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IT WOULD PAY THE FRUIT GROWERS TO SUBSIDIZE THE BEEKEEPERS

There is a boom in the beekeeping industry in the Salem district. There is a great deal more interest than there was last year at this time, when the first Salem Slogan pages devoted to apiculture were printed.

So this bee boom must be boosted and fostered in every possible way.

And there must be literally billions more bees. The "virgin daughters of toil," the worker bees, are the original "working fools"—they literally work themselves to death in six weeks during the honey season.

So that in each hive a working "fool is born every minute"—and then some.

And a good hive of bees will at the height of the season contain 30,000 to 60,000, and even 100,000 bees.

For the bees work and literally "improve each shining hour." They have the urge of their ancestors back through the ages for work; that is the life of the honey bee, and that is her death.

It would pay the fruit growers of the Salem district to subsidize the beekeepers, with a money subsidy.

But they do not have to. Here is a better way: Raise more white, alsike and sweet clover, and scatter more Scotch broom, and in other ways provide more late bee pasture.

And encourage more beekeeping; get better bees, and see that bee diseases are stamped out.

And in that way the orchard men will subsidize themselves; they will improve the fertility of their soil, and they will get three crops for one—the clover, the honey and the fruit.

And they will make sure the fruit. There are a number of successful beekeepers in this district now—one, Henry Wohlfart, down at St. Paul, who gets 3000 to 4000 pounds a year from 65 bee colonies, and has been successful for a generation. And there are many more like him.

Enough to show what may be done with bees in the way of sure profits.

There is no section in the world that has a better honey flow than the Salem district in the late spring and early summer. Extend this, by providing proper bee pasture, throughout all the sunny days of the late summer and fall, and this will be a veritable land flowing with milk and honey—and money.

There is nothing more interesting in nature than the honey bee, and nothing in the work of man more fascinating than apiculture.

Our public schools in the Salem district ought to teach apiculture. The whole Willamette valley ought to be musical with the hum of honey bees the whole sunny season through, and beautiful with the golden insects of toil and wealth in every flower that blooms on our hills or adorns our vales.

The following were the introductory words of the editorial on bee culture in the Salem Slogan issue of The Statesman of last year:

Aristotle, Cato, Varro, Pliny, Columella, Palladius all studied the bees. Aristomachus, according to Pliny, watched them for fifty-eight years.

Palestine was known to the Israelites as the land of milk and honey.

Honey is spoken of at least a dozen times in the Bible. But the real history of the bee dates from the seventh century, with the discoveries of the great Dutch savant Swammerdam, who brought the whole political scheme of the hive into a most unexpected light by basing it upon maternity. The queen had theretofore been regarded as a king, with the attributes of both sexes.

A German clergyman invented the first hive with movable combs, thereby enabling beekeepers thereafter to take their share of the harvest without being obliged to destroy their best colonies. Its imperfections were given masterly

improvements by Langstroth, who invented the movable frame adopted in America.

"The Life of the Bee," by Maurice Maeterlinck, is the greatest of all books of its class; a romance of the life and work and government of the little republics of the apiary. It is a book that no one who can read and understand should miss. It will give any one feelings of reverence akin to the author's own in contemplation of the "virgin daughters of toil," in their "curious, profound and intimate" relationships in their hives; in their "rustling, wing-lit" homes, where there is a "spirit and atmosphere" of "perfume and mystery"; a feeling of awe at the work which "begins in the dazzling sunshine and receives its crown in the darkness."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

All over but the shouting— And the shouting will be by the taxpayers.

And if he will provide plenty of late bee pasture, he will never be stung by a failure of the honey crop. And if he will raise white, sweet and alsike clover, and milk cows, he will keep up the fertility of his land.

Whenever the fruit growers fully wake up to the importance of late bee pasture, there are going to be a lot of fortunes made in the Salem district in beekeeping.

Another List of Bills Is Signed by Governor

The governor's office has announced the following list of bills passed by the legislature as approved and signed by the executive:

Senate Bills: 198—Regulating sale of eggs; Porter. 199—Law library fees; Hume. 200—Collecting bounty on predatory animals; Ellis.

WANTS TO HELP MOTHERS Mrs. Wm. Sager, 941 Nichol St., Utes, N. Y. "I gladly write anything that helps a mother with her children. My little girl had whooping cough and I was afraid she would choke. I gave her Foley's Honey and Tar and it helped her wonderfully. She could sleep 'most all night without coughing."

"Mary" and "Doug" Have New Pet



The latest addition to the Fairbanks family is "Copet," famous German police dog, which was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks by Henry P. Davidson.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Editor Statesman— I notice by the evening blazer that Councilman Vandervort delivered an oration in the council chambers advising the council not to pass any more ordinances reflecting upon the present jury list.

The kidneys and the skin. If the kidneys are weak or torpid, the skin will be pimply or blotchy. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and stimulates the kidneys, and clears the complexion.

A beautiful privilege is mine in seeking that which is lost. Help me to show them things sublime And not to count time nor cost. O, grant me this joy divine!

Help me to plead for those beside the road Who fell. May I not question how? O, God, will you too lighten their load. Nor question the reason why? O, grant to me this prayer of mine!

Attempt to Defeat Direct Primary Fails In the rush to clear the desk and complete all of the business on the table before adjourning for noon yesterday the house nearly passed a measure which would have repealed the direct primary system in this state.

Senators Dennis, Larbmond and Patterson introduced the bill. The vote record stands: Ayes—Bennett, Carter, Fisher, Flint, Gordon of Multnomah, Gordon of Lane, Kubi, LaFollette, McFarland, Templeton.

SUCCESS OF BILL PLEASES GROWERS

Association Aids Passage of Cooperative Marketing Measure

Members of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association are especially pleased with the very favorable reception given by the legislature to the co-operative idea in marketing.

The bill which passed both the senate and house with but little opposition legalizes the co-operative idea. Hereafter no one may legally question the legality of contracts entered into by farmers or fruit growers who form themselves into a co-operative association with the intention of pooling their interests.

According to the bill, which was opposed by only four votes in the senate and four votes in the house, any number of persons, not less than five, may associate themselves as a co-operative association. The association may be with or without capital stock.

State Printer's Salary Bill is Defeated

Discussion over the bill to raise the salary of the state printer resolved itself into a general attack and defense of all salary bills in the house yesterday morning.

TOO FAT?

Many reduce 10 to 25 lbs. in 30 days. Obesity is a disease, and it is a dangerous one. It is a disease of the blood, and it is a disease of the nerves.

Be An Artist LEARN TO DRAW

Advertisement for 'Be An Artist' featuring a drawing of a man and text about learning to draw. Includes 'Do 10 Men's Work' and 'The One Man WADE'.

Advertisement for Hill's Cascara Quinine, featuring a portrait of a man and text about curing colds and flu.

Advertisement for 'FOREVER FREE FROM ASTHMA' featuring a drawing of a person and text about a cure for asthma.

Advertisement for 'Lot L. Pearce & Son' featuring a drawing of a machine and text about their products.