

NO MORE INFECTED FRUIT FOR PORTLAND

No more scaly or infected fruit can be sold in the markets of Portland. The traffic, branded by the Legislature as illegal, has been brought to a stop, and the first step taken toward improving the quality of the orchard products of the state and at the same time protecting the consumer.

A local fruit inspector has been appointed, who began work Saturday morning by condemning a mass of unwholesome stuff at the Plaza market, says a Portland paper. There were five tons of apples, peaches, pears and apricots in the lot seized, all of which was immediately sent to the crematory. The fruit was brought in by farmers living east of Portland and in Clackamas county. It was badly infected with scale, and some of it was positively disgusting in appearance. Had not the sale been stopped, the stuff would have been bought by Italian and Chinese peddlers, hawkers and retail grocers, and by this time most of it would have been consumed by persons ignorant of its true quality. There was much surprise and indignation on the part of the growers, but they could not do otherwise than obey the orders of the inspector and see their scaly produce dumped into garbage wagons.

The new local fruit inspector is James H. Reid, who is working under the orders of District Commissioner W. K. Sewell of the State Board of Horticulture. Mr. Reid is well qualified by experience for the work, and is determined to see that the law governing this matter is rigidly enforced. He will not confine his inspection solely to the public market at the Plaza blocks, but will see that the law is obeyed on Front street as well. He has given the jobbers notice of his intentions, but will not begin examining fruit on the street until the middle of the week. That will give the dealers time to dispose of stocks already bought, and will enable them to modify orders already placed at San Francisco for shipment by the steamer due here Wednesday.

The fact that California, Washington and Idaho maintain a strict inspection service has caused Portland to be used as a dumping ground for all diseased fruit that cannot be sold in those states. Clackamas and some of the other counties that will not permit the sale of fruit that is infected have also been sending such fruit here for disposal. All this will now stop, and the people of Portland can rest assured that the fruit they buy from now on will be healthy. The natural result of the law, and that for which it was originally intended, will be the improvement of Oregon's orchards, which will give the fruit of this state once more the fine reputation that it once held.

The wholesale fruit merchants of Front street are almost unanimously in favor of the new law. They believe it will work some hardships at first, but they realize that in the end it will prove most beneficial.

"The law is certainly something we should have had long ago," said Mark Levy. "Every day tons of fruit are brought in covered with the San Jose scale and codlin moth, fruit that is absolutely unfit to eat. As long as the farmer is permitted to shove in such stuff, it keeps the price of good fruit down. When the price of fruit becomes so cheap, there is no encouragement whatever for the man who tries to raise good fruit. If the grower is satisfied that he will get a good price for his product, he will be more disposed to use care in the cultivation of his orchard." Charles Davenport, who has been inspecting a good thing, "It means that there will be better orchards in the state in the future," he said. "We would sooner see no poor fruit at all on the street."

"This law will have the effect of weeding out the poor, indifferent grower," said George Pearson. "When a man can find a good market for good fruit, he will be more willing to spray his trees and try to improve the fruit. We are heartily in favor of the law, and think it will be a good thing for the state at large."

"In the end the law will be all right for us," said John Koskey, "but, of course, it will hit us hard at first, particularly on California fruit. Anything, however, that will cause a better quality of fruit to be grown will be better for all concerned."

"The inspection of fruit on this market," said John Bell, "will be an excellent thing for the orchard industry of Oregon. There is too much disease in the orchards and we want to see it eradicated. Conditions lately have been growing worse every year."

W. E. Glauke thinks the law will be a good thing in one way, but bad in another. "It will mean," he said, "that we will have better fruit on this market, and that Portland will no longer be the dumping-ground of other sections, while good fruit is sent to markets where they have inspectors. It will be a bad thing for the fellow who does not raise good fruit."

"I think the law should work well and result in great benefit," said H. Page. "It will cause some immediate injury to some growers, but will eventually be of great advantage to the farmers, as it will educate them up to growing good fruit."

Inspector Reid received his appointment Friday evening. The law under which he is working has been on the statute books for some years, but was only made operative by an appropriation at the last session of the Legislature. When the great benefits of the fruit-inspection act are considered, the cost seems very small. It is not believed that the expense of the entire inspection service of the state will exceed \$5,000 a year. The state of Washington last year spent \$60,000 for the inspection of fruit and fruit trees. King County has one inspector who receives \$1000 a year and his expenses and also has an assistant at \$3 a day. The Portland inspector will receive \$2 for each working day, and will cost the state less than \$5000 a year.

Agricultural Growth.

The magic that lurks in the apparently dry pages of crop reports statistics has never been more vividly exhibited than in a remarkable paper by F. W. Hewes in the current Harper's Weekly, the first of a series of articles on "Years of Progress in America." It is an attempt to "take account of stock" in the farm industry of the country—to answer questions which every one asks but for which few have the patience or the means at hand to seek out answers. After outlining the agricultural development since the earliest settlement on the Atlantic coast, Mr. Hewes cites data collected by the department of agriculture showing that the annual increase in the value of American farms and farm property during the four years passed since the census of 1900 has been \$500,000,000.

The secretary of agriculture is quoted as authority for the startling declaration that all the gold mined in the world since the time of Columbus (which total by the way, according to estimates by the United States mint, is approximately \$11,300,000,000) would not pay for the products of American farms in the two

years 1900 and 1904. So rapid is the growth of this immense industry that the products of 1904 were 42 per cent greater than the total of \$5,000,000,000 reported by the census for 1900. Secretary Wilson further asserts that the bank deposits in the agricultural states are growing faster than in the manufacturing states. Thus from June 30, 1896, to October 31, 1904, while the increase for the entire country was 91 per cent— itself a proof of astonishing national prosperity—the gain in bank deposits in Iowa was 164 per cent, in Kansas 219 per cent and in Mississippi 301 per cent.

In view of this advance one is not surprised to learn that the average monthly wages paid farm laborers throughout the country increased from \$17.97 in 1885 to \$22.14 in 1902, the last year for which the data have been completed. They are undoubtedly higher today.

Turning to specific crops, Mr. Hewes analyzes the growth in these from 1850 to 1900, pointing out the influences of growing population and manufactures, of railway development, government scientific work in improving seed and the other factors that mould the agricultural output. There is room here merely to quote his summary for the greater food crops: corn increased from 2,000,000 bushels in 1850 to 2,500,000,000 in 1900. (The corn crop was approximately 2,500,000,000 last year.) The same half century saw the oats crop grow from 147,000,000 bushels to 811,000,000,000 bushels. The wheat yield increased from 101,000,000 bushels to 632,000,000 bushels. The production of potatoes increased from 60,000,000 bushels to 273,000,000 bushels. Barley rose from 5,000,000 to 85,000,000 bushels.

Cuban Diarrhoea.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish war know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as an attack of cholera. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobs of Houston, Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale by Williams' Pharmacy.

Reproduce Custer Massacre at Fair.

Special to the Glacier. Portland, July 25.—The Custer massacre, which marks the greatest Indian outrage of recent times, will be reproduced with wonderful fidelity to detail at the Lewis and Clark exposition on Thursday, August 10, when Umatilla Indians and soldiers of the Oregon National Guard and the Tenth United States Infantry will take part. The massacre promises to prove the most interesting and instructive of the big free outdoor attractions which have been provided by the exposition management for the patrons of the western world's fair.

It was 29 years ago, on June 25, 1876, that Custer and his troopers rode into the death trap on the Little Big Horn river. Shortly after crossing the river, hundreds of Sioux attacked the little band, which resisted heroically, making a last stand in a hand-to-hand contest in which every trooper was killed. The survivor of the dreadful massacre was a trumpeter whom Custer had sent, early in the fray, to Major Reno for reinforcements.

The reproduction at the Lewis and Clark exposition will have for its location a plot of ground on the government peninsula in Guild's Lake, near the river entrance to the fair. The lay of the ground at this place is similar to the geography of the Little Big Horn, and this circumstance will add much to the interest of the bloodless massacre. Indians from the Umatilla reservation, garbed in the war clothes of the plains, will form the attacking party, and the attack will be maintained by them until the last of the soldiers representing Custer's band have fallen.

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The county commissioners are circulating petitions to find out how the tax payers of the county stand on the state proposition. The only petition we have seen is that being circulated by Commissioner Skar, and if this one is a fair sample of the other petitions, nearly everybody is in favor of the state road, says the Stevenson Pioneer.

Just What Everyone Should Do.

Mr. J. E. Barber of Irwinville, Ga., always keeps a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand ready for instant use. Attacks of colic, cholera morbus and diarrhoea come on so suddenly that there is no time to hunt a doctor or go to the store for medicine. Mr. Barber says: "I have tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which is one of the best remedies I ever saw. I keep a bottle of it in my room as I have had several attacks of colic and it has proved to be the best medicine ever used." Sold by Williams' Pharmacy.

Practical Work Better Than Talk.

People are beginning to wonder what has become of that Douglas County Good Roads association that was organized about a month ago. It takes more than one day's talk to make good roads. Talk is all right in effecting an organization to keep the movement going, but practical work must be applied in an intelligent way in building good, permanent roads. We need them.—Roseburg Review.

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Game Warden L. S. Fritz of The Dalles was here last Wednesday and assisted by Deputy Sheriff Olinger he planted 5,000 rainbow trout, 3,000 of the young fry being placed in the west fork of Hood river, and 2,000 in the stream of Green Point. The fish are from the Clackamas hatchery. Warden Fritz says he expects to have 30,000 trout for the streams of Hood River valley, but the allowance for his district was short this year.

The people of Hood River are very lax in the observance of the state game laws, says Warden Fritz, and it is his intention to keep closer watch on the sportsman here. He has served notice that the payment of the hunter's license will be demanded.

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