

Fruit Growing and Pruning

Mr. Editor—As our former communications have received attention we will try another short article this week.

We have just been thinking about the work of our farmers for this winter. They had no fruit inspector to hustle them up on the necessary spraying and pruning of fruit trees. It seems, with all the rain and stormy weather we have been experiencing, that the necessary work would be sidetracked but if we Coos county people really think of making this a fruit country, we must find time to put our trees in proper condition. Have any of you fruit growers worked the soil around your trees? No! Why not?

Do you want to fall into the same error as our dairymen do when they have no butter in a country which is heralded as a dairy country. Here they are shipping in butter from California when better is the highest price and when they might be making the most out of it.

Every fruit grower should get busy and prune and spray his trees. If you have no other spray use condensed lye, ten gallons of water to one can of lye, it will kill the insects and tree moss, and should rain wash it down it becomes the very best fertilizer for your trees.

Do you know fruit trees need much more potash than any other product you raise. Lye is potash, so don't be slow about getting it or else the merchants will be out by the time you get around.

Let me give you further advice. When there is frost on your trees don't attempt to prune, you will injure them and under certain conditions may kill some.

When you prune do not cut so that stubs are left, each cut should heal over with new bark, a stub cannot heal over, but will make dead and rotten wood, and should a self styled expert do such work for you, stop him, he does not what he is doing.

If you want to hear more that will benefit the community and yourself, let us have a meeting, and that soon. Let us meet in Bandon, somewhere, sometime in the near future. It will not only be an advantage to fruit men, but will help the merchants and the consumer. Before you can be a successful apple eater you should aid the apple grower. Let us hear from the people when and where we shall meet?

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Highest Tide in Seven Years

Coos Bay is experiencing the highest tides it has known in many years. Some claim that it has been twenty-seven years or so since the present mark was reached while others claim that about seven years ago, the tides were just as high as at present.

No particular damage has been done by the tide so far. For a while again this morning, it was running over the dike along Railroad addition but aside from flooding the marsh, the water caused little or no inconvenience.

Yesterday the North Bend saw mill was compelled to close down for a while and again this morning it was shut down, the water being too high to permit its operation.

This is the season of the year for the high tides and coupled with this was the strong southwest wind which drove the sea shoreward and also the freshets in the inlets and rivers entering the bay, making a greater volume of water than is usually known.—Times.

Round About Us

The mails have been carried on horseback most of the time during the past week, and the plucky riders have been in on regulation time. We are glad to get our valley mail when it comes, and if it fails behind connect'on at Myrtle Point occasion ally, the TRIBUNE pities the mail boys and horses, and does not growl. Our sympathies are with the boys who are out in the storm, and not with the sore-head toasting

his kicking shins at a cozy fireside—Port Orford Tribune.

The new tug Gleaner, owned by the Gardiner Mill Co., made her first trip to Coos Bay last week. The Gleaner which, is in charge of Capt. N. J. Cornwall, was built at Bandon, and her machinery installed at San Francisco.—Coos Bay News.

Delmer Colegrove and wife of Mountain ranch were in town Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Colegrove made proof on a timber claim while here. They experienced much trouble in getting here, owing to high water. They came as far as Pistol river in a wagon, and there found the river too high to cross, so they left their rig and team, crossing in a small boat, and secured a horse on this side for Mrs. Colegrove to ride, while Delmer walked.—Gold Beach Globe.

THE LOST CHORD.

S EATED one day at the organ,
I was weary and ill at ease;
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys.

I know not what I was playing
Or what I was dreaming then,
But I struck one chord of music
Like the sound of a grand amen

It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the close of angel's psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit
Like a touch of infinite calm.

It quieted pain and sorrow
Like love's overcoming strife;
It seemed a harmonious echo
From our discordant life.

It linked all perplexing meanings
Into one perfect peace,
And it trembled away into silence
As if it were loath to cease.

I sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost chord divine
Which came from the soul of the organ
And entered into mine.

It may be that death's bright angel
Will speak in that chord again;
It may be that only in heaven
I shall hear that grand amen.
—Adele Anne Procter.

MY SHADOW.

I HAVE a little shadow that goes in and
out with me,
And what can be the use of him is
more than I can see.

He is very, very like me from the
heels up to the head,
And I see him jump before me when I
jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way
he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is
always very slow—

For he sometimes shoots up taller, like
an india rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that
there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children
ought to play
And can only make a fool of me in every
sort of way.

He stays so close beside me, he's a coward,
you can see—
I'd think shame to stick to nurse as
that shadow sticks to me.

One morning, very early, before the sun
was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every
buttercup,
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant
sleepyhead,
Had stayed at home behind me and was
fast asleep in bed.
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

WEEDS AND FLOWERS.

THE flowers are loved, the weeds are
spurned,
But for them both the suns are burned,
And when, at last, they fall the day,
The long night folds them all away.
—John Vance Cheney.

BULL EXERCISER.

A Device That Hardens Muscle and
Tones Down Temper.

The necessity of some form of exercise for the stock bull has long been recognized, and many devices have been experimented with. Mr. F. E. Dawley in Country Gentleman pronounces the pole and sweep shown in the cut the most satisfactory device that he has ever used. Mr. Dawley describes the device as follows, and the arrangement is easily understood, although one of the chains alluded to is not discernible in the cut.

It is made by setting a heavy post deeply in the ground, letting it extend up about six feet. A band is placed on the top, and a section of an old steel wagon axle with the box attached is driven into the end. This post should not be less than ten inches



ON THE SWEEP.

through at the top. A hardwood sweep is cut and the center of gravity determined by balancing it over a sawhorse. A hole is then bored through this sweep at the center of gravity and the box securely fastened into it. It is then set back on the axle, the sweep swinging on the axle. Two short

chains are attached to the small end of the sweep. To the lower end of one of these a swivel bar clevis is attached. To the other a very heavy snap is fastened. A piece of old two inch tug or a strong leather collar is placed on the bull's neck, being held in place by two short flat head bolts, which are far better than a buckle, and a ring is placed on this collar. When the bull is led out before liberating him from the staff the large snap on one of the chains is snapped into this ring. The bar clevis is then screwed into the ring in the bull's nose, when he is ready to take his exercise.

The first time an animal is hitched it may be necessary to drive him around and to work the sweep for him in order to get him accustomed to it. The chains should be so adjusted that the one attached to the strap on his neck will swing the sweep. It should be long enough so he can reach the ground. By the use of this device I have kept a bull until he was fourteen years old in such condition that his muscles were hard and firm and he was vigorous and virile. One great advantage in exercising the animals in this way is that they become accustomed to being handled and are very much more tractable than when kept tied in the pens or when simply led out and put in a tread power once or twice a day for half an hour.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Simple and Smart.
For the woman who is looking for something in shirt waist styles we are showing a model that is simple and smart and decidedly worth copying. It is not only good style for cottons, but is equally fashionable for silk, mohair or any material that one would use in a shirt waist suit. The model takes of



SHIRT WAIST DESIGN.

all the little ideas shown in the new models. First of all, the shaping of the sleeve is new and the narrow tucks that are stitched flat add not a little to the design. Then, too, the front is slightly double breasted, which at once stamps the design with "newness," as these double breasted blouses are just beginning to be worn. Still another point in its favor is the unique yoke, which may or may not be used, as one prefers, as the front is tucked and affords a pretty blouse without the addition of the yoke. The design is extremely modish and may be as satisfactorily developed in twelve and a half cent percale as in silk.

A Wonderful Bird.

One day a wonderful bird tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's (wife of the famous arctic explorer) home at Christiania. Instantly the window was opened, and in another moment she covered the little messenger with kisses and caresses. The carrier pigeon had been away from the cottage thirty long months, but it had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen, stating that all was going well with him and his expedition in the polar region. Nansen had fastened a message to the bird and turned it loose. The frail courier darted out into the blizzardy air. It flew like an arrow over a thousand miles of frozen waste and then sped forward over another thousand miles of ocean and plains and forests and one morning entered the window of the waiting mistress and delivered the message which she had been awaiting so anxiously.

Would Let Folks Know It.

Somebody sent this to the society editor and made affidavit that it really happened.

Here it is. They were out at an afternoon card party. A small woman dropped a card to the floor. "Would you be so kind as to pick it up for me?" she implored of the little woman at her right.

"Certainly," said the other woman, and she picked up the card.

"You see," explained the small woman apologetically, "I've got on a brand new fifty dollar corset, and I'm afraid I'll strain it if I lean over."

"Hum!" commented the other woman enviously. "If I had a fifty dollar corset I'd wear it on the outside. I really would."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Crazy.

"We find the prisoner not guilty by reason of insanity."

"But the plea was not that of insanity," remarked the court.

"That's just the point we made," rejoined the foreman. "We decided that any man who didn't have sense enough to know that an insanity plea was the proper caper must be crazy."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
United States Land Office at Roseburg, Ore.
Jan. 5th, 1909

Notice is hereby given that Abraham Jones, of Bandon, Oregon, who, on October 6th 1908, made Timber Application, No. 01675, for N. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 Section 19 Township 29 S. R. 13 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof to establish claim to the land above described before the Register and Receiver, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 20th day of March 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Edward L. Ohman, of Bandon, Oregon
Amos E. Hadsall, of Bandon, Oregon
A. C. Adams of Bandon, Oregon
J. M. Adams, of Bandon, Oregon.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roseburg, Or.

November, 19, 1908
Notice is hereby given that Jessie M. Perkins, of Bandon, Oregon, who, on Nov. 19, 1908, made Timber Application, No. 02366, for NE 1-4 SW 1-4, Section 22, Township 29 South, Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof to establish claim to the land above described before G. T. Treadgold, United States Commissioner for Oregon, at Bandon, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Charles Swift, Kenneth Perkins, Fred N. Perkins and Robert Walker, Jr., all of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract

PUBLIC LAND SALE
Department of the Interior,
General Land Office

Roseburg, Oregon, January 2-1908

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), he will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 20 day of February next, at this office, the following tract of land:—the NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 29, T. 30 S., R. 14 W., W. M. Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register,
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