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FRUIT PEST LAW TO BE ENFORCED

County Court Appoints Inspector—Its Now Spray or Cut Down Trees.

The county court, on the recommendation of a number of the leading fruit growers of the county, has appointed the undersigned fruit inspector for Josephine County. That such an officer, and one who will do his duty is necessary for the enforcement of the state law to secure the destruction of the pests that are now making such havoc in orchards that were there no spraying or other means of combating them employed for the next five years that by the end of that period there would not be a live fruit tree left in the county, is apparent to all who have observed the increase in the kinds and numbers of pests within the past five years. It will not be a pleasure jaunt going over Josephine county to enforce the pest laws judging by the strenuous experience of some of the inspectors in other counties, who have encountered guns, axes, dogs and law suits but having accepted the position, I intend to see to it that every fruit tree in Josephine county is freed of pests, or is cut down by the owner but if not then by the county and the expense will be collected off the land by the sheriff under orders of the court. As the fruit crop of this year is practically all sold, or so diseased as to be left rotting in the orchards the law against selling diseased fruit will not be enforced until after January 1, 1907. After that date any farmer, dealer, or merchant caught selling or giving away diseased fruit of any kind will be arrested and fined to the full limit of the law. Suits brought in other counties have demonstrated that the law is constitutional and can be enforced with the same rigor as the law against contagious diseases among men or stock. The Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union will back up the enforcement of the state pest law and persons who think that they can let their diseased trees stand to be a breeding place from which pests can swarm into the neighboring orchards will get a severe awakening from their indolence or selfishness.

The principal pests that need attention now are the scale and anthracnose, for every orchard in the county has scale and more than half of them has anthracnose. All diseased trees should be thoroughly sprayed this fall and then again in February or March with the lime and sulphur solution. This solution, when properly prepared, has been proven by the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station and by many orchardists in careful experiments during the past year to thoroughly clear off the scale and anthracnose. Both salt and vitriol have been discarded by the experts of the Experiment Stations and by many progressive orchardists. Prof. A. B. Cordley, who is conceded one of the best posted entomologists in the United States, in his address on spraying at the recent fruit growers meeting in this city recommended only the lime and sulphur solution. Prof. Cordley is getting out a new bulletin on pests and sprays that will embody all the latest methods of combating the diseases of fruit and trees. These bulletins will be distributed free of charge by applying to the Oregon Agricultural College. Copies can be also had at my office in Grants Pass. Lime and sulphur will be all the spray material required until next May when spraying for

codlin moth will have to be begun and then arsenate of lead will be used as it is proven to be by far the best exterminator of this pest.

As many farmers have difficulty in getting a perfect chemical combination in mixing the lime and sulphur and do not get a perfect solution of the required strength and are troubled with the undissolved particles clogging the sprayer I shall arrange for them to secure a prepared preparation that will be manufactured here in Grants Pass or imported. I shall arrange to get persons to do spraying for those who have so few trees as not to justify their fitting up a plant. The solution shall be up to the required strength samples will be sent to the Agricultural College from time to time for analysis and the law will be enforced against any one who may use a weak or spurious spray.

At even \$1 a box the apples and pears injured and destroyed by the pests in this county the present year amounted together with the damage to the trees to fully \$60,000, and unless thorough spraying is done this loss will be even greater next year, and continue so until the fruit industry is a thing of the past in Josephine county. The pests are making as great destruction in the orchards of every state in the Union and fruit raising will hereafter be confined to commercial orchards and in districts where a united effort is made to control these destroyers of the fruit industry. Rogue River Valley by its splendid soil and climate is fitted to become one of the great fruit sections of the United States and being completely isolated by four mountain ranges that completely enclose it and cut it off from the other Coast settlements it will be an easy matter to keep out the pests by guarding the importation of trees and shrubs. When the pests we have are brought under control spraying will be but a nominal expense and the fruit raisers will fairly coin money for the day of cheap fruit in the United States is past.

I shall at once begin the inspection of all fruit trees in the county and all that are diseased will have to be put in healthy condition or destroyed as the owners may choose and there will be no indefinite time allowed either for if there is a good yield next year Josephine county shall have \$100,000 worth of fruit to ship.

CHARLES MESERVE,
Fruit Inspector.

A Rapid Apple Picker.

How many apples can a man pick in one day? Five years ago it was stated that George Binkley of Potter picked 50 barrels, or 150 bushels, in a day. The statement was generally doubted or disputed at the time. The following are the facts as given by William Bell of Mount Pleasant, in whose orchard the picking was done: Mr. Binkley picked Mr. Bell's apples, which were assorted and packed as fast as they were picked. From one day's picking just 40 barrels of sound apples were packed. The culls were not measured, but Mr. Bell believes that they comprised nearly one third of the apples picked, so that the number of barrels picked by Mr. Binkley in one day was between 50 and 60. Mr. Bell saw the apples picked and packed, and his word with all who know him is as good as an affidavit, so that Mr. Binkley picked over 150 bushels in a day may be accepted as a fact. He picked the trees clean as he went, using a picking sack and a ladder.—Kansas City Journal.

Placer and quartz location notices, mine deeds, leases, etc., at the Courier office.

PROGRAM STATE DAIRYMEN'S MEETING

Convention to Be Held at Ashland, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11 and 12.

The 14th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association will be held at the City Hall, Ashland, Oregon, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12, 1906.

Upon the arrival of the delegates from the north, about 12:30 p. m. on Tuesday, an informal reception will be given by the Ashland Commercial Club. There will be an address by the president of the club, M. F. Eggleston, followed by responses from members of the Dairymen's Association. The delegates and citizens will then repair to the City Hall where the regular program will take place as follows:

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 1:30 P. M. Music.
Call to order—President H. West.
Address of Welcome—Mayor G. S. Butler, Ashland.
Responses, annual address—President H. West.
Music.

"Better Cows and How to Obtain them"—State Dairy and Food Commissioner, J. W. Bailey, Portland.

"Dairy Problems on High Priced Land"—Dr. Jas. Withycombe, Corvallis.

Music.
"Southern Oregon Dairy Foods"—W. J. Dean, Talent.
"Necessity of Clean Milk"—L. B. Ziemer, Tillamook.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 8:00 P. M. Music.
Address, "Organization for Dairymen"—A. T. Buxton, Forest Grove.
Music.
Address—Hon. Ed. H. Webster, Chief of the Dairy Division U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Music.
Papers, "The Hand Separator as a Factor in Modern Dairying"—S. E. Brune, DeLaval Dairy Supply Co., Portland.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, 10:00 A. M. "Breeding up Dairy Herd"—Wm. Scholmerick, Hillsboro.

"Jackson County Cow Census"—G. F. Billings, Ashland.
"Care and Feed for the Dairy Cow"—E. T. Judd, Turner.

"Dairy Development in Josephine County"—Chas. Meserve, Grants Pass.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, 1:30 P. M. Business Session.
Reports of officers and committees.
Election of officers.

Selection of next place of meeting.
Address—Hon. E. H. Webster, Washington, D. C.

Address, "Value of Proper Packing"—W. H. Chapin, Portland.

The local arrangements are in the hands of the members of the Ashland Commercial Club, and its quarters will be "wide open" to members of the Association at all times during the convention.

The Southern Pacific R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets for this meeting, on the certificate plan, at one and one-third fare. Full fare is to be paid going, and receipt taken therefor, upon which return ticket will be issued at one-third fare.

For further information address, F. L. Kent, secretary Corvallis, or D. Perrozi, committee, Ashland.

ASHLAND FRUIT AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Strongest in Rogue River Valley Has Made Success Marketing Fruit.

A. L. Kitchen, who for the past four years has been manager of the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association, was in Grants Pass this week representing the Woodburn Nursery. Mr. Kitchen stated that their Association had closed their work for this year as they had but few apples to ship, peaches and berries being their principal product though the Association handles all kinds of garden and farm produce. The business for this year has been large and satisfactory. The Association was organized six years ago and has grown from a small beginning until it now has 46 members. The Association owns a large warehouse located on

aiding separate from the depot tracks so their cars are not disturbed by the switching of other cars. A charge of \$1.3 per cent is made for handling fruit produce and this had paid all expenses and made a surplus capital to have to buy boxes, paper, etc., by the carload and get the cash discount. The business is making such gains that now the Association is out of debt it is expected to reduce the commission charges. During the shipping season the manager makes up a price list for each Monday that is mailed or wired to all customers that governs sales for that week for the Association has gained such a standing in the markets as to be able to quote their own prices.

Mr. Kitchen stated that a large acreage in the vicinity of Ashland would be planted this winter to apples, peaches and berries for these fruits have proven to be very profitable. Then the havoc the pests are making in other sections and the isolated position of Rogue River Valley making it easy to keep out the pests together with the remarkably high prices that fruit of this Valley brings makes it a safe investment to plant orchards the larger the better.

Return From California.

Willard Chase returned Tuesday from a business trip to California where he spent a week at Fair Oaks with a brother. Mr. Chase lately moved to Grants Pass from California and bought the Day farm on the Woodville road a mile east of this place and is taking up fruit raising and consequently he made a close observation of fruit conditions in California. He found the blight in addition to exterminating the pear orchards is making havoc with the apple orchards. The blight is a fungus disease that as soon as the spores are carried to a tree by birds, the wind and other means they quickly germinate and penetrate the bark of the twigs and get into the circulation of the tree and soon spread down the limb and to all parts of trunk killing the tree in about two years. This disease is now all over California and the East and is in Eastern Oregon and Washington and bids fair to put an end to pear raising and apples as well. No spray can reach it as it is in the wood and so far neither the Department of Agriculture nor the Agricultural College have found a method of combating the disease other than to cut off the infected limbs and all too often continue the cutting until the tree is gone.

Mr. Chase reports the apple crop of that section of California small and inferior, while the orange crop is large and fine as is the olive crop, the best of the latter selling for \$85 a ton. The walnut crop was good and prices profitable but the squirrels come for miles out of the hills to feast on the toothsome nuts and if not killed soon strip a tree of nuts.

REVIVAL MEETINGS ARE WELL ATTENDED

Stirring Sermon By Evangelist Honeywell and Sweet Songs By Mr. Bilhorn.

Interest in the tabernacle meetings has been steadily on the increase during the past week. On Sunday night the building was filled to utmost capacity, unquestionably the largest gathering by far that ever assembled under one roof in Grants Pass. The attendance at the week night meetings is surprisingly large and on Wednesday and Thursday evening the tabernacle was filled, though not crowded.

Mr. Honeywell is above all things plain and forcible; direct, utterly fearless and absolutely merciless in flaying the sins of the church and the world. As he himself says, he is not a spiritual osteopath; he is a surgeon. In the pulpit he is force personified and hurls the truth at his hearers so that it hits hard and sometimes hurts. Being the kind of a preacher he is, it would be impossible for him to preach a single sermon in any place without arousing some antagonism. He does not confine himself to spiritual matters alone but deals in a masterly manner with the every day, practical questions of life. Some of his stories are very amusing but all carry their valuable lesson. The mother who brought up her sons by "prayer and a good hickory," that other mother who kept a good switch above the motto "I Need Thee Every Hour," the "frizzle headed sissy" of 15 who is allowed to remain at home with a "boy friend" while the family go to church; the good influence of such stories as these will outlast the life of the present generation.

Mr. Honeywell very evidently shares the views of Solomon in regard to the bringing up of children and his talks on this subject alone are of inestimable value to the community which is fortunate enough to have the opportunity of listening to him.

One of the most attractive features of the meeting is the singing of Mr. Bilhorn, who infuses into his songs a note of sympathy so that the spirit as well as the melody of the song is carried to the listeners. The tabernacle chorus consists of about 150 voices and under the dominating influences of Mr. Bilhorn, every voice in chorus and congregation is impelled to do its "dead level best" in the song service. Six or seven very small girls always occupy the front seat and are often called upon by Mr. Bilhorn to sing a verse of a hymn by themselves, which they do with an energy and volume of tone which is surprising and pleasing.

CITY ELECTION OCCURS MONDAY

Col. Johnson Comes Up for Re-election, Having Served Ten Terms.

City politics, in the conditions which precede the regular annual city election which occurs next Monday, are more or less confused on account of several of the convention candidates failing to qualify for the nomination. H. V. Meade in the Second Ward, Henry Hiller in the third ward and Frank Fetich in the Fourth ward have not entered the contest. The Second ward, however, has an independent candidate in the person of W. I. Sweetland.

The city ticket is as follows:
Mayor—L. B. Hall, Dr. J. O. Smith.

Treasurer—Col. W. Johnson.
Councilmen—
First Ward—H. C. Kinney, Geo. H. Durham.

Second Ward—Dennis H. Stovall, W. I. Sweetland.

Third Ward—Geo. W. Lewis.

Fourth Ward—W. T. Coburn.
The new charter will also be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection.

There being a general desire by the voters of Grants Pass that they know the position on the enforcement of the ordinances and on the question of public improvements of the two candidates for mayor a representative of the Courier interviewed Dr. J. C. Smith and L. B. Hall.

Dr. Smith was reluctant to make a statement that involved any promise or pledge of what he would do were he elected mayor. He would though see that the town was orderly and he would favor all progressive measures within the limits of the city's financial means.

Mr. Hall was more positive in his declarations and as to the enforcement of all ordinances passed by the council said: "I believe laws were made to be obeyed and it will be my policy to enforce all the laws and ordinances of the city, irrespective of persons or business affected." On the question of public improvements and municipal economy Mr. Hall said: "I favor permanent public improvements and an economical business administration."

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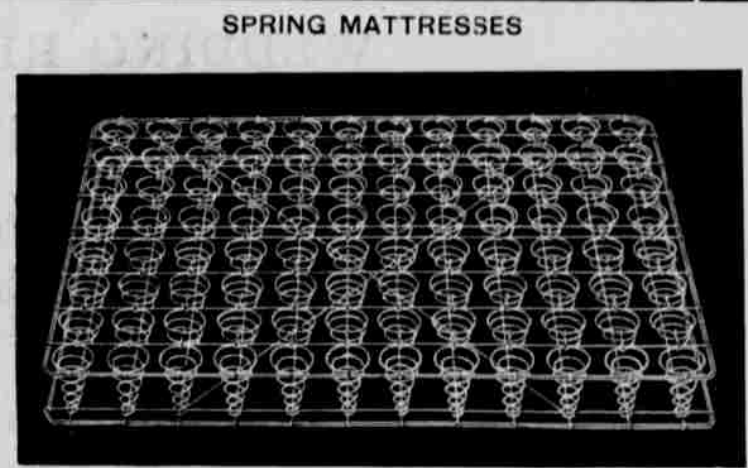
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