

SAYS SMUDGING WITH OIL RUINS VALLEY ORCHARDS

To the Editor:

I read with much interest the communication by M. M. Root in your issue of March 9, in which he "attempted" to attack your valuable and pointed editorial on "The Smudge Nuisance."

Mr. Root is to be commended for his frankness in regard to having an ax to grind. But he is grinding it at the expense of the fruitgrowers of the valley.

This is no idle statement, because the continued use of oil will absolutely ruin every orchard inside the smudge area in the valley. There is no need to go into any very great detail in backing up this statement, as I covered the ground very thoroughly in an article in the February 10 issue of your paper.

In answering this, I would say that E. Loo, have an ax to grind, but I am not asking the orchard men to turn the grindstone. I have neither wood nor coal to sell, and I am not an agent for any smudging material. But we are and have been for some time engaged in the business of raising and shipping fruit, and we would like to remain in the business; but a few more seasons of smudging such as we have gone through in the past will ruin the orchard, and incidentally ruin us. And in this we are not alone. Every other orchard man and alfalfa farmer in the valley is in the same boat.

Any one who was familiar with the orchards of the valley before the existence of the smudging cannot but see the vast difference in the vitality of the trees of then and now. It may be said that the poor condition now is due to dry weather. This is partially true, but the failure of the crops and the loss of vitality of the trees began before the dry seasons, and simultaneously with the general use of oil.

Mr. Root states that there are many reasons why oil burning smudge pots are the best means of orchard heating, but he fails to make any of them public. I do not believe that any one is called on to attach any great weight to a statement of this kind that is not backed up by facts, either directly or indirectly. If Mr. Root has any good reasons for his statement, he certainly owes it to the orchard men to make them public.

'Tis true, there has been no direct work done with reference to the smudge injury to fruit trees, but all plants are so similar in their vital functions that any one thing that injures any one plant or species will, in 95 cases out of 100, injure other plants of a similar nature. Oil smudging injury has been proven beyond a shadow of doubt in many cases where conditions were absolutely controlled, and where this one factor was the only one that could possibly enter to cause injury.

Hoping that you may find space for this communication, I am,
Very truly yours,
HOWARD A. HILL,
Medford, March 10.

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DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at Tongue! If Coated, Clean Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "inside" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.—ADV.

PROF. R. G. ROWLAND



BAND LEADER OF NOTE SOUGHT FOR MEDFORD

Committees from commercial and other organizations having in charge the matter of securing a competent bandmaster and rejuvenating the Medford band, will begin Tuesday an active canvass of the city for subscriptions toward the support of the band. Part of the funds have already been provided.

Professor Reginald G. Rowland of Vancouver, B. C., will take charge of the band, providing the committee finances it. He is an accomplished musician and band leader of note. The following is a sketch of his career:

Sketch of Career
Reginald G. Rowland, son of the Rev. Eva Rowland, vicar of Whitland, Carmarthenshire, South Wales, was born at Whitland and received his education at Queen Elizabeth's grammar school, Carmarthen. His career as bandmaster commenced in a small town by the name of Wolseley, in Saskatchewan, Canada. Credit was given the Wolseley silver band for placing its home town on the map. The members of this band were all local boys who received their tuition from Mr. Rowland.

For eight years the band was annually engaged for many of the most prominent functions from Winnipeg to Calgary, a distance of 1000 miles, and under the careful direction of its energetic leader enjoyed the reputation of being the finest visiting organization at most of the largest cities.

Bandmaster at Regina
Mr. Rowland later was bandmaster for three years of the city band of Regina, which is the capital of Saskatchewan, Canada. This organization, under its capable director, was brought to a very high state of efficiency and was well known throughout the central west provinces. It was while Mr. Rowland was conducting his band on the afternoon of the 30th of June, 1912, that the disastrous cyclone struck the city of Regina, which resulted in a loss of 100 lives and the demolishing of 500 buildings. The selection of the band was interrupted in at the critical moment was Suppe's overture to "Morning, Noon and Night," the manuscript, which bears the marks of the storm, still is in Mr. Rowland's possession.

Immediately after this disaster Mr. Rowland moved to Victoria, B. C., where he accepted the position as bandmaster of the eighty-eighth regiment Victoria fusiliers. Within one year of his appointment the band, with a membership of forty, was classed as one of the finest organizations in Canada.

Band Sent to War
During the war the eighty-eighth regiment, with its band, was mobilized and placed on regular duty in barracks, and in the fall of 1915 orders were received for the regiment to proceed overseas as a battalion. Just previous to this Mr. Rowland requested his discharge, which was granted to him as well as other members of the band. The eighty-eighth band, while under Mr. Rowland, was greatly admired by the music-loving public of Victoria, and at all the principal government functions and city parks this band was very rarely not engaged. During the winter season Mr. Rowland and his band provided popular concerts at packed theaters. Mr. Rowland for the last four years has also been in charge of the music at Patrick Bros. artificial ice arenas. The Victoria arena has been taken over recently by the military authorities and will not likely open for skating again until some time after the war.

NOTICE
Precincts Medford North Main and West Medford register now at the Mail Tribune office.

VILLA'S BRUTALITY IN SLAYING VICTIM TOLD BY WIDOW

CHICAGO, March 14.—Passengers arriving here on a train that passed through Columbus, N. M., shortly after the Villa raid on that town, told tales today of the happenings during and immediately after the bandit raid. J. L. Randolph of Chicago said:

"A woman was brought on the train with wounds through both legs. She said her name was Mrs. J. J. Moore and that her husband's body was in the baggage car. She asked me if I would look after her as far as El Paso, where she was going, and on the way she told me her story.

"We had a ranch in Mexico about six miles from Columbus," she said, "and there my husband long ago became acquainted with Pancho Villa. On the morning of the raid, however, we were living in Columbus, not far from the army camp. We were in bed when Villa entered with several of his bandits.

"My husband spoke to Villa and then, seeing that he was in no mood to talk, tried to resist. Villa promptly shot him four times through the body. As he was writing on the ground Villa snarled, 'Stop your kicking; that's all you ever did anyway.' Then he grabbed a rifle from one of his men and plunged the bayonet through my husband's body.

"I bent over my husband's body and pleaded with Villa to kill me, too. A soldier shot me through the legs and as I lay on the floor Villa himself pulled the rings off my hands. Then they went out and left me."

FRENCH IMPRISON GREEKSON MYTILENE

BERLIN, March 14.—Reports have been received here from Athens of fighting on the Greek island of Mytilene, between Greek and French soldiers. It is said one French soldier was killed and another severely wounded. French reinforcements were brought up and imprisoned the Greeks.

The commander of the French forces, the reports state, has prohibited further mingling of French and Greek soldiers. The Greek government is reported to have protested against the arrest of the soldiers.

ASK BIDS FOR AUTO TRUCKS IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, March 14.—Bids for supplying fifty-four trucks and fifteen motorcycles to the United States government, to be used by troops in the pursuit of Villa, were received today by Colonel A. Smith, the United States depot quartermaster here. Colonel Smith said the automobile trucks probably would be used to transport supplies to the troops at the front. It is expected that the trucks and motorcycles will be ready for shipment within less than two weeks. The motorcycles will be of the kind that accommodates two riders. The outfit will cost the government about \$125,000. The motorcycles will be used by couriers.

VILLA'S BANDITS KNIFED SENTRIES ABOUT COLUMBUS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 14.—Francisco Villa's bandits knifed every sentry and thus effected undisturbed entry into Columbus, N. M., according to Mrs. James H. Castleman, wife of Lieutenant Castleman, officer of the day during last week's raid of Mexicans on Columbus. Mrs. Castleman was in Columbus during the battle and now is at the home of her parents in Louisville.

"At 4:30 o'clock I heard a shot," said Mrs. Castleman, "and I dressed myself and children. Then bullets rained on the house. I put the children under the bed and got my pistol, for I said they would not take me alive."

During a half hour, she said, she heard shots and shouts of "Viva Villa! Death to Americans." The Mexicans' trumpets sounded the retreat.

"Why they didn't get into our house I don't know," she continued. "Villa killed all the sentries with knives, noiselessly. His men were in the city before anybody knew it. Lieutenant J. P. Lewis was in command of the machine guns and fought all through the battle bare-footed."

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson today signed a proclamation giving notice of the neutrality of the United States in the state of war between Germany and Portugal. The proclamation follows the text of others.

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