge of the Columbia one of the details of the picture.

Visitors to the carnival will find the valley to be a veritable "Garden of the Gods."

Regular Sunday excursion to Parkdale. Pleasant trip for yourself and friends.*

LIVE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

There were 17,800 Republicans who voted against A. W. Lafferty for Congressman in the primaries. Lafferty, however, received 9888 votes, just 622 votes more than his nearest opponent, Judge C. U. Gantenbein, received.

Eight thousand Portland school children have entered into the school garden contest and if there is a patch of ground left in the city uncultivated it will be because bright young eyes have failed to discover it.

Mumps has been prevalent at Canby, especially among the business men. The reason for this is that that these men, who are all members of the Canby band, played a slide trombone belonging to one of the members who had suffered from the mumps a few weeks ago.

Trout will not be planted in streams which are plastered with trespass signs so as to prevent the public from fishing, says State Game Warden William L. Finley. It is expected that there will be between 6,000,000 and 10,000,000 trout fry released in the lakes and streams of Oregon this year, and that the number of trout planted will be increased yearly.

Portland's delegation to the general conference of the Methodist church, which opens May 1 in Minneapolis, included Rev. Benj. Young, brother of Rev. W. B. Young of this city. Much interest centers about the rumor that Dr. Young will receive the appointment of bishop, and he goes with the formal indorsement of the Taylor-Street church and the friendly endorsement of the other churches of the Portland conference.

Two cougars in 10 days is the record made by the Small brothers, who live about 10 miles south of Cottage Grove. The last one was killed a few days ago after an exciting fight, in which Robert Small, who finally killed the animal, was several times in danger of being struck by the animal.

ELKS WILL HANG OUT LATCHSTRING

When members of the Elk herd flock to Portland in July for the national convention they will find Hood River's latchstring out and a hearty welcome awaiting them from their brothers here. At a meeting held Friday the matter of bringing as many of the Elks as possible for a visit to this city and valley was taken up and the following were appointed on committees to entertain the visiting brothers:

J. M. Culbertson, C. P. Ross, C. H. Stranahan, G. A. Clarke, Charles T. Early, C. A. Bell, E.O. Blanchar, J.B. Hunt and H. H. Hadlock.

"From communication received from Portland," says J. H. Fredricy, a prominent Hood River Elk, "we are expecting a large number of visitors to the Valley. We have made arrangements to handle at least 500 every day if they will come. The Mount Hood Railroad Company has offered to run special trains over its lines through the Valley for us."

LEAD ARSENATE IS BEST TO KILL MOTH

Professor A. L. Melander, head of the department of zoology at the Washington state college at Pullman, through careful investigation during the last few years has perfected a spray which he declares to be the best remedy yet discovered for exterminating the costly codling moth pest.

Dr. Melander has found that a solution of one pound of lead arsenate to 50 gallons of water, in one season will almost exterminate the codling moth, if properly used in an orchard. The spray should be used while the last blossoms on the tree are falling. The best method of applying is by using the bordeaux nozzle with a crook and spray with force from a raised platform directly into every flower.

This operation should be repeated immediately. If the application has been made properly these two sprayings are usually sufficient. If the moth appears, however, a third spraying should be made.

It is the intention of the club to hold a tournament in June and to meet the Benedicts' Tennis Club in a tournament to be held later in the summer.

WEST SIDE TENNIS CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The West Side Tennis Club was organized Thursday evening at a meeting held at the home of John W. Weaver. Crawford C. Lemmon was chosen president and Claude Thompson was elected secretary and treasurer. Among the activities of the club will be a series of dances which are to be given in the near future. The date for the first will be Friday, May 10.

Dissolution Notice

By mutual consent the firm of Snow & Upson has dissolved partnership. W. G. Snow has taken over the entire business, which will be continued at the same place on Fourth street, he having assumed all the firm's obligations and assets.

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