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Song of the Oregon Pine.

By Bert Hoffman

I am a harp of a thousand strings—
A wake to the faintest voice that sing!
Coo of the dove to its mate in the nest
Softly I echo with passionate zest
Call of the wolf to its whelps in the night,
Weirdly I whisper with wild delight
Lark of the lark in the upland sea,
Moan of the waves on the sun-kissed sea—
Joy of the surf on the rock-bound beach—
These I gather, and set to speech!
Coo of the dove, winding afar,
Coo of the wave on the distant bar,
Sigh of the magical summer night,
Scream of the eagles' dizzy flight—
The song that trembles over my strings
Is the broken chords of a thousand things
Outward, upward my harp-strings reach,
Bringing from Chaos the pine tree's speech!
Wonder and Mystery, Joy and Fears,
The multiple song of a thousand years!—
From The Pacific Monthly for February.

"Let us spray" seems to be the watchword among fruit-growers just now.

The edict has gone forth that the wormy apple must go from the markets and here is encouragement for the grower who goes to the trouble and expense of cultivating and spraying his orchard, in order to be able to furnish the market with first class fruit.

In several instances the office appeared to be seeking the man in this county, but the balmy southwest winds of the past few days have brought out several men who signify a willingness to be sacrificed and it looks now like full tickets would be in the field, with some to spare.

If you want to know what the general public thinks of the improvement of First street just ask any traveling man who comes to town. We have heard a number express themselves in the past few weeks and the universal statement has been that it is the best piece of work that has been done on the streets of any Willamette valley town in recent years.

It is encouraging to note that our people are waking up to the fact that they must spray their rose bushes and their shrubbery, as well fruit trees, in order to ward off the encroachment of the San Jose scale. Several parties are rigging up spraying outfits and it is to be hoped that none will neglect what is now known to be a plain duty to themselves, as well as to their neighbors.

The tearing down of the old woodshed adjoining the Moore property on Meridian street, for the purpose of replacing it with a more slightly structure is a great relief. Now if the residents of that part of town could only witness the removal of another woodshed and an unsightly barn located not very far away from the Moore property, there would be further rejoicing. Strangers in town make much favorable comment on our well painted buildings, but there are a few instances where a small amount of money would add much to the appearance of things. Old unpainted buildings are an eyesore to any town and when adjoining buildings are well painted the unfavorable contrast is magnified all the more.

The Southern Pacific railroad company is arranging to make tests of the soil in twenty or more localities throughout the Willamette valley, with the hope that it may be demonstrated that alfalfa can be successfully grown in the valley. The plan is to select five-acre tracts at different points, furnish the seed and have the soil prepared and seed sown according to instructions. The plan is certainly a worthy one and every possible encouragement should be held out to the officials to give the matter a fair test. W. W. Col-

ton, who has had practical experience in alfalfa culture, is preparing a pamphlet upon this subject, and anyone who may be interested can secure a copy by addressing Paul Shoup, assistant general freight agent, Worcester Building, Portland.

Note From Mr. Goodrich.

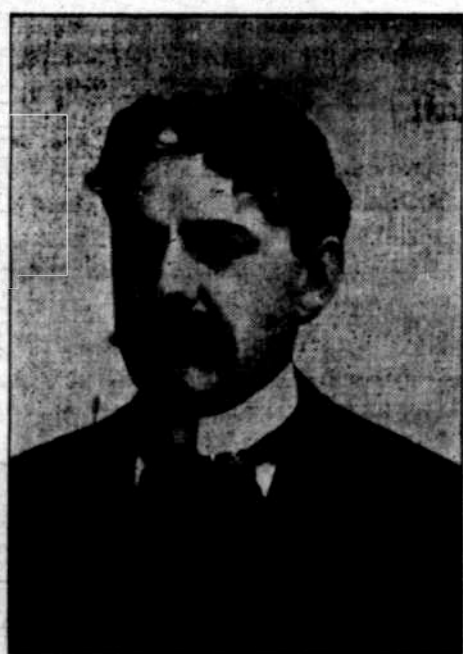
The county fruit inspector, A. C. Goodrich, who was making an inspection of a number of orchards in the Springbrook neighborhood the first of the week, called at this office Tuesday morning. He says an orchard that is in good condition in other ways may be saved from the ravages of the San Jose scale, although it may already be pretty badly affected, if vigorous treatment is given and properly followed up. One orchard was found near Springbrook that is so badly done up by the scale and utter neglect that he thinks best to recommend its destruction. The following note was left for publication:

To the Editor: It is well at this time, perhaps, to call the attention of the fruit growers of this vicinity to the mistake that seems liable to be made in the spray material used. The San Jose scale is so prevalent that, even if your orchard is apparently not affected, it is much better to use a spray that will kill it, especially as this can be done with one that is as good a fungicide as any. Salt-sulphur-lime is as good for the moss as is the Bordeaux and will in addition kill the San Jose scale while the Bordeaux will not.

Because of this every orchard here should be sprayed with the salt-sulphur-lime spray and it should be done before the buds open as the spray will burn the foliage, if used at the necessary strength to kill the scale. In apple orchards infected with anthracnose, and nearly all of them are, it is, perhaps, as well to add from 8 to 10 pounds of blue vitriol to each 150 pounds of spray, adding after the sulphur is dissolved. I think it best to not omit the salt as some propose for, while the authorities are conflicting, it seems to make the spray stick better in case it is followed by a rain, as is so liable here.

If the orchards are well pruned and sprayed there will be no trouble in controlling the scale, while if they are not many of the orchards will soon not be worth the ground they occupy.

A. C. GOODRICH,
County Fruit Inspector.
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