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A CASE OF SOUR GRAPES.

The unsportsmenlike North Yakima fruitgrowers, unwilling to accept defeat in open competition, have circulated numerous canards regarding the prize-winning car of Spitzbergers from the Rogue River valley at the Spokane national apple show.

The latest canard sprung by the disappointed exhibitors is to the effect that one of their number followed up the prize-winning car to Washington and secured several apples from it, which he submitted to a government pomologist, by whom they were pronounced diseased.

The Mail Tribune's Washington correspondent wires that some apples alleged to have come from the prize-winning carload, were submitted to M. B. Waite, government pathologist, who reported that in his opinion dark spots on the apples were caused by spraying with arsenate of lead and that fruit so sprayed might appear all right when picked, but later show spots.

G. A. Brackett, government pomologist at Washington, wires to the Mail Tribune as follows: "Want it distinctly understood pomology department is not circulating report prize apples were diseased."

P. J. O'Gara, government pathologist in charge of the department work on the coast, who saw the prize-winning apples before they were shipped and closely examined the "states" that they were nearly perfect, and that he does not believe that any government official pronounced them diseased.

It was the consensus of opinion of those who attended the apple show as well as the unanimous judgment of the judges, that the Tronson & Guthrie car was justly entitled to the sweepstakes prize upon its merits.

North Yakima has a very bad attack of sour grapes, and its latest action does not place the district before the world in a very favorable light. As a matter of fact, although the Rogue River has never before exhibited at apple shows, it could have won the first prize any year it had desired to make an exhibit, and will probably win the sweepstakes at the next apple show, for there is no country in the world that grows a finer Spitzberg or Newtown apple.

ORCHARD HEATING.

The Southern Pacific has issued a pamphlet which may be had on application to local agents upon orchard heating, containing suggestions for protecting fruit crops from early spring frost, written by E. H. Grubb.

The booklet gives the history of the recent experiments in the Grand valley, Colorado, where last spring a crop of fruit valued at two million dollars was saved and marketed, when the records show the temperatures outside of the orchards were as low as 19 degrees above zero.

During the danger period of 1909, 70 per cent of the orchards of the Grand valley were heated and without exception these orchards had crops, while those that did not heat the orchards lost all of their crop. The experiments went so far that trees protected by the heat on one side and unprotected on the other bore fruit on the protected side and none on the other.

The Grand valley experience proves conclusively that fruit can be saved from the ravages of early frost, and that all fruit growers should equip their orchards with apparatus to protect their crops from the late frosts.

It is only in the last three years that killing frosts have been known in the Grand valley in the spring. The first year practically the entire crop was lost, the next year experimenting started on a large scale. Last year the entire valley turned out and used every conceivable method of artificial heat with a large measure of success. The experiments demonstrated that "gas oil," a refuse from the refinery, after the crude oil has been distilled, gives the best results as a fuel, putting off a gas which mixes readily with the air, and gives a good heat, and is easily regulated.

The Grand valley method is described as a combination of both principles of heat and smoke, the smoke being a great assistance in maintaining the heat. However, the main point is to raise the temperature. Description of the various kinds of heaters is given as well as the cost, and the booklet is a valuable one for orchardists.

QUESTION OF PARKS MOST IMPORTANT NOW BEFORE CITY

The ladies of the Greater Medford club, who meet next Monday afternoon, are going to take up the question of parks. This is perhaps the most important subject in connection with the city of Medford. We have one nice little park now, and I believe arrangements are being made to park the Southern Pacific right of way through the town. This is all good and beautiful, but these are small parks, and even with our present population it has been demonstrated during the band concerts of last summer that the park was not large enough to hold the people even though they crowded almost as close together as in an opera house.

Don't forget that we are going to build a city here of 25,000 in the next few years. When you look off towards the hills, don't think that the present limits are permanent. Be progressive, use your vision. Don't have your ambition bounded, as Hamlet declares, in a nutshell. John M. Root is going to address the ladies of the Greater Medford club and touch upon the question of parks and sanitation. We of the Commercial club are glad to know that our sister organization has also commenced the work in good earnest. Come, girls, for you are all young and beautiful, let's pull together and we will do wonders.

MOVE FOR GOOD ROADS IS NOW ON IN DEAD EARNEST

One can tell by the sentiment expressed that the good roads movement is here in dead earnest, and, as Judge Colvig said, the thing toward which we should bend our energies is the procuring of suitable laws so that the different counties may be able to raise funds. As to who will build the roads, that is a simple matter. The United States government will send an engineer here, who is not only competent in his profession as engineer, but is a practical road builder. He will come with the experience of the eastern states that have tried all kinds and widths of roads under all conditions, besides the many government tests that have been going on for years. This engineer will be sent out at the expense of the government. We, of course, must get a unity of effort all along the line from Portland south. This is already being taken up by the Commercial club, and a good roads convention will be held in the not very distant future, which should have representatives from every road district in every county between here and Portland. Coos county has been holding meetings of this kind, and the writer attended a very enthusiastic convention last fall at Coquille, Douglas and Josephine counties are equally anxious to join in the movement. Douglas county is in favor of a first class thoroughfare from Portland to the California line. It is gratifying to know that Medford, as usual, is in the lead.

LAWYER TO DEFEND HIMSELF ON CHARGE OF BRIBERY

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.—Frank H. Holzimer, deputy prosecuting attorney here, is preparing today to defend himself from a charge of having received a bribe. Holzimer was arrested last night on an indictment and was released later on his own recognizance by Judge Ronald.

The charge was made by R. J. Leavitt, a Los Angeles automobile dealer of the name that he gave Holzimer and a special agent from the prosecution attorney's office \$1000 to waive his extradition from Los Angeles to Seattle. Leavitt at the time was wanted in Seattle on a charge of manslaughter, having been accused of running down and killing a street-sweeper in the summer of 1908.

Leavitt declared that the accused officials had promised to drop extradition proceedings.

POLICE RAID GYPSY CAMP AND RECOVER GIRL

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 28.—The police today prepared to raid a camp of gypsies at Thornton, Ill., 29 miles south of this city, in the hope of recovering Chas. Kile, a 5-year-old child, believed to have been stolen by the tribe. The little girl disappeared recently, and from what the police learned, she was taken from this city by the gypsies. The camp and country in its vicinity will be searched carefully by detectives. No trace of the little girl has been found, the "gypsy" chief being the only one presented to the authorities that appears plausible.

Glassworkers Get Raise.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 28.—For the second time within the last six months the members of the National Union of Glassworkers have received today a 15 per cent increase in wages.

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Or scaring the earth with his automobile. Or milking his gasoline automobile; Or sending the chieftain with automobiles.

To gather each morning the fresh automobiles. 'Neath the automobiles in the automobile.

To the tune of the rooster's shrill automobile-whoop. While he who plays golf will rejoice at the call.

Of the automobile who chases his ball. The automobile will soon lead the van. From Automobiles to Automobiles.

And down in the kitchen, by hook or by crook. Some day we'll rejoice in an automobile.

Who more than a week in the household will stop. To joy in the joys of the automobile. Yes, it's motors by day and it's motors by night.

Wherever we look there's a motor in sight. All over the land they are quite the rage. And every old barn has become a garage.

TEXAS LEADS IN BOND ISSUES FOR BUILDING OF ROADS

Perhaps it is that Texas is bigger and needs more public roads, but it is an interesting fact that in 1909 the Lone Star state issued more bonds for good roads construction than any other in the country, and is keeping up the lead this year. Bond issues for roads aggregating \$5,000,000 were made or authorized to be made by Texas counties last year, and under the spur of public sentiment, as expressed by concentrated organization throughout the state, road development is being pushed as rapidly as conditions and the supply of cash will permit.

This organization, more or less perfected in each county, is concentrated in the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, which is now gathering statistics on public roads, preparatory to still further systematizing the campaign of encouraging road building in the state.

Each county is being asked to furnish these statistics, which, when complete, will be printed in map form, so that comparison between counties can be readily made and the state of progress be seen at a glance.

Commercial clubs throughout Texas have placed road improvement at the head of their list of proposed achievements for the new year; and they are enlisting every possible public or semi-public organization in the work.

Georgia and other states which use their convict labor in road improvement have an advantage over Texas, which has only statute labor, usually commuted by payment of road tax, in addition to taxation and bond issues.

Yet Texas has made strides in the public road improvement in recent years that must compel admiration. It has been done by organized effort and the inculcation of a favorable sentiment which recognizes the importance of substantial highways, and gladly provides the means of securing them.

Oregon's commercial bodies might do similar effective work in this direction, if they would take determined and persistent hold on it.

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MISS MELVILLE HAS MADE A FORTUNE—SO WHAT'S THE USE?

By Ed Andrews.

Miss Rose Melville drew a big house last evening to see her characterization of Sis Hopkins. When one criticizes a play like that of Sis Hopkins they must tiptoe lightly, because it is a performance that is dear to the hearts of the people. It is a story of homely life. Like Will Carlton's poems, it deals with people and things that are dear to every heart. The old farmhouse with its fireplace and the good mother who makes mince pies.

There is no doubt that the play of Sis Hopkins is a picture of rural life, and the only criticism that could be offered is the colors in which the author has painted the picture. He has used glaring reds and bright hues. While this quickly catches the public eye, and so far as the masses are concerned it spells success, but one who is a lover of real art could not but wish that somber hues, tints of brown and gray, had been selected by the author. Sis Hopkins as played by Miss Melville is a caricature rather than a character, for to tell the truth no such character as Sis Hopkins ever lived in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth.

Every speech, even in her first appearance, shows her to be a girl of unusual good sense; besides her father and mother are characters representing good, sensible farm people, a little above the average in intellect, and for Sis to show up so lamely and unfashionable strikes one as a bit inconsistent; but Miss Melville started out years ago to please the people, and she has succeeded. She has made a fortune, she carries her automobile with her and enjoys life—so what's the use?

Now it happened that in the same train there was another box containing another little Tungsten—some what opinionated, who had heard of the suffragist ticket, woman's rights, and the "square deal," and was going to get it. When they unpacked her and edged over to the drop cord, she said: "HOLD! It is not enough that you admire me; I would be cherished as well. I am here to be delicate. Call me a poached egg if you like, but I want a piece of toast to sit on."

"I pine for company and seek my affinity—a very proper reflector—that we may revel in each other's glory, the whole giving you more radiance; for while I am but 32—with this reflector on I will look like 50."

The store keep stood back and mused: "There is much reason in her saying," and right away started for the electricity shop to spend some money, when the bold little Tungsten arrested his arm saying: "Stay I would speak with thee further. This glad raiment I ask of thee is for mine good, that I may serve thee better. Thou shelterest thy horse that he may do more work for thee. And even so it is with me.

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SHERIFF USES BLAST TO RESOLVE PARTY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 28.—But for Deputy Sheriff Tremble's skillful use of a blast, Thomas Peppin, his wife and three children probably would be lying dead under the quicksands of the Medford Valley wash today.

The Peppin family was driving to their ranch when they attempted to ford a harmless looking stream. In a moment the two horses drawing the vehicle were caught in the grip of the quicksands. The struggling beasts were quickly swallowed and the wagon and its human occupants were following rapidly when Tremble arrived.

Tremble uncoupled his team, threw it to Peppin, who fastened the rope about his wife's waist. She was drawn to safety and the others followed. Peppin was the last to leave. As he was dragged from the seat of the vehicle it disappeared beneath the sands.

Attell to Meet Driscoll. NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Abe Attell, champion featherweight of the world, announced today his acceptance of a challenge by Jim Driscoll, champion of England. The match is scheduled to be held in San Francisco some time in March and will go 29 rounds.

Attell's acceptance followed a cablegram from promoter Jim Coffroth of San Francisco, who arranged the match. Coffroth is expected to return from Europe soon.

A few minutes' delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor, often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by all druggists.

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THE WAIL OF THE TUNGSTEN

A fragile little Tungsten lamp was being snugly packed at the lamp works, in a little box of her own, then into another box, and carried by the gum-shoed shipping clerk to the train.

She rode and rode, coming at last to her journey's end, and was not hurried from the car, like a common trunk, but gently placed on a truck. Everyone who spied the label, "Tungsten" on the box looked up with a beatific smile, like St. Cecilia at the piano. By and by an expressman—she had heard they were such uncouth men—picked her up gingerly and took her to a store.

There they unwrapped her, and the dapper clerk said: "Why, there's a Tungsten," and quickly put her into an "any-old-socket" on an "old time fixture," and lo, and behold, she shone forth in a blaze of glory like an Eastern creation.

How loud they sang the praises of Tungsten! The proprietor was overheard to say that if the current-saying kept up, instead of having a bill to pay the lighting company would be owing him money.

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