

Horticultural Inspection in Oregon
(From an address delivered by Hon. W. K. Newell at the Milwaukee Grange Fair, October 20, 1905.)

You who are interested in such matters know that for the past ten or twelve years we have had in Oregon a State Board of Horticulture. This board has been composed of practical fruit growers, who have tried to solve the various questions relating to the industry; the best methods of culture, pruning, spraying, etc.; and by means of a Biennial Report they have given this knowledge to the public. These reports have come to be recognized all over the Northwest as standards of authority on the subject. All nurseries have been given careful inspection, and none but clean trees have been allowed to be sold; and, as far as the limited funds would permit, personal inspection of orchards has been given. But in the last few years pests have multiplied amazingly, and fungous diseases have become a serious pest.

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"The White Salmon dock is but a few miles distant. The trains would hardly be started before they had to stop there, and as Jim Hill intends to make fast time both going and coming, his trains will hardly make regular stops at the intermediate stations."

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A Slight Mistake.

As an instance where a bad cold caused a startling conversation there is a joke being told here at the expense of a modest young newspaper man in a neighboring town, which is so good it ought to be true, says the Bristol News. The young man in question was recently invited to a party at a residence where he himself recently had been blessed with an additional little family. Accompanied by his best girl, he met his kind hostess at the door, and after the customary salutations, asked after the welfare of the baby. The lady was suffering from a severe cold which made her slightly deaf, and she mistakenly supposed that the young man was inquiring about her cold. She replied that though she usually had one every winter this was the worst she had ever had; it had kept her awake at night a great deal at first and confined her to her bed. Then noticing that the scribe was becoming pale and nervous, she said she could see by his looks that he was going to have one like hers and asked him if he wanted to sit down.

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The Saviour called them home, With outstretched hands He welcomes them.

To His bright and happy throne, He called them in life's morning,

A lily pure and fair,

To decorate the heavenly throne, And blood forever there.

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Teachers' Institute at Odell.

The teachers' institute at the Odell school house a week from Saturday, which is the 11th of November, promises to be well attended. The teachers and patrons of the Odell school are working hard to make the institute a success, and Justice T. Neff, superintendent of public instruction for Washington county, desires that teachers who have not attended a local institute in Wasco county this fall be present at this meeting.

The program for the day includes a morning session, when J. S. Landers will give instruction in language work, and L. A. Wiley in arithmetic.

In the afternoon, S. J. Ennes will conduct a literary and musical.

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Profitable fruit Season in Idaho.

The last shipment of fruit to the eastern market during the season of 1905 was sent Monday, the product of southwestern Idaho approximating 300 cars, and at prices considerably above the average.

The commission houses and larger growers are now packing pears and apples for shipment. This will continue for two or three weeks.

About twenty cars of pears and peaches have been shipped, with perhaps ten cars of Winter Nellies yet to be loaded, says the Boise News.

The Sinsel Commission Company is loading its first car of apples today. It consists of Jonathans, Roman Beauty, and Grimes' Golden, in short equal parts, and all are shipped in boxes, which are expected to bring the top price market.

The prediction is made that fully 100 cars of apples will be sent east, besides a larger amount than ever will go into storage for home consumption.

Within the early report that the crop would show a shortage has not been verified by the result of the shipments, verified by the result of the shipments, the orchards coming into bearing making up for the apparent damage caused by unseasonable weather last spring, the indications are that with average weather next spring the crop of men will be a record breaker.

As a rule the quality of fruit of all kinds has been excellent. Some orchardists have neglected spraying as freely as they should, and as a consequence have produced seedy fruit, which has been rejected by the buyers, and the marketing of the crop prohibited. This will have the effect of causing the growers to be more careful in the future, and the reputation of Idaho fruit placed in the front rank.

The season generally has been the most profitable ever enjoyed by Idaho orchardists, the total amount being received approximately upwards of

\$500,000. Pears are especially high in the eastern market, one car shipped from Medford, Or., selling for \$3,429 or nearly 10 cents for each pear in the car.

This morning C. J. Sinsel who

made an exhibit of prunes raised in the Boise valley at the St. Louis exposition, received notice that he had been awarded the silver medal for his dried plums.

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