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**PLANT SPECIALISTS  
FORM ORGANIZATION**

Plant specialists of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, closing an annual session, characterized as the best since the custom was inaugurated four years ago, here last Thursday, accepted an invitation of the State Board of Horticulture of Washington and the Yakima Chamber of Commerce to hold the fifth meeting in Yakima next year.

No definite organization up to Thursday, when it was decided to formally launch a body to be known as the Northwestern Association of Horticulturists, Plant Pathologists and Entomologists, had ever been formed. A president, vice president and secretary-treasurer will be elected annually, each branch of the three sciences represented having an officer.

While no revolutionary theories were advanced, representatives of the three branches engaged in the advancement of horticultural interests of the Pacific Northwest declared that the clearing house of the convention demonstrated that a steady progress was being made in combating diseases and insect pests and in maintaining soil fertility and securing maximum yield results. An appeal was made Thursday by Chas. A. Park, of Salem, chairman of the Western Plant Quarantine Board and president of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, for a rigid enforcement of plant quarantine laws. Mr. Park said:

"The carefully considered and diligently enforced plant quarantine orders issued by the Pacific Coast states up to date have, in a large measure, resulted in keeping fruit and melon flies out of our orchards and truck farms; in keeping the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths out of our forests; in the Bitter-root away from our pine trees. The Oriental peach moth, now well established in other parts of the United States, has been kept out of the orchards of the Pacific Coast states by the application of these quarantine inspections, and the same may be said of the Japanese beetle. The ravages of the Chestnut bark disease, the eastern filbert blight and the European corn worm, together with the restrictions they cause to be placed upon these crops are things we read about in the official publications of some of the eastern states, but, thanks to the effects of plant quarantine, the producers have no experience with these virulent crop pests upon the Pacific Coast. The Mexican cotton boll weevil and the pink boll worm, both introduced insect pests, in addition to greatly reducing the annual output of this staple are causing the issuance of the most drastic and far reaching federal and state laws, rules and regulations directed against the cultivation and movement of the cotton plant and its various products. The cotton fields of the Pacific Coast are free of both these pests, and are also free of the burden and loss that would most certainly follow their establishment. The sweet potato weevil has as yet not become established on the Pacific Coast, yet the pest, is a regular immigrant and a common acquaintance of the quarantine inspector. The potato wart disease still remains, with one exception, in its native habitat, and finally our knowledge of the citrus canker, is still confined to what we read in official bulletins of the state of Florida.

"All of the foregoing crop pests, except the fruit flies, have become well established in the United States east of the Rocky mountains. They were introduced into that territory before the adoption and enforcement of plant quarantine regulations by the several states concerned. No one of the crop pests has become established in the Pacific Coast states. Yet since the inauguration and enforcement of plant quarantine regulations on this coast each and every one of these crop pests, with the exception of the European corn worm, have been repeatedly intercepted in imports of plant products and destroyed by the local inspectors.

"The true value of the quarantine laws to the crop producers of the Pacific Northwest can be summed up in the following simple sentence: 'The present unchallenged entrance of our products into the markets of the world forms an enviable condition by no means common to the crop producers of the world at large. In fact it constitutes a very rare exception.'

"Consider the alternative. The markets of the world promptly closed to our fruit crops. The introduction and establishment on the Pacific Coast of the Mediterranean fruit fly would be sufficient cause to create such a situation. If this omnivorous pest should gain an entrance either by accident or laxity in enforcement of quarantine regulations, every fruit growing state in the Union and all other fruit countries would promptly apply, in fact would be compelled to apply, for their own protection the same prohibitive regulations against the importation of all of our fresh fruits as we now enforce against the territory of Hawaii and other countries infested with this pest.

"Any serious contemplation of the possibilities of the evil or loss that would promptly result from the establishment of the insect pests and plant diseases enumerated, on the farms and field and in the forests of the Pacific Coast, should be preceded by a thorough acquaintance with the actual financial loss to the crop producers of the countries in which the same have been permitted to gain an entrance and establish a residence. The natural deductions from such a study, we believe, would bring about a clearer, better recognition of the value of efficient quarantine work and concerted determination to maintain, develop and support the same."

The session was by no means all work. The college professors and scientific men relaxed Wednesday night and forgot to talk shop at a banquet at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. Leroy Childs was toast master, and the following men responded: Senator E. L. French, of Olympia; E. R. Bennett, of Boise, Ida.; O. M. Morris, of Pullman, Wash.; W. T. Hunter, of Victoria, B. C.; Chas. A. Park, of Salem; C. L. Robinson, of Olympia; J. S. Klobner, of Selah, Wash.; H. F. Barnes and Dr. J. T. Jardine, of Corvallis.

Perhaps the prevention of scald of apples held in storage by wrapping them in a specially prepared oiled paper is the most radical discovery of plant pathologists in the past few years. Results of experiments with this oiled paper were demonstrated by D. F. Fisher, federal pathologist stationed at Wenatchee, who showed the comparative effects of fruit that had been wrapped and that not treated. Oiled paper will be placed on the market this year in limited quantities.

Twenty of the plant specialists, following a motor tour of the Upper Hood River Valley, remained Thursday at Hood River Inn and ascended Mount Hood Friday. Others spent Friday as guests of E. R. Jackman, Wasco county agent, on a tour of the fruit areas of Wasco county.

Two of the interesting points discussed by the plant specialists touched on spray poisoning of bees and the handling of winter-injured apple trees. A. L. Melander, of Pullman, led in the bee discussion. While it was admitted that bees carry such diseases as fire blight by their activities, it was unanimously declared that the aid of bees in pollination more than offset the injuries they might cause in disease spreading. Much of the poisoning of the insects, it was declared, results from spray dripping from trees on cover crops. Growers were advised to cut their clover or alfalfa before applying the poison calyx arsenate of lead sprays.

W. S. Brown, chief of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural College, headed the discussion on winter injury. He stated that all trees that were irretrievably killed by the heavy freeze of 1919 should at once be pulled. Where sufficient sound trunk can be saved, Mr. Brown said, this may be successfully grafted. Mr. Brown advised the treatment of wounds resulting from the freeze with copper nails. These, driven into the wood at a distance of a half or three-fourths of an inch apart will soon cause the wound to become impregnated with copper. The wounds, he said, should also be painted each season with Bordeaux paste.

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