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FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

DATES FOR MEETINGS.

They Will Be Held at Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Reedville and Beaverton in October.

County Fruit Inspector Harris was in the city Tuesday on his regular round of inspection, and during a visit of a few minutes at this office, informed us that he was highly gratified with the way fruit growers are falling into line in the endeavor to better the fruit conditions of Washington county. He said he has had very little trouble with the growers and all have promised to spray their trees and do all possible in an endeavor to rid orchards of the fruit pests.

Mr. Harris is organizing the Fruit Growers' Association in several towns in the county, and he hopes to have the organization completed this week. There is an association at Forest Grove now, which is doing great good along the lines of orchard protection, and in the towns of Beaverton, Reedville, and Hillsboro the association will be completed and in working order before the end of the week. On October 24th a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Beaverton; at Reedville on the 25th; Hillsboro, the 26th, and at Forest Grove on the 27th. Mr. Harris is anxious that these meetings should be largely attended, for matters of great interest to growers will come up. Remember the dates and attend the meetings if possible.

The following state law may be of special interest to all growing fruit in this section, and we publish it in full for their perusal:

An Act to protect the fruit and hop industry in the State of Oregon. Be enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation owning or operating any nursery, fruit orchard of any kind, hop yards, flower gardens, or ornamental trees to throw any cuttings or prunings from any fruit trees, nursery stock, ornamental trees, or hop vines, into any public road, highway, lane field or other enclosure, or in any water course of any kind; but shall destroy such cuttings or prunings with fire within thirty days from the time such cuttings or prunings are made.

Section 2. It shall hereafter be the duty of any person, firm, or corporation owning or operating any such nursery, fruit orchard, hop yard, flower garden, or ornamental trees and knowing such to be infected with any kind of insects, pests, or disease to immediately spray or destroy the same in such manner as the fruit commissioner of his district may direct.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation doing business in the State of Oregon to sell parasitic green, arsenic, london purple, sulphur or any spray material or compound for spraying purposes, in quantities exceeding one pound, without providing with each pound sold a certificate duly signed by the seller thereof guaranteeing the quality and per cent of purity of said materials.

Section 4. Any person, firm, or corporation selling any of the above materials which do not conform with the certificate furnished therewith shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to import or sell any infected or diseased fruit of any kind in the State of Oregon.

Section 6. Every person who packs or prepares for shipment to any point without the state, or who delivers or causes to be delivered to any express agent, or railroad agent, or other person, or to any transportation company or corporation for shipment to any point within the state, any fruit or fruits, either fresh, cured, or dried, that is infected with insects, pests, or diseases injurious to trees, shrubs, plants, fruits, or vegetables, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 7. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of the State Board of Horticulture of the district in which a violation of this act occurs, to present the evidence of the case to the District Attor-

ney, whose duty it shall be to prosecute any person guilty of a violation of this act; which prosecution may be brought in any of the Justice Courts of this state.

Section 9. Inasmuch as the horticultural interests of this state demand immediate attention, this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

A person traveling from one end of the valley to the other will be surprised to note the thousands of bushels of apples rotting on the ground. Because of the order issued by fruit inspectors, growers dare not offer for sale diseased fruit, and upon examination it will be found that most of the apples going to waste are worm eaten or covered with San Jose scale. Nothing but a systematic fight against the scale, and codlin moth will save the immense orchards now going to ruin, some of them right here in our own county. On a recent trip over the Corvallis & Eastern railroad we noticed many fine orchards heavily laden with fruit and was told that much of it would have to be sent to the mill or fed to the hogs because of the scale, which prevented a sale of the fruit in open market. Growers in that section are preparing to fight the pest and, we understand, will organize and go at it in a systematic manner.

A special from Grant's Pass says the Grant's Pass Fruitgrowers' Union which was organized early this fall, has begun a campaign to exterminate the pests that threaten to ruin the fruit industry in Josephine county on the Southern Pacific railway. So great has been the damage to the fruit this season that fully seventy-five per cent of the fruit is affected more or less with San Jose scale or codlin moth, and the loss to the farmers will reach fully \$30,000 at 50 cents a box.

The farmers and business men, as a result of the six fruit growers' meetings recently held in that county by Dr. Withycombe and institute staff of the State Agricultural College, have come to realize the loss that the pests are causing and the value that the fruit industry would be if carried on as it is at Hood River and other sections.

Josephine county is in the center of Rogue River valley, famous for producing the finest apples, pears, peaches and grapes, but owing to gold mining having been the leading industry for fifty years, fruit-raising has not been given the prominence that it has been in the adjoining section of the valley embraced in Jackson county.

Now the orchards are to receive quite as much attention as the mines. At a meeting of the Fruit-growers' Union Saturday, it was decided to have a county fruit inspector appointed by the county court. County Judge Stephen Jewell was present at the meeting and promised the heartiest co-operation of the county court in enforcing the state law against such tree owners as would not free their trees of pests or cut them down. Hon. A. H. Carson, member of the State Board of Horticulture for that district, is assisting the union in the war on the pests and it is the purpose to have as perfect a lot of fruit another year to ship from Josephine county as was ever put on the market.

The French are said to be the most saving of people, and the Americans have the reputation of being the most extravagant. Yet, in twenty years, bank deposits in this country have increased at a faster ratio than they have in France. From 1885 to 1905 bank deposits in France increased from \$182,000,000 to \$579,000,000, or about 218 per cent. Deposits in national banks in the United States for the same period increased from \$1,248,000,000 to \$4,735,000,000, or 271 per cent. No other nation can show such remarkable growth as the United States and France.

Reports from the hop yards at Josephine county are to the effect that the yield is a heavy one, the rain doing but slight damage. Quality is good and yield one per cent heavier than last year.

DON'T SIP IT DRINK IT ALL

ON A "MILWAUKEE" DINER.

A Finger-Bowl Story that Actually Happened on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

There was a scene in the dining car of The Pioneer limited on The Milwaukee Road Thursday night worthy of a place in an American comedy, and yet serious enough to afford Clyde Fitch material for an act of drama. When The Pioneer left for Chicago, there were millionaires and business men from Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul seated at the tables awaiting service. Col. Dan Healy, the veteran dining car conductor of the train, was there also, while out on the vestibule, peering through the plate glass door, were three construction foremen, returning from a week on the road between Chicago and Wadsworth.

The three constructionists placed their hands on the knob of the door alternately and finally one of them, taunted by the other, opened the door and entered the diner, followed by his comrades. Then the curtain rose on the play.

Approaching Col. Healy, the foremost of the horny-handed road builders extended his brawny arm and apologetically inquired if he and his partner could "secure a bite if they had the money."

"Sure, Mike," said Conductor Dan with a hearty laugh. "Come on in."

Before reaching the interior of the Limited palatial diner, however, the leader of the men who build railroads tapped Conductor Dan on the shoulder, and confidentially whispered in his ear.

"Are you a officer of the road?"

"Sure, Mike," was the ready reply of Conductor Dan, whose eye is ever attentive to the guests of the Milwaukee Road's hotel on wheels.

"So are I," again whispered the dust brouer. "I live out here at the hub of the universe, but this is the first time I ever had a bite to eat on one of the company's trains."

"Will anyone object to us?" timidly negotiated the other members of the trio.

"Not while I'm around. Everybody in this car has worked for a living as you and I do, and some of them are still doing it. They're not all stockholders in the road. Not yet. You're perfectly welcome. Come on in and be seated. Here's a waite for you."

They fumbled their hats. They stroked their foreheads and they perused he bill of fare which was handed them by the waiter:

Lobster a la Newburg Roman Punch Soft Shell Crabs Shrimp Salad Lobster Salad

"Sy," said the smaller of the party, "let's get some of those clams with the small neck's, some ham and eggs, some 'taters and call it off. That's good enough for me."

At the waiter passed Healy, the latter remarked, "Give it to them right and bring them some sliced tomatoes and strawberries."

"Just look how Dan dressed that tab over there," remarked a Milwaukee banker.

He has a great eye for color effect," said a Waukesha merchant opposite. "See how he's matched that thork of those eggs with sliced tomatoes and strawberries. Dan is certainly very artistic."

When the railroad builders had finished the waiter had brought a cut glass finger bowl. They eyed each other suspiciously, and then one picked up a spoon and after stirring the slice of lemon in the bowl for a while he began sipping the water. His friends followed suit.

As anyone who has dined with Dan Healy knows that he sees everything that happens on the Pioneer dining car, so stepping over to his unsophisticated guests he suggested, as Dan Healy can suggest— "wouldn't sip it if I were you; it's the best ever. Just drink it right out of the bowl. That's the

stuff that makes this car famous. Did you enjoy yourselves, gentlemen? I am very glad. Always glad to see you. Come in again. And the little comedy was enjoyed as only a party of Healy's friends can during the trip from Chicago and Milwaukee on The Pioneer Limited.—The Milwaukee Free Press.

SLASHED IN A DRUNKEN ROW

CHARLES BIGGS ARRESTED.

While Drunk He Cuts John Roberts in the Neck With a Knife— He is Under Arrest.

Special to The Independent.

Sherwood, Or., Sept. 25, 1906. A nearly tragic cutting affair occurred here on Monday evening, John Roberts being the victim, with a slashed throat. Charles Biggs, the assailant, while double-shotted with booze, as aulted him with a pocket knife, the blade penetrating near, and under the chin on the right side and emerging near the left ear making a gash above six inches in length, but fortunately not deep enough to reach the larger blood vessels located in that region. Several small branches were severed and profuse hemorrhage followed before the wound was dressed. His coat was found to be slashed in several places by the knife but no other wound followed. Biggs is an inmate of the city jail at present and the case has been referred to the deputy prosecuting attorney pending action next Thursday. Roberts is badly wounded, but will recover, without complications, so says Dr. Saylor, the attending surgeon.

Questions For School Directors.

Are the school grounds properly fenced, or the vagrant hogs of the neighborhood permitted to hold public meetings on the school lot or in the school house cellar?

Are the outbuildings in strict conformity with the law and have they been properly cleaned and disinfected?

Are their doors hung without either hinge or latch, or do they disregard these as non-essential to outside architecture?

Are these outbuildings kept in a respectable condition, or are they dismal, dirty, dingy, disagreeable and disgraceful, devil-devised dens, with sin-scratched walls and sin-producing suggestions?

Is this condition repulsive to the fine tastes and pure moral tone of the child? Are they what they should be, or are they "seminaries of sin," whose vicious, venomous, voiceless, vice-producing virus is sufficient to annul the whole moral influence of the best of teachers?

Was the well or spring cleaned during the vacation, or are they filled with decaying and death-dealing vegetable matter?

Has the pump a handle and a spout, and are sure that the supply of water, for your school is both pure and abundant?

Is there a knob on the door, and glass in the windows, or was your school building the gloomy abode of bats and tramps during the vacation?

Have you placed fastenings on the shutters of your buildings, or is the teacher compelled to invoke the aid of a friendly rail from a neighboring

tence to keep them quiet on a windy day?

Does the flapping of the shutters in the wintry wind ever seem to you the spiritual rappings of some departed director who failed to do his duty to the school while in the flesh, and thus in aimless, endless restlessness returns with the sighing and moaning of the storm fiend as a warning to the living?

Are there shades upon the windows, or does the blinding sun beat in upon the unprotected heads of the children, impairing the delicacy and power of the human eye for all time?

Was the stove polished prior to the opening of school, or is it still covered with the incrustation of rust and tobacco juice that have been accumulating during all the political campaigns held in it since the days of General Jackson?

Is there a door on it with two whole hinges, and does the wide crack in its bowl, from which exudes deadly gases to stifle the children and retard their mental efforts add anything to its beauty and utility?

Has the building been thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned during the memory of the oldest inhabitant, or in the solemn phrase of the law, "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or do you think a school house should be cleaned every twenty-five years, whether it needs it or not?

If the once white (in the remote past) but now browned school house is rotting to the ground for want of a coat of paint, why not recommend a touch of whitewash?

Do you believe that "cleanliness is next to godliness," or that water, soap, and towels have no relation whatever to morals?

Is there a sprinkling can in your school or do you expect the wash basin, with its rust holes in the bottom to take its place?—Journal of Education.

There is little danger of having too much wheat this year. The demands for flour in the Orient are beginning to be felt now and more steamers are considered a probable necessity to handle the product.

All merchants know what it is to meet the competition of the catalogue houses, and most of them know the aggravation of seeing their logical customers sending money away to the big cities for goods they could and should buy at home. However, few have ever been placed in the position of the Nebraska country merchant who tells of an experience of his own with a farmer. The farmer borrowed ten dollars of him, saying that the bank was closed and he had to send that amount away to Montgomery, Ward & Co.

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