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REPORT TO STATE HORTICULTURAL BOARD

A. H. Carson, Commissioner for This District, Writes an Interesting Report of Conditions in Southern Oregon.

To the president and members of State Board of Horticulture:

Gentlemen:

I hereby respectfully submit my semi-annual report of the Horticultural industry for the Third District to October 1st, 1903.

The fruit crop, together with prices for the same, with the exception of the peach, verified the prediction I made last February, when I published in the local papers of my district, a warning to the fruit growers of the necessity of their being active and alert in spraying their orchards for San Jose scale and fungi, so that their orchards would be in the best possible condition to mature the abundant crop that was promised at that date.

Owing to climatic conditions that prevailed at the blooming of the peach, the crop in the district as a whole was not over 20 per cent, although Ashland, a favored locality for the peach, had 40 per cent. The apple, pear, prune are record breaking crops, being by far the largest ever grown in this district, and the demand for Eastern and European shipments are strong.

In view of the estimate published by the apple shippers' association in the Fruitman Guide, that the apple crop of the United States for 1903 would be 6,989,000 barrels larger than last year's crop, this Eastern and European demand for Oregon apples at 40 to 50 per cent higher than last year, is somewat of a surprise. It is possible the superior quality of Oregon apples are becoming known in the East, or the apple shippers associations' estimates were far from the mark, and was intended to serve some business motive in its interest.

When Spitz, Jonathans and Yellow Newtons sell here in car lots at $1.50 per box f. o. b., as thousands of boxes are sold for in the Rogue river valley at this oata, I think there can be but little value placed on the estimate of the apple shippers association. From date which I have carefully collected during the season, I estimate this district will ship:

500 car loads of apples.
200 car loads of pears.
7,000,000, pounds cured prunes.
10,000 boxes peaches.

At the ruling prices the value of the crop is as follows:

Apples	$275,000
Pears	100,000
Prunes	210,000
Peaches	5,000
Total	$590,000.

I estimate the small fruit such as berries, grapes and apples, peaches, pears and prunes consumed and sold and used by the people of the district at $50,000, making the total value of all fruits exported and used at home $640,000.

This increase in value and quantity of fruits over 1901 and 1902 is not entirely due to the heavy crops, but many new orchards coming into bearing for the first time, and more and better methods in spraying and cultivation.

With this year's large crop and the difficulty of getting labor to handle it promptly, is a problem that many of the thoughtful growers are beginning to study.

With the acreage increasing from year to year, new orchards coming into bearing, the question arises, "Will our population and resident labor increase as rapidly as the fruit industry is increasing?" Unless emigration supplies the want of our orchard men for labor the problem to handle and care for the vast quantity of fruit that will be grown in Southern Oregon in a few years will indeed need much thought.

Labor is well paid for by our orchard men, young girls who have become expert apple packers, make from $2 to $3.50 per day while men as common laborers make from $1.75 to $2.00. Last winter in the vicinity of Medford there were 1500 acres planted to apples. High prices with the large yield of apples and pears this year will stimulate planting this coming winter. From my knowledge and information through leading growers, I estimate there will be 3000 acres planted to apples in the Rogue river valley the coming winter. Yellow Newtons, Spitz and Jonathan, the leading varieties. Douglas county will plant largely to the apple this winter. Douglas has the soil and climate and can grow an ideal apple.

Take the line of the Southern Pacific Ry., running through Douglas county and there are thousands of acres of choice apple lands that will be planted in a few years. Riddles, Myrtle Creek, Ruckles, Dillard, Roseburg, Wilbur, Oakland, Yoncolla and Drain stations on the Southern Pacific Ry., in Douglas county, have hundreds of acres of choice apple lands in two to four miles of each station. I have seen as fine apples grown in Douglas county as can be grown in any apple section in the United States.

Experience is a good teacher, 12 and 15 years ago the apple growers of Rogue river planted from 20 to 25 feet apart. Now they see that distance is too close and many of them will take up alternate rows to give the trees necessary room.

In most of the apple soil of Rogue river 36 feet apart should be the minimum distance, and in the strongest and best soils, 48 feet apart is much better. To see the utility of this advice, one should visit the orchards in this valley at apple-gathering that are 20 to 25 feet apart and then visit Mr. M. S. Pelett's orchard of Talent which is planted 36 feet apart. Mr. Pellett has 130 acres in orchard—10 acres in apples and 10 acres in pears. His orchard is 13 years old, i. e., the bearing trees; 8000 boxes of Yellow Newtons would run from three to four tier, while all of his Wine Saps, (never are very large apples) would all go four tier. The apples in this orchard were all gilt edged stock and are already contracted at $1.50 per box f. o. b. The soil is ideal apple soil, being a deep black loam with sand and gravel sub-soil and has the distance and room to grow, which facilitates cultivation.

Spraying last spring for scale was better and more thorough than in the past, although the scale has not been exterminated, yet its destructive effects are being lessened. During the summer months, spraying for the apple worm was thorough and in most orchards the loss from this pest will be small. Thanks to Prof. A. B. Cordley of Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, through his study and observations of the apple anthracnose, we find, by following his advise, this fungus which threatened the apple industry with distruction two and three years ago, yields readily by spraying early in the fall with bordeaux.

In the fore part of September I was with Profs. Cordley and Lake when they established a small colony of the Asiatic Lady Bugs (sent them by Secretary Wilson of Washington, D. C.) in a scale infested orchard near Jacksonville. This species is said to be predacious and preys upon the San Jose scale. There has been observed in this valley for several years what we call the two-spotted lady bug, supposed to be a native. The lady bug feeds on the scale, and in an old orchard of very large trees near where I live, which was badly infected with scale, these supposed native lady bugs were first noticed in 1901. In 1902 they greatly increased in numbers and I observed them both in the bottle and larvae feeding on the scale. Last spring these lady bugs became very numerous in this old orchard. The orchard bloomed heavily and the trees showed marked vigor and vitality and during the growing period, set a heavy crop of apples. In August I spent the most of the day at this orchard examining the trees and fruit for scale, but was unable to find a single live scale in the orchard, although the old shells of the scale were very plentiful on all of the trees. The apples were clean and all free of the marks of the scale. I found at that date plenty of the lady bugs. That this lady bug exterminated the scale in this orchard can not be questioned. With a strong glass I have noted them feeding on the scale, both the adult beetle and larvae.

In appearance this lady bug we suppose to be a native Oregonian, is identical with the Asiatic species sent Profs. Cordley and Lake by Secretray Wilson. It is a domed shaped beetle one eighth of an inch in diameter, color glossy or metallic black, with a deep red spot about the size of a medium pin head on each wing cover. Since seeing Prof. Cordley at Jacksonville, I have tried to procure specimens from this orchard, but could find none, as they seem to have deserted this orchard and gone to new pastures. I do not think this lady bug I have described can be the Pentilia Misella as its size is to great for the Pentilia. I am not familiar with the Pentilia, but understand it is a very small black beetle without the two red spots and about 1-16 of an inch in diameter.

Now the question will arise "Will this lady bug or any predacious insect which preys on the scale, keep it in check" so that we can relieve ourselves of the labors and expense of spraying annually for the scale?"

I think it would be unwise, and might cost us dearly to depend on any predacious insect to destroy the scale and abandon the spray pump. Until we know, let us spray.

A. H. CARSON,
Com. Third District.

Ran a Ten Penny Nail Through His Hand

While opening a box, J C Mount, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would cause me," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and occasionally afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness and the injured parts were soon healed." For sale by all druggists.

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ANCIENT COINS FOUND

Silver Piece Dated 1765 Found in Back Yard.

Claude Trimble, while cutting down some manzanita brush on his father's place on Fourth street, found two ancient Bulgarian coins dated 1764 and 1765 respectively. The coins are silver about the size of a 25 cent piece, one of them well preserved, while the other is punched and shows wear. When found they were bright and evidently had not lain there many years. A possible source of their appearance at that place might be from the exceedingly tough band of Gypsies that passed through here in the spring. Some of the women wore Bulgarian coins in their hair, and probably had more coins about their person, and it is possible that some of the Gypsies were prowling around Mr. Trimble's house to pick up any stray article that might be handy, and dropped the coins.

Mothers

Who would keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the children's best tonic. It gets digestion at work so that their food does them good and they grow up healthy and strong. 25c at Slover Drug Co.

Hartford and Vedettes are cheap now at Cramer Bros.

MYSTIC RITES AT ASHLAND

Unregenerate Sons of the Desert Cross the Burning Sands.

The extraordinary ceremonial session of Al Kader Temple of Portland, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in Ashland, Saturday, brought together a notable gathering of Shriners from Portland and various parts of the state, who came on this, the first pilgrimage which Al Kader temple has made in 18 years, says the Tidings. The occasion was the initiation of half a hundred unregenerate sons of the Southern Oregon desert into the mysteries of the ancient rights and ceremonies of the Shrine. The Portland contingent numbering about 75 arrived on the noon train Saturday, bringing the instruments of torture and the extensive paraphernalia necessary to the conferring of this solemn and serious side of Masonry upon the chosen candidates. Other Nobles gathered from various parts of the state to assist in the ceremonies and join in the social festivities of the occasion, all of which took place at Ganiard's opera house and which concluded with a banquet.

A novel and striking feature of the celebration was the street parade which is believed to have been the first one ever given on this coast, although they are not unknown in the eastern states. The Shriners formed in parade in fantastic uniform and headed by their drum corps, and followed by a long line of candidates, roped together, marched through the streets with them, the Arab patrol picking up stragglers wherever found and hurrying them into the line, a procedure that afforded much amusement to the outsiders as well as the Shriners themselves.

The visitors to Ashland on this occasion were all delighted with their stay here and the entertainment afforded them, and were loud in their praises of the hospitality of the city and of the local committee of Shriners who had charge of the arrangements for the meeting, which consisted of Nobels E. A. Sherwin, E. V. Carter and P. W. Paulson of Ashland, E. B. Pickel of Medford, J. O. Booth of Grants Pass, Theo. Cameron of Jacksonville and Alex Martin, Jr., of Klamath Falls.

The Shriners from Grants Pass who attended were J. O. Booth, Dr. W. H. Flanagan, W. H. Hampton, Jos. Fetzer. J. W. Howard was one of the number who crossed the burning sands.

SHOOTING AT MEDFORD

Saloon Row at Medford Sunday Night.

There was a shooting scrape in the bar room of the Hotel Nash, at Medford, Sunday the principals being Walter Wyland, a young man with a recent rather unsavory record, who was intoxicated and defiant, and Chas. Gay, the barkeeper. Four shots were fired by Wyland but all missed their mark, two of them lodging in a door casing and another crashing through the mirror behind the bar. Wyland immediately disappeared and it is claimed by some that he was wounded by a bullet from the barkeepers pistol, but nothing definite has been learned of the truth of this report. There have as yet been no arrests made.—Tidings.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes: "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble stomach disorder or general debility get Electric Bitters. Its guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Only 50c.

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WILL ENTERTAIN EDITORS

Salem and Portland Press Clubs Unite for the Occasion.

At its last annual session, at Newport, the State Editorial Association, upon invitation of members from Salem, voted to hold their next annual gathering at Salem. The dates set are October 22, 23, 24, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The time will be spent about equally between business and sightseeing. The Salem Press Club has invited the Portland Press Club to unite with it in giving the visiting members of the profession a reception and musical and literary program on Friday evening, the 23d, which, they hope, to make a social event to be remembered in the history of the press of the state.

The executive committee of the Salem Press Club consists of E. Hofer, R. J. Hendricks, Scott Bozorth, F. F. Toevs, and A. R. Prescott, and they have arranged a fine program for Friday evening at the city hall when a reception will be given all the members of the craft at which addresses will be delivered, and musical and literary entertainment offered, concluding possibly with a grand ball, under the auspices of the Salem Press Club. Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges will sing, the Stalwart quartet will yodel, and the Salem Military band, led by Prof. McElroy, will appear in their finest form with their latest music. Opportunity will be given the visiting newspaper men to see all the state institutions, and the local club will undertake to show them the sights of the city. They will have a chance to sample Salem water, and other Salem eatables and drinkables, not excepting Alderman Stolz' sauer kraut, Salem beer and Hofer's strawberries.

It is expected to make this one of the most interesting occasions in the history of the state association, and it is hoped that time can be found to have all the visitors see the state institutions, meet all the state officials, and visit the Salem Indian school, located at Chemawa.—Journal.

"It Goes Right to the Spot."

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment will give prompt relief. "It goes right to the spot," said an old man who was rubbing it in to cure his rheumatism. C. R. Smith, Propr. Smith House, Tenaha, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for several years and have found it to be a fine remedy for all aches and pains and I recommend it for pains in the throat and chest." 25c' 50c and $1.00 at Slover Drug Co.

The recent changes in the passenger and freight service of the Southern Pacific in Southern Oregon, have resulted in putting a considerable number of men on the "slow board." The consolidation of the two sections of Nos. 15 and 16 into one, has dispensed with the services of four passenger crews—two north and two south—running out of Ashland, says the Tidings. These employes have returned to the freight service, and those who have been on the freight runs with lower numbers have gone on the extra list. Two former passenger conductors are now acting as brakemen. The reduced freight service between here and Portland has also eliminated several crews.

Saved Two From Death.

Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. Haviland of Armonk, N.Y., "but when all other remedies failed we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece who had consumption in an advanced stage also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and $1.00 bottles guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Trial bottles free.

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"OVER NIAGARA FALLS"

New Sensational Melo-Drama Thursday Oct. 22.

"Over Niagara Falls," Rowland and Clifford's new sensational melo-drama, which will be seen at the opera house on Thursday, October 22, is regarded as the most successful of the season's productions. It abounds in sensational scenes, stirring climaxes, and strong dramatic situations dear to the heart of all lovers of melo-drama. The story is a pretty one depicting the love of Mildred, the maid of rascally old Asa Phillips, who commits his many villianous acts under the cloak of religion, for the manly superintendent of Chautauqua Park, Gilbert Bartlett. Bartlett has been raised an out-cast unaware of his parentage, and this knowledge Phillips uses against him to cause his discharge. In reality Phillips is Bartlett's father, although neither are cognizant of the fact. Prior to her marriage to Phillips, Mlle. Madilino, Bartlett's mother, had been a circus performer. Phillips became tired of her several years before the opening of the play, and attempted her life, and thinks himself successful. She escaped, however, and believing her son Bartlett to be dead, returns to her old profession. At the opening of the play she has come to the Falls determined to go over them in a barrel, thereby adding to her fame. On the eve of her descent she is discovered and recognized by Phillips, who chokes her into insensibility, places her in the barrel, and starts her out over Niagara Falls, to what he considers certain death. She is rescued after making the death-defying trip, however, by her son, Bartlett. Phillips, having been seen on Goat Island by Starlight, an old Indian chief, is apprehended, his cloak of religion is torn from him, and he is shown in his true colors. A delightful comedy vein is woven through the play. The scenery is described as being the most magnificent that ever claimed the eye of beholder; a full view of the Falls, with its world of water rolling and tumbling into thunder and foam, being a genuine triumph for the scenic artist and electrician.

A Love Letter

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica salve cured me. Its the best salve on earth. 25c at National Drug Store.

Oregon Chestnuts.

Nut culture in many localities in Oregon has been tried and proven successful. Josephine county is not behind in the matter of nuts for we can raise the big tame chestnuts—as fine specimens as can be found in any part of the East. There are two trees on the old Holland place across the river on the land now owned by Mr. Gouin which are in bearing for the first time this year, and they have a good crop of nuts.

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