

SAN JOSE SCALE IN THE ROSE BUSHES

The presence of San Jose scale in the rose bushes of Portland is a warning to the residents of this and other nearby towns to look after their shrubbery and trees. Too much care cannot be exercised in keeping this dangerous pest from getting a foothold.

The Telegram in a recent article tells what it is doing in Portland, and is as follows: "Portland is in even greater danger of losing its title to 'Rose City' through the destruction of its rose bushes by the San Jose scale than was intimated by Fruit Inspector James H. Reid in his warning to rose growers through the Telegram last week. Yards in many portions of the city are already so infested with this pest that even should spraying be resorted to at once it would be impossible to save the bushes.

Mr. Reid confirms the statement made by Theodore Gruening of Ashland that coal oil is a very effective remedy for the pest, particularly in small orchards and front yards, where the difficulties attending the preparation of the lime sulphur and blue vitriol spray make it hard for the owner to use. He urgently recommends the immediate use of this remedy at the earliest opportunity by every person who owns a rose bush or any other shrub in Portland.

"New is the time to deal with the pest," he says. "The scale is now in a dormant condition, in which it will remain for the winter. It is not now sucking the sap of the tree, and is especially susceptible to the action of sprays. No halfway spraying will do. It must be thorough. Where the owner finds his bushes too far gone to save, he should root them up and burn them, for their presence means that they will spread to other bushes, undoing the good work which may have been accomplished there."

After February, or after the budding season commences, it is too late. If the scale has a chance to get in its work when the buds are young and tender no amount of spraying will do. It must be thorough. Now is the time."

A Common Sense View. It is a great pity that the rebate question and the rate question are so completely confused. The rebate is an exemption from the railroad company and is possible only where there is competition in transportation, and it is unjust to the railway companies. In legislation against rebates, Congress would have the assistance of the railroad companies—or rather has had it, for the law seems to do now all that law can do to prevent an act which is always secret. In legislation on rates, Congress is seeking dangerous powers and arraying the entire railroad interest in opposition.

Webster's Little Gem Dictionary. Many so-called Webster Vest Pocket Dictionaries have been put upon the market, but until now there has been no authentic dictionary of this class, abridged directly from "Webster's International." Such a vest pocket manual has just been issued, entitled "Webster's Little Gem Dictionary." It is scholarly and strictly reliable, being the best, most concise, and most complete of its kind. The main vocabulary includes by actual count more words than are found in any other pocket dictionary of its class, although some words are omitted to make room for others. The "Little Gem" also contains a very full and up-to-date gazetteer of the world, many valuable tables and lists, and also a series of colored maps seldom published in a book of this size. It is just the guide you need to answer your many questions with accuracy. All copies are supplied with the marginal index and will be sent postpaid on receipt of price. Data green cloth, 25c; leather, 40c; full leather, 50c. G. & C. Morriss Co., publishers, Springfield, Mass. Get the best.

HOOD RIVER APPLES ARE UNSURPASSED

The pre-eminence of the Hood River apple over that of any other district in the United States can be seen everywhere that apples are displayed for sale—at home, in adjacent cities, in the great markets east of the Mississippi river, and abroad. Recent visitors to Portland from this city have seen the fruit from this locality on sale at the commission houses alongside that from other districts in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Comparisons may be odious, but they are also convincing and these apples as compared to the home product are as sunshine is to a candle or a gooseberry bush to the giant fir.

The fine pack, color and quality of the Hood River product surrounded by the other apples in the commission houses of Portland shines out like a diamond in a dust heap. Among the other districts represented were some Spitzenbergs from Snowy Butte in the Rogue River valley. They were grown by the Olwall Bros. and would be considered a poor quality for the cider mill here. The demand for fancy fruit at Portland cannot be supplied, and the dealers there are anxious to get hold of some Hood River Spitzenbergs for the holiday trade. Page & Son have requested Manager Shepard to try and secure some fruit of this kind for them, and he will make an effort to do so.

From Portland to Buffalo is a far cry, but commendations of the Hood River apple, like bread cast upon the water returns. L. Silliman, who shipped some apples from here recently, put his name and address in the box with his fruit, and one day last week received the following postal: B. D. ROGERS' SONS, Fruit, Vegetables, Poultry, Game, 102 West Market St., Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1905. Dear Sir: We are handling some of your Ben Davis apples. They are finest ever seen here—selling at \$3.00 a box. Found your name on a piece of paper in a box; should like to see such a fruit growing—it must be a sight. C. O. ROGERS.

This is, indeed, praise from Sir Hubert, for Buffalo is the outlet for the product of Niagara county and the upper counties of New York state where the finest apples that are grown in the Eastern states can be found.

BY THE WAY Young, the confectioner, had a bunch of bananas hanging in his window recently that contained the largest fruit that the writer has seen in some years. The bananas sold here are shipped into Portland from New Orleans and come from points along the eastern coast of South America and Cuba. It would seem that it would be cheaper to have them sent from the Hawaiian Islands, where they grow in great profusion and of fine quality, but the ways of the banana trade, like other staples, is "regulated."

The O. R. & N. station presents a pretty lively appearance these days on the arrival and departure of trains. Since the holidays are here travel has increased. Some are going away to spend New Years and others are coming here for the same purpose. The trains are running on time lately and the road is handling the heavy travel with as little discomfort as possible. A good story is being told about one of Hood River's ministers, and is worth repeating. It seems that the gentleman of the cloth was having a stove put up by one of the employees of a local merchant, and as is usual, was having a very difficult time in getting the pipe to fit. The minister and his wife, whom we shall designate as Mr. and Mrs. X, were interested spectators of the maneuvers and gyrations of the stove man in trying to get the pipe together. Like every one else who has a job of this kind, the man was at first as pleasant as a basket of chips, but after numerous twistings and turnings and bumps and thumps, his face began to get red and he commenced to display considerable anger. At length a particularly hard struggle, the irate stove man looked as though he would explode, and cast an appealing glance at the minister. Whereupon Rev. Mr. X turned to his wife and said: "Mrs. X, will you please leave the room—Mr. B. wants to relieve his feelings."

The spirit of Christmas saturates the pages of Lippincott's Magazine for December. "A Moment of Confidence" by Ella Middleton Tybott, whose "Wife of the Secretary of State" is one of the books of the year, exhales the season of good cheer beside the glowing fire. As sparks fly upward a new love is born on one side of the curtain; while on the other, old fires are rekindled in the confidence of a man and a woman who have weathered love's battles. But the scars are there, and to these scars they now point not without pride. Miss Tybott's treatment is delicate and sympathetic.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Nov. 13, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof to establish his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. T. Prather, United States Commissioner at his office at Hood River, Oregon, on January 2, 1906, viz: ALVA M. FRITZCHARD of Meier, Oregon, on R. 12 E., Sec. 8, Township 1 N., R. 11 E., W. 1/2.

CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Treasurer 23, 1905.—A contest against the claim of Mr. Gearin was appointed by President Cleveland to act as special prosecutor for the government. For several years Mr. Gearin has been associated with the legal firm of Dolph, Mallory, Simon & Gearin, which, among its former clients, has provided material for four United States Senators—John H. Mitchell, Joseph N. Dolph, Joseph Simon and John M. Gearin.

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