

WILL STUDY POLLINATION

Cowallis to Send Men to Rogue River Valley to Carry on Experiments in the Pollination Field With Apples and Pears.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 15.—The department of horticulture at the Oregon agricultural college is doing pollination work on an extensive scale in apple and pear orchards this year near Medford and Hood River. Four men—R. W. Reese, assisted by J. M. Spidel of Edmond, Okla.; Ray Roberts of Lebanon, Lin county, and C. C. Thompson of Hood River—have been at Medford experimenting on crossing, in the orchards there, and studying various problems concerning the setting of pears and apples.

A corps of college men will shortly go to Hood River to take up the study of some special problems there. For three years work has been done on problems as to sterility and fertility of apples there, and the mutual affinity of all the leading varieties up there. This year special difficulties in handling Spitzbergers will be taken up. Trees of varying vigor will be studied to learn what influences such conditions as their fertility or sterility.

For the first time work will be conducted at Freewater and in the Milton district and a part of the Walla Walla valley. The problems will be in connection with the special fruits grown there in that region, to determine whether the climatic conditions there cause any variations from data already collected in other regions. Special studies are to be made of the Inoathan, Rome Beauty and Winesap apples.

At the home station at the college E. J. Krause, assisted by others of the horticultural department, is going to conduct elaborate series of studies and experiments. Their work is to be more along the line of bud study as to the development and differentiation of apple buds.

Professor V. R. Gardner has started a series of studies of the blossoms of the prune and cherry, along the line of preliminary studies of breeding work he hopes to take up this coming year with these fruits. We shall first determine the fertility or sterility of the leading varieties of cherries and prunes. From

BIG TIMBER DEALS ARE ON

Government to Dispose of 50,000,000 Feet—Seattle Timber Firm Wants to Begin Logging Operations in Immediate Future.

Application for fifty million feet of timber in the vicinity of Three Mile Creek, tributary to Klamath Lake has been received by a Seattle lumberman, who wants to begin logging operations as early as weather conditions will permit. A party of ten rangers under the direction of Forest Assistant Foster were immediately summoned from their work in their respective districts and sent to make an estimate of the timber, and map the topography. Two of them crossed the Cascades Mountains on snowshoes, four travelled by rail via Klamath Falls, and four, already in the Klamath region are assembling at the main camp on Three Mile Creek. The estimate, map and report will be ready in a week and after the required thirty days advertising the timber will be sold to the applicant if he proves to be the highest bidder.

The minimum stumpage price for the timber in this locality is \$3.25 per thousand feet, board measure for pine, and \$1.50 for Douglas and white fir. The cutting period extends for five years.

When this sale is consummated there will have been sold 180 million feet of timber from the Crater National Forests since last November.

To Jackson County these sales mean an asset of \$70,000 for road building and public schools which is the proportion it will receive throughout a period of five years, in accordance with the Act of congress, February 5, 1905, granting to counties in which National Forests are located 25 per cent of the receipts obtained from all revenue from the National Forests.

The studies obtained we hope to get a certain percentage of seedlings which indicate the stability and unit characters of these varieties.

J. D. Griffin of Astoria, Clatsop county, a junior student, will assist Mr. Gardner.

MORE CANDIDATES THAN DIRECTORS

Many Are After Secretaryship of Commercial Club to Succeed Charles A. Malboeuf, Resigned — Ed Root Says He is Too Busy.

At a late hour last night there was said to be one more candidate for the secretaryship of the Medford Commercial club than there were directors, of which there are 21. As each of the candidates for the position is said to claim a majority of the board, it will probably develop that each of the several candidates will suffer a severe headache Tuesday morning and agree with that legendary political candidate who first said, following election, that "all men are liars."

As new candidates are attaching themselves to the list hourly, it is impossible to offer a complete roster. Among those in the field at present are Ed Andrews, Hal Conrad, Ira J. Dodge, George E. Boose, Blaine Klum, H. O. Frohbach, of Ashland, M. A. Rader, A. K. Ware, M. E. Worrall, Charles Meserve and Hix.

Ed Root has also "been approached," but says his manifold business interests will not permit of his acceptance of the job.

Aged Mule Kicks Hard.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 15.—Benjamin G. Turner, a pioneer who lives four miles north of Centralia, came to grief yesterday trying to shoe a mule. He succeeded in getting one of the shoes on a fore foot of the animal after a fashion, and was encouraged to extend his operations to the other hoofs, when his efforts on one of the hind feet were attended with disastrous results.

The mule gave him a light kick that tumbled the old man over on the ground, and, as he was picking himself up, he received a staggering kick that sent him flying against the wall of the barn with such force that two of his ribs were fractured.

The mule is 26 years old.

Department to Decide.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—That Governor West will make no recommendation to the war department as to who shall act as instructor for the Oregon national guard, but will leave that entirely in

Dances Forty-four Stories on Toes



MAZIE KING DESCENDING FROM THE 44TH FLOOR TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE BUILDING

NEW YORK, April 15.—All altitude 44 stories, in just 16 minutes, without once resting upon the flat of her foot or allowing her heels to touch anything. It meant something like 1800 steps, about two-thirds of which were on the stairs and the remainder through the corridors of the Metropolitan tower to the street level.

the hands of the department, was the statement made by him today. Probably some first lieutenant will be chosen.

The department has signified that it would prefer to make its own selection, rather than to be guided by the recommendation of the executive, so the governor will merely make a formal application that such an instructor be named.

Klamath Roads Are Improved.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 15.—"Good

WORK ON CRATER ROAD RESUMED

Forest Officials Send Crew to Complete Road Started Last Fall—Will Be a Shorter Route—Will Be of Much Benefit.

Monday, April 14, work resumes on the Crater Lake road within the boundaries of the national forest. A full crew of men have already been received and Forest Rangers George West and Henry Koontz were sent up Friday to establish camp and arrange everything in shape for immediate work, as soon as the men arrive Monday. The camp is located at the Mill creek ranch, one mile inside the boundary of the forest. No snow except in isolated patches in the dense woods exists at Mill creek at this time.

Last season, ten miles of the road were completed, covering the distance from the national park boundary to Union creek, which leaves merely the easiest portion of the road from Union creek to forest boundary a distance of seven miles, to be finished this spring. It is expected that all work on this project will be completed by June 30.

Improvement of the Crater Lake highway within the Crater national forest was first undertaken last fall and for this work a special appropriation of \$5000 was authorized. From the earlier factory showing obtained last year, it is possible to complete the full distance of 17 miles within the forest, including the construction of two and one-half miles of entirely new road, the construction of a bridge across Whiskey creek, widening the road ten feet on each side, grubbing out the stumps and brush and blasting out the rock.

Many Range Cattle Die.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 15.—Confirmation of the story that a large number of cattle have died on the Klamath Indian reservation was made here today by Reuben White, one of the cattle owners who lives on the Klamath Marsh, some 40 miles south of here.

Mr. White says that more cattle have died this winter than before for years in the same length of time and that at least ten per cent of these have perished in his section. He says the farmers in his section have been feeding since early in November.

ENGLAND WANTS U. S. TO INVADE

Newspapers Are a Unit in Urging United States to Take a Hand in Mexico—British Foreign Office Excited.

LONDON, April 15.—Declaring that only American administration of Mexican affairs can prevent a reign of anarchy and chaos there, the newspapers of London today are practically a unit in urging that United States troops cross the Rio Grande, and military experts are quoted at length in the opinion that President Taft will be forced by events to order the invasion.

The British foreign office is plainly excited by the Mexican situation. It professes ignorance of the reported landing of British bluejackets with a Maxim from the gunboat Shearwater at San Quintin, Mex., but in the absence of confirmation or absolute denial, none of the officials will be quoted.

Military experts generally are discussing the Mexican situation with great interest, and little else is spoken of in the army and navy clubs. The consensus of opinion is that the Mexican rebels want intervention as the American patrol on the border is believed to have already cut off their supplies.

Referring to President Taft's warning to President Diaz and the rebel chiefs, the Mail says today:

"President Taft was justified. If America intervenes it is because the Mexican government makes the action necessary. If Diaz cannot establish peace he has no reason to complain if the United States steps in to secure American rights."

The Globe says:

"America must police the South and Central American republics or other governments will be compelled to interfere to protect their own subjects and property, regardless of the Monroe doctrine. There is no reason to suppose that America contemplates the annexation of Mexico or anything but the restoration of order. President Taft realizes that hesitation might entail far-reaching consequences, as unquestionably Germany looks with longing eyes on more than one of the South American republics and would be glad to possess them. In view of these possibilities."

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