

# GUARDING TREES FROM RODENTS

Method of Protecting Young Trees From Ravages of Small Animals—Prominent Orchardist Suggests Ways

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 14.—As the acreage of fruit increases, the question of preserving the young trees from the possible depredations of small animals becomes of great importance, and the planter is compelled to turn his mind to ways and means of safeguarding his orchard. It has been reported from several sources that some damage is being done this winter by the ravages of squirrels and rabbits. J. W. Jenkins, proprietor and manager of Bethel Heights walnut grove, a large tract of fruit lands near McCoy, who has made a deep study of horticulture, and who has had great success in growing trees, suggests the following preventives in a communication to the Observer:

"Sir Rabbit is strictly a vegetarian. Secure a few quarts of blood from a slaughter house, and with a brush or cloth wash the trunks of the little trees, and the rabbits will not disturb them. The rabbits, or Belgian hares, as the case may be, will run about through the orchard but they will not touch a tree that has the scent of blood upon it.

"Squirrels do much more damage to fruit trees in this section than rabbits. They bite off the terminal bud from the walnut, an acorn and strip the bark from other trees. I will set out over 5000 trees this winter and the loss from the depredations of squirrels in the hills will be quite heavy, unless they are killed as fast as they appear on the premises. I have tried various things as a preventive, but the only sure remedy I have found is to kill the squirrel which is not always an easy thing to do.

"I poison them with tablets made as follows: One quart of flour, one quart of corn meal, one and a half cups of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of salt. Dissolve one-half ounce of strychnine in warm water and mix it with the ingredients named, into a stiff dough, and roll it out to about the thickness of pie crust. Cut the into wafers about half an inch square. Drop two or three of the wafers into the squirrel holes, and along their runs and about the trees near the fences. I prefer this to poisoned wheat, because it is cheaper and, being soft, the squirrels will not carry it to their dens and bury it. It is also more effectual.

Carbolium has been recommended, and I have tried it, but I have not given it a sufficient test to judge of its merits or demerits. I hesitated to wash the trunks of valuable trees with it full strength, for fear it would injure the bark or kill the tree."

If any one has given this remedy a thorough trial and can speak from experience as to its merits and its effect on the bark of the young tree a word from them on the subject would be appreciated by many who are troubled with the squirrel pest and this paper will be glad to publish the results of their experience.

## STUDENT COUNCIL OF THIRTEEN AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Jan. 14.—The student council of thirteen members which is to act as the governing body under the new self government regulations adopted by the students of the Oregon agricultural college has been elected. The result of these elections has been the choice of a very able and representative body of young men. These will take their oath of office January 15 and the new system will then be put into operation. The student council is as follows:

Larry Koene, president of the student body, becomes, according to the regulations chairman of the council. The other members are J. L. McAllister, colonel of the cadet regiment; Erwin B. Lemon, editor of the *Barometer*; Ray C. Chapman, president of the senior class; A. A. Ashab, president of oratory and debate; C. Young, manager of the Oregon *Courier*; E. B. Rice, R. A. Blanchard, Harold Hurlay, Hugh Smith, Fred W. Weatherford and T. B. Wilcox.

## NO MORE SECRET FILING OF DIVORCE PAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 14.—Secret filing of divorce papers will be stopped if bills introduced in the legislature today are enacted into law. The present statute prohibits the county clerk from allowing inspection of divorce documents and records. The proposed law removes that restriction.

Haskins for health.

# GIRL IS FIRST AT P. O. BANK

High School Miss Carries Off Honor As First Depositor in Oregon at Opening of Bank in Klamath—Can't Attach Accounts

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 14.—A per schedule, the postal savings bank, the only one in Oregon, was opened at the local postoffice Friday.

The first depositor was Miss Laura Nelson, a high school girl, whose home is at Keno.

The office will be open for business between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. except on Sundays and legal holidays. Applications to deposit have already been received by the postmaster from parties in Portland and Gold Hill, and as this will be the only postoffice bank in the state, it is probable that deposits will be received from other towns in Oregon. One feature of the system is that these accounts are not subject to attachment. The following are some of the rules laid down by the board of directors, which consists of the postmaster general, secretary of the treasury and the attorney general.

Any person of the age of 10 years or over may become a depositor.

The account of a married woman will be free from any control or interference by her husband.

No person shall have more than one account at the same time.

Depositors will receive postal savings certificates covering the amount of each deposit made.

An account cannot be opened for less than \$1. Fractions of a dollar cannot be deposited and cannot be withdrawn except as interest.

A person cannot deposit more than \$100 in any calendar month, nor can his account at any time exceed \$500 exclusive of interest.

In order to save small amounts to deposit, 10 cent postal savings cards and postal savings stamps may be purchased at any depository office. A savings card with nine stamps attached may be deposited as \$1.

Interest, payable annually, will be allowed upon deposits at the rate of 2 per cent per annum. Certificate issued after the first business day of any month commences to draw interest from the first day of the following month.

## IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Trouble—A Medford Citizen Shows How to Cure Them

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ills which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Medford people testify to permanent cures.

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## WOMEN WILL OPPOSE BILL IN WASHINGTON

OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—It is expected that the suffragettes who are in Olympia will raise a violent protest when a bill prepared by Representative Thompson of Pierce county is introduced in the house. Thompson would exclude women from jury duty by specifying "male jurors" in the law. Another amendment of the jury law which he says he will offer soon will, if passed, abolish the provision which requires that a jurymen must be a taxpayer. This amendment probably will be backed solidly by men who are representing the labor union forces.

## Coal Production Has Grown.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Production of coal in the United States during 1910 was between \$475,000,000 and \$485,000,000 short tons, a considerable increase over the output of 459,713,704 short tons in 1909 and approximately within 1 per cent of the maximum previous record of 480,803,424 tons in 1907. This estimate was made by Edward W. Parker from reports received by the United States geological survey from coal mine operators and others familiar with the industry.

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## Woman Murders Children

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 14.—On a charge of having murdered her twin babies, Belle Martin is being held today without bail at Huntington, Tenn. The woman is suspected

of having drowned the babies, who were 6 months old. They were found in a canal near the county infirmary, where their mother was an inmate. The grand jury is investigating.

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