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### CODLIN MOTH.

Farmers in Benton Should be Ready—The Method.

County Fruit Inspector French wishes to call the attention of orchardists and fruit men to the fact that the time to spray for codlin moth is not many weeks distant and that all should be prepared to begin this war as soon as the hour is propitious. The government reports show the codlin moth to be the worst and most fatal pest in the United States, and it is declared to be by far the most destructive in the Willamette valley, facts which should stimulate the orchardists to action when the season arrives. The codlin moth always attacks the fruit at the calix and thus bores its way to the heart of the apple or other fruit. Spraying is done as soon as the petals begin to fall from the blossoms, while the calix remains open and by using a strong sprayer at close range the poison is injected into the calix. Immediately after the petals have fallen the calix closes, and a sufficient quantity of the poison spray is thus retained and sealed up in the calix, or cup, to kill not only the codlin moth but any other worm that attempts to bore to the heart of the fruit. Later, when the fruit is of larger growth, spraying is again resorted to in order to kill all outside pests, which gives the apple or whatever it may be a chance to mature without blemish. It should be borne in mind that the first spraying must be done when the petals begin to fall and the calix is still open, in order that the poison may penetrate and be retained in the cup when it closes. This is the secret of successful spraying and everyone with trees to attend should give attention. It will mean more and better fruit for all Benton county and more satisfactory returns from every orchard.

### MORE COWS.

Needed in Willamette—Also More Factories.

An urgent need of the Willamette Valley and perhaps of other parts of Oregon also, is more good dairy cows. Not only are creameries multiplying, but there is room for more milk condensing factories, which absorb great quantities of milk, and so increase the supply of butter. Many people who formerly used milk for every day table use now use cream, which further depletes the butter supply, and renders the article always high, if not scarce, says an editorial in the Journal. Western Oregon has been pronounced by expert judges to be the best dairy region in the world and it should produce not only enough dairy products of all kinds fully to supply the home market, but to afford a large volume of exports. There is an unlimited market for such products, nearer to Oregon than to Iowa and Illinois, or even Nebraska, and there is no danger of over-production to the extent of rendering the business unprofitable. The dairy business in Oregon is expanding nicely, but is scarcely growing to the extent which the situation warrants. Everything conspires to make western Oregon an ideal dairying region. All conditions are exceptionally favorable, either for the large or small dairyman, though the latter, the man with from twelve to twenty cows, and who carries on diversified farming, will have the greater success in proportion to investment and labor expended. Oregon's dairy herds are increasing in number and are becoming gradually better in quality, year by year, but an even more rapid pace could well be sustained here. Every additional good dairy cow will be a source of profit to her owner and benefit to the state.

### Suicide in Albany.

Hanging by the neck from a rafter in the woodshed adjoining her home, Mrs. William Snyder, wife of a well known resident of this city, was found early Thursday morning, with life so nearly extinct, that she expired a few minutes after being cut down from her suspended position. The woman's feet were almost touching the ground and it would have been possible for her to have saved her life had she so desired. Temporary insanity is believed to have been the cause of Mrs. Snyder's suicide. The woman was an ardent believer in the cure of all ills by faith, rather than medicine. A short time ago she became ill and took a quantity of medicine. When she regained her health she began brooding over the fact that she had not depended upon "faith" to cure her, and according to her relatives prayed constantly that she might be forgiven for using the medicine. It is now believed that her act in taking the medicine, which she believed a sin, weighed upon her mind to such an extent that she decided to commit suicide.—Albany Herald.

### With Multnomah.

Interesting reading for Corvallis people who take an interest in affairs athletic is found in Saturday's Engine Guard, which says: The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the University of Oregon have entered into an agreement to play their annual football game on Thanksgiving day of this year, and also next year. The contract was signed by the club manager and C. N. McArthur, the Portland representative of Oregon, yesterday, and the document calls for a game in 1907, and also one in 1908. The same conditions will govern both contests. The conditions of the agreement are not quite so favorable as formerly, though each party gets 50 per cent of the net receipts, as before. The rent for the club field has been placed considerably higher than before, which, of course, cuts into the gross receipts. However, the new arrangement is very agreeable to the Oregon manager, Grover Kestley, for the club management to arrange the division on a sixty and forty per cent basis, Oregon getting the short end. Multnomah will also get the grandstand charges, and in order to increase the amount expects to build a new one to hold between 4,000 and 5,000 people. The present one has a capacity of 1,500.

### WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

School Directors Take Notice. School Funds to be Forfeited.

I hereby call the attention of the Board of Directors of the several school districts of the county to the new law regulating the holding over of school funds from year to year. Heretofore each district was entitled to hold a sum not to exceed \$50. The new law which goes into effect May 25, 1907, provides that any part of the 85 per cent of the money drawn during the year, and which must be spent for teachers' salary, and for no other purpose, remaining on hand at the end of the school year, is forfeited to the general school fund of the county. On and after May 25, 1907, each district clerk's report will be carefully examined to see that the 85 per cent is spent for teachers' salary and for no other purpose. Therefore each district having on hand any part of this 85 per cent fund at the end of year 24, must be careful to spend it. I have no objection in the least to any district's paying the 85 per cent fund over to the general school fund of the county. Clerk's salary must be received from the 15 per cent allowed for each purpose.

### ABOUT OUR ROADS.

Postmaster Has a Word to Say of Them.

Editor Gazette: There are sections of roads leading out of Corvallis over which rural delivery routes are in operation which are sadly in need of improvement, and I desire space to briefly call the attention of patrons of these routes to the urgent need for early action in getting these sections repaired. In a recent communication from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, division of general delivery, I was requested to bring the matter of road improvement to the attention of patrons and the county court, informing them "the department requires all roads over which rural delivery service is established to be maintained in condition to be traveled with facility and service at all seasons of the year, and that unless some action is taken within the next thirty days, or as soon as conditions of weather and ground will permit, to improve the roads the department will seriously consider the withdrawal of rural service therefrom." Further, I am directed to report results to the department after a reasonable opportunity has been given the parties interested to repair the roads. While all of the roads on which rural service is maintained are in need of repair, I desire to call particular attention to pieces or sections of roads that have been impassible during the past winter. On three of these routes the carriers have been compelled, on account of the condition of the roads, to leave their teams tied by the roadside and deliver mail to their respective patrons afoot. The sections referred to are as follows: On route No. 1 from the Mountain View school house to the Mays' corner, particularly from Bicknell's west. On route No. 2 from E. L. Davis' to the Beaver Creek school house. On route No. 3 from the Witham school house to the C. G. Davis place. On route No. 4 from Bruce around to Inavale a considerable portion of the road has been in a deplorable condition all winter. Much of the time the carrier has been compelled to travel through a private gate way in order to serve his route. This road is in the foot hills and on account of the nature of the soil it will be necessary to do considerable intelligent work this spring if a decent road is to be maintained throughout the winter months. The attention of the county court has been called to the matter and its members are disposed to co-operate in an effort to get the roads mentioned above properly improved. But it will also be necessary for the patrons on these several routes to materially assist in the matter if the desired results are to be attained.

### Funeral of Mrs. Barden.

Mrs. August Barden died at the home on Water street Friday morning after suffering a second stroke of paralysis during the previous night. Nellie B. Barden was born near Ann Arbor, Michigan, about 53 years ago. But little is known of her early life, save that she was married to August Barden in Crookston, Minnesota, about seven years ago, and came to Corvallis three or four years ago. The funeral occurred from the residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Eastern Star lodge of which deceased was a member. The services were conducted by Rev. J. R. N. Bell of the Presbyterian church, and interment was in Crystal Lake cemetery.

### The Thaw Mistrial.

Failure of the Thaw jury to agree upon a verdict shows that "unwritten law" has not so strong a position in the minds of the people in the East as it has in the West and South, declares an Oregonian editorial. Had Thaw's crime been committed in this section of the country he would quite likely have been acquitted, not because of any admiration for the defendant, but because of the feeling that Thaw had performed a public service. Seven men voting for a verdict of murder in the first degree, while five voted for a "quit" shows that the majority opinion was adverse to any recognition of the right of private vengeance. In the trial of the case Mr. Jerome placed special emphasis upon the absurdity of the existence of an unwritten law. The evidence in the case and the instructions given by the court left little room for a verdict other than murder in the first degree or acquittal. After listening to the story of Evelyn Thaw, which would almost have moved a heart of stone, seven men on the jury stood firmly for a verdict in strict accordance with the letter of the law. The new trial will be held under conditions rarely if ever known in this country. How a jury can be found composed of men who have not read or heard the evidence and formed and expressed an opinion is difficult to understand. A stronger case for the defense is impossible, while there is the possibility that new evidence may be discovered by the prosecution or something may occur that will deprive Thaw of some of the sympathy he has received. That the country should be afflicted with a repetition of the story is deplorable, but under the present plans the evidence must be reheard before another jury.

### COLUMBIA MEET.

OAC Second—Made Splendid Record—Journal Comment.

In an extensive write-up of the Columbia meet in which OAC figured in Portland last Saturday, the Journal says of the OAC men: The only two running events in which Kelly did not participate—the 880 yard run and the mile run—were captured by DeVolt of the Oregon Agricultural College, who showed remarkable speed and endurance. He won the former with ease and in the longer event brought out a thunder of applause at his final performance on the last lap. DeVolt stood in close behind Leonard when the starting shot was fired. But the latter's pace evidently proved too slow for the husky sprints from Corvallis, for on the second lap he took the lead and maintained his position. Respectfully,  
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