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The Grants Pass Jeweller

Rogue River Fruit Notes

Profitable Pointers Regarding the Industry Gathered From Various Sources in This Favored Section of Oregon.

Anthraxnose, or black spot, is doing as much damage to the orchards of Josephine county as is the scale or any of the other pests. The anthraxnose is a fungus, the spores of which ripen in the fall. These spores are carried from tree to tree by birds, insects, wind and other means and lodging on the bark immediately begin to grow and multiply in countless numbers. They can readily be killed by spraying if this is done in November and the first part of December before they have become firmly rooted. Where the disease has become firmly established on a tree it is a more difficult matter to eradicate it, but it can be done if the dead bark is thoroughly scraped off before the spraying is done.

The anthraxnose has been completely eradicated from the orchards of Hood River and the big commercial orchards of Jackson county are free from it, only the small farm orchards that have been uncared for showing the pest. Here in Josephine county almost every orchard is affected more or less with anthraxnose, and most of the fruit trees in Grants Pass are reeking with this deadly pest. This pest is as contagious as is the scale and it is a difficult and expensive work for one orchardist to keep his trees free from it while his neighbors trees are infested with it. Spraying for this disease should have been begun not later than November 1st or as early as the fruit has been picked. The progressive orchardists have already sprayed their trees this fall or will soon do so, but as Josephine county now has no fruit inspector to enforce the law and compel the careless and indifferent tree owners to spray their trees little headway is likely to be made this year in eradicating the anthraxnose from this section of Rogue River Valley. Spraying later this winter will hold the pest in check and keep up the vitality of the trees so that next fall it will be an easier matter to clear the tree of the disease.

In 1888, the Indiana State Experiment Station set out from 40 to 50 varieties of the Russian apples and one which has done especially well is the red queen. It is medium in size, somewhat conical, greenish yellow, with a bright red cheek in the sun. It is a handsome apple, but like most of the Russians, too acid for eating out of hand, but excellent for cooking purposes. The tree is a prolific bearer and in Indiana the season is up to Christmas.

The fruit growers of Josephine county are taking a lively interest in the matter of having a capable fruit inspector appointed by the board of county commissioners and at the next

meeting of that body this important matter will come up for action. The growers feel that it is a most vital matter and they desire to see someone who is in every way capable of looking after the work selected. Otherwise they will be heard from, as the law governing such matters gives them the right to step in and see to that the proper person is placed in the position.

In trimming trees it should be remembered that the wound made by cutting off a limb close to the trunk of tree will soon heal over, while the wound made by cutting off the limb two or three inches from the trunk leads to decay and sometimes causes the ultimate loss of the tree itself.—Fancy Fruit.

Just as the financial flurry came on, Representative J. W. Perkins, of Jackson county had his fine fruit ranch all but sold, the passing of the purchase money being all that was lacking, but owing to the stringency of the money market, the deal which was for the sum of \$75,000, had to fall through. It is not known whether negotiations will again be taken up or not.

Daniel Peterson, who has a very promising piece of orchard land out near Hugo, was at the county seat, a few days ago, making plans to ship his nice apple crop. Mr. Peterson spent 20 years as a railroad man, 17 years being section foreman of the Hugo section, and be it to his credit he never had a wreck of any consequence on his division during all that time. He managed to keep his roadbed in apple-pie shape and missed wrecks. He is now caring for his orchards after somewhat the same manner and as a natural result he is raising some choice fruit. He is an enthusiastic member of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association, and confidently believes that this is the only sure way of bringing the product up to the high standard desired by all growers. He has been quite successful in growing peaches, having land that is admirably adapted for that purpose and he even thinks that there is more money in raising peaches than in apples. He has demonstrated that the peaches in that altitude, the thermal belt of 1700 feet above sea level, can be successfully grown. His trees are very thrifty and have never been caught by the frost. This season he proposes putting out a large number of new peach trees.

The American apple crop is reported to be 24,000,000 barrels short of last year's total. If future big apple crops are properly appreciated the failure of 1907 will serve a useful purpose.

PARCELS POST PROSPECTS.

Effect of Proposed Innovation on Mail Order Business.

According to a staff correspondent of the New York Globe, Postmaster General Meyer intends next winter to propose to congress the establishment of a parcels post system such as obtains in England. This innovation has been advocated by many persons for years, but it has been defeated by the interests of the express companies represented in congress, particularly in the senate. There is now said to be considerable opposition on account of the fear that the establishment of this service, whereby parcels weighing several pounds are to be sent through the mails at a nominal rate, will injure local merchants because of making mail order trade more easy.

On this point the Globe's Washington correspondent says:

"When the time comes Postmaster General Meyer, with the backing of the president, is expected to come out with arguments intended to refute the idea that the small storekeeper would be hurt by a parcels post. Officials who have looked into the matter say that the parcels post would help the small dealer instead of hurting him, and that instead of being compelled to keep stocks of certain goods he could act as an agent for big houses on commission, obtaining his goods quickly and at low transportation cost by mail. Of course, the examples set by foreign countries will be cited. It will be pointed out, undoubtedly, that nearly every other civilized country has better facilities for carrying parcels by mail than this country.

As is well known, one can mail an eleven pound package and send it through the mail to almost any place outside the United States and its possessions. The reports on the English parcels post system afford arguments which it is entirely likely the post-office department will avail itself of. There one can send a parcel weighing

up to five pounds for 12 cents, and the haul is eleven pounds and the charge 22 cents. The latest report on the subject shows that the last government year the people of England sent 101,700,000 parcels through the mails, an increase of 43 per cent. Moreover, this was not done at a loss, the profit of the English postal system being \$20,000,000 the last government year, in contrast with a deficit in this country.

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Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.



SENATOR M. A. MILLER of Albany

The members of Grants Pass Camp No. 8007, M. W. A., and their invited friends enjoyed a treat Tuesday evening, when some of the prominent officials of the order were here. A popular meeting was held in Clemens Hall, when Senator M. A. Miller of Albany, Grand State Lecturer delivered an able address on the benefits of the excellent order. Other members from abroad who were present were: J. W. Pixley, of Albany, who is District Deputy and J. W. Simmonds, of Portland, State Deputy. The meeting was largely attended by representative citizens and cannot help but prove to be greatly beneficial to this order, which is growing in popularity, right along.

Pennsylvania's Good Work. Congressman George F. Huff of Greensburg, Pa., continues to be the champion of good roads in Westmoreland county, says the Motor News. When the Pennsylvania Motor federation took their party over the Philadelphia-Pittsburg pike last October no one was more active than Colonel Huff in arranging for making smooth the rough places, and at his own expense he put a gang of men at work on the west side of the Laurel ridge, then the worst section of the entire route.

Roadside Trees. The majority of the highroads in Belgium are now planted with trees along the way, to the great pleasure of travelers and to the advantage of the country. In a total distance of about 4,775 miles there are no less than 800,000 of these roadside trees.

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