

## LEWIS DENIES EXPERIMENT

Professor of General Horticulture and Pomology at Agricultural College States His Force Did Not Conduct Irrigation Experiment.

Corvallis, Or., May 28.

To the Editor:  
About two weeks ago you published an editorial in your paper, entitled, "A Costly Experiment." Your first statement is that "the Oregon Agricultural college is undoubtedly doing good work in many lines, but in their horticultural efforts there is altogether too much experiment."

The principal function of any department in an experiment station is to experiment and to investigate, as the name suggests. In fact, should we cease to experiment, we should lose, to a very large degree, our true function as part of an experiment station. Practically all that is known today about fruitgrowing is the result of experiments conducted by state experiment stations, by the United States department of agriculture or by private individuals. In truth, if we are to make progress in fruitgrowing we must continually experiment. It is, of course, true that the careful experimenter conducts his work in such a way as to reduce the loss from experiment to a minimum.

You go on to state in your editorial that "an example of some of their work is shown in one of the prize orchards near Medford, whose owner was persuaded to turn over a block of his greatest producers for experimental purposes. As a result there is no fruit on this block this year and probably will not be for several years, although these trees have produced upwards of \$1000 an acre in fancy pears. Although climatic conditions and soil analysis proved conclusively the inadvisability of irrigating at a certain season of the year, the college experimentalists flooded the trees with water at the wrong time, which brought up a lime subsoil as well as chilling the roots during the fruit bud formative season, and it will be several years before natural conditions are restored."

I wish to state, in answer to this charge, that the Oregon Agricultural college had absolutely nothing to do with this experiment in any way. We have a written, sworn statement by the owner of the orchard above referred to that we had absolutely nothing to do with the irrigation of the block in question.

The third criticism in your editorial is that of my first assistant, Prof. C. A. Cole, in which you state as follows: "C. A. Cole, professor of horticulture of the Oregon Agricultural college," in a lecture delivered recently at Sutherlin, said: "Did you stop to think that the most famous fruitgrowing sections are not large valleys? Take, for instance, Hood River and the Columbia sections. Rogue River can hardly come in this class as yet, as they have not gotten down to fruitgrowing, and a great deal of their land is still in wheat and wheat fields, but these sections are all in small valleys."

I might state that you undoubtedly copied this from a Sutherlin publication, but that it is another one of the glaring examples where public men are so often misquoted in the publication of their addresses. The reporter who published this statement made several startling errors. No one knows better than our horticultural department the extent of fruitgrowing in the Rogue River valley, and no one is prouder of the standing and progress of the Rogue River valley. What Prof. Cole did state is this: That "at the present time fruitgrowing in the Pacific Northwest is largely confined to valleys such as those in the Columbia basin, Hood River and Rogue River"; that "in some of these sections nearly all the available fruit land has been already planted, but that in others, such as Rogue River, for example, there is a considerable area of fruit land where they have not as yet taken up fruitgrowing"—not that in any way you "have not gotten down to fruitgrowing" in the Rogue River valley, but that you have yet a large area of splendid fruit lands being devoted to other purposes, such as wheat and alfalfa. I cannot see how in any way such a statement would cast any reflections on the Rogue River valley.

I remain, sincerely yours,

C. I. LEWIS,

Horticulturist, Oregon Experiment Station.

(Note—The editorial was printed upon what was considered reliable statements by those in a position to know. No reflection was intended upon the experiment station, other than a caution to inexperienced workers.—Editor.)

### Too Late to Classify

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WANTED—Lady of business ability also good housekeeper, wants position in a respectable gentleman's home or some trustworthy place where work is not too hard. Write or call, 414 North Front St. 65

## GLACIER BRIDGE NOW FINISHED

Alaska Engineering Marvel, Second to Few in World, Completed Four Months Ahead of Time—Stands Bombardment by Icebergs.

CORDOVA, Alaska, June 1.—The Miles glacier bridge, an engineering marvel second to few in the world, has been completed four months ahead of time. The first train crossed the bridge Monday afternoon. By the end of the week the Copper River & Northwestern railway will be within 23 miles of the mouth of the Chitina river. There the river fleet will meet trains and the through journey from the coast to the town of Chitina, the gateway to the Chitina copper region, will be possible in one day.

Engineers began four years ago to conquer the river at Mile 49. At this point the stream runs between two living glaciers and washes the base of each. The channel is 1500 feet wide here with an average depth of 35 feet. A current of 12 miles carries a constant burden of great icebergs when the stream is not frozen. These bergs frequently contain from 50,000 to 75,000 cubic feet of ice, weighing thousands of tons. No other bridge in the world has to stand such a terrific bombardment.

The Copper river is subject to rises of 20 feet or more in a few hours. The problem was to plant in this almost irresistible force three immovable bodies to carry the 1500 feet of steel bridge.

The three pieces which have solved the problem are the largest of their kind in America. Eighty-six feet through in their greatest diameter, they go to an average depth of 50 feet from the bottom of the river to bedrock. They are of solid concrete, armored with heavy steel rails. Upstream from each pier are great concrete ice-breakers, also imbedded in bedrock and armored with the heaviest railroad iron.

### PAINFUL CONDITIONS.

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the fall there are thousands of fish. Never before have I known what it was for the "waters to be alive." At times so many were in the pool that they were piled crosswise upon each other. And all helpless, obeying the blind instinct which bids them go up-stream.

### Was Receiver Joking?

When the receiver of the defunct Golden Drift Mining Company recently promised to remedy conditions and build a fishway, his remarks were taken seriously. Evidently he was joking—at all events, the fishway built would be a joke, if the matter was not so serious. A lumber flume fishway has been constructed under order from the master fish warden. Its lower end is a box three feet square which stands three feet out of the water. An opening eight inches wide lets a tiny stream fall three feet into a quiet pool. For an hour I watched but saw no fish near this excuse of a ladder.

### Disgraceful Conditions

Nothing could I find which lessened the disgraceful conditions. It is an absolute impossibility for fish to pass the structure—they must stay below, to fall a prey to the gill netters or beat their lives out against the rocks.

Had the residents of Jackson County stood me yesterday and gazed with me upon this tragedy they would have torn the dam asunder ere returning home.

Haskins for Health.

## DYNAMITE IN POCKET GOES OFF

Boy Blown Up While Lighting Fire Through Igniting Fuse—Is Badly Burned, But Otherwise Not Seriously Injured.

ELENSBURG, Wash., June 1.—Blown into the air to the height of 15 feet by the explosion of dynamite with which he had filled his pockets, Alfred Baldwin, 10 years old, is in a precarious condition from burns today. Physicians attending him stated that the boy's life may be saved by a skin-grafting operation. The lad is the son of E. H. Baldwin, engineer in charge of the Kittitas high line canal, under course of construction.

Young Baldwin and a companion found several sticks of dynamite on the Milwaukee railroad tracks.

The lads broke the dynamite sticks into pieces and stuffed their pockets. Yesterday afternoon they decided to blow an old stove "sky-high."

Young Baldwin put a large quantity of the explosive under the stove and touched the fuse. His clothing came in contact with the burning fuse and was ignited. He rolled on the ground, endeavoring to extinguish the fire. Then the dynamite under the stove and in his pockets let go simultaneously. The lad was badly burned, but otherwise escaped injury.

### NOW BRIDE OF CONRO FIERO.

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parents in Medford for the past two years and is very popular in social circles. The groom before coming here, was a popular clubman in Chicago, where his family is prominent socially.

## DERBY WON BY LEMBERG

Classic Event of London Racing Season Captured by A. Fairie's Horse, Though Not a Favorite—Roseberry's Neil Gow Finishes in Ruf.

LONDON, June 1.—A. Fairie's Lemberg, Dillon up, won the classic English Derby at Epsom Downs today. Viscount Viller's Greenback, Templeman up, was second and Charles O'Malley, J. Howard up, won third place.

Neil Gow, the Earl of Roseberry's famous 3-year-old, figured as the favorite, although Lemberg stood practically equal in the betting, did not show.

Lord Roseberry's Neil Gow finished in the ruck. After acting badly at the post and delaying the race 15 minutes and spoiling a dozen attempts to start the field, Neil Gow sulked along and lost all chance before the race was half over.

Dillon on Lemberg outrode Templeman on Greenback, although Greenback ran sensationally and caused Lemberg to strain to win by a neck. O'Malley was third by two lengths.

The post odds were: Lemberg, 7 to 4; Greenback, 100 to 80; O'Malley, 100 to 8.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt did not appear as a spectator.

### DUMBFOUNDS ENGLAND.

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ussed subjects which were none of his business.

The Standard terms the colonel's speech as a "humiliating rebuke from an alien critic."

The Telegraph describes it as "biting medicine, a brusque, blunt admonition."

The Chronicle declares that the speech "outraged every conventional canon of international propriety."

The Graphic declares, "Even Socrates was poisoned for giving too much advice."

LONDON, June 1.—Apparently unaffected by his present unpopularity, as shown by newspapers and general comment, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was in a jovial mood today. He spent nearly an hour reading the various comments upon his speech relative to the British administration of Egyptian affairs and apparently the criticisms did not strike deep.

Colonel Roosevelt was a guest of honor at a luncheon given him today by the Irish members of parliament. John Redmond, the Irish leader, presided.

## TEDDY JUNIOR WEDS JUNE 20

Arrangements Completed for Ceremony to Unite Miss Eleanor Alexander and Young Roosevelt—Other Weddings in High Life.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Arrangements for the wedding of Theodore Roosevelt, junior, and Miss Eleanor Alexander daughter of Mrs. Henry Addison Alexander, which will take place Monday, June 20, are now complete.

The ceremony will be performed in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Henry M. Sanders, a great-uncle of Miss Alexander, will officiate.

Miss Elizabeth Bertron, who today will become Mrs. Snowden A. Fahnstock, will be Miss Alexander's matron of honor and the bridesmaids will be Miss Ethel Roosevelt, second daughter of the former president, Misses Janetta and Harriet Alexander, cousins of the bride to be, Miss Miss Jessie Millington Drake of Paris and Miss Jean W. Delano.

The best man will be Evelyne Dupont Irving. Ushers will be Hamilton Fish, Jr., Francis Roche, E. Morgan Gilbert, John W. Cutler, George Roosevelt, Munroe Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt and Cutler Grafton Chapman. Most of the ushers were classmates of Roosevelt at Harvard.

A reception at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Alexander, No. 4 West Fifty-eighth street, will follow the ceremony.

Roosevelt will give his farewell bachelor dinner at Delmonico's Saturday.

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- 9 1-2 Acres peach fillers.

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# Walter L. McCallum

## HOTEL NASH LOBBY

# The Pasadena of Oregon

People of refinement; people with means; retired business men; professional men; college and university graduates, are coming to the Rogue River Valley by the score. Within the past two years almost a hundred Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, people have purchased homes near Medford, and nearly every one of them has a friend or two whom they hope to induce to come and locate in the valley.

New York, Philadelphia, Boston and many other eastern cities are almost if not quite as well represented, while St. Paul and Minneapolis have more representatives here than any other several cities combined.

Think these statements over and get your thinker going. Write to the undersigned or the Medford Commercial Club for detailed information about the country, and you will never have cause to regret it.

## Bearing Orchards Near Medford

Most of the producing orchards have been held in large holdings until recently. A few weeks ago the Eden Valley Orchard, containing 605 acres, was placed on the market in any desired acreage. We have been authorized to offer the bearing apples and pears for sale, and if you know anything about the country and want a desirable block of bearing trees, write or come soon. During the past week over \$150,000 worth of the property has been disposed of. It is located within two miles of Medford at an elevation of about 100 feet above the city and is one of the best kept orchards in the world. Parts of the orchard offered for sale have paid the owner over \$600 per acre per year for four years straight.

Do not come unless you are prepared to stay, for just so sure as you do come the combination of fat soil, grandeur of scenic beauty and Italian climate will steal you, body and soul. After one visit here you will be miserable any other place on earth.

# John D. Olwell

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