

The Closing Out Sale

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Will be continued with the
Cyclone Prices as Given in
Last week's Glacier.

ASKS FOR BETTER LAWS.

A. I. Mason, president of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union, read an able paper before the Northwest Fruit Growers' association, in Portland, this week, entitled, "Needed Legislation Relative to the Fruit Industry." Mr. Mason said in part:

We have many good horticultural laws in Oregon, and I believe you will agree with me that the majority of them are only on paper. In other words, they are a dead letter. We need more executive laws with sufficient appropriations to enforce them; and then we need executive officers who are not afraid to perform their duty. Our state horticultural board is composed of honorable and progressive fruit growers, but they are handicapped. The laws are not such as to justify them in taking action when they desire. The executive power and financial backing which should be given them by law is wanting.



A. I. MASON,
President Hood River Apple Growers' Union

We know each fruit grower is compelled(?) by law to spray thoroughly for insects, pests, fungi, etc. Yet the most of us can look over our immediate neighborhood and find one fruit grower spraying carefully, another recklessly; one using the best of sprays for certain results, the other using any spray easy made and cheap. One using the best appliances for putting on the spray effectively, the other using "any old thing" for a pump, and is always in a hurry. One growing fine fruit with from 90 to 98 per cent free from worms, the other growing inferior fruit with a large per cent wormy.

Is there any law to assist in equalizing the methods of cultivation of these growers? If so, should they not be enforced? Should not the progressive and painstaking orchardist have better protection? I believe we all agree that he should; and I further believe you will assist in giving him that protection on our statute books in such a manner as to be effective.

We have some laws relative to our spray material that need modifying and enforcing. How many of us buy arsenic and receive a certificate of its purity? And if we should, what assurance have we that it is not a worthless one? I have a neighbor who is a progressive and up-to-date apple grower. He discovered last summer that his spray for the codlin moth was not doing the desired work. His arsenic was sold to him as 85 per cent pure. He sent a sample of it after it was too late to save his crop to a friend who is a chemist. His analysis told only 50 per cent pure.

We need more rigid laws rigidly enforced against any unscrupulous dealer who sells us adulterated poisons. Any retail dealer should know from whom he buys his poisons, and hold that party responsible for their purity; and every retail dealer should be held responsible for

wagon and \$5,000 taken out of his pockets, it would have been a smaller and less punishable crime. Yet the laws of Oregon permit this crime to go unpunished. If I can do nothing else in this meeting than arouse your actions in seeking legislation for the punishment of this class of criminals, I will feel fully paid for coming here.

Pardon me for referring to myself for a few moments in the spring of 1897-98 I planted a 20-acre commercial apple orchard in Hood River valley; and ever since that time I have spared neither time nor money in giving it the best of care. Two years ago I began to discover I had been robbed by the nurseryman selling me unprofitable varieties I had not ordered. These un-true-to-name varieties were represented by over 300 King of Tompkins County, 145 Ganss, 83 Early Harvest, 15 Northern Spies, several Red Cheek Pippins, Mammoth Black Twigs, seedling sweet apples and God only knows what others. I don't believe the nurseryman ever knew what he sold me, neither do I believe he cared. His total mistakes discovered up to date are 550 trees untrue to name, out of an order of 1200 trees.

Brother fruit growers, I know you will pardon me after having heard my testimony for asking you to help prevent such a crime as this in your state, yes, our entire United States, have many such nurserymen still preying upon the innocent public.

But I hear some nurseryman say, "We guarantee to make good any such mistake by replacing other trees, true to name, without cost." And I am sorry to say the laws of Oregon uphold such a contract as fulfilling their obligations.

Shame on such a decision. It is untrue, so untrue so ridiculous that I will not attempt to waste words upon it. I believe the nurseryman selling trees untrue to name should be declared a criminal and treated as such by law. And he should by law be held responsible for all damages done any fruit grower who has been swindled by his unscrupulous methods. Give us laws that will protect us from unscrupulous nurserymen and dealers in spray materials by making them responsible for all damages done to each fruit grower, and also liable to heavy fines; then give our state board of horticulture power and money to prosecute the perpetrators of these abuses, and I believe no fruit grower will ever regret having assisted in getting these laws on our statute books.

Another law is needed relative to selling apples infested with the San Jose scale and containing or having contained the codlin moth worm. Our state horticultural law says: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to import or sell any infected or diseased fruit of any kind in the state of Oregon." If we will take a short street car ride and cast our eyes on the wormy apples offered for sale, we would feel like exclaiming, "Ye gods and little fishes!"

A law so flagrantly violated is a disgrace to any state. Let us ask for a law giving us the right to sell such fruit to no one, except to those who are compelled to use it in a fruit cannery, cider or vinegar factory. And, if it is in the power of man and law, let us have it strictly enforced. To allow this unscrupulous and dishonest trade, vice, pestiferous and indolent, shiftless and sloven orchardist from the field of competition. It will elevate the growing of an apple orchard to a scientific, interesting and ennobling industry.

We need a law regulating the size of our apple boxes. In my opinion this organization should select a committee on legislation from each state herein represented, and also request the fruit-growers of California to select a committee to join them in their co-operative work; then each of these legislative committees should have a similar bill introduced at the next legislature of their respective states, to become a law as soon as possible, regulating the size of an apple box.

This is of great importance to all apple growers. It has been said, "Competition is the life of trade." I want to deny this untrue adage. Competition is the life of dishonesty. A few years ago a roll of butter in Oregon contained two pounds, but competition kept reducing it until the poor consumer was paying for a full roll to sell such fruit to no one, except to those who are compelled to use it in a fruit cannery, cider or vinegar factory.

Our state legislature was wise in framing and passing a law defining the weight of a roll of butter. In like manner the apple box is a creature of competitive circumstances. It means one size in one community and another size in another community. To illustrate: Southern Oregon has cut the "special" box 1/2 inch in depth and added 1/2 inch in length. The California export apple box, so I am credibly informed, is so small it would almost be lost in our "standard" box. Yet all these boxes when filled with certain apples, such as Yellow Newtowns, are shipped to the same markets in competition with each other. It is a deplorable condition, and should be corrected and regulated by strict laws similar to our laws on other weights and measures.

Last, but not least, we need a law to assist us in getting better roads over which to haul our fruit to market. No fruit grower who hauls his fruit, especially during the winter months, can deliver it in a first-class marketable condition after jolting it over a few miles of our country roads. We need a road law that will give state and county assistance to any road district whose citizens are enterprising enough to share one-half the expense in building first-class macadam roads. This thought may be a little foreign to a fruit grower's meeting, but a hint to the wise is sufficient.

Fellow fruit growers, my thoughts herein expressed may be summarized under the following heads:

First—A law making the selling of fruit trees untrue to name a criminal offense, punishable by a heavy fine or imprisonment or both, and the guilty party liable for all damages done to the purchaser of such trees.

Second—A law making any dealer selling adulterated spray materials subject to a heavy fine, and also liable for

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