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HOOD RIVER METHOD OF FIGHTING FRUIT PESTS

Inspector Burns $1000 Worth of Imported Scaley Trees, Loss Falls or Nurseryman.

Hood River after having made a vigorous fight for the past five years and has almost completely exterminated the pests from the orchards of that famous mountain locked valley found themselves threatened last week with a new invasion of San Jose scale brought in on a shipment of fruit trees received from a Willamette Valley nursery. But with the thoroughness that the Hood River orchardists give to the fruit industry their county fruit inspector promptly seized the diseased trees and ordered them burned. In this protective measure he was sustained by the Horticultural Board commissioner for that district and a bonfire was made of the teres.

The following from the Hood River Glacier tells in the incident:

"By a decision which was arrived at Tuesday by Commissioner Weber, of The Dalles, and County Fruit inspector Castner, about $1000 worth of nursery stock belonging to N. B. Harvey, of the Milwaukie nurseries and which is said to have been infected with San Jose scale was burned. The trees were being handled by Rosiger & Guignard and were at their place when the discovery was made that they were infected.

"Mr. Harvey made no objection to complying with the order for the destruction of the trees and said he was willing to abide by the decision although it was about the same as burning up a $1000 bill to him. He said that he did not want to send anything but clean stock to Hood River growers and that he supposed the condemned stock was all right. He states that it had been examined by the inspector for the district in whch the Milwaukie nurseries are situated and had been pronounced by hm as fit for sale. Traces of scale had been discovered in it before it was shipped to Hood Rver, but it had been dipped and was thought to be in a perfectly healthy condition. A letter which Mr. Harvey had with him from President Newell, of the State Board of Horticultur, said that in his opinion the trees would be all right if they were redipped and kept two weeks before being planted, but commissioner Weber and inspector Castner ruled otherwise and said that they must be destroyed, as it would be unwise to take any chances of propogating scale in the valley.

Their authority is said to be absolute in the district which they represent and the order to burn the trees was complied with.

The stock was Newtown and Spitzenbergs and is said to have been above the average in appearance and growth for its age. As there is a great demand for these varieties for the Spring setting the matter is looked upon by growers as unfortunate. They do not however, attach any blame to Mr. Harvey or Mr. Guignard, and say that it is an incident in the fruit growing business that is liable to happen and which calls for prompt action."

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FINE COMPLIMENT FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

President Newell of State Board of Horticulture Encourages Fruit Growers.

The Rogue River Courier, realizing that the mere chronicling of news events was not all that a newspaper should do to be a helpful factor in a community, devotes much of its space to articles dealing with the development of the fruit, dairy, mining, stock, timber, manufacturing and other industries in Rogue River Valley and which will give to Grants Pass and Josephine county a prosperity that will be permanent and make this section one of the most progressive in the state.

To let prominent persons at a distance know of the progress of this, the most favored of Valleys sample copies of the Courier are sent from time to time. In a letter acknowledging the receipt of copies of the Courier Hon. Wilbur K. Newell, of Gaston, Oregon, president of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, commends the work of this paper and also pays a high tribute to the horticultural possibilities of this section of Rogue River Valley in a statement that "The country tributary to Grants Pass was adapted to growing more kinds of fruit to perfection than any other part of Oregon." That he did not make this statement as mere flattery is known to those who have his acquaintance for Mr. Newell is a most conscientious man and one of the most progressive and practical farmers and fruit growers of Willamette Valley and he is broad-minded enough to concede the merits that the various sections of Oregon possess. Hhe following is Mr. Newell's letter in full:

Gaston, Ore., May. 14, 1907.
Rogue River Courier,
Grants Pass, Ore.,

To the Editor—I wish to thank you for the many copies of your excellent paper received during the past few months I appreciate your kindness in sending them, and also wish to commend the splendid work you are doing in encouraging the Horticultural industry in your vicinity. The power of the press is mighty in this line as in others. Speaking from a knowledge of all parts of the state, I have often said that the country tributary to Grants Pass was adapted to growing more kinds of frint to perfection than any other part of Oregon.

Sincerely yours,
WILBUR K. NEWELL.

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SOME POINTERS FOR COMMISSIONER CARSON

A Reply to His Unmanly Screed and His Inefficiency Shown Up.

A. H. Carson, member of the State Board of Horticulture for this, the Third district, and who has had the position and the salary for the past six years during which period his inactivity and neglect of duty has been in inverse ratio to that of the orchard pests which have so increased as to all but destroy the fruit industry in Josephine county, has a blast in the Observer of this week accusing me of several short-comings. He states that I have ignored the law and have failed to take orders from him and to report to him as I should. As to obeying and enforcing the law I thought I was doing my duty and making very good headway in having the pest law enforced as is proven by the very large amount of pruning and spraying and the digging up of old, diseased trees that is being done all over the county, in marked contrast to the very little that was done to check the spread of the pests last year and for the previous years that Commissioner Carson had charge of this work.

In enforcing the law to compel all to eradicate the pests from their fruit trees, vineyards and shrubbery I have been as lenient as possible and been first trying the efficiency of a campaign of education. In this line I have secured 138 subscriptions to Better Fruit, the famous fruit paper published at Hood River, that the orchardists of this county may learn of the methods that have practically freed Hood River Valley of pests and enabled that district to get the highest price paid in the world last year for apples. I have distributed all the bulletins I could secure and have had published in the Courier a large amount of horticultural news. Of the 10 fruit growers meetings that have been held in Josephine county during the past two years I have arranged for them all and Mr. Carson only attended four of them. But after the first of April I shall change the campaign of education to one of action and all who have not made a vigorous effort to eradicate the pests from their orchards and vineayrds will get a call from the sheriff with he sequence of a big cost bill to pay that will be a lien upon their property. And this rule will be applied to Commissioner Carson as well as to the humble owner of a half a dozen diseased trees and he will have to make more of an effort than he has in the past to put his vineyard and fruit trees in a healthy condition.

There are two reasons why I have not reported to Commissioner Carson as yet. One is that he takes so little interest in having the pest law enforced that I took it that he did not care for a report, and the other and chief reason is that I had no report to make until the county court meets in April when as is required by law I will make a report to the county court and to the commissioner for this district.

As to Commisisoner Carson going before the county court and demanding that I be put out of office there is no likelihood at all of his doing that, he will only talk about it as he has in the past talked about paving the pest law enforced. His fling at my business capacity is in keeping with the methods that he practiced in selling fruit trees to the farmers of Jospehine county. And his scoruful allusion to the Grants Pass Fruit Growes Union but shows his opposition to that organization. Had it not been oganized he could have engaged in fruit buying, as he once planned to do. It is only jealousy that prompts him to make the false statement that the Union made a failure in marketing fruit. The truth is that the fruit shipped through the Union brought the growes from 25 to 50 per cent more than they had ever received before and this profitable price was had in a market that was flooded with the biggest fruit crop ever grown in the United States. And furthermore the members of the Union got the returns for their fruit promptly and did not lose on their sales as did some of the farmers who sold to dealers.

Commissioner Carson has unwittingly started the movement that will result in he being deposed from office, for he has roused the fruit growers of all Rogue River Valley to his utter incompetency as an officer and they will make such a demand on the Governor that the latter will appoint a new commissioner for the Third district.

CHARLES MESERVE,
County Fruit Inspector.

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ROGUE RIVER FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET

In Grants Pass, March 30—Addresses by Noted Horticultural Experts.

There will be a fruit growers meeting in Grants Pass on Saturday, March 30, conducted under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College in cooperation with the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union and the Grants Pass Commercial Club. The speakers will embrace some of the best horticultural talent in the state among them being Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Experiment Station of the Oregon Argicultural College, Prof. A. B. Cordley, entymologist at the Agricultural College, one of the best posted men on fruit tree pests on the Pacific Coast, Prof. Claude I. Lewis, horticulturist at the Argicultural College, late of Cornell Univergsity and thoroughly posted in the problems on the successful growing of an orchard, E. H. Shepard, manager and secretary of the Hood River Fruit Growers Union and Mrs. Clara Waldo, state lecturer for the Oregon Grange. Mrs. Waldo is the most talented woman speaker on the Pacific Coast and her address on "The Betterment of the Farm Home" will be well worth hearing. The profitable marketing of fruit is quite as important to the orchardist as is its growing and all interested in the Rogue River fruit industry will find Mr. Shepard's address of the greatest value. Mr. Shepard has for the last four years been manager of the Hood River Fruit Growers Union and he has built it up to be the strongest union on the Pacific Coast. This Union has secured the highest prices ever paid growers for apples in the world. Their prices for this last year ranged from $2.25 to $3.15 a box f. o. b. Hood River. Rogue River orchardists have the advantage of as good soil and climate as Hood River and when they have the thorough knowledge and as strong a union as have the Hood River growers they will get as high prices for their fruit.

The meeting will be held in the Opera House and the sessions will be afternoon and evening. No forenoon session will be held for the reason that so many farmers live at a distance and getting into town late and then likely doing some trading will not be able to attend until after dinner. The afternoon session will be devoted to the technical part of fruit raising and will be of special interest to the farmers and they are expected to be present promptly at 1 o'clock. An important feature of the evening will deal with the fruit industry as a factor in the prosperity of Grants Pass and it is expected that the business men will have that interest in the welfare of their city to all attend for if the fruit industry is not developed Grants Pass will come to a standstill and soon too.

The office of county fruit inspcetor, yielding little honor and less salary and much hard work and the bitter criticisms of the moss back fruit tree owners, is not being sought after to any great extent in many of the counties of the state. The strenuous life has been too much for several of them and a number have resigned this Winter and Spring. The latest resignation is that of E. P. Drew, fruit inspector for Douglas county, who announced that the office took too much of his time for the salary that it paid. Ex-County Judge G. W. Riddle has been appointed by the county court to fill the position. Judge Riddle is a leading fruit grower of Riddle and announces his intention of enforcing the law against fruit tree pests to the full extent and make it possible for orchardists of Douglas county to grow perfect fruit. Judge Riddle is the father of George R. Riddle, the well known hardware dealer of this city.

SHERIFF BELIEVES HE HAS MURDERER

Man in Custody Answers Description of Murderer of Deputy Sheriff of Chico.

The county jail now has another occupant, a man giving his name as Jim Lacy, but who is supposed to be Jim Richardson, who is wanted in California for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Joe D. Price at Fresno on March 13, and for whom a reward of $1000 has been offered. Lacy tallys almost perfectly with the description of the man wanted with the exception as to height, which differs about two inches.

Lacy, when captured here by the city marshal was traveling in company with another man who has been detained and is now languishing in the city jail. The two men claim to have been working together for the past two years but each has a different story as to where their time has been spent and their occupation during the past months.

The California authorities have been communicated with and will probably arrive as soon as rail communication is established. In the mean time the suspects are being held and a charge of carrying concealed weapons will be brought against them.

RAINFALL OF FIVE INCHES

Railroad Traffic Demoralized and Mails Uncertain.

Southern Oregon was treated to a rain storm this week, the storm commencing Saturday night and continuing almost incessantly until Tuesday night and during that time he rainfall at Grants Pass amounted to five inches. This is good record even for this country where the rain does not fall in gentle mists. The rivers and small streams throughout the county have been swollen but so far as can be learned no damage to any extent has been done. California however is not so fortunate. The excessive rains have caused damage amounting to millions and suffering and loss of life, whole towns being submerged and the inhabitants escaping with difficulty.

The Southern Pacific tracks have been greatly damaged and traffic is demoralized. Fifty miles of track have been washed out between Dunsmuir and Sacramento and trains will not be able to run over that section for a number of days yet. The railroad bridge at Winchester, Douglas county was swept away and traffic northward delayed. At present but two trains a day are running, one from the north and one being made up at Ashland and running to Portland. This schedule will continue until the tracks are in good condition from Portland to San Francisco, which will take a week or more.

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MISS GEORGE LEADS IN TELEGRAM CONTEST

Heads the List in the 10th District But Needs the Support of Her Friends.

Miss Lucie George of this place, a teacher in the Riverside school, is a candidate in the Portland Evening Telegram's Jamestown Exposition Tour contest, which has been in progress since October 22 and will continue until the 22d of April. At the present time Miss George heads the list with 221,418 votes, being nearly 2600 votes ahead of her closest competitor, Miss Maude Robertson, of Dallas. Miss George has been up toward the head of the list in the 10th district since the beginning of the contest, a greater portion of the time occupying first place but at times falling back to second place, and as the contest nears the close the outcome will be awaited with great interest by Miss George's friends who are all anxiou tshat she win.

The prize to be won is a free trip to the Jamestown Exposition as a guest of the Evening Telergam which paper pays all expenses for 13 young ladies who are to travel by special car and will have all the travel necessities and conveniences provided. The trip is one which is looked forward to by many young ladies of Oregon who wish to make a trip to the East.

Voting coupons are secured by paid in advance subscriptions to the Evening Telegram, 200 votes for three months, 600 for six months, and 1500 votes if paid one year in advance. Single coupons may be cut from each daily issue of the Telegram. Now is the time for all Josephine county people to show their loyalty to a Josephine county candidate and those who are now regularly receiving the Telegram should send Miss George $5 for a year's subscription and it will enable her to add 1500 votes to her number. There are now but four weeks in which to work for candidates.

Miss George has spent the greater part of her life in Oregon and is a "Booster" for her home county and it is certain that if she goes to Jamestown with the Telegram party there will be hundreds of Eastern people who will hear about Josephine county and Souhern Oregon, possibly for the first time.

All believers in Christian religion, regardless of denomination, are invited to come and hear a discourse delivered by Paul S. L. Johnson, the converted Hebrew. Subject—"The First Hell and The Second Hell." Meeting to be held at the Modern Woodmen hall over L. B. Hall's undertaking store, North Sixth street, March 29 and 30, at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. No collection and seats free.

Chicken Pie—Wednesday April 3, after 5 p. m. at the hall above Hall's by Christian church ladies. They make pie good for the pious and impious alike. 3-22 2t

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