

TIME TO START ON 1922 PROFITS

(By M. D. Armstrong)

The time is here when the growers need to give careful attention to complete the pruning of their orchards. Due to the long period of cold weather the time left to finish this work is not at all too long. Pruning is not only essential to the production of the largest and most profitable fruit, but it is also very important in the removal of disease from the orchard. There are many benefits derived from careful annual pruning. I do not care here to try to state all of them or to state how pruning shall be done but to call attention to some of the results of this important practice of fruit growing the handling of which is one of the things determining the difference between profit and loss at the end of the year. Good pruning practices produce larger and more uniform fruit, free from mechanical rubbing and tree injuries. This is very important but the ease with which a well pruned tree is kept free from insect and fungus pests is increased very much and I wish to consider these advantages.

Limbs which are seriously infected with anthracnose are a constant source of infection for the best of the orchard and not for one year but for three. Not only are these limbs a source of infection but when badly diseased they are so devitalized that heart rot often enters and further weakens the tree, these limbs produce only a poor quality of fruit. Much winter injured wood and bark provide an excellent harboring place for various insects as well as wood rots. The trees are a lot better off without many of these limbs, and many trees are so weak as to never be able to produce a profit.

Perhaps the greatest gain from good pruning is the ease and thoroughness with which the spraying can be done. Many orchards in Hood River last year produced wormy crops because the spraying was not thorough. In some of these orchards it was impossible to do thorough spraying even with excessive amounts of spray because of the tangle of brush in the trees. Apples cannot be protected from the worm unless the spray covers the fruit on all sides. Thick, woody trees protect the apple too well from the spray nozzle and too little from the worms. This which is true of the colling moth is also true of the other pests.

Now it is not too soon to start a profitable year by careful pruning. The most successful growers as well as the experiment stations have conclusively proved that pruning pays big in dollars.

Now is also a good time to be sure that that sprayer is going to deliver 300 pounds of pressure all the time; that the leaks are stopped; the hose in shape and the engine and pump ready to stay on the job when it is needed. Many growers are finding that the more powerful rigs are many times paying interest on the investment.

WOMEN RAISE \$119 FOR GIRLS' FUND

The Women's club raised the net sum of \$119 for the Scholarship Loan Fund of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, through proceeds from an amateur theatrical performance staged last week at the Rialto theatre here. "The Futurist," depicting incidents attending the organization of a woman's club in the early 80s was the vehicle chosen by the women, who in their preparation for the show were drilled by Mrs. L. B. Applin.

The women, who displayed meritorious histrionic ability, won general plaudits for their rendition of the play. Articles of antiquated furniture were drawn from the garrets of many homes, and the trunks of numerous families were drawn on for heirlooms in dress. The costuming was entirely in keeping with the early period. The women participating included: Mrs. Smith, president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson; Mrs. Weston Jones, grass widow; Mrs. O. L. Waller; Hope Wright, the Agnostic; Mrs. C. E. Fuller; Flora May Rogers; Miss Mae Davidson; Mrs. Scrubbs, Mrs. D. L. Pierson; Mrs. Melimore, the Aesthetic; Mrs. Geo. W. Thomson; Miss Beaten, the singer; Mrs. A. S. Keir; Mrs. White, hostess; Mrs. William Munroe, and the maid, Mrs. R. P. Robinson. One of the features that drew a lively applause, was the melodramatic rendition by Mrs. Keir of "Sweet Violets."

Those who saw the show declare that Miss Mae Davidson is liable to receive offers from metropolitan producers. Her rendition of Flora May Rogers was declared the work of genius.

The members of the club give great credit to Mr. Kolstad for the financial success of the show. They declare that he aided in every way possible. Mr. Kolstad says he has never presented a more interesting show, amateur or professional.

Well Known Horseman Visits Here

Dr. M. E. Welch the past week has been participating in a pleasant reunion with his old friend, Dr. Geo. H. Sperry, of Vancouver, Wash. It is likely that no men in the northwest are better posted on the history of the American race horse, especially the trotters and pacers, than are these two men. They recall in their conversations days when racing was at its best, and express the hope that the sport of kings may again reach its proper place in the sun of sports and men's entertainment. Dr. Sperry says that indications of the activities of the east and middle west point toward a greater popularity of racing.

Several years ago Dr. Welch presented a picture of Ed Geers and The Harvester to The Glacier. The other day he brought his old tillicum around to see the picture. The two veterans of horse racing stood, in mute reverence, for some minutes, looking at the great race horse and the dean of American drivers.

MR. DEITZ TELLS OF OIL GUSHERS

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 30, 1922.

Editor Glacier: Just received last week's Glacier today and reminds us that we have not written you as you asked us to.

We left Portland Monday morning, January 15, and reached Long Beach, 20 miles south of Los Angeles, Saturday evening, January 21, making the trip down six days. It was our intention to make the trip down in the six days if possible, as we wished to be with our daughter, Pearl, over Sunday rather than to be on the road that day. We reached Ashland Tuesday evening and crossed over the divide Wednesday, reaching Redding that evening.

I see by Mr. Moe's letter in the Glacier that they waited over one day in Ashland on account of the snow of the day before, so I suppose that is where we passed them. Our smallest day's run was from Portland to Ashland 130 miles and our largest day's run was Saturday when we made 250 miles, from Fresno to Long Beach.

As Mr. Moe has given a good description of the condition of the roads and weather we will not mention this subject. We have been here now one week and two days and find the climate here is much cooler than we expected to find it. Of course, they tell us it is unusual.

We are at present with our daughter, Pearl, Stoner. This is just in the edge of the newly developed oil district. The first well in this district was started about a year ago, and at present there are about 50 wells or more drilling and eight that have been "brought in" and are producing. The Horch well was brought in several months ago at a depth of 2,730 feet and produced about 250 barrels per day for about three months when the Shell company owners, decided to go deeper for a better flow. After drilling about 260 feet deeper, making a total depth of 2,990 feet they now have a production of about 1,500 barrels per day. This well is only about 500 feet from Mr. Stoner's property.

The Saturday evening we reached Long Beach it was a little after dark and as we were driving down Willow street to find Mr. Stoner's place, we suddenly heard a great roaring noise which grew louder as we drove along, till finally as we were opposite the point where the terrific roar seemed to come from we saw, about 100 feet off the road to the right, a large gusher which had broken loose that morning and was throwing up a column of oil stones from 150 to 200 feet in the air. This proved to be only about four blocks from Mr. Stoner's and we could hear the roar all night every time we were awake. The next day about noon it finally choked up and quit flowing. The derrick which was built of heavy timbers and was about 112 feet high, was completely wrecked by the force of the gusher. The wind carried oil for blocks till everything was covered, making a nasty mess of roads and buildings for nearly a half mile. As a result there are reported to be numerous damage suits to settle. We hear the drills at night whenever awake.

We have made numerous trips out, from 15 and 20 miles, and surely enjoy them. Have been to the beach several times today and it was stormy the big waves were rolling in and dashing the foam upon the beach. We expect to drive over to Redlands this week to see Mr. and Mrs. Schall.

We are anxiously looking for warmer weather as these gas heaters do not amount to much to get warm by. Not nearly as comfortable as a good old Oregon wood stove. H. C. Deitz.

CHURCHES ENDORSE ACTION OF OFFICERS

The following resolution was presented by the pastor of Asbury M. E. church to his congregation Sunday morning, and was adopted without a dissenting vote:

Whereas, The laws relating to the prohibition of the liquor traffic are a great blessing to the people of the United States, and yet, because of long established custom, the administration of them is surrounded with difficulties and sometimes serious danger;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we take pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the loyalty to the duties of their respective offices displayed by the sheriff of Hood River county, his deputies and the city marshals of our town in a recent flagrant case of bootlegging; by the county attorney in his zealous attention to the case, and by Judge Onthank in his perfect fairness and evident desire to do justice to all concerned.

At its regular business meeting February 1, the Baptist church voted unanimously to endorse very heartily the resolution passed by the Commercial club Monday, January 23.

The church feels that the action of the Commercial club, in strongly endorsing the loyalty to work done by our officers in enforcing the prohibition law, and pledging its support to them, is a timely action, to which the Baptist church is glad to associate itself. It is strongly felt by all the members present that it is time a strong public sentiment for law enforcement should be fostered in the community, and that resolutions, such as passed by the Commercial club, are of great value in fostering such a sentiment.

Wilson Fund Lays

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation Memorial Fund campaign has been lagging in this county, no committee having accepted appointment to head the canvass for funds. It is expected that the state headquarters will soon stimulate action by appointment of leaders for gathering in the fund.

The mere publication of notices of the beginning of the nationwide drive, it is said, has resulted in voluntary contribution of some \$35 to state headquarters.

The county's quota has been set at \$100.

Kirby Sells Apples in East

W. I. Kirby, just back with his family from Middletown, Ill., where they spent the winter with relatives, reports the satisfactory sale of three carloads of C-grade and cooking stock apples. Despite the high freight rate, Mr. Kirby says he sold the fruit at considerably better figures than he would have received in the local markets.

"The people of that section are used to getting their apples in bulk carlots from the New York fruit sections," says Mr. Kirby, "and they were prone to consider our lowest grade fruit as very fine stock."

Christian Church

The Bible School Bulletin is proving helpful to the work and has items of interest for each department. It will be in your hands each Sunday. The church is planning an evangelistic campaign next September with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cole, of Des Moines, Ia., in charge. Regular services next Sunday, Bible school at 9.45 a. m., A. B. Cash, Supt. Preaching at 11 a. m., topic "The Four-ply Cord of Service." Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m., Ethel Samuels, leader. Preaching at 7.30 p. m., topic "Study in Heroes." J. C. Hanna, Pastor.

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Library Notes

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We have also added several new volumes to the library by purchase, but most of these no sooner touch the shelves than they disappear. It has been impossible to keep up the demand this cold winter. Lack of space will not permit our giving a list of these new books this week, but it will be forthcoming later.

Anne C. Hazby, Librarian.

Every Farmer May Own Tractor

Judging from the new price of the tractor, Henry Ford is going to make it possible for every farmer to own a Fordson. The Dickson Motor Co., local Ford and Fordson dealers announce that orders are being received at the rate of more than one a day. It is stated that many who heretofore have not seriously considered the purchase of a tractor have already given their orders, which should go a long way in convincing Hood River valley ranchers of the feasibility and economy of the right kind of tractor equipment. Along with the price drop of the tractor have come several cuts in tractor equipment, such as tractor plows and discs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Adopt Boy

The Upper Valley now has three very happy people. One of them is a six-year old boy, whom Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Jordan, who reside on a handsome orchard place there, have just adopted from a Portland home. The other two are Mr. and Mrs. Jordan themselves.

Indeed, the foster father, according to his friends, found that the possession of one little boy all for his very own gave him such great happiness that he wanted to go back to Portland and adopt a colony. His wife, however, advised, for the present at least that he display more temperance in his desires for an adopted large family of boys.

Walgren Says Market is Good

John Walgren, Portland apple buyer, who is here this week, says that the blockade of the Highway and the interruption of Columbia river steamers have resulted in the availability of more good apples here in the hands of growers than has ever been before at this season. Mr. Walgren says the weather conditions will prove beneficial to growers, as they will now realize considerably higher prices for the low grade apple stocks than would have been the case if they could have sold earlier. The California freeze and resultant high price of oranges, he says, will stimulate the apple market considerably. Mr. Walgren is paying \$1 per box for cookers, f. o. b. Hood River.

Mr. Walgren also ships apples to eastern markets, and Monday he was seeking six carloads of extra fancy Newtowns for immediate shipment to New York City.

They Appeal to Our Sympathies


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WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

At the next meeting of the Woman's club Wednesday evening, the members will be hostesses to their husbands. A dinner will be served, and a program of varied entertainment will be provided. Mrs. J. E. Ferguson is chairman of the committee making preparations for the event.

A short business session will be held at the meeting.



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