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POINTS ON SPRAYING FOR FRUIT GROWERS

Fruit Pest Law to Be Rigorously Enforced; It Is Spray or Cut Down the Trees

Never in the history of the fruit industry in Josephine county has there been such a general cleaning up of orchards and spraying of fruit trees and shrubbery as has been done this winter and spring. And the farmers are not alone in this war on pests for the residents of Grants Pass are having the fruit trees, shrubbery and rose bushes in their yards well sprayed and this city bids fair to no longer be a breeding place for millions of pests to swarm forth to bring destruction and loss to the orchards of the farmers. While it is not possible the first year to eradicate the pests from the orchards yet it is certain that this year fully 75 per cent or more of the fruit will be free from disease blemishes. So enormous are the number of pests that it will take two or three years of hard fighting to get them so subdued that Rogue River orchardists can gather from 90 to 99 per cent perfect fruit as do the Hood River growers. This showing of good fruit will be in marked contrast to that of last year when of the 80,000 boxes of apples and pears produced in Josephine county not over 15 per cent were perfect, the best of the remainder were sold at from 40 to 60 cents a box while tons of apples were sold to the vinegar factory for 4 per ton. An estimate for the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union placed the number of pears in the county at nine car loads. Of these but three cars were shipped as first class the remainder being so infested with scale and worms that they had to be sold at barely the cost of picking and packing, while fully one-fourth of the crop rotted in the orchards or were fed to hogs. The loss on the pear crop alone last year amounted to fully \$6000 to the farmers of Josephine county, while the loss on the apple crop was fully \$10,000. Progressive farmers realized this loss to the agricultural wealth of the county, but were powerless to prevent it for what is everybody's business is nobody's business and the state laws against pests were not enforced.

On the organization of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union last year one of the first matters to be considered was to have a fruit inspector appointed for the county and to have the laws strictly enforced against persons maintaining diseased orchards or selling diseased fruit. While no law can be enforced until popular sentiment backs it up the Fruit Growers Union is carrying on such a campaign of education that the farmers and the business men of the entire county are realizing the great financial loss that is being entailed on the county by the depredations of the fruit pests and they are now giving a hearty support to the strict enforcement of the law. As a further means of forcing farmers to clear their orchards of pests it is the determination of the Fruit Growers Union to have every farmer or dealer fined to the full extent of the law who attempts to sell hereafter diseased fruits, whether grown in the county or imported and

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OREGON AUDUBON SOCIETY MAKES STATEMENT

Defeat of the Perkins House Bill No. 367 and the Reason.

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As president of the Oregon Audubon Society and Lecturer for the National Association of Audubon Societies, I hope you will allow me space to explain why we used every effort to defeat House Bill 367, which was introduced by Representative J. W. Perkins of Jackson county. We understand the orchardists of Rogue River Valley wanted this law in order to protect themselves from the ravages of certain birds. It passed the House and the Senate, but was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain.

Our present Model Bird Law was passed in 1903. This law has been adopted and is used in every state in the Union except 13. It is strongly recommended by the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture. At the time it was passed, it was so amended to meet the needs of Oregon. Provision is made in this law under the clause, "Birds Not Protected," to exclude such birds as are proved to be more harmful than helpful in the economy of Nature. Whenever this is proved against a bird, it should be added to the list. But we are emphatically opposed to abolishing protection to all our useful birds on account of the sins of three or four species. This is what House Bill 367 proposed to do.

The last proviso in this bill reads: "PROVIDED FURTHER, that this act shall not be construed as preventing farmers, gardeners and orchardists from destroying ANY birds, other than game birds when necessary to prevent the destruction of crops from the ravages of birds. This seems fair at first glance, but it is indirect conflict to the spirit of the very law to which it is added, because this law precludes that many song birds are not injurious but of positive benefit to the farmers, gardeners and orchardists, and the general good of the state demands that they shall not be killed.

This proviso is too sweeping to become a law, because it nullifies all preceding song bird legislation. Under it, any land owner can claim any bird on his premises is harmful to his crops. People can shoot any or all song birds on their own property and pursue these birds to other parts. This bill opens our song birds throughout the state to the slaughter of Italian gardeners, gunners and all others who wish to shoot larks, robins, thrushes and other species for pot pie.

Another proviso of House Bill 367 reads: "PROVIDED, that the protection afforded birds under this act shall not apply to crows, blue jays, owls, hawks, butcher birds, magpies, blackbirds, the English or European house sparrow, woodpeckers and apple birds."

There are six or seven varieties of owls that inhabit Oregon, only one of which, the Horned Owl, is in any way detrimental to poultry interests. The other owls are recognized by all as birds of the greatest economic importance. Our present law protects all owls except the horned owl.

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GRANTS PASS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday evening, March 3, the High School Girls' Basket Ball team played the Local Girls' Basket Ball Team. Each team was uniformly dressed, the Local team in red suits and white shoes and stockings and the H. S. team in dark blue suits with the letters H. S. in white on the front of the blouses. There was a misunderstanding in regard to the rules to be used hence a compromise was affected and the first half was played under Girls' rules and the second by Boys' rules. Notwithstanding this arrangement the game was closely contested and but very few goals made, the final score standing 7 to 1 in favor of the local team. The H. S. team showed excellent team work, keeping possession of the ball the greater part of the time but on account of the close guarding done by the local team failed to make goals. Although we are all sorry that the H. S. team did not win, yet the girls are not altogether cast down as this was only their first attempt at a match game. The H. S. team was also unfortunate in that one of their best players, Genevieve Pattillo was sick and unable to take part in the game. The two line-up was as follows:

Locals.	H. S.
Minnie Schallhorn c	Addie Hetson
Lizzie Veatch f	Olwen Hughes
Alice Huggert 2f	Clara Calhoun
Hattie Lee 1g	Anna Thomas
Jessie Cargill 2g	Wilna Gilkey

The Basket Ball game played between the Grants Pass High School and Medford High School boys' team, on Saturday night, March 2, was one worth seeing. The excitement and interest in it did not once lessen. The sides were evenly matched and the contest was close one the score being 14 to 13 in favor of Medford. The Grants Pass team played splendidly, making several excellent plays, and we, as a High School, are truly proud of our team. Medford saw fit to bring a rooster along, who certainly did root, and we admire him for it, but what would you think of a few Grants Pass citizens who were so disloyal to their own town as to yell for Medford? The High School yells, however were rendered by the students with enough lung power, as to at least partially drown the foreign roosters. You who have missed the basket ball games, so far, do not let an other opportunity slip by, for I am sure you will agree with the High School in that it is well worth the effort of getting out to see them.

The Freshman Class held a meeting and elected Errol Gikley for its representative on the "Yell" committee.

It was asked in the Sophomore class: "What is a vacuum?" And the sophos, in unison replied: "I can't define it just at present, but I have it in my head."

Freshmen: We, as Sophomores, wish to thank you for the wise "instructions" and especially the "warning" which you gave us; and in answer to one of the questions, would say that indeed we do get tired of people who are forever singing their own praises and we feel that your instructions and warning would have been better applied to the average Freshman. Whether or not you Freshies are so forgetful that you fail to remember the articles of your own praise, that you write up, we do not know. We simply judge that you are. However, it would be well for you to refrain from giving the so-intended advice until you have reached that state of perfection which you now boast of, for the Sophos do not feel your suggestions worthy of consideration. We might add that we were more than surprised at hearing that all of the musical genius of the High School, lies among you. We Sophos call this "singing your own praises." We would like to hear the Freshies' interpretation of it. But we may excuse you on the ground that it is the only way in which you can circulate your fame as musicians. Perhaps the other classes take the method of letting the members of the High School find it out for themselves.

To the Sophos, your articles of self-praise are merely articles to further the development of the imagination, and we will give you credit for having marvelous imaginations. But when you realize a fault in the Sophomore, kindly cast your critical eyes on the Freshmen and see if you can-

not find the same fault or a greater one there. But if you succeed in magnifying our faults to a size worthy of consideration, we will listen patiently, while you give us your advice, but be careful, Freshies, that your advice does not better apply to yourselves.

Yours unagitatedly,
Sophomores.

On Tuesday afternoon a delightful program was rendered, by the first division of Rhetoricals. The thought predominating through the entire program being "What the world is doing. The monotony of essays and recitations was broken and much to the gratification of all, by an insertion of some of our High School musical talent. A vocal solo, beautifully rendered by Nina Paddock, being of exceptional note; also, not to be forgotten was a beautiful duet rendered by Geneva Myers and Zora Perry on our "brand new piano."

Prin. H. (to his inexperienced Geometry class)—"Define an axiom." Beginner—"An axiom is a fact."

Prin. H.—"Consequently, this is an axiom—"Johnnie went home yesterday."

It seems difficult for the 3d Year English class to understand Shakespeare's interpretation of "marry." I wonder why. Maybe Miss W. could tell you. She seems to know.

A SOPHOMORES' FRIDAY MORNING DIARY.

- 9:00 The last bell, and yet I have 21 roles and a dozen other things to learn!
- 9:10 A tablet, a bottle of ink, a pen, a pencil and a change of seat. Why?
- 9:15 Greeted by a simultaneous quadractic that caused my mind to freeze at once.
- 9:50 No satisfaction.
- 10:15 One complete; three skipped.
- 10:35 My hair begins to turn gray.
- 11:00 Nervousness takes control.
- 11:25 Severe headache
- 11:55 The school bell and unfinished paper and a broken heart.
- 12:00 X.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

Bells (Sharp and quick.) "Hello!" "Who's there?" (Student) "That's all" (a girl's voice.) "That's all when she found out who it was at the phone—another puzzle."

For any instruction concerning fast walking, ask Mr Harrison. The Bot-anical class will furnish testimonials.

When the teacher talks so fast that she gets mixed up, gets all out of breath over the exertion. I wonder if she thinks our Third Year amateur stenographers can take it all down in short hand and not get mixed up. But the trouble is, it is getting worse by the day. I am afraid that a sign "Wanted, an assistant", will be hanging on the stenography room door in a short time for the teacher will not be able to talk much faster. I think 500 words per minute will be about the limit, then somebody will have to help her out. The pupils, however, have obtained the idea, from somebody, that the teacher will not need an assistant for awhile, at least.

We have got the piano now and the next thing is to get something out of which to sing, for the old music is not good enough for the piano, at least, the boys don't think so, for they don't sing.

Every High School boy is mourning the loss of his "Derby".

A Basket Ball game with Medford has been planned for the 15th of this month to be played in Medford.

Wanted—A sure cure for X's, a malady which affects some of our High School students.

We have not yet had our picnic, but where there is a will there is a way.

What's the matter with the Sophos? Oh, gee! Can't you hear? Can't you see?

Their heads are as full as they can be.

Of what?

We Freshmen think our Sophomore friend forgot to mention in Rhetoricals Tuesday afternoon, that she saw the green light around the heads of the Freshmen through a looking glass. But as everyone knows, things are exactly opposite when seen through a looking glass. So it must have been the Sophomores whom she saw with that green halo over their heads.

The Courier is a clean, family paper.

FOR GRAZING PERMITS ON FOREST RESERVES

Supervisor Anderson is to Meet Stockmen at Provolt, Monday, March 11.

Grants Pass has been selected as the headquarters for the supervisor of the Siskiyou and Ashland forest reserves by the United States Forest Service, and M. J. Anderson has been sent here as acting supervisor and has opened his office in the Conklin block. Mr. Anderson came from The Dalles, where he was in charge of the government forestry work in that section of Oregon. As soon as he gets the rush of his work over Mr. Anderson will move his family from The Dalles to this city. The Siskiyou forest reserve was created last Fall and embraces much of the west part of Josephine county, a part of Curry, Coos and Douglas counties and extends to the California line where it joins the Klamath forest reserve. The Ashland forest reserve embraces that section of the Siskiyou mountains about Ashland butte.

Of the purpose of the government in creating the forest reserves and of his duties as supervisor, Mr. Anderson gives the following statement in an interview for the Courier:

"The object of the Forest Service in creating a forest reserve in Josephine and adjoining counties has been greatly misunderstood. The idea that the Government is attempting to withdraw this territory from the use of the people is just as far from the truth as it is possible to get. The sole object is to put the land to its best use and perpetuate that use."

"Much of the land within this reserve is fit only for timber. The government is prepared to sell the lumberman any amount of timber he may desire to purchase for the manufacture of lumber. He can provide for the continuous operation of his plant for years ahead on a liberal contract and thus protect his investment. The Government is secured in this contract against the holding of the timber for an indefinite period for speculation. Provision is also made that the system of cutting insures a future growth of timber. There is as good argument in favor of this system of harvesting the timber crop as there is in favor of a Rogue River orchardist carefully gathering his apples instead of sawing off the main branches each year to secure the fruit."

"The stockman will be permitted at a low rental to graze the reserve lands with all the stock the range will carry without injury. The preference to be given to the men who previously occupied the range and who by ownership of adjacent Winter range, are legitimately entitled to the use of the lands. They will be protected from trespass of foreign stock and their business safeguarded instead of injured."

"With the exception of sites for ranger camps (which will be withdrawn) all bodies of agricultural lands, surveyed or unsurveyed within the reserve boundaries will be subject to homestead entry under the act of June 11, 1906."

"Settlers on or off the reserve will

FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET AT GRANTS PASS

Speakers From the Agricultural College and Hood River—Profitable Program.

In the work of carrying on the campaign of education for the promotion of the fruit industry in Josephine county that has been under way for the past year by the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union a meeting has been arranged for by Secretary Meserve of the Union to be held in Grants Pass on Saturday, March 30. The meeting will be conducted by the Agricultural College and Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station, Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist, Prof. Claude I. Lewis, horticulturist at the College, will be among the speakers. Dr. Withycombe will also have as one of the speaker either E. H. Shepard, manager of the Hood River Fruit Growers Union, or A. I. Mason, one of the most successful fruit growers of Hood River. There will also be a few short addresses by local speakers. The full program for the meeting will be announced next week in the papers of Grant Pass.

It is conceded by both farmers and business men that the fruit industry is to be the main factor in the prosperity of Josephine county and of Grants Pass and the sooner that it is developed to its greatest productiveness the quicker will this city take on a new and a larger growth and the county be filled with prosperous farmers able to pay cash for all their purchases and there will be handsome, well furnished homes, roads that will be free from mud and dust and passable to loaded teams for the entire year, schools that will be in session nine months of the year, rural mail and telephones for every community. But all this will not come until the orchards are able to produce not less than 98 per cent marketable fruit and the vast acreage of bottom and hill land suitable for apples, pears, peaches, cherries, grapes and berries is planted and yielding the profitable returns that is possible.

be granted free use of timber, under permit, for improvement of their lands.

"Miners and prospectors will not be interfered with and will be granted free use of timber to develop their claims; but mines beyond the prospecting stage and working on a more extensive scale will be expected to purchase timber used."

"Trails will be cut eight feet wide, all obstructions removed, grades not to exceed 2 1/2 feet per rod will be constructed on steep places in order to open up the reserve, and with the co-operation of the people interested, we will thus open up pleasure resorts, new stock ranges, mining camps, or bodies of timber and put these resources to their best use as early as possible."

"Ten per cent of all revenue from the reserve goes to the county school fund."

"The men at the head of the Forest Service at Washington are not 'theorists' as is frequently asserted. They are specialists in their line of work and if there is anything in the above plans that is impractical or detrimental to the interests of Josephine or adjacent counties, on account of local conditions, it will give me great pleasure to assist the people in having it remedied."

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