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Ashland is having all kinds of experiences good and bad, in municipal affairs.

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TO BE ERADICATED  
Prof. Cordley identifies it and tells how to combat it—No Melons for Three Years.

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that had been grown in the East. Prof. Cordley intends to make several trips to this valley next spring and institute a thorough system of experiments to ascertain, if possible, a method of eradicating this pest. So far, it has only been known to attack watermelons all other vines being free from its ravages. As an experiment worth trying Prof. Cordley recommends that the growers spray a few hills with Bordeaux mixture, and also to try a spray made of one pound of copper sulphate to 25 gallons of water. Though it would be well to try a stronger solution and a weaker solution on a few hills.

Prof. Cordley spent Friday on Applegate, a guest of A. H. Carson, at Redlands farm, to examine into the fruit pest problem of that district. On his return to Grants Pass in the evening he left for Hood River, where the apple growers of that famous district are alarmed over two new pests that are attacking the apple trees, one on the leaves and one on the fruit. Prof. Cordley is ranked by the Department of Agriculture as one of the best post-entomologists in the United States, and his work in identifying and prescribing methods for successfully fighting the many kinds and myriads of pests that seek to destroy nearly every product of the farm has been worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of Oregon, and the small salary paid to the "hogman" of the State Agricultural College is an investment that is yielding big returns to the taxpayers of Oregon. So fully does Mr. Conan, general passenger and freight agent for the Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon, appreciate the benefit of Prof. Cordley's work to the agricultural interests of the state, that he grants the Professor a pass on all the lines under his management and also has transported free of charge, to any point desired, the Professor's spraying outfit and other implements required in the various experiments that he carries on in various parts of the state, as he is called on by the farmers. Prof. Cordley puts in all the spare time he has from his college duties in traveling over the state investigating fruit, vegetable and other pests and in attending farmers institutes, where he tells the farmers how to fight the pests. During the college vacation in the summer months he puts in full time in field work in various parts of the state, he being one of the college professors who practically has no vacation at all.

It has been demonstrated that Josephine county can produce apples, pears, peaches and grapes that are not excelled by the fruit from any other section of the Pacific Coast. In land adapted to fruit growing there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land now in brush and timber of the same class on which has been grown the fruit that has made Rogue River Valley famous for the excellence of its apples, grapes, peaches and pears. It is no improbable statement to make to assert that the fruit industry in Josephine county will have brought in more wealth to the county within the next 50 years than any other industry not excepting the gold mines. The soil and climate preclude Josephine county ever becoming a great grain, hay, dairy or stock section, and with the timber gone, the prosperity of this county will rest on its fruit, mines and factories. Thus it is that it is a matter of great importance to farmers and the business men of this county to encourage and help in the building up of an industry that has the certainty of becoming one of the great factors in bringing a greater development and prosperity to the rural districts with the consequent increase of trade and population to the towns.

At the request of a number of fruitgrowers a meeting is called at the Courier office on Saturday, July 22, at 2 p. m., sharp, to consider the advisability of organizing a union of the fruitgrowers of Josephine county. Such is the interest taken in the movement that it is expected that there will be a large attendance of those interested in the growing of fruit.

It is now more than 10 years since the movement began for the organizing of fruitgrowers unions and now there is not a large fruit district but what has a union. Fruit is so perishable, and it is so easy to glut a market and break prices to a ruinous rate, together with the absorption of the greater part of the profits by the commission men, and the excessive freight charges on small shipments, that it is forcing the growers to combine their interests and organize unions. Many of the first fruit raisers of Hood River found the business so unprofitable that they plowed up their strawberry fields and allowed their orchards to go to neglect, as are now so many orchards in this county. With the formation of a union profit came to the business and once again the planting of strawberries and fruit trees was undertaken and so profitable has the industry proven that Hood River Valley is becoming one great orchard tract. Hood River town, from a straggling, dead village has become one of the most prosperous, growing young cities in Oregon, while the Valley is dotted with fine farm homes, and has fine roads, rural mail and telephone facilities.

Ashland and Medford each have strong unions and the fruit growers of those sections are making and increasing their acreage at a rate that is astonishing to strangers. The leading factor in Ashland's growth is the backing it receives from the fruit industry, while the greater part of the deposits in the three banks of Medford is to the credit of the fruit-growers of that district. An instance of the betterment that the Ashland Fruit Growers Association has brought to the peach industry is the fact that several years ago, before the union was formed, the owner of a fine peach orchard finding peaches unprofitable dug up his trees. Since the organization of the union and better prices to be had this same land has been planted to peaches and is now yielding the owner a larger profit than it did when in grain or hay.

The apple quotations of last fall show that the growers of Hood River and Medford were paid from \$1.80 to \$2.30 a box for their Spitzenburg and Newtown apples, while the growers of Josephine county were able to realize but from 80 cents to \$1.00 per box. A peach grower of this section got returns from a commission house of but 11 cents a box after the freight had been paid on a shipment of 300 boxes of fine Crawford's. The remaining 1000 boxes of his crop he then allowed his boys to eat. An apple grower sent last fall a shipment of 150 boxes each of apples to two dealers in Portland. The apples were of the same kind and of the same picking and packing, yet one commission man remitted 27 cents a box less than the other dealer did to the grower. The Courier could give other instances of fruit growers securing but bare cost for their fruit from commission men. Rogue River climate and soil is the same in Josephine county as it is in Jackson county and produces as fine apples about Grants Pass as it does about Medford, but the market conditions are not the same to growers of the two districts and that accounts for the Grants Pass growers barely making expenses while the Medford growers were reaping a big profit.

The reduction of freight charges through car load shipments and the curtailment, or elimination of the middlemen's profits, are not all the advantages that the union brings to the grower. Every member is taught how to grade and pack his fruit so that it will make the best showing possible and stand shipment without bruising. The varieties of fruit to plant, the adaptation of certain soils for certain fruits, the method of planting, cultivating, pruning, spraying and of picking are made leading features of the meetings that are held by the unions and growers are thus enabled to learn many points that will materially aid them in making a success of their undertaking.

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**HOP GROWERS SHY OF UNION**  
Discuss Krebs Proposition But Only Few Accept It—No Local Union.  
The adjourned meeting of Rogue River Valley hop growers at the Courier office was fairly well attended. More than half of the hop acreage in the Valley was represented, the growers attending being John Ranzau and Mrs. Ranzau, C. C. English and Mrs. English, James Flowers, J. B. Burrows, L. B. Jewell, H. L. DeArmond, S. M. Weston, H. B. Alverson, J. E. Weidman, A. E. Holloway, W. Patton, A. Umphlett, August Reppok, Chas. Johnson, B. W. Baldwin, C. Seafers.

The proposition, which had been submitted at the meeting the week previous by Conrad Krebs, of Salem, for a plan to pool the hop sales in Oregon, was fully discussed. A number of growers signed the agreement prepared by Mr. Krebs, which provides that when the owners of 60 per cent of the hop acreage in Oregon shall have signed this agreement then it shall be binding on all the signers to turn their hops over to the state union, that is to be organized of those growers agreeing to this compact.

The chief objection that many of the growers had to joining this pool was that they felt it would prevent their getting money advanced on their crop to meet picking and other expense, they doubting that banks would advance money on the certificates that they would receive for their hops from the union, to hold until the hops were sold and the cash realized.

The plan of organizing a local Rogue River Valley union was also discussed. It was favored by some of the growers but the majority either opposed it or were indifferent. There is little likelihood that the Rogue River Valley hop growers will join the state pool or form a local union, but will be content to take whatever price is left them for their hops after each of the half a dozen dealers, through whose possession the hops will have passed in reaching the brewer, will have taken a liberal commission.

With hops yet at 20 cents, which will yield a fair profit to the grower, and with the natural conservatism of the average farmer, there is little probability that the hop growers will form a union this year to protect themselves from the extortionation of the dealer's combine. Next year when hops are down to 10 cents and growers have to mortgage their land to secure picking money they will take more interest in a union and one will be likely formed in Oregon. No class of farmers are more the victims of bear and bull market movements by dealers' combines than are hop growers, yet a hop growers union is not known. The fruit growers have long since demonstrated that through a union is the only profitable way to market their fruit, while the sheep and goat men are nearly all in big pools to market their wool and mohair. Other farm interests are finding that there is self-protection in unions and the hopmen will see the point some day.

Rev. J. B. Travis begins his summer vacation this week and in the four or five weeks that he is away his pulpit in the Baptist church will be filled by supplies. This Sunday service will be in charge of Rev. Austin of Medford, Baptist association missionary. Rev. Travis and Mrs. Travis and children left Friday for Oakland, California, which is the former home of both himself and Mrs. Travis, to make a visit to his brother and Mrs. Travis' parents. As it is against his energetic nature to sit down in idleness, Rev. Travis will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church, of Oakland, while he is in that city and give the regular pastor the opportunity to take a vacation.

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**EVENTS OF INTEREST ABOUT WOODVILLE**  
Want Bridge Across Rogue River—Baby Dies From Swallowing Some Substance.  
Born—July 5, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Briggs, a son.  
Will Wright, of Central Point, and Geo. Wright, of this place, have moved their families to Sisley's saw-mill.  
An effort is being made to get a bridge across the river here. It is badly needed and we hope the effort will be successful.  
P. J. Leverich has improved his residence by the addition of a dining room, kitchen, bathroom and porches. Ed Boyd and Will Pyburn did the work.  
H. C. Stevens has purchased the property known as the Hill place and will soon move thence. We understand that a mining syndicate has an option on his place up the creek for \$100 per acre, the land having prospected satisfactorily. He paid \$900 for the Hill place of a little more than three acres.  
G. F. Smithline went from the fair to visit his daughter, Mrs. Sherrill, near Vancouver, and was so well pleased with that country, that he bought a farm and sent for his sons, Ross and Al, to come and take possession thereof. We have not learned what disposition will be made of his property here. Mr. Smithline and family will be greatly missed from this neighborhood, where they have lived for years.  
Died—Near Woodville, July 7, 1905, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bagley aged about one year. The circumstance attending the little child's death are very sad and mysterious. He seemed to be in perfect health in the morning and was sitting in the doorway, when suddenly he fell out, as if in pain, and soon after showing signs of deadly sickness. Dr. Beard was hastily summoned from Grants Pass, but medical skill could avail nothing and the short life ended before noon. Rev. Robert Tweed conducted the funeral services using the Episcopal burial ceremony, at Mrs. Bagley's request. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

**CHOLERA INFANTUM.**  
Child Not Expected to Live From One Hour to Another, but Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.  
Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.  
W. N. Thompson, who has a farm in Baker county, is spending the week with his cousin, J. B. Herrington, who resides two miles below Grants Pass. Mr. Thompson is looking over Rogue River Valley with a view of locating and may become a resident of Josephine county.  
County Clerk Cheshire has issued marriage licenses to Harrison Elliott and Emma Meek, C. W. Thompson and Grace J. Sumner, W. H. Cart and Laura Duncanson.

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