

IMPORTANT TOPICS UP NEXT SATURDAY

Rogue River Horticultural Society Meets in Commercial Club Rooms at 2 P. M.

The regular meeting for November of the Rogue River Horticultural society will be held on Saturday of this week in the Medford Commercial club room at 2 p. m.

The topic for discussion will be "The Planting of an Orchard." Professor P. J. O'Gara of the department of agriculture will speak on this subject and will tell of the character of the soil, the influence of the water table and bedrock conditions, planting the tract and the selection of the trees, the planting and the first pruning. He will also speak of cross-pollination as a factor in increasing the yield. Professor O'Gara is conceded to be the best-posted man on orchard problems that has ever spoken before the Rogue River Horticultural society, and his address will be highly instructive and profitable to all who intend to plant fruit trees.

It is especially important that all who are interested in Rogue River valley be present at this meeting, for their co-operation is needed in the accomplishment of several important matters that the Horticultural society has in hand and which will be up for consideration.

One of the most important of these measures is that of securing a government soil survey for the Rogue River valley. If a determined effort is made and backed up by the data that is required by the department of agriculture and the support that has been assured by the members of the Oregon delegation in congress, there is a certainty that the soil survey will be ordered made and that the men to do the work will be sent here early in the spring. There will be a chief and four or five assistants, and it will probably take them four or five months to do the field work and to make the chemical tests. Every 40-acre tract of land in the valley will be tested to a depth of six feet, and in addition to the character of the soil, the position of the water table and the bedrock will be noted. From this data will be prepared a full description of the geological and chemical conditions that govern the plant productivity of the soil of Rogue River valley. A large map will also be made showing in colors the different features noted in the soil survey. These maps and descriptions will be for free distribution and so soon as published, which will probably be some time next winter, the Horticultural society will be supplied with a large quantity for distribution to those who desire them.

Every deciduous fruit district in the world has to contend against late spring frosts. Rogue River valley is in the list, but the weather bureau records show that the frost risk here is the minimum, but it is enough to make it necessary to protect orchards with smudge fires for about one spring out of three. When the orchards now planted come into full bearing one killing frost would do damage to half a million dollars or more. The work of frost prevention that was done in this valley last spring under the direction of Professor O'Gara demonstrated that it is no difficult matter and little expense to protect an orchard from frost. As these cold spells come in from the Pacific ocean, and being largely local in character, the weather bureau forecasting stations at Portland and San Francisco are unable to know of their presence until too late to give the fruit growers warning of an impending frost. To enable the fruitgrowers to know when to smudge and when not to waste their fuel, it is proposed to get the government to establish a forecasting station at Medford or some other central location in the valley. This matter has been taken up with the members of the Oregon delegation in congress, and they will present the needs of this valley to the weather bureau and the assurance is given that it is likely that the request will be granted. But full data of the needs of this valley must be had for presentation to Mr. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, and to arrange for this will be acted upon at the meeting Saturday.

EVANS AGAIN IS TALKING RAILROADS

Man Who Started on Project for the Rogue River Valley Said to Be Working in Eureka.

The news has come from Eureka, Humboldt county, Cal., that Captain F. L. Evans, who, about a year ago planned to construct an electric road in the Rogue River valley, has bobbed up in that city in company with George Henderson, a capitalist, and is planning to build an electric road through the rich timber land region and into the Klamath section. About four years ago Evans surveyed the road and now, it is reported, the two men have formed a company which will take up the surveys made by Evans and build a road that will tap the rich timber land and mineral belts of Eastern Humboldt and Trinity and Siskiyou, with a feeder extending up the Klamath river.

The men have stated that they would post \$25,000 with the Eureka city council as a forfeit if construction was not started within a year. It has been stated that it was the intention of the interests they represent to construct the proposed electric railroad in an easterly direction from Eureka, tapping some extensive tracts of timber in the middle eastern part of Humboldt county. There can be no doubt but that the men are planning to build an electric railroad to tap the timber belt of the central part of Humboldt county, and it is also reported that the projected line may have a feeder extending up the Klamath river.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Shorty Miles of Medford arrived in town on Sunday and on Monday went to his mother's homestead to take a hunt.

There have been several men here looking for work, having heard that our mill needs men. Manager Naylor is going night and day and is kept busy.

Professor Smith and wife left on Wednesday for a few days' visit to the valley.

Jack Fredenburg is hauling some fine yew posts to the valley. Professor Wright, Mrs. Bartlett, our teachers, together with Miss Sweet of the Obenchain school, have all gone to the institute.

Dr. Emerson of Central Point is on his homestead on the unsurveyed.

Ben Fredenburg took Miss Edith to the valley to attend teachers' institute, after which Miss Edith will teach at Trail.

The telephone line is being rapidly constructed to Butte Falls.

Many are the expressions favorable to John R. Allen, and men are anxious to work on the railroad line for him and the engineers, Beveridge and Sawyer.

Rails are being hauled to Ayres for the construction of the line necessary to transport freight and supplies.

Miss Watkins of Eagle Point arrived in town on Thursday and remained over night.

B. H. Harris, who has just returned from Michigan, came to the Falls through a drenching rainstorm on Thursday.

Judge F. M. Stewart of Medford is visiting William Perry and family.

President Allen and a party of railroad men were inspecting the railroad from Eagle Point to Ayres on Thursday. Mr. Allen finds a drawback in being unable to secure ties to carry on the extension, but hopes soon to overcome the difficulty and to push the road onward. A large force of men is working all along the right of way and the gaps are being closed.

The first snow of the season fell on Friday night and the weather was quite cold. Saturday morning the sun came out bright and the snow rapidly disappeared.

W. S. Dewing will put the lots of Street Addition on the market at once, and the right sort of parties can buy one of them, but we want persons who will build and men of families to identify themselves with our town.

Mr. Andrews, the United States government forest officer, made a pleasant call on your correspondent on Friday and reported that he had about finished estimating the timber

TERRIFIC NOISE TO GREET OPENING

Everywhere Over Northwest Whistles Will Shriek Greeting to Old King Apple.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 4.—In every city, town and hamlet of the Pacific Northwest a special message of President Taft, formally announcing the opening of the second national apple show in this city on November 15 will be bulletined by the operators of the Western Union Telegraph company and issued to every newspaper.

The receipt of this message is to be taken as the signal for the blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells, and for five minutes there will be a continuous noisemaking everywhere. The management of the several railroad companies have promised co-operation and throughout the Northwest every engineer is to be instructed to blow the whistle of steamboats on lakes, rivers and sounds, and along the coast will take up the same method of signaling simultaneously.

The request recently sent out by the management of the national apple show to the commercial organizations has met with hearty response and all are co-operating to announce to the world that the greatest apple show ever held has been opened.

Pandemonium will be let loose for five minutes in this city, and the noise-making will extend beyond the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells to the tooting of automobile horns and the general cheering of the public at large. Then everybody in Spokane will attend the formal exercises in connection with the opening of the show.

around Four-Bit. Mr. Andrews is a gentleman of refinement and education and more of such men in the service would do very much to quiet the grumblings and allay the dissatisfaction among the homesteaders.

The wild geese have been going south for nearly a month past, indicating an early winter. Several of them have been shot by the boys.

Manager Naylor is busy preparing the mill and arranging the plant for a steady run, as Mr. Harris returns from Michigan with most favorable news and work is to be pushed right ahead and many new and important improvements to be made. Mr. Naylor is the right man in the right place, and he, if any one, will make a success of our enterprise.

Charles Edmonson and family have moved into their new home in the rear of the meat shop. The demand for meat grows continuously, but there is a scarcity of good beefs for butchering.

Merchant Hughes contracts his butter supply from Art Nichols of Lake Creek, and it is difficult to supply the demand, as our people are great butter users, and Mr. Nichols brings fine butter.

Engineer Sawyer left on Saturday for Eagle Point. The crew has had a hard experience of late working in the snow, but the survey is being pushed.

G. L. Schermerhorn's teams were hauling machinery from Medford for the use of the mill. Much work is being done and many improvements are contemplated, and it is the intention of the manager and owners to have a mill thoroughly equipped and with a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The mill will run day and night.

We are enjoying a regular down-pour, which has continued for several days. All streams are high and the roads are a lollolly. It is rather early for winter, but it may be soon over and an early spring come, which will be welcome.

MISS ELKINS A PRINCESS BEFORE WEDDING DUKE

PARIS, Nov. 2.—The Petit Parisienne Milan correspondent learns from a member of the court that the Duke of Abruzzi is in constant correspondence with Miss Katharine Elkins and will shortly be promoted to rear admiral, soon after which his marriage with Miss Elkins will be celebrated. Miss Elkins will become a Catholic, it is said, and will be raised to the rank of princess at the first favorable opportunity.

WOODVILLE WANTS NEW ROAD OPENED

County Court Met in Regular Session Wednesday to Consider Regular Business.

The County court met in regular session Wednesday morning. The forenoon session was devoted to routine business, auditing of bills, etc.

A license to sell liquor for one year in the precinct of Woodville was granted to Mark Whipple.

A delegation of citizens from Wimer precinct appeared before the board asking that an order be made for the opening of a road previously viewed and surveyed in that district. The committee also presented a subscription paper showing that the citizens had subscribed work enough to almost complete the road. The supervisor was ordered to open the road.

The matter of the appointment of a county entomologist to make a complete study of the codlin moth, with a view to its elimination, was presented to the board by the executive committee of the Rogue River Horticultural society, comprised of E. B. Waterman, Charles Meserve, G. A. Hover and C. E. Whisler. It is the intention of the society to have an exhaustive study of the habits of this pest made, so that by reason of the information so derived orchardists may be informed from year to year as to the exact date upon which spraying for the moth will be most effective, thus doing with one or two sprays that which it takes several to accomplish. These dates vary from one day to several in different years and in different localities, so that it will be necessary to watch the moth from the egg stage to its maturity in order to secure the best results. To cover the different sections stations will be established at Ashland, Medford and Central Point for the purpose.

T. J. Williamson, representing 19 land holders on the east side of Bear creek, near Central Point, who had been to considerable expense carrying surplus water from their lands, the accumulation of which was due to the grading of the county road from the bridge east to the Central Point cemetery, said grading having eliminated two bridges over sloughs that had formerly carried this waste water, asked that the county bear a portion of the expense, and was allowed therefor the sum of \$50.

G. W. Taylor was appointed county entomologist. J. W. Myers has been appointed chief inspector, with residence at Central Point, and J. C. Aitken and T. S. Smith are retained as deputy inspectors in their respective districts.

INVESTIGATORS FIND WAY TO CHECK SCAB

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Nov. 3.—The apple scab which has destroyed Oregon apples may be controlled and probably entirely exterminated. This is the opinion of Dean Cordley of the college experiment station, after examining the reports submitted by P. L. Griffin, who has concluded a thorough investigation of conditions. The investigators find that spraying with lime-sulphur destroys the scab, without in the least injuring the fruit or the trees. The mixture was first prepared by the station experts and is being used all over the country.

MOVE ON TO CHANGE MEDFORD PRECINCTS

Vote Is Too Large and Change Will Be Made Soon if Plans Carry Out.

The last election showed the necessity of a redistricting of the territory covered by the two Medford election precincts. The vote was so large in each precinct that congestion occurred during the busy hours of the day and it was difficult to give every elector an opportunity to cast his ballot. In the count also there was trouble, as it took nearly 24 hours to count the ballots.

A movement is now on foot to petition the county court for the redistricting of the two precincts, making four at least, and perhaps six, voting precincts out of the territory now embraced in North and South Medford. Much of the territory is outside of the city limits, and one suggestion is to create precincts to comply with the corporation bounds and form the outside territory into precincts of their own. As at present constituted, there is always more or less confusion owing to the fact that the precincts for general elections and the city wards do not conform, and reform seems to be needed in that direction.

The time for taking up this matter is at the next term of the county court, as the registration will commence for the next general election in January, and it is at that time also that the judges and clerks of election are appointed. If the matter is brought up in December the court will have time to establish the boundaries of the new precincts and give notice to the people, so that there will be little or no confusion in registration and matters will go along without friction.

It would appear that the city should be divided into at least four precincts of itself, as it is evident that there must soon be four wards established for municipal purposes, owing to the rapid growth of the city. The county precincts and the wards could be made to conform and considerable future trouble avoided.

HAS COYOTE KNEE OR ELBOW OR FORE LEG?

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 3.—Apple growers, alfalfa ranchers, merchants and sportsmen in Yakima county, Wash., are in the thick of an argument to determine which part of coyote's fore leg is its knee, and it is likely that a state commission will be called upon to make an official ruling. The question was raised by J. S. Cooper, a resident of the town of Alfalfa, who holds that a coyote has elbows and not knees, while the county law provides that the right fore foot of a coyote cut off at the knee entitles the slayer to a bounty for the trophy. M. Harmer, game warden of Yakima county, upholds the Cooper contention. Those opposed to this say that as the coyote is a predatory animal it does not come under the state game laws; therefore, they contend, the ruling of the state game department has no more weight than would an opinion on the same question by one of Dr. Cook's Eskimos.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO OPEN APPLE SHOW

Will Press Button Which Will Announce Opening of Spokane's Great Apple Show.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—President Taft will send a special message to the people of the Pacific Northwest at 10 o'clock (Pacific time) on the morning of November 15, formally announcing the opening of the second national apple show at Spokane and greeting the growers of the king of fruits. While on his tour through the Northwest recently the president made an address at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in which he declared the apple had become a national issue, adding that he was converted to "boost" for this fruit and to do all in his power to further the commercial orcharding which he witnessed on the trip.

Upon his return the president signified his desire to assist the management of the second apple show, and he consented to press a golden key at the White House, formally announcing to the world the opening of the show at Spokane, November 15. He will in addition send a special message, conveying his best wishes and his expression of confidence in the future development of the Inland Empire and in the promotion of fruit growing throughout the entire country.

Special arrangements have been made by the Western Union Telegraph company to convey this message by a direct wire to the apple show building at Spokane and throughout the Northwest to apprise the people of the president's wishes.

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Pink, 7c each, 75c dozen.
White, 7c each, 75c dozen.
Dark Blue, 7c each, 75c dozen.
Red, 7c each, 75c dozen.

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Dark Blue, Pink, White, Red.
Roman Hyacinths—

White and Pink at 7c each, 75c doz.
Narcissus—

Major Trumpet, 5c each, 50c doz.
Poeticus, 3c each, 30c dozen.
Poeticus Orntus, 5c each, 35c doz.
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