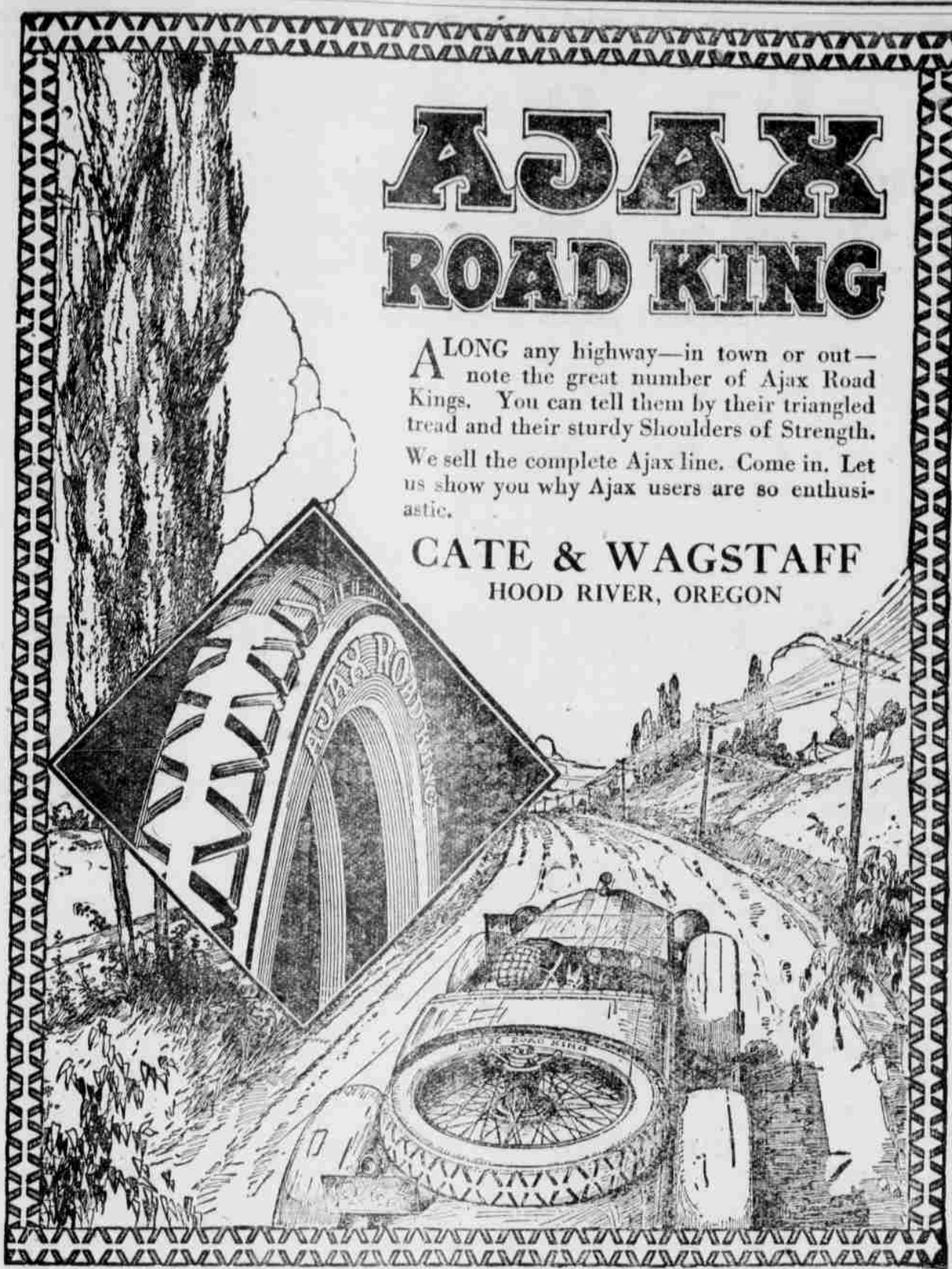


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TIMOTHY NEWELL DIS- PLAYS NEW GRADER

Timothy Newell, Upper Valley orchardist, for the past several days has created interest among orchardists with a new fruit grading machine on which he has worked during spare times the past winter. The new time-saving device, according to growers who have inspected it, is one of the simplest and yet most effective grading devices ever offered.

The new grader has an automatic feeding device. The apples are carried to aluminum scoops, at the end of which lead weights are attached, by rollers operating under a netting. The action of the rollers turns each apple over several times under the eye of the sorter, who is thus able to detect any blemish. Extra fancy apples are never touched by the hand of graders. The fancy grade is placed on an endless belt and carried to the opposite side of the machine from the feed hopper, where they are fed on the aluminum scoops on their return trip.

The machine for ordinary size is not made for sizing C-grade product, but a section can be attached for this grade. Mr. Newell has also perfected a wiping machine, which may be attached to the grader. In view of the fact that eastern market men are urging that all arsenate of lead traces be removed from the fruit, this device bids fair to prove extremely popular the coming season. Mr. Newell states that he will establish an assembling plant for his graders at his Parkdale ranch place. The new grader is so simple that growers who have seen it operating at the old McDonald store declare it fool proof. It is operated by a half-horse electric motor. The machine is propelled by a worm drive, which operates in grease. The speed is adjustable to suit the expertness of sorters.

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BANKS HELP PARK- DALE SCHOOL BOARD

The First National Bank and Butler Banking Co. last week purchased from the Parkdale school district a bond issue of \$25,000, recently voted for the construction of a new grade school, at par and accrued interest. The bonds bear six per cent interest. Owing to the unfavorable bond market at present prevailing the school board failed to receive a bid on the date set for the sale of the issue. Construction of the new building, however, was already under way. The prompt action of the local banks, although the action resulted in a material sacrifice of income, avoided the possibility of ceasing work on the new building, until the bond market revives.

Summer Pruning

By Gordon G. Brown

There are a few instances in which the writer believes summer pruning of young trees from two to five years of age is advisable, but in most cases it should be very light. As a preface to what may be said along this line it is well to observe how the young tree functions and responds to pruning. As a general proposition it is now fully demonstrated that pruning at any time, whether winter or summer, is a necessary evil which cannot be avoided for obvious reasons. Data is now available which shows clearly that pruning young trees is devitalizing, both in growth and bearing age. Without exception results with apricot, cherry, peach, pear, plum and prune demonstrate this truth. This is especially so with plums and prunes. At the California experiment station the fruits enumerated were classified into three groups, according to the method by which pruned. Group 1 composed those severely thinned and headed back; group 2, those moderately thinned and headed; group 3, those pruned lightly by thinning only. Since there is a marked relation between trunk circumference and the total weight of the tree (the larger the circumference the greater the total weight of the tree) measurements of this character were made at the end of the third season. Those in group 1 measured 8.9 centimeters; group 2, 10.9 centimeters and group 3, 12.3 centimeters, or 38 per cent more than the heavily pruned tree.

Further data is available with regard to summer pruning young trees. Apricots, cherries, peaches, pears, plums and prunes were studied. Block A received no pruning and the average increase of the trunks was 7.5 centimeters; Block B received moderate thinning out and heading back early in the season and the average increase of the trunks was 6.5 centimeters; Block C received moderate thinning and heading both early and late in the season and the average increase in diameter of the trunks was 5.4 centimeters. From the figures it is evident that summer pruning at any time is devitalizing and that mid-summer cutting is more weakening than that done early in the season. It is to be noted that two comparatively early summer prunings were only a little more weakening than one given late in the growing period.

In this connection, a brief summary of the manner in which a plant functions will indicate why summer pruning is devitalizing. Early summer growth is made at the expense of stored food material and to remove new leaves before they have had an opportunity to manufacture and store plant food, rob the plant to the same extent. After active shoot elongation ceases, a plant turns its energies to the manufacture and storage of plant food for the succeeding year.

"The later the pruning is given in the growing period during which active shoot elongation is taking place, the greater will be the plant's loss," says Bulletin 313 of the California experiment station.

The above is not to be construed that summer pruning is never advisable. With young Rose pear trees, pinching back or heading back excessive terminal growth will induce lateral growth which is necessary in the proper shaping of the tree. Bartlett's will respond in a similar manner. The Anjou had better be left alone, as it is capable of forming a good lateral growth naturally. No thinning should be given now. As a rule, trees one year old give better results if left alone during the first growing season.

With trees that have just entered the bearing age but are making an excessive wood growth it may be worth while to thin out slightly at this time of year. This would be the case with trees where foliage is too dense for spur development. As a rule, however, one annual winter pruning will accomplish all that is necessary to keep the trees in proper form.

Rambler Roses Are Beautiful

For a number of years the O. W. R. & N. had trouble with the steep bank west of the passenger station. It was an unsightly slope and was frequently causing trouble with slides. "Farmer" C. L. Smith and J. H. Fredrick tried out different species of grass in an effort to make a sloping greenward and to prevent the slides. Finally Mr. Fredrick solved the difficulty by purchasing several dozen Dorothy Perkins rambler roses. The vines have grown luxuriantly.

"Fred's roses," as the vine-covered bank is termed locally, now present a sight of beauty to passing travelers. The former ugly bank is a mass of pink blooms.

Loggers Carry Bouquets

Nearly every logger from the camps of the Oregon Lumber Co., as he left for Portland to celebrate the Fourth of July, carried a huge bouquet of Mount Hood lilies and rhododendrons. Sweet hearts and members of families were remembered with beautiful flowers.

"The woods where we are now working," says F. Bunch, young logger, advance guard of the bands of loggers who spent the Fourth in the city. "are filled with the perfume of the big lilies, and every hillside is covered with the rhododendron blooms. We logging camp workers are not very fond of rhododendrons, because of the rank growth they make in the woods, so dense that we can hardly walk through it."

Greisen's Estimate 65 Per Cent

C. Greisen, representative of The Packer, on a tour of all Oregon and Washington sections, who was here last week from Portland, estimates that the general average yield for all districts of the two states for the coming season will reach about 65 per cent of that of last year.

"So far as I can learn," says Mr. Greisen, "the Wenatchee district is the only one which will have as many apples as last season. In Yakima, Rogue River, Walla Walla and Hood River shippers and growers make varying estimates—all the way from 45 to 75 per cent."

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