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**LOCAL BILLS PASS**

It was good news which was received from Salem the last of the week that both bills in which Hood River is most vitally interested had passed the legislature. One of these provides for the establishment of an experiment station for research work here and the other gives the county authority to create an annual fund for the employment of a county expert, this being the position which Professor Lawrence occupied previous to the recent entanglement.

The bills are important to this community for the reason that they have to do directly with the one great industry of the valley. Every orchardist will benefit as a result of the action which the Legislature has taken. This, of course, in case that Governor West signs the two measures and there is every reason to believe that he will do so. The prompt and efficient solution of local orchard problems will be insured when these two measures are placed upon the statute books. The work which Professor Lawrence has been carrying on will be enlarged and extended and the service to the community will be proportionately greater. It will be an insurance against the spread of any infectious diseases which might at any time imperil the local orchard industry.

The work of Representative Stranahan and Senator Butler in securing the passage of these two measures has been unremitting and to both men are due the thanks of the district which they represent. Local orchardists and the Commercial Club have also taken an active part in securing the passage of the two bills.

**A LESSON FROM JOAQUIN MILLER**

The late Joaquin Miller believed that an individual could hardly perform a greater service than to plant a tree and he practiced this gospel by transforming the bleak spot overlooking the Golden Gate into a beautiful grove, which now remains as a monument to him as well as a pleasure and inspiration to those who visit the spot.

We hear comparatively little about beautifying the country. Yet what looks more bare and uninviting than miles and miles of dusty roads without a wayside tree to lend its hospitable shade to the traveler or gladden his sense of beauty. What is more unattractive than a school house bare and unadorned without a single tree. And almost still worse what is more desolate than a farm house without a single climbing rose over the doorway without a bed of blossoms in the front yard or a single tree stretching its protecting arms over the roof. The love of the beautiful brings with it gentleness, kindness and peace of mind. The home where the beautiful is absent or forgotten is rarely a happy one. The home, the dooryard and garden of the farmer should be separated from his orchard and by making it a thing of beauty it will become in fact a home and no longer a mere place of abode.

**INSPECTOR AND PATHOLOGIST**

Two offices, the duties of which do not harmonize, cannot well be combined in the person of one official. It is for this reason that the county court will hereafter keep separate the offices of county fruit inspector and county pathologist. The county fruit inspector, if he performs his duties properly, is bound to create friction between himself and some orchardists. His office requires that he sometimes sacrifice the individual for the good of the community. The pathologist or horticultural expert, on the other hand, must be in a position to cooperate with the orchardists to the fullest extent. It is obvious that he cannot do this if he is under the necessity of taking the stringent steps sometimes demanded of the inspector.

**Conger White Salmon Manager**

J. J. Conger has been elected manager of the White Salmon Fruit Growers' Union. Mr. Conger was recently elected a director of the Union. He is the owner of a young orchard three miles up the valley. He was reared on an Ontario, Canada, orchard, finally going to St. Paul where he went into the drug business with a brother and continued it until five years ago when he came to White Salmon and bought the Rowland 20-acre tract.

If such varieties as Ben Davis and Baldwin are to be grown it is more economical to stay in the East and grow them.

Eastern fruit growers are putting up their apples in fancy boxes. That is another reason for strictly enforced rules here.

**BULGIN'S SERMON ON BIBLE CONCLUDED**

What Moses taught the Jews on hygiene is good science today. We have not improved on the Ten Commandments. Job and Isaiah speak of the object of the world. Solomon describes the circulation of the blood. Genesis 1:1 is the only bit of definite knowledge we have concerning the origin of the universe.

The Bible is also scientific in that it accomplishes the work whereunto it was sent when a man gives it a fair chance—namely: that a man is a sinner and Christ a Savior and that His blood cleanseth us from all sin. I believe the Bible to have been written by God because only the man who will quit his sins and surrender his mind to the leading of the Holy Spirit can understand any of its truth. Why? Because the Holy Spirit directed the writing of the Book and He only can reveal its mysteries.

**Unlocks Life's Mysteries**

The Bible is the only book that unlocks the mysteries of life. It is the only book that can answer these questions: Who am I? Where am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here?

Again, I believe the Bible to have been written by God because it deals severely with the sins of its greatest heroes and that is unlike human authorship. Abraham Lincoln's life is written up to show his virtues only and that is true of all human historians in dealing with great characters, but David had a man killed and took his wife; Solomon went into polygamy; Abraham told a lie; Peter cured and denied Christ; Lot cheated his brother-in-law in a land deal (he was a real estate man from Hood River, Oregon). The hand which wrote the lives of these men and recorded their sins is writing your life today and unless you get that record covered in the blood of the Son of God you will face those sins on the Judgment Day as you stand before a God of overpowering brightness.

The Bible is the fountain head of all literature. Every great writer of civilization got his supreme theme from the Bible.

As water cannot rise higher than its source neither can literature; and since the Bible can lift a drunken gutter "bum" up to God I maintain that the Bible comes from God.

Again, I believe the Bible to have been inspired by God because it is up-to-date. It will convict men of sin today as well as it did a thousand years ago and it will reveal the sinful nature of men a thousand years hence.

The Bible came from one of three sources—good men, bad men or God. Good men cannot be liars and the men who wrote the Book claim to have been guided by the Holy Spirit. Bad men could not have written the Bible for bad men could not dig to the depths of truth and logic contained therein; neither would bad men pronounce against sin as the Bible does. Good men did not write the Bible; bad men could not have done so; therefore God did write it.

Shame on an infidel woman for the religion of Jesus Christ is the only one on earth which has a message of hope for woman. Only in countries where the Bible is believed in is her lot bearable.

**Is Beyond Human Invention**

The Bible is beyond human comprehension and therefore beyond human invention. No man understands the doctrine of the Trinity and yet it is found in the Bible. Who put it there? God and God only for He is the only one who could have done so.

Those who know the most about the Bible believe it and believe it to be inspired of God and those who fight it most bitterly are the most profoundly ignorant of what it really teaches. I define an infidel as a fellow who fights the Bible because that Bible fights his sins.

Agnostic is a Greek word that sounds very nice and it means I don't know. However, the Latin equivalent for agnostic is ignoramus and that isn't quite so pretty sounding, is it? The Bible reveals the only way to live and the only way to die.

**Poultrymen Get Together**

The poultrymen of Josephine county are organized and are making a strong effort to make big shipments of young chickens, broilers and eggs to outside points this year. Arrangements have been made in Portland to dispose of a large supply and it is expected that some shipments will be made to the south. Incubator chicks are doing as fine as the weather condition could not be better. Many of the poultry farms are being restocked with full-blood chickens.

Thousands of acres which ought to be in wheat will go out of the apple business in the next few years. Another big crop next year would hasten it and work to the benefit of the legitimate apple districts.

Mrs. Bucket of Maine threatens to follow Carrie Nation's tactics. Let 'er buck!"

**INSPECTION AND RESEARCH SEPARATED**

It is the intention of the county court, as expressed by Judge Castner, hereafter to segregate the work of the county fruit inspector and county pathologist by appointing two individuals to fill these positions.

"Professor Lawrence held both of these positions," said Judge Castner, "but the arrangement was not satisfactory to him nor could the best results be obtained from the standpoint of the county. It was really never the intention that the two positions should be combined and it will not be done in the future. The expert engaged in research work cannot be constantly

interrupted by calls to make inspections and the duties of the two offices do not harmonize."

Steps are now being taken to secure the appointment of John R. Castner as county fruit inspector. Petitions are being circulated and these will be submitted to Commissioner Weber of The Dalles asking that he recommend Mr. Castner's appointment by the county court.

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