

ORCHARD SOILS SUFFER FROM SPRAY RESIDUES SCIENTISTS INFORMED

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meeting of the Northwest Association of Horticulturists.

O. M. Morris, Pullman, reporting on an investigation of the effect of spray residues on cover crops of old Washington orchards, told the opening session of scientists from four states and British Columbia that tests show arsenic rather than lead is a toxic substance in plant growth.

In some places experiments revealed that it was impossible to get a stand of alfalfa and applications of decaying organic fertilizers or certain pure chemicals were found to be the best corrective.

H. A. Scoth, federal agronomist of Oregon State college, told the delegates that new cover crops of many kinds, even weeds, have been made available for growers. A new alfalfa with a trailing habit, introduced so recently that less than a dozen plants exist in the northwest, may be important in the future because disease and insect problems may force many changes.

Communications

Welcome to the Fleet

To the editor:

The good citizens of this fair city should feel mighty hefty, when they park their carcasses. A courageous group of public spirited souls have inoculated themselves with the idea of having the Pacific Fleet rendezvous at Grants Pass, or Medford, preferably the latter.

Despite the rancid odor that is at once apparent upon first contact with this proposition, pencil and paper speedily eliminates all sniffs, and whiffs. The subject really jells with marvelous rapidity. It sticks too! Just like gum under a lunch counter.

In order to bring the fleet to Medford, the sum of \$75,253,001.12 will be necessary. This amount will dredge the Rogue river from Gold Beach to Grants Pass and muck out Bear creek. Upon completion of this work, a navigable stream will be available for ocean craft from Gold Beach right up to the Roxy theatre. Substitute a draw bridge in place of the present obsolete structure on East Main street, and goodness knows how far the fleet might sail—perhaps to Ashland.

In order to justify their "bring the fleet to the Rogue River valley" movement, the point is stressed that no jets, or breakwaters will be necessary, similar to those of Reedsport, Florence, Crescent City and

Columbia river. The present harbor at Grants Pass and the waters of Bear creek are unruffled during the entire year. Also the climate is ideal, and the facilities for anchoring these huge fighting machines is entirely adequate. There are no ferry boats or barges cluttering the sea way. Even the omission of lighthouses, buoys and other markers should offer no serious obstacle. The highway and railroad mile posts are clearly visible after the vessels journey a sufficient distance up stream.

Another thing—there are coreys of pretty girls in the valley, the cream of the crop. Quite enough for every gob, who ever manned a swab, with some left over for the marines. The officers can go chase themselves.

The only flaw that I find with this "Welcome to the Fleet" idea is, the naval committee didn't go far enough. Why not show the country how broad-minded we are, and ask the navy department to make a survey for a navy yard and dock. The land can be donated similar to Tongue Point on the Columbia river.

Of course sarcasm will be leveled at all of this. Still—there are forts in Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming, fully mechanized to ward off any possible Indian uprising.

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The Black Dragon has discarded his mask for good.

So, without that head-covering that has concealed his features in southern Oregon for nearly six months, except for a couple of short occasions, the Dragon will tangle with Frankie Slojock next Monday night in the main event of the second wrestling card under the stars at the high school stadium.

In the middle event, Frank Clemens, the Indian "wonder boy" with the sensational paralyser hold will meet Jack LaRue, who refereed last Monday. LaRue is from Kansas City, Kan., and according to Promoter Mack Lillard, is fast as a flash, but very rough.

Carlos Rodriguez of Mexico City, fight and clean, will make his north-west debut in the opening event against rough and tough Dale Hadcock.

Sammy Kohen, who last Monday night fought a villain of the first water, will air his meanie talents in a different role on the coming card. Kohen will act as third man in the ring instead of one of the combatants.

accepted at the last meeting. The new lady assistant steward elected was Miss Eva Johnston.

Miss Naomi Smith, our secretary, is moving to town but will still hold office.

All enjoyed the lecturers program, which was the roll call. Some seemed to have had a lapse into second childhood as they answered with a nursery rhyme. Lecturer Mildred Taylor was disappointed in not being able to give the program planned.

Next H. E. C. meeting will be at the hall July 21. It is urged that all ladies attend as they are going to clean the hall for Pomona.

Preparations are being made for entertainment of Pomona July 24. This will be an all day meeting and everyone is asked to bring their own service, pie, cake, salad, or anything they wish to furnish the meal. The main dish, hot beef sandwich, will be furnished by Applegate H. E. C.

Summer Clearance Of Women's Shoes Featured At Kidds

Friday morning will mark the opening of Kidds' Shoe store's mid-summer clearance sale of women's footwear, according to officials of that store.

Included in this event will be footwear from the regular stock of this long established Medford firm.

Although every size in all styles are not available, there are several patterns in the most popular range of sizes and widths, it was announced.

ASK CONGRESS HEARING ON CHINESE EGG BAR ON WASHINGTON, July 15—(AP)—

Oregon, Washington and California congressmen have requested a hearing by the house ways and means committee in their fight for the exclusion of Chinese eggs, powdered and otherwise.

The group will urge that the excise tax on imported eggs be increased to a point where it will serve as a barrier to importation.

cliff highway at a high speed "with wanton and willful disregard for the rights of others" it was claimed.

Clarence Lilly of Yreka, Cal., charged with non-possession of an auto operator's license, was assessed \$1 and costs.

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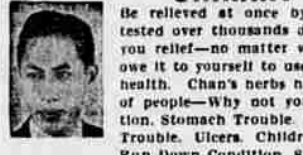
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DEAD MAN FOUND IN LOCOMOTIVE TENDER

STANTON, Va., July 15.—(AP)—A dead man and an injured woman were pulled from the water tank of a Chesapeake and Ohio locomotive today when the train stopped here to take on water.

Engineer Jesse Grove, who discovered them, said apparently the two had been riding on the water tender and struck against a tunnel near Waynesboro or an overhead bridge.

The man, identified as Reginald Hawne, 25, of Covington, apparently had been brushed into the tank opening and the woman, Mrs. Mamie Montgomery, 25, had clambered through the 18-inch aperture to keep him above water. She was holding his head when Grove discovered the pair.

The Grange

Jacksonville Grange met in regular session July 9. Regular business occupied most of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings were obligated in first and second degrees.

Grange completed arrangements for a picnic Sunday, July 18 at McKee bridge on the Applegate near Upper Applegate Grange hall. Grangers are requested to bring well filled basket. A good time is assured.

Grange is sponsoring a harvest dance Saturday, July 24, in the old court house, one of the coolest dancing places in southern Oregon. Silvas orchestra will furnish music. The public is assured a pleasant evening.

Next regular meeting of Grange on July 23 has been postponed to August 13 because of harvesting.

Jacksonville Grangers are reminded that Friday, July 16, we present the program at Roxy Ann Grange. This is a very short notice but it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

Applegate Grange

Regular meeting of Applegate Grange was held July 9 with good attendance for this time of year.

Two were obligated in third and fourth degrees. They were Chester Lind and Delbert Ross. Harry Mc-Nerney was obligated in the first and second degrees.

It was voted to extend the rodent control contest until next meeting, with new contest to continue until next fall.

All enjoyed the supper furnished by the committee. It was planned and cooked by the chairman, Mamie O'Neil.

Word was received from our ex-lady assistant steward, Catheline Landolfi, that she is enjoying her new home at the beach. Her resignation was

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