PESTS RUIN FRUIT IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

A special to the Oregonian from Grants Pass says:

The Grants Pass Fruit Growers' union which was organized early this fall, with R. A. N. Reymers, president, R. M. Robinson, vice-president, Charles Meserve, secretary, L. L. Jewell, treasurer, has begun a campaign to exterminate the pests that threaten to ruin the fruit industry in Josephine county. So great has been damage to fruit this season that fully 75 per cent of the fruit is affected more or less with San Jose scale or codlin moth, and the loss to the farmers will reach fully $30,000 at 50 cents a box

The farmers and business men, as a result of the six fruit growers' meetings recently held in this county by Dr. Withycombe and institute staff of the State Agricultural colleg , have come to realize the loss that the pests are causing and the value that the fruit industry would be if carried on as it is at Hood River and other sections. Josephine county is in the center of Rogue River valley, famous for producing the finest apples, pears, peaches and grapes, but owing to gold mining having been the leading industry for 50 years, fruit raising has not been given the prominence that it has been in the adjoining section of the valley embraced in Jackson county.

Now the orchards are to receive quite as much attention as the mines. At a meeting of the Fruit Growers' union, Saturday, it was decided to have a county fruit inspector appointed by the county court, and Charles Meserve was recommended for the position. County Judge Stephen Jewell was present at the meeting and promised the heartiest co-operation of the county court in enforcing the state law aginst such tree owners as would not free their trees of pests or cut them down. Hon. A. H. Carson, member of the State Board of Horticulture for this district is assisting the union in the war on the pests and it is the purpose to have as perfect a lot of fruit another year to ship from Josephine county as was ever put on the market.

To encourage the farmers to spray their trees and to make the expense as light on them as possible, the union will buy the spray materials by the carload and let the orchardists have it at cost. As but few of the farmers here fully understand the art of spraying, the union has secured a large number of copies of the bulletins prepared by Professor A. B. Cordley, of the State Agricultural College Experiment station, that treats of pests and sprays, for distribution. Each orchardist is also being supplied with a copy of the annual report of the State Board of Horticulture, which is by far the best text book ever gotten out for Oregon fruit raisers.

Such of the fruit as is not damaged by the pests is of very fine quality and the yield is good. The Fruit Growers' union made shipments of pears to New York that were highly complimented and which sold for the highest price ever realized on pears sent from this country. The union is preparing to send several cars of fancy Spitzenberg and Newtown apples to the Eastern markets. So great is the demand in Portland and other Northern cities for Rogue River peaches and grapes that none are shipped to Eastern markets.

The acreage to grapes is being largely increased and large shipments to distant markets will be made within a few years. The acreage to apples, pears and peaches is also being very largely increased.

WHITE SALMON.

(From the Enterprise.)

Mrs. Lewis, wife of the minister, started on Monday for California to visit her sister at Berkely and her parents at Palo Alto. She will be gone a month or six weeks. Mr. Lewis goes this week to Walla Walla to attend the Congregational State association. He takes a prominent and important part is the convention.

Roy Crow gave up his position in Wolford's store Saturday night and went to Portland where we understand a good position awaits him. Frank P. Egan, who has closed out his interest in the real estate business to his partner, R. Field, has taken his position.

George Purser is putting up a building just west of the butcher shop which will be occupied by C. E. Branaman with his barber shop when finished. Mr. Branaman will be able to give baths as well as shave when he gets into his new shop.

Mrs. J. B. Humphrey, of Cook's addition, started on a visit to her old home in Wisconsin last Monday. Mr. Humphrey will join her there later and they both expect to spend the winter in the Badger state. They will no doubt come back thinking more than ever of White Salmon and Washington.

Mr. D. J. Treiber, of Hood River, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday in the absence of Mr. Lewis Mr. Treiber is a wide awake man and will give an interesting talk.

Roy Heaman is putting up a commodious and handsome residence on Wyers street which will be one of the pretty residences of the town when completed. The plasterers now have it in hand. Corey and Bougue are the contractors.

Members of the White Salmon lodge of Odd Fellows to the number of 13 and several Rebekahs attended the dedication of the new Odd Fellows hall at Hood River. last Thursday. They report a very large attendance of members of the order from nearby towns and a general good time. Hood River lodge has one of the finest lodge halls in the state of Oregon.

Elmer Wright came in from Fulda to day and reported the family of O. A. Lewis in distress. Mr. Lewis went up into Eastern Oregon some time ago to teach school leaving his wife and five children on a ranch out near Laurel and since he left has not been heard from. Mr Wright reports the faimly living entirely on acorns and the baby, born last Christmas, is very sick,. John G. Wyers ordered a wagon load of provisions sent out and will visit the family tomorrow. Mr. Lewis is an Odd Fellow and belongs to a lodge at Olympia.

White Salmon is going to have a fruit and industrial fair. This was decided at a mass meeting held Wednesday evening. The date was fixed for Ooctober 6 and committees were appointed to rustle for money and exhibits and they are our rustling for all they are worth. The time is short but it was decided to have it before the Hood River fair so that the exhibit could be used at both places. Now everybody should get in and do their best and see how much of a display can be gotten up in the short space of two weeks. The exhibit will probably be held in the lower story of the Odd Fellows building. If that is the case the floor space will be ample and all the conditions commodious.

MOSIER.

Dr. C. A. Macrum, L. F. Howe and wives were up Sunday from Portland looking over their farms.

The school directors were in White Salmon Saturday where they went to see the new school house there and have selected that plan for a new building here which will be built soon.

W. W. Stevenson, of Portland, was up to his farm last week Mr. Stevenson has let the contract to Mr. Young for the clearing of ten acres of land on his farmon the Ireland Ridge.

J. N. Campbell, of Orient, near Portland, was in Mosier Monday looking for land.

Mrs Nancy Denton, of Seattle, came in Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. D. Eirns.

George Selinger took the boat last week for White Salmon and went to Trout Lake for an outing.

C. D. Morgan, our real estate agent, reports the sale of 40 acres of C. E. Davidson's farm to E. A. Rainous, of Denver, Col. Mr. Rainous is in the employ of the Mountain Electric Co. in Denver and thinks Mosier is one of the loveliest places he has seen for a long time.

A rock quarry is being opened just east of Mosier which has developed linto an iron mine.

Denny & Green's saw mill is now running in full blast. W. A. Davis and the Brooks Bros. are furnishing the logs.

W. H. Abshire and W. B. Strowbridge, of Hood River, were in Mosier Sunday looking for locations and say they will return soon to close up deals which they have pending.

A. P. Bateham is setting the telephone poles over Strawberry Ridge to his magnificient East Hood River farm.

Mosier wants and can support two stores, one hotel, one livery stable, one drug store and as we have no doctor within six miles of this place why wouldn't this be a good location.

Mosier valley is growing right along. New buyers are coming every day. With all the knockers hard at work on every corner trying to down some deal, Mosier has her share of knockers the same as other places.

Little things happen here as well as may happen at other places, which should be looked into. Some say it is the game warden's place, while others say it is the fruit inspector's place. I'm inclined to think it is the latter, as it looks scaley.

HOOD RIVER LOSES IN FOOTBALL GAME

The Dalles second team of pigskins punters came to Hood River Sunday and played the opening game of the season with Hood River's second team. They were accompanied by about thirty rooters and defeated the home team by the score of 17 to 0. The scoring was all done in the first half after which the Hood River boys held their opponents down and kept them in their own territory. The game was characterized with lack of practice and poor playing on both sides. Of the Hood River team Tucker, a new man, showed up wonderfully well, and Conrow, Hendrix and Dalrymple did the best playing for The Dalles. The first half was played in eleven minutes but neither team had scored at the end of the second. The line-up was as follows:

The Dalles		Hood River
Davis	e	Pearce
Gidson	r g l	Rand
Whittle	l g r	Tucker
Morgan	r t l	Koppe
Long, McInerny	l t r	Gill
Cohen, S	r e l	Kent
Tyler	l e r	Kent, C
Cohen, H	q	Brock
Conrow	r h l	Bragg (c)
Dalrymple	l h r	Tyson
Hendrix (c)	f	Guyer

Length of halves—20 minutes.
Referee—Arthur Clarke.
Umpire—Rex Ward.

When two strong men come to blows, even if they are well matched, it is not a pleasing sight, but if the man who gets the worst of it will use DeWitt's Wich Hazel salve, he will look better and feel better in short order. Be sure you get Dewitt's. Good for everything a salve is used for, including piles. Sold by Williams Pharmacy.

Land Bargains.

Price and terms of the DeBusey lands three and one half miles east of Mosier on Dalles road:

40 acres or over $50 an acre.
30 acre tract $60 an acre.
20 acre tract $75 an acre.
10 acre tract $100 an acre.
5 acre tract $100 an acre.

One half down, balance to suit purchaser at at eight per cent interest on deferred payments.

Will accept as part payment team, harness, wagon, plows, harness, cultivators and other farm implements; cows, hogs, poultry etc. Also farm work at ruling wages.

See our new list next week.

W. J. BAKER & CO.

When you have a cold it is well to be very careful about using anything that will cause constipation. Be particularly careful about preparations containing opiates. Use Kenedy's Laxative Honey and Tar, which stops the cough and moves the bowels. Sold by Williams Pharmacy.

Coe's Addition on the Market.

We have placed in our hands for sale, all the lots belonging to H. C. Coe in Coe's Addition to Hood River.

Lots will be sold at the price of $200 and up for the next 30 days. This is the best opportunity to secure lots in this beautiful portion of Hood River ever offered the public.

The number is limited and the choice should be made early. One lot with house, was sold last week. Five lots and house were sold yesterday. Two more to-day. They will not last long at these prices.

For further information see

W. J. BAKER & CO.

True-to-Name Nursery.

Have for the coming season's planting a few thousand choice Newtowns, Spitzenburg and a few other leading varieties for polenizers. Cherry, pear, and peach of the leading varieties, adapted to this locality. All buds and scions used in propogating carefully selected from vigorous, prolific trees. Past seasons have been unable to supply the demand and our stock for this season is limited. Would therefore suggest you file your orders at an early date to get choice stock. H. S. Galligan. Phone farmers 349.

A LETTER

I wish to say to all our old friends and customers who for so many years came to our shop for their meats, that it is useless for me to introduce Wood Bros., our successsors, as their 18 years in the butcher business in Wasco county has made them so widely known that an introduction is unnecessary. Being honest, capable business men, they have the means and ability to rwn a business as it should be run, and in a way that will be a credit to our city.

I expect to stay with the new firm for awhile, and will be glad to see you all at the old stand. I will guarantee that you will get just as much meat for your money, just as courteous treatment and just as prompt service as can be had in the city.

We will have a full line of everything good to eat for the Spring trade.

Respectfully yours,

E. S. MAYES.