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INSPECTOR ARRESTED

Yocum Orchard Is Thoroughly Sprayed Nevertheless

In an effort to test the validity of the Oregon state fruit inspection laws, Thos. Yocum of Garfield recently refused to spray and generally live up to the requirements of the law, as specified by Clackamas county inspector, P. F. Standish of Garfield.

Inasmuch as Mr. Yocum refused to do as suggested by the inspector, he as duly served with the necessary legal notices and at the expiration of the stipulated time, the inspector and assistants attempted to perform their duties, of spraying the six acres of apple orchard.

The inspector, assistants and Marshall Ames were arrested, when they attempted to proceed with the work, but were immediately released and the case which was to come up Thursday in the Justice Court, was dismissed by County Attorney Hedges.

Aside from the bother of this arrest and a few trivial hindrances placed in their way, the inspector went ahead and thoroughly sprayed the trees. The cost of this work is charged against the property on the county records and such action as the defendant may now have, will be against the county and the State Board of Horticulture. It is not likely that this charge can be dismissed, as it would take a large amount of money to fight the matter through the courts and then the validity of the law would probably be upheld, as it has been in other cases.

Many similar attempts have been made in other parts of the state to test this law, but in each case the law has been upheld and the farmer fighting it has merely wasted his money. Recently a Yamhill county farmer lost out, in the instance of having had his trees cut down by the inspection officials.

The Yocum orchard, in question, is located in the Garfield fruit section, comprising about six acres of old apple trees, about one third of which are bearing fair samples of fruit, but owing to having had little care, the fruit is far from merchantable. This orchard for sometime past has been a pasture for hogs.

There was a very small amount of sentiment expressed in favor of Mr. Yocum's attitude but sentiment was strong in favor of the inspector. It was reported that several farmers had agreed to help defray the expenses of such a test, but if so, their identities have been kept secret.

Legally, the inspector had the right to have ordered the Yocum orchard cut down and much of it would be better off if this had been done. Hereafter, in the case of parties refusing to spray and care for the trees as specified, the extreme measure will be taken, the trees cut down and the charges placed against the property, on the county's records.

It is to be hoped that this antagonistic feeling will not spread and that as a protection for the neighboring fruit growers, the horticultural laws will be lived up to.

It will profit a man nothing to raise other than clean fruit hereafter and a diseased orchard will not bear such a product. The law regulating the sale of diseased and wormy apples and other fruit will be enforced in Clackamas county from now on.

The following question has been asked by some of the parties, who are antagonistic to the inspection laws: "Does the fruit inspection board expect to spray all of the trees in the forests, such as wild crab apples, which are infected with disease?" Usually the questioner feels that this is a stunner and its answer should prove the futility of trying to combat and regulate disease in domestic orchards.

It would be as sensible to refuse to kill your dog which has the rabies or refuse to muzzle the animal to help control the spread of the disease, by asking: "Do the authorities expect to muzzle all of the coyotes in the mountains and kill those that are mad?"

Society today is based on laws and these laws are passed by representatives elected by the people. The law of the state of Oregon is back of the efforts of the county fruit inspector. Oregon as a state and Clackamas county as a unit, are ever advertising to the world their famous fruit growing lands and for the protection of those interests, such a law was necessary, but its enforcement is necessary against the man who is not in the fruit raising business as a rule, but whose ill cared for trees breed and scatter disease among the neighboring commercial orchards.

Anyone or all of these same misguided men would come to his neighbor's help in the event of any casualty threatening his family, home, barns, crops or fields. If his house was on fire he would risk his life to help, or would stay up all night to help that neighbor doctor a sick horse, but if he will stop to realize it, he is refusing to go to a small expense, which will directly benefit him, and will save his neighbor thousands of dollars.

If the diseases of fruit trees were as malignant and acted as quickly as potato blight or similar diseases, no farmer would hesitate for a minute to spray or in any other way stamp out the disease, but the fruit diseases while harder to see and slower in action, are just as dangerous.

Work Begun

The rebuilding of the burned Cary Mercantile store is now under way. The work is in charge of a McMinnville contractor but local men are being employed. At the present rate, the building should be completed within a few weeks.

BRIDE DROWNED IN WELL

Temporary Insanity Probable Cause of Deed

The hundreds of friends and relatives of Mrs. Minnie K. Armstrong were greatly shocked to learn of her sudden death, last Monday noon, at her home in Lower Garfield.

Mrs. Armstrong, who was in her twenty-fifth year, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steinman of Currinsville. She was married the 17th of last February to George Armstrong of Garfield and the young couple immediately began housekeeping on their pretty ranch, which was formerly the D. M. Marshall place.

The couple were apparently happy in their married life, entering into all of the social life of the younger folks and had attended the dance in Estacada last Saturday night. Aside from a strong tendency towards homesickness and its consequent moody spells, the bride was in the best of health and spirits, giving her attention to her home and her husband.

Monday morning her husband had left her busily engaged in the house work, to attend to some work on the rear of the farm and on returning to the house about 11 o'clock, was unable to find her. He immediately notified some of the neighbors, who thoroughly investigated the 40 foot well, which is located a few feet from the kitchen door. This well was not in use as water is piped through the house from a nearby spring, and the well is ordinarily covered. The lid, covering the 18x20 inch opening into the curb, was found at one side and the immediate fears of searchers were soon justified.

With the help of Frank Thomas, Fred Bates, Geo. DeShields and the Duus boys, Ernest Duus was lowered into the well, where he succeeded in fastening a rope about the body, which had been brought to the surface of the 7 feet of water with a grappling hook, and the body was brought to the top.

At about six o'clock that night, acting coroner, John Sievers of Oregon City, and assistant arrived at the house, accompanied by Dr. H. V. Adix of Estacada. A coroner's jury was immediately sworn in, which body, after listening to all of the evidence from all witnesses, handed in a verdict of "Death by drowning, from causes unknown". While this verdict, owing to its wording, was subject to question, the reason for such finding was that no strong motive for self destruction could be found and the element of accident was a negligible one.

A slight rumor of foul play and mystery was current for a time, owing to the supposed disappearance of a sum of money, which was not found on the premises, until the following day.

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C. I. C. Takes Action

At the regular meeting of the C. I. C. last Saturday afternoon, the club voted to join the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The object of this alliance is to get into closer touch with other similar organizations and to profit by their experience. Incidentally the Progress believes that the State Federation will also profit by getting some of the ideas and methods of hustling that have characterized the C. I. C.

The members decided to request the city council to formulate and present an application to the secretary of the Carnegie Corporation of New York City, asking for help from that source in the obtaining of a library for Estacada.

In a letter to Mrs. Blanche Frazier, M. Ernest Kroner of Portland, who was the architect for Carnegie libraries at Woodburn, Hillsboro, McMinnville and other Oregon cities, states that it will be necessary for the city to pass a resolution, applying for funds from the Carnegie Corporation. Mr. Kroner further says that an amount equal to 10% of the sum donated must be annually furnished by the city or other organization, and that this sum must be used for maintenance of the building and equipment. The city must own the lot and the property must be free of incumbrances, before the Carnegie Corporation will consider any donation.

The C. I. C. is now raising about \$30. per month for lighting the city, the ladies are willing to raise \$12. per month more, which would make \$500. per year, which amount would equal 10% of a \$5000. donation. It probably would not be necessary for the club to guarantee this sum for many years, as a regular library tax fund would soon be created, which would handle that item.

It should not be necessary for the C. I. C. to have to buy a lot and now is a good chance for some public spirited citizen, who wishes to immortalize his name, to rise as a benefactor and philanthropist and present the city with a suitable lot, providing it is used for a library. In order to do away with any confusion, the Progress will keep tab on all such offers and would like to be able to chronicle such a showing of public spiritedness on the part of one or more of our citizens.

Farmers' Institute

Beginning at 10 A. M. March 19th and continuing Saturday the 20th, Farmers' Institute will be held at Springwater Grange hall. Friday will be O. A. C. Day with the following subjects: Horticulture, Agronomy, Dairying, Animal Husbandry and Domestic Science.

Saturday will be U. of O. Day and among the speakers will be Dr. Clifton B. Hodge, Dr. Gilbert M. Kilpatrick and possibly Pres Campbell of the university. Everyone is invited to attend these instructive meetings.