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## PEAR ORCHARD A PROFIT OF 50 PER CENT

Is What a Jackson County Orchard Done This Year—Spray Solution Made Cheaply

L. F. Lozier who has a fruit farm on the Jacksonville-Medford road, was in Grants Pass Wednesday. Mr. Lozier has been one of the largest prune growers in Rogue River Valley, but like other prune growers he is cognizant of the fact that people no longer eat dried fruit when they can get fresh or canned fruit. The canneries and cold storage houses have about driven the driers out of business and where there were 20 years ago 100 pounds of dried fruit sold there is now scarcely 10 pounds sold and this at a price of scarcely one-half of the former price. Mr. Lozier is planting his prune orchard to pear trees and so soon as the pear trees require the ground he will cut down the prune trees. This winter he will plant 20 acres of his pear orchard to yearling seedling pear trees and then next year he will graft 10 acres of them to Comice, five acres to Benne d'Anjou, and five acres to Bartlett pears. Mr. Lozier holds that by planting yearling seedlings and then grafting them he can get a pear orchard cheaper than to buy grafted trees and also get stronger, healthier trees than could be grown by transplanting.

As an instance of the big profit in a pear orchard Mr. Lozier mentioned among the Jackson county orchardists who have this year sold pears at fancy prices the success of G. A. Hoyer, who from a 10-acre pear orchard of 10-year-old trees netted over and above all expenses for cultivating and spraying the trees and marketing the fruit \$2760 for this year's crop. The pears were Comice and Bosc and were given an extra fancy pack with lace paper and lithographed labels and were marketed by the Rogue River Fruit Growers Union of Medford, of which both Mr. Hoyer and Mr. Lozier are members.

The remarkable feature of this very profitable pear orchard is the fact that it proves that it is the kind of a grower quite as much as the kind of pear as to the profit that can be made from an orchard. A previous owner thought he was getting more than the orchard was worth when he sold a year ago the 10 acres to Mr. Hoyer for \$500 an acre. With the care that Mr. Hoyer gave to the growing and to the marketing of the fruit he was able to bring its productiveness and profitability up to a point not thought possible by the former owner. As Mr. Hoyer paid but \$5000 for the orchard and has had it but a year his present investment stands him principal \$5000, interest \$500 and taxes \$80, a total of \$5680. His net sales of pears for this year were \$2760, which pays the interest and the taxes and all but half of the purchase price of the land. With the interest at 8 per cent, the usual rate, Mr. Hoyer cleared a little over half the purchase price of his orchard on this crop. As fancy pears sold last year for almost the

price had for this year's crop and the price for next year, by reason of the havoc of the blight in the East and California, is certain to be as high or higher Mr. Hoyer will make a profit next year that will fully repay him the purchase price of his orchard. Wheat at 20 bushels to the acre and at \$1 a bushel or alfalfa at six tons to the acre and \$12 a ton, or even the best gold mine in Southern Oregon will not equal in profit a pear orchard like that of Mr. Hoyer's.

Mr. Lozier has had much experience in spraying and the manufacture of spray solutions. The reason so many orchardists fail in clearing their fruit trees of scale and similar pests is that they do not properly prepare their spray. Profiting by the method employed by the factories that manufacture spray solution of lime and sulphur Mr. Lozier cooks his solution in an airtight tank with steam. He found that boiling in an open tank the water could not be made hot enough to fully dissolve the sulphur, with the result that the perfect chemical union was not made with the lime that is necessary to make a spray that is deadly to San Jose scale and anthracnose. For an equipment Mr. Lozier bought a small second-hand boiler and uses a heavy oak barrel in which to cook the lime and sulphur. With this inexpensive plant he is able to make as good a spray as can be bought and at a much less cost. In his spraying last year he came as near exterminating the scale in his orchard as it is possible to do with scale all over the country. So well pleased is he with his cooking plant that so soon as the increase acreage of his orchard demands it he will install a large, iron airtight tank and cook spray solution in large quantities. Mr. Lozier is certain that it is cheaper for large orchardists to put in a steam spray making plant than it is to buy the solution and pay freight on 75 per cent of it as water. To supply the small growers he is of the opinion that an establishment located at some central place in Rogue River Valley for the manufacture of spray solution would be a paying business to the owner and would give to the fruit growers spray cheaper than they can import it and of a greater efficiency than they can manufacture themselves in an open tank.

One of the most critical operations ever performed in the hospital of Southern Oregon was that of November 30, at the South Pacific Hospital, when Vincent, the 2-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swinney was operated on by Drs. Findley and Loughbridge for the removal of an abscess back of the right ear. The pus accumulated in the ear and broke through back of the mastoid bone, being very near the brain. When the operation made an opening through the bone the pus ushered forth with force enough to strike the operator in the face, he being more than two feet away from the little one. The child is one of the youngest ever successfully placed under the influence of chloroform, and is now speedily recovering and will soon be ready to be returned home.

Forester's Mask Ball, December 31.

## CO-OPERATION CREAMERY FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

Company to be Organized at Dairy and Fine Stock Meeting at Kerby Saturday.

There is to be a farmers institute, dairy and fine stock meeting at Kerby on Saturday, December 15. This meeting was saked for by W. H. Carter president, of the Josephine County Stockmen's Association, E. F. Meisner and G. S. Matheson who called on Thursday last week at the office of Meserve & Meade to have Mr. Meserve arrange for a dairy and fine stock meeting at Kerby. Messrs. Carter and Meisner each have fine farms near Kerby and heretofore have given their attention largely to beef cattle and hay raising, but they are now planning to take up dairying. Mr. Matheson is an owner with Carl Johnson in a small creamery which they put in last Spring near Kerby on Sucker creek. These gentlemen so fully recognize the importance of dairying and fine stock raising as the leading industries for the farmers of Illinois that they with other progressive men of that rich Valley have undertaken to inaugurate a campaign of education on dairy and stock methods for that section of Josephine county.

As Josephine county has had in the last two years more than its share of farmers institute and other counties of the state are asking for institutes, Mr. Meserve was not certain that an institute could be had for Kerby this year as Dr. Jas. Withycombe, director of the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College, had informed that as the institute fund appropriated by the legislature was but \$2500 he would not likely be able to have sufficient money to meet the expenses of so many institutes over the state and would have none for this winter in this county. So anxious were Messrs. Carter, Meisner and Johnson for a farmers meeting at Kerby that they offered that the expense of the speakers would be paid by the business men of Kerby and the farmers of that section. With this encouraging showing, Mr. Meserve took up the matter with Dr. Withycombe with the result that he will hold a farmers institute at Kerby and arrange that the speakers be paid out of the institute fund. Dr. Withycombe will have with him William Schulmerich of Hillsboro, one of the most successful dairymen of Oregon, E. T. Judd, of Turner, the well known breeder of fine horses and also a large dairyman, and Charles Meserve. Dr. Withycombe will speak on "Forage Plants," Mr. Schulmerich on "The Breeding and Care of the Dairy Cow," Mr. Judd, on "The Horse on the Dairy Farm." Mr. Meserve will assist the farmers of Illinois Valley in organizing a co-operative creamery company and will take with him a copy of the constitution and by-laws of such organization for use at this meeting.

This co-operative creamery company is for the purpose of taking over the creamery located near Kerby that was built last Spring by Geo. S. Matheson, a Sucker Creek dairyman, and Carl Johnson, a young farmer of that section. The creamery has not had the patronage of the farmers that it should have and it is planned to get the farmers to go into dairying more extensively and to become regular patrons of the creamery that the Illinois Valley Creamery Company is to form. The plan is securing the hearty support of the leading farmers of that Valley and the company will have a large membership and strong financial backing. The present creamery will be enlarged and an expert butter maker appointed. The building, which is new, is large enough to accommodate a plant to handle the cream from a thousand cows. It is expected that with this Spring that the cream from 400 cows can be had for the creamery. Even with the limited supply of cream had this past year Messrs. Matheson & Johnson were able to demonstrate that the creamery can be made a profitable undertaking when given the support that is possible in that Valley. The Illinois Valley has the soil, water and climate to make it a first-class dairy district. This Valley has a length of 40 miles and a width of 20 miles and in addition to the main river it has many small streams that each have fine grass land and the time will come when the Illinois Valley will have 5000 cows and be noted as one of the best dairy sections of Oregon and one of the most prosperous parts of the state.

## ROGUE RIVER FISHERMEN ORGANIZE UNION

Have Large Membership and Will Market Fish and Develop Fishing in Rogue River

The Rogue River Fishermen's Union is the latest business venture having headquarters in Grants Pass. A meeting was held last Saturday evening at the office of Meserve & Meade that was largely attended by the men engaged in fishing in Rogue river. The meeting was called to order by D. H. Brown, who stated the purpose of the proposed union. F. C. Kline was made temporary chairman and Louis Streuber temporary secretary.

Charles Meserve made a brief address outlying the plan of organization of fruit growers unions and other co-operative organizations and he gave the fishermen several strong points why they should organize a union. Through the union they could ship their fish direct to the big dealers in the various large cities and save to themselves the profit of the middlemen that is so often quite as much as the amount that the fishermen are paid for their fish. By the union purchasing twine and other supplies at wholesale a large saving in the expense account to the members. A strong union would be able to stop all illegal fishing and secure such laws as would regulate the close season on the river to be equable to the fishermen and to give the fish a chance to get up the river for spawning. The Union would be able to stop the present practice of the state in taking salmon eggs from Rogue river and sending them to Clackamas hatchery from which the young fish are put in the Columbia river, thus completing the work of the illegal fishermen in exterminating the salmon in Rogue river. Mr. Meserve submitted the draft of a constitution and by-laws for the union which were adopted.

A permanent organization was then effected and 23 names were enrolled as charter members. It is expected the list will be increased to 40 members, which will embrace all the fishermen on Rogue river above the Coast range of mountains. The following are the names of the charter members: B. L. Jewell, A. Aubrey, Louis Streuber, Geo. Edwards, D. H. Brown, J. W. Smith, J. H. Hudson, Earl Allen, R. G. Houck, W. C. Kline, James Murtha, Wesley Miller, William Ash, Andrew Olsen, E. E. Magone, Frank Houck, W. Peterson, Otto Walter, Albert Schmidt, J. H. Rimer, F. E. McFarland, H. H. Croissant, J. A. Conners.

The following were the officers who were elected and to serve until the

first annual meeting, which will be on the last Saturday in March: President, D. H. Brown; vice-president, A. Aubrey; secretary, Bert L. Jewell; treasurer, L. L. Jewell, the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company being made custodian of funds. Directors—D. H. Brown, A. Aubrey, Otto Walters, Frank McFarland, J. H. Hudson, Henry H. Croissant, Joseph S. Conner, Andrew Olsen, J. H. Rimer.

Following the meeting of the union the directors held a meeting and appointed E. E. Magone manager to have charge of the union's packing and icing station on the river and the shipping of the fish. The next meeting of the union will be on Saturday evening of this week at the office of Meserve & Meade, when several matters of importance to the union will be acted on and it is expected that every fisherman will be present.

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## APPLGATE VALLEY TO HAVE CREAMERY

To Locate at Provolt—is Being Put in by Company of Farmers.

Applegate Valley is soon to have its first creamery one now being built at Provolt and it is expected to have it in operation by the first of February. This creamery is being put in by a co-operation of farmers of Applegate and Williams Valleys, of whom 23 have each taken a share in the company that is to be organized. The shares are \$100 each which from the number that are being subscribed for will give the company ample capital to work on. The business of the company is now attended to by committee composed of E. N. Provolt, E. Badger, S. B. Green, Jesse Gotcher and Fred Knox.

The creamery is to be located at the junction of the Williams-Applegate-Grants Pass roads and will be in a central location for the entire Valley. The building, which is now being erected is 20x30 feet, one story. It will be equipped with a first-class butter making plant capable of handling the cream from 600 cows. Pledges have been secured for the cream from 350 cows for the first year and it is expected that by the second year the full 600 cows will be on the list.

Applegate Valley is producing more alfalfa than any other Valley of Southern Oregon and has every requisite for becoming one of the best dairy sections of Oregon. With the large and profitable market that Grants Pass will afford for the butter there is every certainty that the Provolt creamery can be made a profitable investment to its stockholders and the means of making Applegate Valley a highly prosperous section.

## ANNUAL ELECTION FOR GRANTS PASS

No Sharp Contest Over Candidates or Measures Cause Vote to be Light.

The annual election for Grants Pass was held last Monday in the four wards of the city. Owing to there being no strife over the candidates and no contest over any public measure there was only a light vote polled. In the contest for mayor Dr. J. C. Smith won by a majority of 63 over L. B. Hall. Col. W. Johnson had no opposition for treasurer and was re-elected this being the ninth time that he has been so honored. There was no election of city recorder and police judge, city attorney, marshal and street commissioner, these officials being appointed by the mayor.

For councilmen, in the First ward H. C. Kinney was chosen to succeed L. B. Hall; in the Second ward, D. H. Stovall to succeed J. C. Randle; in the Third ward George W. Lewis to succeed F. W. Chausse; in the Fourth ward, W. T. Coburn to succeed Frank Fetach.

The vote by wards was as follows: First Ward: For mayor—J. C. Smith, 68; L. B. Hall, 77. Treasurer, Col. W. Johnson, 127. Councilman H. C. Kinney, 93; G. H. Durban, 49.

Second ward: Mayor—J. C. Smith, 66; L. B. Hall, 91. Treasurer, Col. Johnson, 139. Councilman, D. H. Stovall, 100; W. L. Sweetland, 55.

Third Ward: Mayor, J. C. Smith, 91; L. B. Hall, 24. Treasurer, Col. W. Johnson, 104. Councilman, Geo. W. Lewis, no opposing candidate, 110.

Fourth Ward: Mayor—J. C. Smith, 73, L. B. Hall 43. Treasurer, Col. W. Johnson, 105. Councilman, W. T. Coburn, no opposing candidate, 91.

The proposed city charter was defeated by a big majority, the vote standing 335 against it and 135 for it.

### "Tilly Olson."

One of the brightest and most entertaining comedies written recently is the Swedish-American play "Tilly Olson," announced to appear at the opera house, Thursday, December 13. The piece is a novelty in the way of Scandinavian drama in that the leading character is a young Swedish girl. "Tilly" will undoubtedly prove a quaint and interesting type of stage creation. The scenes of the new comedy are laid in the Northwest and the story has to do with the tribulations of a daughter of Scandinavia while serving in the capacity of a "charity domestic" in the family of some Minnesota farmer folk. A fine scenic equipment will be provided for the new play and a company of unusual excellence is promised. 12-7 It

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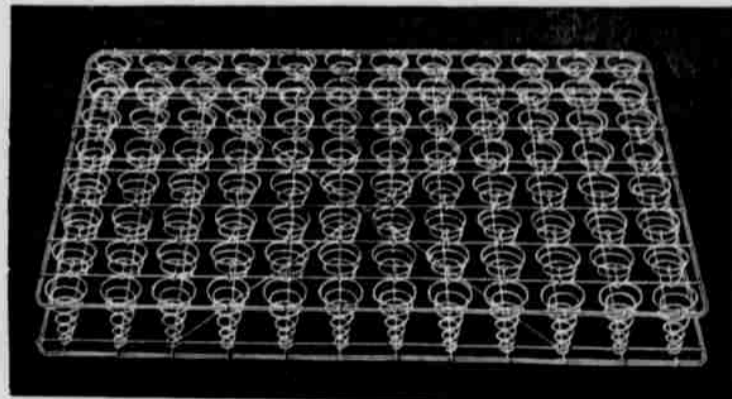
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