KEIFFER STOCK MOST IMMUNE

Professor O'Gara Explains Situation —Article in Mail Tribune Furnished by Nurseryman Who Paraded as Fruitraiser and Had Irons in Fire.

(By P. J. O'Gara.)

My attention has been called to a letter published in the Mail Tribune under the heading "Blight Affects Kieffer Pears." This letter would be most interesting and instructive if it came from a source that might be called reliable. I am personally acquainted with the author of the letter, and know that he is not a pathologist and has had nothing to do with the problems concerning which he attempts to write upon. Like some men even in our own state, he has been in one place and has never been out of it, and would, therefore, not be considered as an authority upon which one might base perfect confidence.

But the object in publishing the letter referred to was not to help the growers of the Rogue River valley, but rather to discredit our local nurserymen who are doing a legitimate business and are carrying on an enterprise which is worth a great deal to us. Our nurserymen are not only growing good stock, but they are living up to the law and do not take it upon themselves to drag Rogue River fruitgrowers into court in order to force them to pay for dead or injured nursery stock. The man who caused this letter to be published has an ax to grind; in other words, he is an agent for a nursery firm, and I do not know that he has any personal interest in this valley. I think it very poor policy to cause a letter to be published without stating plainly the motives for doing so.

But that is neither here nor there; the question as to the blight resistance of the Kieffer pear is what we are interested in. Personally I have had as an officer in the department of agriculture, more experience as regards pear blight and the relative resistance of the various varieties than any station man in the United States. It has been my business for a number of years to investigate this problem. I am not alone in what I wish to state that the Kieffer pear is one of the most resistant varieties we have today. If it were not so, it would have gone with all the better. European varieties which have long since disappeared from the southern states because of the ravages of pear blight. As we all know, the Kieffer pear is a cross between the Chinese sand pear and one of the European pears. It possesses, therefore, the blight resistance of one of its parents and this resistance is not a quality which can be changed in one year as our informant would have us believe. I do not care to take up too much space, but simply wish to quote the following taken from a report by Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer for the United States department of agriculture, under date of March 25, 1911. Speaking of the Chinese pears, he says, "As a whole, however, some of these cultivated varieties of Chinese pears will in the future prove to be of very great value to the American fruitgrowers who will use them for breeding hardier, blight and scale resistant varieties, the more so, as we can point already to our Kieffer, LeConte, Garber, and some minor varieties which posess Chinese blood in a greater or less degree and which have made pear culture possible in sections in the United States where the European varieties have utterly failed.

We are sorry to say that as yet, there has been found no variety of pome fruit completely immune to pear blight. Personally I have worked with thousands of crosses made by myself, and other men, in the government service in order to find a variety wholly resistant and which might be used as a starting point for breeding. So far we have failed, and whether we shall ever find a variety wholly resistant is problematic. If the man who caused the letter to appear in yesterday's paper is really interested in discovering a completely blight proof pear stock, he will have to get busy and change his present occupation.

P. J. O'GARA.
Pathologist in Charge.

(Note—The above article refers to a communication published in Monday's issue addressed to Jasper Gruwell, Medford. Mr. Gruwell represented himself as a fruit-raiser, and the publication was made in good faith. Had this newspaper known the truth, that Mr. Gruwell was a nursery agent seeking to market his product, and to depreciate the product of local nurseries, it would not have printed the article. It was imposed upon.—Editor.)

Look among the classified ads for the address of your next boarding place!

GERMAN CLUB HOLDS FESTIVAL

E. G. Burgess Entertains Delightfully at His Griffin Creek Orchard —Twenty Guests Present and German Program Is Carried Out.

One of the most delightful events of the mid-summer social season was the entertaining of the German Club by E. G. Burgess, Jr., under the giant oaks at his Griffen Creek orchard, Monday evening. Some twenty guests were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The German-American idea was carried out in detail and "stunts" followed so rapidly, one after the other, that there was no time for repairing.

The members of the club met at the University club during the afternoon and were given little German hats and canes. Then in automobiles the party was driven to Griffen Creek where a delightful luncheon was served. Phil Hammill, president of the club, in the costume of a burgomaster, presided over the festivities.

The German club was founded in July, R. H. Parsons and E. G. Burgess being the founders. The members who attended the meeting Monday evening were: R. H. Parsons, E. G. Burgess, Jr., John Hall McKay, Brooks Spencer, Conro Fiero, P. W Hamill, A. Carpenter, L. Carpenter, R. W. Ruhl, H. H. Hicks, A. B. Schuster, Gerald Sooy-Smith, Clarence Reames, A. E. Reames, C. H. Newhall, Robert Brevard, Frank Frazier, A. Scudder, Dunbar Cass, Herman Powell, Lincoln McCormick, S. V. Beckwith and James R. Barbour.

NO TRACE IS FOUND OF STOLEN PROPERTY

No trace has been found of the horse, buggy and harness which was stolen last Friday evening from the premsise of Miss Nina Wall on South Central avenue. A report that the property had been recovered near Woodville proved to be without foundation.

It is now believed that the man who stole the outfit went back into the hills on a camping trip and that until he comes out the outfit will not be recovered. He has no chance to get out of the country as the authorities in all directions have been warned to be on the lookout for him.

STREET CAR WAR CARRIED TO COURT

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 8.—Officials of the street car company today served notice that they would continue the fight over the present difficulty with the car men in the courts. It was expected that a motion would be made for the revocation of the injunction granted by Judge Degraff prohibiting the carrying on of the strike either by the men or by the street car company. However, it is expected by the men that the fight of the company will be only half hearted.

The three years contract between the men and the company will expire in October, and the men say that they expect the company at that time will discharge all its employes, serving notice that the contract will not be renewed.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY KISSING BRIDE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 8.—Because his seven months bride kissed him too much, Philip Nickerson, a salesman, here, today attempted suicide by slashing his wrist.

"I love my wife," Nickerson said after he had been taken to the hospital, "bnut she is unreasonable. She hugged and kissed me so much that it got on my nerves. When I came home she began to kiss and during the entire evening either sat on my lap or kept on kissing. I did not even have time to smoke my pipe."

PRINTERS TO INCREASE OLD AGE PENSIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 8.—Increased old age pensions and death benefits for members of the International Typographical union, is one of the important questions which will be decided at the annual convention here next week. At present the union pays $4 a week to all printers 60 years of age or over who have been in the union 20 years or more. It is proposed to increase the amount and to reduce the age limit and term of membership in the union.

Haskins for Health.

38 ATTRACTIONS ARE NOW BOOKED

Splendid Theatrical Season Will Open September 1 When Henry Miller Will Be Seen In "The Havoc," a Great Success.

The 1911-12 theatrical season for Medford, which is to open September 1, with the appearance of Henry Miller in "The Havoc," will be one of the most notable in the annals of Medford theatricals. A large number of favorites and headliners will be seen during the fall, winter and spring.

Music lovers will get a full quota of treats. Sousa's band is booked as is the Lombardi Grand Opera company. Many other musical productions will also be staged.

Chief among the celebrities will be Mrs. Leslie Carter, who is now on her way westward. Richard Carle will also appear.

Among the musical comedies "Baby Mine" is booked. This is one of last season's big successes in New York. "Three Twins" will also be put on.

A complete list of the bookings to date is:

September 1	Henry Miller
September 13	"Jim the Penman"
September 21	Richard Carle
September 25	"Baby Mine"
September 27	"Girl In Taxi"
September 29	Sousa's Band
October 6	"The Missouri Maid"
October 11	"Flirting Princess"
Ostober 16	"Flower of the Ranch"
October 25	"Traveling Salesman"
October 31	"Bright Eyes"
November 1	"In Old Kentucky"
November 11	"Alias Jimmy Valentine"
November 15	Billy Clifford
November 25	"Third Degree"
November 28	Dave Lewis
November 30	Lombardi Opera Co.
December 6	"Polly of the Circus"
December 7	"Checkers"
December 13	"Seven Days"
December 19	"Fortune Hunters"
December 27	"Three Twins"
January 2	George Lioney
January 5	"The Gamblers"
January 10	Rose Melville
January 11	"The Virginian"
January 30	"The Rosary"
January 31	Fred Bowers
February 8	"The Deep Purple"
February 22	"Mutt and Jeff"
March 4	Mrs. Leslie Carter
March 6	Jas. M. Gartes
March 9	"Alma"
March 21	"Excuse Me"
March 22	"The Newlyweds"
March 28	"Naughty Marietta"
March 30	Around the Clock"
May 4	"The Campus"

DEMOCRATS VICTORS ON BASEBALL FIELD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—Charges of "robbery and unfair" are being hurled by the republicans in congress who figured, directly or indirectly in yesterday's brush with the democrats on the baseball diamond.

The democrats won 13 to 9.

But for the fact that the double umpire system was used, each side furnishing a man, a protest probably would be lodged with the president. The game was called at the end of the fourth inning, despite the protests of Longworth, Siemp, Kendall and others, who declared that all precedents showed that at least five must be played. The arbiters ruled that cloture may be applied after two hours debate, and as the game already had gone nearly two and a half, the decision stood.

PLAN $1,000,000 AVIATION MEETING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 8.—Tentative plans for a great viation and automobile meet in which prizes amounting to $1,000,000 will be awarded, to be held here during the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915 were announced today. Athletic contests, rivaling the Olympian games, are also planned.

The events will be held under the auspices of the exposition company and staged b ythe Aero Club of America, the Automobile Association of California and the Amateur Athletic Association of America.

HOLE IN GROUND TO BE EXHIBIT

Defense Digs Up Spot Where Alleged Bomb Went Off at Otis Home to Be Used In Trial of McNamara Brothers for Dynamiting Times.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 8.—A hole defined as "nothing with something around it" will be one of the principal exhibits at the trial of the McNamara brothers in the dynamiting cases here in October. The "hole" now reposes, closely guarded in the offices of the attorneys for the defense.

Armed with spades, picks and shovels, and accompanied by a carpenter with boards, the defense attorneys in a body yesterday went to the vacant home of General H. G. Otis, where an alleged bomb was discovered and exploded a few hours after the Times plant down town was destroyed last October.

A trench was run along the spot where the suitcase containing the bomb exploded after it was dropped by a policeman following the discovery that it contained clockwork and that the clockwork was "ticking." Boards were inserted to keep the dirt surrounding the hole intact, and the whole section of earth was lifted into a box and carried away in an automobile.

The defense, it is understood, will try to show by the exhibit that the so-called bomb was of insufficient strength to cause any serious damage.

PLAN TO DREDGE TILLAMOOK HARBOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—A recommendation that an expenditure of $814,000 be made for the construction of a jetty for dreging and other improvements looking toward to the creation of a 20 foot channel in Tillamook Bay has been made to the secretary of war by the rivers and harbor board of army engineers, according to Washington advices received here today.

The board recommended that one half the cost of improvement should be born b ythe city of Tillamook and half by the federal government.

LORD CAMOYS TO WED $10,000,000 BEAUTY

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 8.—Society today is extending its congratulations to Miss Mildred Sherman and Lord Camoys on their engagement, announcement of which was made by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Watts Sherman, here last night.

Lord Camoys is a friend of Lord Decies, who married Vivian Gould. Miss Sherman is widely known for her beauty, and as one of the "Sherman twins." She is possessed of $10,000,000 in her own right, and it is said will inherit nearly as much more when she reaches the age of 30. The wedding is expected to be the big event of Newport this year.

MEDFORD WILL HOLD THE FAIR

Business Men Subscribe $900 Worth of Stock In Association—Exhibition to Be Given In October—Three Days of Program Planned.

Local business men declared Monday night at a meeting held at the office of J. W. Dressler in the Mail Tribune building that the city should have a fair in October. Before the meeting adjourned $900 worth of stock in the fair association had been subscribed and it is believed that additional stock will be sold to local business men without difficulty. Committees have this matter in hand and as soon as enough has been subscribed the matter of incorporating will be taken up.

The fair association is to be captalized at $5000 shares being $50 each. The property owned by the Fourth of July association will be turned over to the new association.

The work of preparing for the fair in October will be undertaken at once. Not a great deal of time remains in which to prepare for the three-days program.

PRINTERS' CONVENTION TO BE FREE FROM STRIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—That the printers' convention will be free from strife, unless isolated delegates introduce resolutions that may cause some ruction, is the belef of President Lynch. Officers will not be elected at this meeting, the election going by referendum vote to be taken next May.

"The general business of the meeting will go along, smoothly," said Lynch. "It is possible that the convention will go on record as protecting against the manner of the removal of John J. and James B. McNamara to face the charges in connection with the explosion at the Los Angeles Times building last October. It is possible we may pledge ourselves to raise a fund to be used for the defense."

TENSE SITUATION RAILROAD CIRCLES

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 8.—That a tense situation exists between western railroads and thousands of their employes as the result of the railroads refusal to grant a new wage and time scale to shop workmen and helpers, is freely admitted here today. That the negotiations, which involve an estimated yearly outlay of $50,000,000, bay be terminated by a general strike, is also deemed possible. New York and Chicago financiers are watching affairs with the keenest interest and many feel that the present stagnation in business circles in both cities is caused, at least in part, by fear of a railroad war.

Look for the "help wanted" ad that seems like a "prospect"—and answer it promptly.

Haskins for Health.

WET AND DRY ISSUE RAISED AGAIN IN SISKIYOU

YREKA, Cal., August 5.—A petition has been received by the county clerk from the Third supervisoral district asking that the supervisors at oonce call an election on the saloon question. There are nearly 400 signatures to the petition, more than the law requires. The district includes Yreka, Weed, Edgewood, Gazelle, Igerna, Indian Creek, Mayten. Yreka is the only incorporated town in the district.

A petition has also been received asking for a similar election in Supervisoral district No. 4. This district includes Fort Jones, Greenview Hamburg Happy Camp, Rock Bar. Fort Jones is the only incorporated town.

The supervisors wil meet next Monday and under the new law they must call the election within not less than 30 days more placing the limit more remote than 60 days. The election cannot be held on October 12, the date of election on constitutional amendments and so the date will probably be set for some time in September.

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