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BROWN TAILED MOTH--DESTRUCTOR

FRUIT GROWERS SHOULD ARM AGAINST THIS ENEMY

HAS COST MANY MILLIONS

A Full Description of this Worst Enemy of Fruit and Shade Trees.

We are told that the brown tail moth has arrived in Salem, Oregon, being brought there in a shipment of nursery trees direct from France. This moth is one of the most destructive insects known in the fruit world. Many of the eastern states, notably Massachusetts, has expended millions in destroying this pest, which attacks fruit and shade trees alike. Connecticut and Massachusetts each have strict laws regarding the bringing of these insects within the borders of their commonwealths.

The people of Oregon are interested in this matter and every community should protect itself against this worst enemy of fruit and forest tree. It is all important to the public generally to have a knowledge of this invader of our Oregon orchards. The Northwest Farm and Home published at North Yakima, prints the following description of the pest:

The perfect brown-tail insect is a white moth with the wings perfectly white. It is about the size of a cabbage caterpillar. It gets its name from the fact that there are tufts of brown hair on its abdomen. It appears in August and deposits its eggs, which soon hatch into caterpillars, which in turn begin to feed upon the foliage and the trees are soon stripped of leaves. Soon they begin to form a nest in which to pass the winter. This is done by fastening a number of leaves together and covering them with a thick web of silk. These are from three to four inches in length, and are securely fastened to the branches. They are grayish white in color and are easily seen. The worms develop rapidly in the spring, soon becoming fully developed. They are then about an inch and a half in length. They are of a brownish color with a broken white stripe along either side of the back and with two red dots near the rear portion.

While the insect resembles the canker worm--so well known--it is to be much more feared for the following reasons. (1) The broods are much more numerous and they are of greater size; (2) instead of confining itself to the apple and other trees, the worm feeds on all trees of the orchard and the forest; (3) It has no counteracting parasites in the United States as has the canker worm; (4) the moths can fly, thus spreading their young over great areas, while the female canker worm

is wingless; (5) the caterpillars of the brown-tail moth are covered with barbed hairs, which, when they come into contact with the skin of a human being, penetrate into the flesh, causing blood poisoning and resulting in a rash all over the body.

Blinds Down.

Chief of Police E. C. McLane has been doing business on a large scale during the last few days, taking the preliminary steps in the enforcement of the city ordinance regulating soft drink establishments. This ordinance is drastic in its requirements and was made to stop the sale of intoxicating liquors. The soft drink establishments have all been notified to take down their screens, partitions, etc., as the ordinance requires. Some object but they will be given only to a certain date to comply with the law when arrests will take place. Chief McLane and his assistant, F. W. Capp, can be depended upon to do their whole duty and it is safe to say this ordinance will be enforced.

CONTEST FOR QUEEN OF THE FLOAT

Miss Ethel Bartlett Stands at the Head of List With Miss Johnson Second.

The result of the voting for Queen of the Grants Pass float at the Portland Rose Festival as showed below indicates that a good start has been made. Most of our merchants are giving a vote with a cash purchase of \$1.00. There is a special on Sampson's Brand of Canned Pears, the grocers giving 10 votes with a case of pears (\$3.00). Ask your dealer for votes. They are very willing to give them, but often forget it in the rush of business.

The contest will run along on the present lines until May 21. The highest four candidates after the count on that date will be declared the official candidates for Queen, and from that time on till the end of the contest, May 31, the voting will become strenuous. The committee in charge of raising the funds to pay for the float are sanguine enough to hope that the contest for Queen will pay all expenses of the float, and will leave a surplus to give to the Ladies' Auxiliary for park improvement. If every member of the Commercial Club and of the Ladies' Auxiliary will take an interest in the voting, they will help the committee which is working for the success of the contest. From this date the standing of the contestants will be found posted at the following places: Churchill-Riggs Land Co., C. P. Bishop & Co. and Cramer Bros. Every evening the result will be thrown on the screen at the moving picture theaters.

The vote Friday morning stands:

Ethel Bartlett	258
Ethel Johnson	236
Bernice Fallin	104
Pearl Kearns	80
Ada Smith	72
Tulare Linkey	70
Emma Loughbridge	58
Maudie Dullbon	52
LaCosta Mangum	51

GOOD MONEY IN EGGS & POULTRY

WHAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT SAYS ABOUT IT

MARKET GOOD YEAR ROUND

Profitable Occupation for Many Persons in Josephine County But They Must Learn.

The production of eggs and poultry has become a highly profitable occupation for many families throughout the middle west and while the business is increasing in the section indicated it fails to receive the attention that it should in Oregon. The people of this state should wake up to the fact that there is money in raising poultry and producing eggs. The housewives of this state can build up an income which will supply many comforts to their children and themselves. Investigation of this subject will prove highly interesting and may lead to good results.

The department of agriculture has issued circular No. 140, in which is discussed the egg trade of the United States and shows clearly that the production is not all what it should be and again that there is an enormous waste from spoiling of eggs, which might be prevented by care on the part of the producers, and the dealers. It lays down practical rules for the production of good eggs and the marketing of them in a profitable way. Condensing this part of the report the following covers the points:

Use hens that produce many and moderately large eggs--such breeds as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, Orpingtons and Leghorns or Minorcas; give good housing, regular feeding and watering, and above all clean, dry nests; gather eggs daily, and twice a day when the thermometer is above 80 degrees; confine broody hens as soon as discovered; reject for market and use for home all eggs found in a nest not visited the previous day; place summer eggs as soon as gathered in as cool a place as possible; prevent moisture in any form from coming in contact with egg shells; dispose of young cockerels before they begin to annoy hens, and sell or confine old male birds from the time hatching is over until cool weather in the fall; use cracked and dirty, as well as small, eggs at home, market all eggs at least once a week, oftener if possible; keep eggs as cool and dry as possible while on the way to town and while in country stores; keep eggs away from musty cellars or bad odors; use strong, clean cases and good fillers; ship to the final market at least once a week, and as much oftener as possible.

The egg as a food product is in demand the year around and there is no reason why they cannot be produced in sufficient quantity to supply the market, and by care they can be so handled as to make them available at all seasons. In Josephine county the poultry business can be increased safely many times and a shipping trade which would become very profitable can be established without delay. The occupation requires reasonable care and in some respects close attention.

A paying trade in poultry and eggs can be started and carried on with less capital than almost any other profitable industry, but there is something to be learned before undertaking this occupation on a large scale. The Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural College will be glad to supply special bulletins on this subject that can be had on application.

Brown Leghorn and White Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15 at Cramer Bros.

A Rich Mining District. The Galice mining district is attracting the attention of the mining world generally and has become known as one of the best mining camps on the Pacific Coast. During

the past winter and spring many strong veins have been uncovered and much important development work has been done. Fully a dozen fine properties will be shipping ore as soon as an electric road is built to connect with the Southern Pacific either at Grants Pass or some nearer point. A road can be built from this city to Alameda over a route that is within a distance of not more than twenty miles. This road would pass the Galice post office and accommodate a large number of mines, and would find an almost endless tonnage at the Alameda alone to say nothing about a dozen other good propositions in that locality. Grants Pass business men should take more interest in the development of this wonderfully rich mining district which is capable of being of great value in a business way to this city and which is already attracting more capital than any other line of investments in this county.

Our fishing tackle comes direct from factory. That means quality at the right price. Cramer Bros.

SOUTHERN OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

About Thirty Southern Oregon Medics Are Expected Here on the 11th.

The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Medical Association will be held in Grants Pass on Tuesday, May 11, 1909, and public session will be held in the opera house in the evening at 8:15 sharp. Dr. Pierce of the Portland Tubercular Sanitarium, will give an illustrated talk on "Tuberculosis," and Dr. Coffey, of the North Pacific Surgical Sanitarium at Portland, will speak on the subject of "Cancer and Malignant Growths." These subjects are of absorbing interest to everyone and it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

It is expected that 25 to 30 medics of Southern Oregon will be in attendance, besides several from Portland.

The Grants Pass Concert Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Mayor H. C. Kinney will preside at the meeting. This session is free and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Meeting of City Council.

The city council met Thursday night and transacted some business of importance. An ordinance was brought up providing in case of an application for the use of the referendum, the party applying for the same shall pay the costs. An emergency was declared to exist and the ordinance was passed.

Then came up the application for a referendum permitting the question of a franchise to the Citizens Telephone Co. to a vote of the people. The law in the case permits the council to grant a franchise and save an election if they feel it is to the best interest of the public; and in accordance with this a vote was taken, and only three voted for it, so it was declared lost, and the matter will come to vote of the people.

Ask Hair-Riddle Hardware Co. to show you their 7-tooth spring tooth cultivator.

Paroled, Elopes With Niece.

Sheriff Russell on Tuesday of this week received word that a paroled prisoner named Charles Slagle residing at Williams Creek had eloped with his niece, a 15-year-old girl named Meek. The sheriff at once communicated with Governor Benson and started in pursuit of the fugitives and followed the parties into Jackson county where he learned they had gone to California and he at once followed them into that state. Friday morning a revocation of Slagle's pardon was received at the sheriff's office from Salem.

Slagle was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Josephine County court on the 4th day of September, 1893, for the killing of Antone. On September 23, 1908, he was released on a conditional pardon and these conditions having been violated, the governor revoked his parole and ordered him back to the penitentiary to serve out his life sentence.

BUSINESS MEN VISIT CANALS

TRIPS ARE MADE TO THREE OF THE IRRIGATION DITCHES

TAKE AUTOMOBILE RIDE

Visitors Well Satisfied With the Work Which Has Already Been Accomplished.

The irrigating ditches have held the center of the road during the entire week. A large number of our citizens are deeply interested in this enterprise and are in full sympathy with the efforts to secure water for a considerable portion of the district for the present season, and they fully appreciate the great task the managers who have charge of the construction work have in hand.

Last Tuesday morning some fifty of our leading business men visited the ditches and made a careful examination of the work that has been accomplished on both the high line ditch above Fruitdale, the big gravity ditch on the south side and the 200-foot level canal above Grants Pass. They were taken in automobiles to various points of construction from which places they followed the ditches the entire length and examined closely the work. It was a hard forenoon, but having started at seven o'clock and being rushed from point to point by the swift moving autos, they were enabled during the day to see the construction work on the three lines above mentioned. The Courier representative had the privilege of talking with quite a number of our citizens who made the trip and the general opinion was that not only had the work been well done but that much had been accomplished with the money expended. It was the first time that a large majority of these business men had examined the canals and they expressed themselves not only surprised at the practical methods employed but highly pleased with their examination of the irrigation system.

Our farmers are very anxious to secure water early in June and no effort will be spared to accomplish this, but much depends on two things: First, the amount of help in the way of teams and men that the farmers can give on construction work. Second, the prompt payment of the assessments levied on the stockholders.

These two are the great considerations at this time and they are demands that must be met if we are to have water this season.

All that human effort can accomplish is being done by the officers of the company. Besides Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Carner, Mayor Kinney has given a large share of his time from early in the morning till late in the evening to the accomplishment of this enterprise; not only has he given his time, his business ability, but from the very first has urged and encouraged his neighbors and friends to assist in this important undertaking. Secretary Riggs has from the very first meeting called to encourage irrigation work been faithful to the cause. Few people can realize the amount of painstaking and exacting work that he has done. On a visit a few days ago by a representative of this paper to the office of the Irrigation company he found two of our local business men, two young lady stenographers and bookkeepers and Mr. Riggs all busily engaged addressing notices and statements to stockholders, working on the books of the company, examining accounts, etc. With the exception of the two young ladies those at work receive no pay. Mr. Riggs has attended all the meetings and made written reports of each and performed all the duties of a secretary from first to last without remuneration. It can be further said for the company that its finances are managed with the most careful attention to details by the regularly elected officers of the corporation.

Frosts have done much damage

to orchards and gardens in many states, and as a result great financial loss has come to a class who can ill afford such disasters. Fortunately, our own country has escaped severe freezing and it can be said that the damage to fruit and tender vegetables has not been great.

Schools Close Soon.

Three more weeks of school and books will be laid aside by the Grants Pass lads and lassies for on the 28th will occur the Commencement exercises of the Grants Pass High school. This year the graduating class consists of nine students as against 13 of last year. They are Josephine Randle, Leona Bisch, Dessie Cole, Anna May Thomas, Clara Calhoun, Lois Webber, Worth Hamilton, Henry Norton and Daniel McFarland. On Friday evening, May 21, will occur the class day exercises and play. The sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by Rev. Robert McLean on Sunday evening, May 23, and the Commencement address will be delivered by President Homan, of Willamette University, Friday evening, May 28, in the opera house.

WILL RENDER SACRED CANTATA "JOSEPH"

Will Be Produced With Local Cast on Monday, May 17 at Opera House.

All Grants Pass lovers of music are eagerly anticipating the sacred cantata of J. Astor Broads, "Joseph," to be given by a trained chorus soon. The cantata itself is one of the highest order. The scene vividly depicts the incidents of the life of Joseph from the time of his being sold into Egypt by his brethren, including his sojourn there as a slave and his attainment later to the position of prime minister in the court of Pharaoh. The scene of the meeting between the brothers after the many years of separation presents a most dramatic climax and the music rises there to a grandeur of intensity.

Throughout, the music is exceptionally beautiful, conspicuous especially for its exquisite harmony. The chorus parts will be rendered by a chorus of forty voices under the able training of Prof. J. S. McMurray. The role of Joseph is well sustained by Mr. E. S. VanDyke with a full sympathy and understanding of the part. The parts of the two brothers, Reuben and Judah, are taken by Geo. Cramer and E. G. Veatch, while Mr. Voorhies takes the role of the old father, Jacob. Mr. Reitz is excellent in the character of Pharaoh, with Miss Marian Clark as the Queen, and Miss Acosta Mangum as Princess. Mrs. Walker will delight everyone as Joseph's sister. Mrs. McLean, who is regarded as a most able accompanist, will assist at the piano. A violin obligato will be played by Miss Marian Clark.

Very particular attention is being given to the appropriate costuming and setting of the affair. The situation is a picturesque one in itself, with its Egyptian splendor of color and the rich, Oriental costumes of Pharaoh's court. Mrs. Gunnell has this in charge and it promises to be perfect in every detail.

There is little doubt of the existence of much musical talent in Grants Pass, but it is some time since an entertainment employing the united work of the best of the city possesses has been given here and all are expecting a real treat. There has been active enthusiasm and most earnest work from every member of the chorus, which, in itself, is certain to insure success. The entertainment will lack nothing in dramatic and artistic effects under such able directors as Mr. McMurray and Mrs. Gunnell.

It is hoped the citizens of Grants Pass will show their appreciation of this effort by more than filling the Opera House Monday night, May 17. Especially is this desired as a generous part of the proceeds go towards the park improvement fund, under the charge of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The importance of this work is generally recognized and in the enjoyment of the concert, one lends material aid to the improvement of our city.

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