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POINTS ON SPRAYING

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this will apply to scaly oranges from California as well as local fruit. Such fruit will be condemned and destroyed and the owner will be the loser. All fruit trees and shrubbery that have not been properly sprayed with the solution prescribed by the Oregon Board of Horticulture and freed of pests by the first of April will be cut down and the cost assessed against the land and collected by the county as are taxes. There will be no exception to this rule and all will have to pay the penalty if they neglect their trees. A late decision of the Oregon supreme court gives the fruit inspector the fullest power and the law can be as rigorously enforced as can the law for killing horses with the glanders or cattle with tuberculosis, or for the quarantining of persons with smallpox or other contagious diseases.

As to how to eradicate the pests the law explicitly states that the trees must be sprayed with the solution prescribed by the Oregon Board of Horticulture, the state board having control of the enforcement of the pest laws, and not by boring the trees and inserting sulphur or any other material. This method of fighting pests by inoculating the trees or roots with some preparation is as old as the first coming of the pests, and though a hundred means have been tried all have proven failures. The erratic character of some of the pests like the San Jose scale has led persons to believe that they had found a material that inserted in an auger hole in the tree would be taken up by the sap and carried to the bark to the death of the pests. An instance of how an orchard will be free of scale while all the orchards all about will be reeking with pests, was to be seen in a orchard on the Wheeler farm, two miles north of Grants Pass. The Union shipped a quantity of pears from this orchard that were absolutely free from scale while pears on trees less than a half mile distant were worthless from scale. This orchard had not been sprayed for three years but it was free from scale, while this year it is liable to be alive with the pests. Warts are equally as erratic and there are persons who believe that to walk around the barn with a cob in your hand will drive the troublesome pests from your fingers yet the only sure way is to spray the wart with an acid solution. While persons of an experimenting turn of mind have bored trees and put sulphur, vitriol and many other chemicals and driven nails into the trunks and did all manner of queer things yet the only sure method is by spraying. The experts of the Department of Agriculture and of the State Agricultural Colleges and also hundreds of careful orchardists have tried all manner of fighting fruit tree pests and every method that had the least merit has been thoroughly tried. Had inoculating trees proven a success it would have been in general use 25 years ago and the fully \$1,000,000 invested in spray machines in the United States would have been saved to the fruit growers.

With all the proof of the utter uselessness of boring trees and filling the cavity with sulphur and other substances yet this method has been in vogue year after year in Josephine county. The previous failures does not deter others from trying this boy's play. For the information of several otherwise intelligent men I will give a few instances where boring trees has proven a failure in killing pests. George Crank bored the trees last year in a fine five acre orchard he had west of this city and in the fall he sold the big crop of apples for \$1 a ton to the vinegar factory for they were too scaly to ship. J. S. Bird-well, on Gilbert creek above town, bored some big pear trees and subsequently fed the pears to the hogs, at a loss of some \$90 to himself. Boring fruit trees is no recent freak with Josephine county tree owners, as is proven by several orchards. Harry Reed, who had rented last year the Caldwell place four miles west of this city cut several large apple trees that had become so nearly dead from the ravages of the scale and other pests that they were no longer of value. When cutting them up for wood he found in each an auger hole, bored so long ago that they had completely grown over, that were full of sulphur as dry and perfect as the day it was put in there. J. L. Lindsey, who last year bought the Hannum farm west of town, when cutting some old apple trees into wood that were too diseased to be longer profitable, found in the trunk of each an auger hole full of sulphur and some other material. J. H. Sorrels, of this city and who was formerly a fruit grower in Kansas, states that he tried sulphur, vitriol and several other chemicals in his fruit trees when the pests appeared in his orchard 25 years ago and that the inoculating proved

a total failure. George H. Parker, a nursery agent of this city and formerly an orange grower in Florida, states that he knew of orange growers of that state trying the boring method 16 years ago to combat the orange scale and that it was a failure. The experience of many other persons could be given in proof that the pests can not be killed on a tree by inoculating the wood with some chemical. Could this method be made a success the inventor of it would be a millionaire in a very short time.

As to the scale it is found on every kind of fruit tree including peaches and almonds, and is on currants and other small fruits and rose bushes. All these must be sprayed to conform to the law. The scale is also on forest trees, but it is the experience in other sections that when the scale is killed on the fruit trees that it soon dies out in the forests, the fruit trees being its natural breeding place. CHARLES MESERVE, Fruit Inspector for Josephine County.

OREGON AUDUBON SOCIETY

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House Bill 367 permits the indiscriminate killing of all owls, which is a great mistake. House Bill 367 permits the so-called "apple bird" to be destroyed without limit. "Apple bird" is a local application known only to the framers of this bill. It may refer to a robin, chickadee, flycatcher, sparrow, thrush, grosbeak, or any other bird that lives about an apple tree. Many of these species are of the highest economic value—why permit their destruction?

The work of the Audubon Society and the efforts of humane societies and other organizations are educational. They try to encourage children and to teach them to protect and love wild birds, and in this connection there is a side to the question that has its importance, even though it may be called sentimental.

Under our present law, we have a check upon the tendency of the boys to kill useful song birds for sport. Under House Bill 367, the gate we have relied upon is thrown wide open and the boys may roam the fields and woods with sling-shot and gun to shoot all owls, blackbirds, woodpeckers, and under the term, "apple birds," the tanagers, robins, chipping sparrows, flycatchers, waxwings, thrushes, grosbeaks, chickadees, and all others that live about our orchards.

We wish it clearly understood that the Audubon Society is not defending birds merely from a sentimental standpoint. We are defending song birds as a class, because the Department of Agriculture at Washington has proved beyond doubt that they are of real economic value to man.

We cannot agree with Mr. Perkins of Medford, who told us that he considered birds more harmful than beneficial. He told me further that he could get along better without the birds than with them, because they pecked and destroyed so much of his fruit. He stated emphatically he had been shooting birds that came into his orchard and would continue to do so, even if it was contrary to our present law.

Now, if there are certain birds in the Rogue River Valley that are doing more damage than good to the fruit growers, we are anxious to use our influence to protect orchardists

from the ravages of these birds. But, as I have said before, we are opposed to destroying all our song bird legislation and killing 99 birds on account of the sins of one bird.

We were anxious to amend our present law if necessary to give protection to fruit growers. We have the highest praise for E. D. Briggs of Ashland, who was working for the interests of the fruit growers at the legislature. He is a good friend of the birds. He told me he would be glad to see House Bill 367 amended so that it protected the orchardists and gardeners and at the same time was satisfactory to the Audubon Society. Mr. Perkins refused to do this. On account of his radical stand, he forfeited the interests of the very men he was supposed to represent.

WILLIAM L. FINLEY,
President Oregon Audubon Society.

To District School Clerks.

County School Superintendent Lincoln Savage has recently sent out the following circular letter to the clerks of the various school districts:

Grants Pass, Ore., Feb. 27, 1907.

By this mail I am sending you a district library blank, on which I have put the amount of your library apportionment for 1906.

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Have your board add to this amount as much more as possible out of the 15 per cent of the state and county apportionments and from the special tax of your district, or from any other available source.

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