



MR. NELSON AS MEPHISTO IN "FAUST"

SIGARD NELSON TO SING IN PORTLAND

Some 20 years ago a timid, awkward lad attracted his neighbors at the Belmont Methodist church when he joined in singing hymns at Sunday school. That lad was Sigurd Nelson, who February 26 will appear at the Municipal Auditorium in Portland with the De Reszke Singers, a quartet composed of himself, Harold Johnson, tenor; Floyd Townley, tenor, and Erwyn Mutch, baritone. Mr. Nelson has a bass voice.

The De Reszke singers during the past two years toured continental Europe and the British Isles. While abroad they were known as "The American Quartette." The four young men sang before ex-king Emanuel and the queen of Portugal, the royal-

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outstanding fact is, however, that our trees are producing more heavily unit for unit and more regularly than was true several years ago. This is especially true of the Yellow Newtown. The crops during the last two years have represented marked increases over those of former years. These results can be explained in one way. Trees are making a normal growth and an abundance of new fruit spurs are making their appearance in old trees every year. An old fruit spur has been knocked off or have either dried or failed to function as a result of age or other unfavorable conditions, new fruit spurs have been available to take their place. This has been accomplished because of the fact that there has been an abundance of new wood forming every year. Furthermore, growers generally, appreciate the value of such new wood and are avoiding its promiscuous removal by inexperienced trimmers. The heavy crop of last year is also partially accounted for by the fact that many fruit spurs which fruited in 1923 also bore fruit in 1924. This is an unusual performance.

This is a year when growers should make every effort to keep up the natural vigor of their trees. In many orchards the crop will be comparatively light. The aim should be to produce a sufficient amount of new wood this summer such as will be in bearing in 1927, the normal off-year for such orchards. These considerations bring us back to the question of fertilizers. Pound for pound and unit for unit, we have found no fertilizer that gives a more economical and ready response than nitrate of soda. The writer's experience with sulphate of ammonia has been more limited, but the evidence indicates that this fertilizer is equally valuable to nitrate of soda. Nitrate tests around 16 per cent nitrogen and sulphate of ammonia around 21 per cent. The main consideration as between the two fertilizers is that of relative price. Nitrate of soda has a tendency to increase soil alkalinity, whereas sulphate of ammonia has a tendency to counteract this feature. The problem, under local conditions, presents no serious considerations in this respect. The writer personally prefers the application of nitrate of soda the one year and sulphate of ammonia the following year.

It is not the intention of this article to make a blanket recommendation that all growers use nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia. Soils which are being clean cultivated during a greater portion of the season following the turning under of a big cover crop obviously are not in need of any fertilizer as such, but where only early spring cultivation is practiced. This is a matter concerning which the grower himself, knowing his own individual conditions, must exercise judgment. If best results are to be accomplished, several of the most heavily producing orchards in the valley in which alfalfa is the leading cover crop have received an annual application of three to five pounds nitrate of soda per year.

In this connection, it may be said that alfalfa is lacking in many of the admirable qualities found true alfalfa in the lower valley than is true alfalfa in the upper valley. It appears to be more adapted to conditions in the lower valley than is true alfalfa in the upper valley. It is true of orchards at Willow Flat, Dee and Parkdale. Its chief drawback locally is that during the first two or three years while it is being established in the orchard, trees do not make what may be considered a normal growth without receiving considerable nitrogenous fertilizers. Were this crop producing the amount of available nitrogen for which it is credited, there would be less reason for using supplementary applications of nitrogen, especially where the crop has become well established. Vetch has the advantage of being adapted to short rotations and provides with a good seed bed and other favorable growing conditions. Considering the time it occupies the ground, this crop is capable of producing an enormous amount of organic matter. Growers who decide to plant this crop should plant it early. The advantages of so doing are many. The crop gets a good start and its root system is well established before the advent of dry weather. This factor has much to do with economy of time and water in irrigation. Growers who have been confronted with shortages of water should not overlook this point. A further advantage of early seeding is often overlooked. This has to do with the production of seed. Where planted early in the spring one can reasonably count upon the seed being produced in abundance before winter sets in. Where late planting is done, very often the flowers do not mature their seed before cold weather. Under such conditions the chances for natural seeding are materially reduced.

FERTILIZER, COVER CROP DISCUSSION

(By Gordon G. Brown)

The customary and perennial list of questions with reference to the use of various fertilizers and cover crops is beginning to come to the office of the Experiment Station. Such questions as the following are leading ones: "Should I continue to use nitrate of soda; is there any danger that I may injure my soil by its continued use?" "What about sulphate of ammonia; is it as economical and as effective as nitrate?" Questions regarding various kinds of cover crops also predominate. The leading question with reference to this matter is what kind of a cover crop to use.

In order to properly answer some of these questions, it is worth while pointing out the present status of our orchard business as compared with that obtaining a few years ago. Last year, from a much smaller number of trees than were in bearing in 1919, the largest crop in our history was produced. Credit, of course, must be given to the fact that trees are older and of larger bearing capacity. This is no small factor, of course. The

MOSIER

C. T. Bennett and B. W. Vestch were in Hood River Monday. Mrs. Hattie Bailey and son, Jesse, accompanied by Mrs. F. A. Allington, were in Hood River Tuesday.

Mrs. Lloyd Fisher and brother, Roscoe Davidhizer, were Hood River visitors Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Duval were down from The Dalles Tuesday to visit the family of J. E. Brocter, and while here he traded his car to Mr. Alexander for his bug.

Sam Vale left for a 10-day visit in Portland. His place on the section is being filled by Albert Osburn. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schorn, Jr., of Portland, were up and spent Saturday night and part of Sunday with Mr. Schorn's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wynn.

Wednesday, just before noon, a slide came down and completely covered the highway just east of town. Mr. and Mrs. Al Taggesal returned home from Portland the first of the week. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frink of Portland, who spent the day here.

A practice game of basketball between the Hood River Juniors and Trout Junction resulted in score of 32 to 19 in favor of Hood River Tuesday evening. A game between Mosier Junior high and Hood River Junior high Friday evening resulted in a score of 10 to 16 in favor of Mosier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blanchard entertained the faculty at their home Monday evening. The young people of the Christian Endeavor had a social time at the church Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. Ruscher spent several days recently with her son, Bert, and family at The Dalles. Mrs. Will Cook, of Fairview, came up Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Carroll.

Mrs. C. G. Nichol was in The Dalles Thursday. Otto Hage went to Portland Friday.

The basketball game between Mosier and Manpin, on account of sickness, has been postponed until February 21. Geo. Chamberlain sold 40 acres of his timber land to Fred Tempelman, who expects to clear and plant.

The Sweet Sixteens met with Mrs. Harding Saturday afternoon. Mrs. J. N. Mosier won the prize.

Pearl Perkins, of Parkdale, has purchased the Frank Howard place and has moved his family here. The high school club of the Y. W. C. A. had their regular meeting Tuesday evening, having a tasty pull and as guests had the ninth grade girls. All had a jolly good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans and Ernest Evans were in Hood River Saturday morning on business. Mrs. Mobley spent the week end in The Dalles with her husband.

Mr. Robles and family have moved onto the place owned by Mrs. De-Bussy. Mrs. Alexander went to Sheridan Friday to visit her parents.

The Rebekahs held their regular meeting Saturday evening. The committee on entertainment is Mrs. Arthur Herr, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. H. H. Nelson; on refreshments, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Beldin and Mrs. Holmes. After the business 500 was played and Mrs. Beldin won the ladies' prize at the City Club, for gentlemen.

The Fruit Growers Association sold three new sprayers during the week. J. M. Carroll, Jas. Cherry and Rose-dale Farm are the purchasers. E. M. Strauss went to Hood River Sunday to have an X-Ray taken of his leg, which has kept him confined to his bed for several weeks.

Win. Sendlinger has purchased a new Star car to be used on his rural mail route. A horticultural meeting was held Friday in the I. O. O. F. hall. Prof. Price and Prof. Lang, of O. A. C., talked on pruning and the care of the soil, and Leroy Childs, of Hood River, spoke on the pests of the fruit as pertaining to our valley.

Selohie Camp Fire News

Last Thursday night the Selohie Blue Bird groups met at 4 o'clock at the Riverside church. The different groups met separately with their leaders and made valentines. Later they all met and played various games. At 7 o'clock the ceremonial for the Hunger Moon was held. The girls entered to the call of Wabensia and took their places around the fire. The "Law of the Fire" was repeated and "Burn, Fire, Burn" was sung. The count was received and roll taken. Many honors were awarded to those who had worked for them during the past month. Two girls, Wabensia, Phyllis West, and Tuakila, Lorena West, took the rank of Fire Maker. They had fulfilled all the 20 requirements. Tuakila gave a most interesting and instructive account of the life of Madam Currie.

After the girls received the rank, all of the Fire Makers arose and sang all the verses of "The Star Spangled Banner," one of the requirements. The Fire Extinguishing ceremony was given by Wabensia, Florence Chapman, and the girls sang "Mammy Moon" with motions. They left the fire singing "The Sun is Sinking in the West." After the ceremonial the play was practiced.

Shipley Honored

J. W. Shipley, former local orchardist, who for the past 15 years has resided on an orchard place in the Underwood district, now represents Skamania county in the Washington legislature. Mr. Shipley was appointed to the permanent committee on appropriations in the Washington legislature.

Finish All Meals With Fruit

Sir Harry Baldwin, the king's dentist, in an article in the London Practitioner, states that in animal tissues the great store of vitamins is in the internal organs, particularly in the liver. Muscles meats contain but little. Sir Harry's advice is, "Finish all meals with fruit. A desert of sweet biscuits or chocolates is the worst that can be devised."

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