

This department is a regular weekly feature, dealing with all phases of the fruit and produce world.

IN THE FRUIT GROWING WORLD

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To Our Growers:

As the time for picking and packing our apples approaches, it might be well for our growers to know what E. H. Shepard of Hood River has to say in a general way.

"Picking."

"That's easy. Any man, woman or child can pick apples, but such ignorance, in a large measure, accounts for the serious loss that results from off conditions on arrival or in storage. Picking is a science, and it is impossible for me to describe in words exactly how and when every variety of apple should be picked in all the different localities.

"The best I can do is to give a few general words of advice and caution. As a rule the apple is ready to pick when the seeds turn brown and

the stem separates with comparative ease from the spur, but this general rule is not definite. A man must know from the general appearance of the apple when it is ready to pick, and this he can only learn from experience. In a way the color is the best guide. The color should be a matured color. An apple is generally ready to pick when it is 'hard ripe.' This means the apple is matured, not ripe enough to eat, but ripe enough to ship, stand up, and ripe enough to have the proper taste. To pick apples at this stage is very important. As all apples on the trees do not mature at the same time, it is generally advisable to make two or three pickings. With red apples there is a growing tendency on the part of the growers, on account of

the desirability of good color, to allow apples to hang too long on the tree. The apple that is allowed to hang long on the tree is beautiful in color and as far as casual observation goes in perfect condition. That is what fools the average grower. I want to say emphatically that if the apple is allowed to hang too long on the tree it is neither in condition to carry long in transit or hold up in cold storage. It means poor returns for the grower and a cursing from the grower for the dealer. Now, an apple has just so much keep under perfect conditions and when improperly handled the condition will be cut off the keep shortened and the returns low. The same exactness should apply in picking yellow apples as the red. As a rule, however,

the grower is not apt to allow them to hang as long. The grower must know each of his varieties and understand them thoroughly. I find a great many do not know that the Yellow Newtown Pippin should be picked green. The reason is that the English trade demand the Newtown green and they demand it green because they know when it is green it will have keep and stand up in cold storage. Apples should be carefully hand picked in basket or bucket and should be emptied carefully into the field box. The object is to prevent bruising. Bruising shortens the keep, attractiveness and salability of apples.

"Ladders."

"A great many growers think any old barn ladder that you can lean

up against the tree fills the bill. The fruit grower nowadays must be up-to-date and adopt modern ways and equipment. Light ladders should be used, convenient to carry and compact, so that they can be easily placed between the limbs instead of against the tree. They should be so strong that they will last. Avoid ladders that lean up against the tree, because they not only break the limbs, but the bark, and wherever the limb or bark of a tree is broken an opening is made where some of the many diseases now prevalent will have a chance to enter."

Yours very truly,

C. W. WILMEROTH.

The Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association has issued the following instructions to apple packers:

"All packers must be registered with the association. Packers must use uniform size apples in each and every pack, according to the size apples the pack calls for.

"Each and every tier or layer must be packed reasonably tight. The bulge or swell shall be three-quarter inch at center of box when nailed up—that is, three-eighths on top and three-eighths on the bottom, and must not exceed one and one-quarter inch at center of box when nailed up—that is, five-eighths inch on top and five-eighths inch on the bottom.

"In the four-tier or square pack the apples must not be more than one-quarter inch above the box at the end, and not more than three-eighths inch at the end in the diagonal packs.

"A neat and uniform pack is required of all packers packing under the association number. Any packer packing for the association members or under the association number, who is found doing unsatisfactory work, and who will not do the work as required by the association, will be immediately discharged and receive no further recommendation from the association.

"Packers are requested to handle all grades of apples with just the same care that they are required to handle the extra fancy.

"The association will not be responsible for any wages or any rate per box. The regular rate is 5 cents. It shall be the duty of the grower to see that all packers are paid at the rate contracted when the packing is done."

Of Interest to Book Lovers

Several Excellent New Volumes Added to Library—Management Begins System of "Five-Cent" Books—Great Growth Shown.

Several excellent new books were added yesterday to the library shelves. Children who have made the acquaintance of "Billy Tomorrow" will be delighted to renew it with "Billy Tomorrow in Camp." Old and young will revel in the fascinating edition of "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass," by Lewis Carroll. The tattered volumes of "Little Colonel" and the "Barbour" college series have been replaced by nice new books.

Following the suggestions of several patrons, the library has begun the system of five-cent books in the recent fiction. Among these five-cent books are "The Crimson Azaleas"; Star Poole, a Japanese story full of charm and color; "The Rosary," Barclay; "The Power and the Glory," Cooke, a story of the heroism and humor of those of a south mountain town; "Franklin Winslow Kane," by Anne Douglas Sedgwick; Oppenheim's "Blasphemy Prince," of international intrigue; "The Achievements of Luther Trant," by Edwin Balmer and William MacFarlane, is especially recommended for devotees of detective stories. Luther Trant is a brand-new "psychological" detective, unravelling his mysteries according to the suggestions of Professor Munsterberg for the examination of witnesses. "Nathan Burke," by Mary S. Watts; "Sally Bishop," by Thurston; "Predestined," by Whitman; "The Ramrodders," by Holman Day; "By Inheritance," Octave Thomet, are all absorbing, masterly and worth while.

"Those reawster Children," by Florence Kingsley, is written in imitable and quaint style of the maiden lady's experience rearing a relative's children.

A glimpse from the inside, daring and humorous, is Pulitzer's "New York Society on Parade."

Merwin's "Dogs and Men" is a keen little essay on dogless and dog-like folks.

Full of spice and camp philosophy is "The Tent Dwellers." Coffin's "How to Study Pictures" is the best of his delightful series. "John, the Unafraid," and Grayson's "Adventures in Contentment" are both sermons, full of practical truths. "Hygiene and Morality," by Lavina Duck, though a manual for nurses, can most profitably be read by any thoughtful, sensible man or woman. "The Education of the Child," by Ellen Key, is a great little book which

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Big Pines Lumber Company Make Big Improvement in Their Local Yard—Best Equipped in Southern Oregon.

The Big Pines Lumber Co. have just completed their new planing mill, which has a floor space of 140 x 100 feet, or 14,000 square feet. The mill is newly equipped with the finest and largest capacity machines, making the largest and best equipped plant in Oregon south of Portland.

Machines for manufacturing kinds of detail work for any wood construction. Department for making all kinds of cabinet work, etc.

Only the most skilled workmen have been employed and everything is now ready for business.

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GHOSTS SCARE BOY: IS DROWNED IN RIVER

SANDY, Or., Sept. 10.—Shouting 'the ghosts are after me,' John McDonald, a 17-year-old boy, dashed into the home of a neighbor at midnight, then dashed across a field toward the Sandy river, where, it is believed, the lad was drowned.

A searching party was organized today, and the youth was traced for a mile. His tracks were lost near a cliff which overhangs the stream. McDonald was dressed only in his night clothing.

It is believed he was temporarily deranged from fever, with which he was suffering. McDonald's mother, Mrs. S. Hally, is prostrated from worry over his disappearance.

Elevator Kills Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—L. R. McGines, 28, died today from injuries received last night at the St. Francis hotel during an admission day reception. McGines was caught between the elevator and mezzanine floor. The accident was witnessed by many of the visitors.

See the big eye on East Main street. 154*

Many Attend Mass.

MONTREAL, Sept. 10.—More than 75,000 persons attended the pontifical mass celebrated this morning on Fletcher Field by Archbishop Farley of New York. He was assisted by Cardinals Vannutelli and Logue. Two sermons were preached, one in English by Monsignor O'Connell, and one in French by Father Hage.

The final meetings of the Eucharistic congress were held today. The congress will close tomorrow with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which 125 archbishops, three cardinals and a score of bishops and thousands of minor clergy will participate.

Food Show Ready.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 10.—Practically all preparations were completed today for the Portland food and industrial exposition, which will open at the Armory Monday. The exhibition will be the largest indoor exposition ever held in the Pacific northwest.

One hundred and fifty carpenters and decorators have been employed by the week in constructing booths and arranging the decorations.

An attendance of 150,000 persons is expected during the holding of the pure food exposition.

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Sixty-six and a half acres of SUNCREST ORCHARDS is offered for sale in five and ten-acre tracts on terms that should prove most attractive.

This tract is planted, two rows alternately, to Yellow Newtown, Spitzenberg and Jonathan Apples, the very choicest standard commercial varieties.

They are eight years of age and have a good crop this year. They are well set with fruit spurs for next year's crop.

The trees are large for their age, are uniform in size and exceptionally thrifty.

The soil is the very best. Drainage is perfect. Altitude about sixteen hundred feet. Distance from shipping station about a mile and a half.

Price and terms: \$1000 per acre, half cash, balance in three equal annual payments, with interest at six per cent.

A five-acre tract of this bearing orchard will cost the purchaser \$2500 in cash, \$833.33 in 1911, \$833.33 in 1912 and \$833.33 in 1913. After the first payment is made the crop should a great deal more than pay the balance.

This is an exceptional opportunity to become the owner of what is unquestionably one of the finest young orchards in the northwest. The trees are the right varieties, they are in perfect condition, and there is a surety of a satisfactory income.

The time to buy is now. Let us show you these tracts.

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