

# HALL-LEWIS ON FRUIT LAWS

### Inspector Writes About Condemning Diseased Stuff and What It Means.

EDITOR TIMES: In your issue of Saturday last you mentioned the fact of the seizure of a package of infected fruit consigned to J. W. Snover, but the circumstances as outlined in your article were misleading, and for the sake of a better understanding by the public of the policy of the horticultural authorities, in the matter of fruit inspection, I ask that you publish what follows. The package of fruit referred to was seized aboard the launch Curlew, on the trip in on Friday morning, put off at Collier's county landing, oiled and left at the landing, and was not taken to town at all. The package in question was contraband in two respects. The fruit contained therein was badly infested with the "scab" fungus, the pears more so than the apples, and the package did not bear the name and postoffice address of the consignor, packer or grower. In order to inconvenience the public as little as possible, I have permitted, in first instances, the consignor to cull over his fruit, submit the infected part to the oiling process and sell the clean fruit. In order to know from whom defective fruit comes, it is obviously necessary that the packer's and grower's name shall appear on the package. Section 1 of an act approved on February 7th, 1907, requires the name of both grower and packer to appear on every package of green fruit, and fixes a penalty for failure so to do. Rule 5 of the quarantine regulations of the State Board of Horticulture, prohibits fruit infested with any disease injurious to fruit trees, from being "OFFERED FOR SALE, GIFT OR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE STATE." Section 4185, Cotton & Bellinger's Code, declares ALL INFECTED FRUIT TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, and the same act requires the county fruit inspector TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCE, and gives the board or the county inspector acting under the board's instructions, the power to SUMMARILY abate same. In your issue of 6th inst., and by personal call upon the dealers at about same date, and by every other available means, I gave what I consider full and fair notice that it would be my duty to enforce these laws. My instructions from the State Board are clear and leave me little discretion. In a number of instances I have as stated above permitted the culling over of fruit, oiling only those culled out, only to be accused of showing favoritism. Inasmuch as I have been actuated only by disinclination to make clean fruit suffer for its association with infected fruit, where the percentage of clean fruit is large in the package, the imputation is very distasteful to me. As stated before, the law recognizes but two classes of fruit—clean and diseased. Fruit infested with any of the cane family or worms, or the common fungus called "scab" is in the eyes of the law, diseased, and subject to seizure. There has been a big improvement in the quality of the local apples offered for sale. The price to the grower has risen from 60c, or 70c, per box for "orchard run" fruit, to \$1.50 per box for clean fruit, and that not wrapped nor box lined. But in the matter of California fruits such as pears, lemons and oranges, I have found nearly every package of lemons and about half of the boxes of oranges infested with the dreaded San Jose scale and the common oyster shell scale. To avoid heavy loss, the importers of these fruits should buy subject to in-

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spection at this port, for no further notice will be given, and it is my intention to hereafter exercise full power of confiscation, without further concession, in order that there may be no further occasion for anyone to criticize any leniency that may have heretofore been shown.

Let all persons whom it may concern therefore take notice, that any fruit offered for sale, gift, or distribution, which may be found infested with scale, scab or worms, or their eggs or larvae, or associated in any package of fruit, with fruit so infested, will be hereafter considered diseased and infected and subject to seizure and the "coal-oil treatment," as a public nuisance. And that brings us to another allied matter. The law against orchard pests, covers "all orchards, nurseries, trees, plants, shrubs, vegetables, vines, fruit or articles thus infested," which applies to all species of plant life commonly known to be the breeding places of dangerous insect pests, etc., such as the wild crab apple, the common thistle and other masses of growth, which by reason of their location, in specific cases may constitute a menace to the horticultural interests of the community. I have visited some extensive wild crab apple nurseries along the inlets and Coos River and am going to insist upon owners thoroughly obliterating such growths, and failure or refusal will be followed by summary action.

The operation of these laws falls alike upon the large holdings, as well as upon the rancher who has but a few acres. So far I have met with no refusal to obey the law, but I have my suspicions as to the good faith of some of the promises which have been made. Therefore, I propose to serve notices in identical terms, upon every person, firm or corporation, owning, having possession, or being in charge of, any infected premises, to eradicate such pests as may exist, within a certain stipulated time, or take the consequences which the law provides. With very few exceptions, owners have been eager for inspection and the enlightenment which results. Some have shown discouragement at the outset, but after explanation, demonstration and official counsel, have expressed thanks and renewed confidence. A few, yes, a very few (and by the way, the owners of some of the worst pest spots in the vicinity), declare it is of no use, that this is not a fruit country, that you can't conquer the pests, that they don't need any advice, etc., etc., that we cannot enforce the laws, and so on. I guess you can see the finish of these chaps.

What I hope to have clearly understood is, that this work of inspection is to be kept up vigorously and consistently, until Coos county takes a deserved place among the great horticultural districts of the State. If this can be done without the employment of coercive measures, I shall be glad. As to the sale of infected fruit, it might as well be understood now as later that it has got to stop; and in the matter of diseased importations, California shippers have got to learn that Coos county is no longer a dumping ground for "seconds," "culls" or "any old" fruit that they put a paper wrapper around. In this matter we cannot, of course, quarantine the infected district in the State of California, but we can, and most assuredly will, quarantine the warehouse of the importer who fails to heed the warning fairly given and persists in bringing into this port San Jose scale infested fruit.

The importer who defies the law in these matters, lays himself liable to heavy penalties and great inconvenience, should the quarantine officer deem it necessary to disinfect or fumigate his warehouse to preclude the possibility of the spread or escape in this community of such a dangerous pest as the dreaded San Jose scale. I have sent a specimen taken from a warehouse in Marshfield to the State Board and the experiment station, for corroborative classification and detailed instructions on some points concerning the quarantine laws.

When these are received, permanent restrictions will be enforced and in such a manner as to put a stop to traffic in defective fruits.

P. M. HALL-LEWIS,  
Coos County Fruit Inspector and  
Quarantine Officer,  
Marshfield, Ore., August 22d.

**WILL DISCONTINUE DOUBLE SERVICE.**

Owing to the close of the season, the double boat service will be discontinued next Monday, after which the Alert will return to the old schedule, leaving Allegany 7 A. M. and Marshfield at 2 P. M.

CAPT. H. E. EDWARDS.  
There will be an OPEN AIR DANCE SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, corner Central and Broadway. GOOD music.

Lyon is coming Sunday, Aug. 28th.  
**READ THE TIMES' WANT ADS.**

# MAY BE THE NORTHWESTERN

### A Prominent Marshfield Man Gives Out Some Original Railway News.

"The most favorable railway news I have had knowledge of in many a day has not been published in the papers and will not be," remarked a prominent citizen and capitalist of Marshfield to a Times reporter today. "It is not even rumored among those who make it a point to have all the very latest railway 'dope' which I believe is the word used for railway rumors. The information comes to me by induction. I suppose you noticed in the Portland papers the news that H. M. Byllesby, the general manager of the Byllesby Company, the corporation that owns and controls the Coos Bay Gas & Electric Company, The Tacoma Gas & Electric Company, The Portland Gas Company and a dozen other large public service corporations in the Pacific northwest, had arrived there recently. He came in a special car, ostensibly to inspect some of the properties which the company had purchased. It is significant that about the same time there was also an announcement that Mr. Byllesby had been elected director in the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Now, what would be more natural than Mr. Byllesby having acquired sufficient stock and standing in the Chicago & Northwestern Railway to entitle him to a position in the directory of the road should be familiar with its contemplated improvements and extensions. With this knowledge at first hand it is easy to understand why he would seek to acquire gas and electric properties in cities that might be developed by the building of a new transcontinental line. My judgment is that Mr. Byllesby's present trip is as much one of a railway director as a gas and electric man. This opinion of mine has been confirmed by a press dispatch sent out from Boise. It does not mention Coos Bay, but it states that the engineering party left for Oregon, without any objective point being mentioned. Read this," and the speaker handed the reporter the following newspaper clipping:

"BOISE, Idaho.—Railroad circles were stirred by the announcement of J. F. Wallace, one of the biggest engineers in the country, that the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern is headed for a Pacific Coast outlet on Puget Sound, through Boise.

"Mr. Wallace was the first American chief engineer on the Panama Canal, a member of the Isthmian Commission, vice-president and general manager of the Panama Canal Steamship line, has built several railroads and now makes New York his headquarters. He arrived in Boise this noon, accompanied by W. E. Green, vice-president and general manager of the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern; his son, H. U. Wallace, chief engineer of that road, and W. D. Hodge, engineer in charge of construction department.

"The party started from Denver and made the entire trip overland by automobile. They made the run from Idaho Falls in fast time, having left there Wednesday morning. In discussing their trip, Green said:

"We are making a reconnaissance. The road's present terminus is Greeley, Colo., but survey is completed to Elk Mountain, Wyo., 260 miles from Denver, and the road beyond Greeley for that distance is being rapidly graded and will soon be ready for traffic.

"The Denver, Laramie & Northwestern is going to build to Puget Sound as fast as possible. We had practically decided on this step, but to make assurance doubly sure, brought J. F. Wallace out from New York to pass on the matter. Mr. Wallace says that he has found no obstacle so far, and we are certain that our plans will go through now without a hitch."

"The party left Boise last evening, declining to name their destination, but it is believed they are bound for Oregon on a scouting trip. It is understood that Rock Island interests are behind this road."

"When you consider that this right in line with the Northwestern's idea of building west from Laramie to a Pacific Coast terminal," continued the Marshfield prominent citizen. "It looks more reasonable that the Northwestern is behind this move than the Rock Island, and if it is the Northwestern you may be sure H. M. Byllesby has knowledge of it and that may be his reason for putting so much money into his Coos Bay enterprise."

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# FIRES IN COOS COUNTY

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but they are all under control. There is no danger in that locality.

The fire in the neighborhood of Empire is not spreading any. The worst of it is over. The vegetation is still smouldering, but unless there should be a very strong wind there is no danger of the fire coming up again.

**Stage Going Through.**  
There are still fires at Dora and Fairview, but the stage to Roseburg is able to get through without any trouble. The fire at Dora is said to be burning hard.

**Damage Not Great.**  
James Laird of Sitkum received a telephone message from his home today while he was in the city. Mrs. Laird said over the telephone that the fire was going back from the road and there would be no difficulty in travelling the stage road. Mr. Laird says that the stage driver who made a drive through the burning timber day before yesterday had a narrow escape. Had any trees fallen over the road the driver would have had no way to get out. Shortly after he got through the fire several trees fell over the road.

Mr. Laird says that the two residences which were burned were not at Fairview, but were at the head of Daniels Creek. The residence of Fred Baker near Dora for a time was in danger but was saved.

**Fires in Curry.**  
Dr. E. Mings has returned home from a trip to Gold Beach in Curry county. He passed through Dairyville the morning after the fire. He says there was no wind on the day of the fire or the entire town would have been wiped out. The loss to Ed. Rackliff was about \$10,000 and he carried only \$2,000 insurance. There was no other insurance on any of the property lost.

Dr. Mings says that there are no bad fires in the timber, but that the brush along the road is burning in places but that no damage has been done. W. U. Douglas was with Dr. Mings.

**Known Here.—**Forest Supervisor Weigle, who has charge of the large force of rangers and government men who are fighting the forest fires around Burke, Idaho, is well known on Coos Bay, having spent considerable time here two years ago when he was investigating the possibilities of reforestation here for the government and the C. A. Smith interests.

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J. R. WALKER of Wichita, Kans., who has been visiting his son, A. O. Walker, here for the past month, leaves on the M. F. Plant for his home.

**THE WHEAT MARKET.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, August 26.—The wheat market closed as follows: September, 98 3/4c; December, 103 1/4c; May, 108 1/2c @ 108 5/8c.  
PORTLAND, August 26.—Wheat unchanged.  
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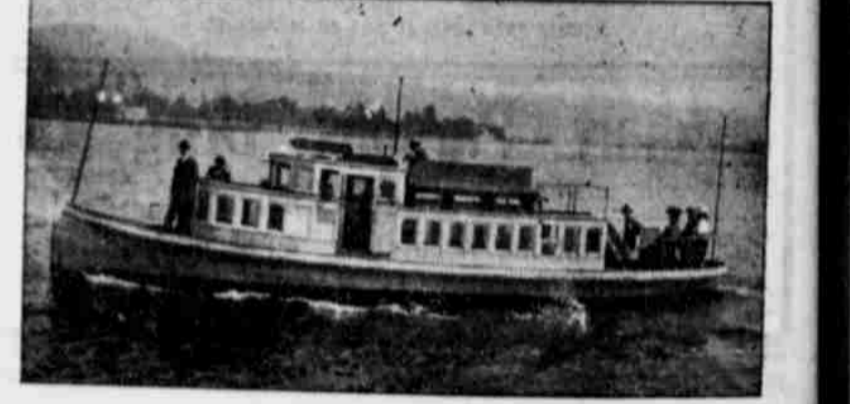
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