POTATO GRADING RULE ANNOUNCED

W. J. Kocken, county fruit inspector, has just received a copy of the new potato grading law. Mr. Kocken advises that ranchers clip and preserve the grading rules, which appear below:

Following are the main provisions of the compulsory grading and inspection law, passed by the 1925 legislature and which went into effect when signed by the governor, March 3, 1925.

The U. S. grades for potatoes are adopted for Oregon, with authority given the state inspection department to fix other grades not provided for by the U. S. standards, after public hearings, etc.

Potatoes failing to meet the requirements of the United States grades or grades established under the provisions of this act shall be known as "No grade," potatoes.

Potatoes in lots from 50 pounds to 10 tons do not require state inspection, but must be properly graded, and when sold or offered for sale in Oregon must have the sacks or containers stenciled in letters at least one inch high, with the name and address of grower, the grade therein and the state.

In lots of 10 or more tons for shipment the stock must be graded and state inspected, but when shipped outside the state stenciling of sacks is not compulsory.

Certified seed potatoes, when bearing the official tag of the Oregon Agricultural College, do not require further inspection, but the sacks or containers must be stenciled, except when consigned to points outside the state.

All sacks containing potatoes of No. 1 grade, or better grade, shall be in uniform sound, clean sacks, new or "No. 1 Second" grain sacks. In lower grades than No. 1 lesser grade of sacks may be used.

Violation of provisions of the act constitutes a misdemeanor, with penalties of fines of not less than $10 nor more than $100; or by imprisonment in the county jail of not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

It is made the duty of the state inspection department to enforce this act.

Potato standards, U. S. grades adopted for Oregon:

U. S. No. 1—Shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are not badly misshapen, which are free from freezing injury and soft rot, and from damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, sunburn, second growth, growth cracks, hollow-heart, cuts, scab, blight, dry rot, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means.

The diameter of potatoes of round varieties shall not be less than 1⅞ inches and of potatoes of long varieties 1¾ inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than five per cent, by weight, of any lot may be below the prescribed size, and, in addition, not more than six per cent, by weight, may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this six per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot.

U. S. No. 1 Small—Shall consist of potatoes ranging in size from 1½ inches to 1⅞ inches in diameter but meeting all the other requirements of U. S. No. 1.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling not more than 25 per cent, by weight, of any lot may vary from the prescribed size, but not to exceed one-fifth of this tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes under 1½ inches in diameter. In addition not more than six per cent, by weight, may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this six per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot.

U. S. No. 2—Shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are free from freezing injury and soft rot and from serious damage caused by sunburn, cuts, scabs, blight, dry rot, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means.

The diameter of potatoes of this grade shall be not less than 1½ inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than five per cent, by weight, of any lot may be below the prescribed size, and, in addition, not more than six per cent, by weight, may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this six per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot.

U. S. Fancy No. 1—Shall consist of potatoes of one variety which are mature, bright, well shaped, free from freezing injury, soft rot, dirt or other foreign matter, sunburn, second growth, growth cracks, hollow-heart, cuts, scabs, blight, dry rot, disease, insect or mechanical injury, and other defects. The range in size shall be stated in terms of minimum and maximum diameters or weight following the grade name, but in no case shall the diameter be less than two inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than five per cent, by weight, of any lot may vary from the range and size stated and, in addition, not more than 6 per cent, by weight, of any lot may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this six per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot.

GREAT POETS

Alfred Tennyson, 1809-1892

Alfred Tennyson was born at Somersby rectory, Lincolnshire, August 6, 1809. His father, Rev. George Clayton Tennyson, was a man of varied gifts; his mother, a woman of surpassing gentleness and sweetness, has been celebrated in "Isobel" and the closing lines of "The Princess"; his brothers and sisters, a handsome, long-lived race, were a "little clan of poets." Except for a short attendance at a brutal school at Louth, Tennyson was educated at home, until he was ready to enter Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1828.

At Trinity, he met a group of young men who afterwards became eminent in literature, such as Spedding, Milnes, Trench, Alford, Merivale and Wimble. With the most brilliant member of the group, Arthur Hallam, he formed a famous friendship, which left a deep imprint on his life work. In 1830 he published poems chiefly lyrical, an unpretending volume which dates the beginning of a new movement in English literature.

In 1831, he left Cambridge without a degree, and, to judge by a sonnet of the time, not too well pleased with the conservatism of his university. Tennyson's career was an ideal poetic career. He produced, if not his best work, at least verse that would make minor reputations throughout his long life and even in his old age. Through his poetry he attained wealth, honors, friends, commanding influence over two generations of English-speaking men and women. His merit was recognized in fitting ways by the great universities, by his sovereign, and by the nation. October 6, 1892, he passed away quietly at Aldworth, an open Shakespeare beside him, and the moonlight streaming into the room. He was buried in Westminster Abbey among "grateful England's overflowing dead." The Memoir written by his son made plain to the world that the nobility of Tennyson's poetry was only the natural outcome of a life and character essentially noble.

His poetry to us is exotic. Tennyson is the ultra English type. He is an exponent of the national shyness and love of privacy. The very landscape he describes, the very fauna and flower of his verse are strange and foreign to us. Tennyson cultivated his poetic garden behind stone walls. He writes, he sings of England. This is the first article of his practical, working creed. He is more of an Englishman than Wordsworth. He will abide within the narrow seas and the marshes of Scotland and Wales. To understand Tennyson one must journey to the land of his birth.

Tennyson came before the world as a moralist, a philosopher and religious teacher. We turn to our poets instinctively for guidance in matters of faith. Not in vain do we come to Tennyson. He may not offer a very certain hope, but he does

"Teach high faith and honourable words
And courtliness and the desire of fame
And love of truth——."

Tennyson has helped to shape for English people some sort of via media between science and religion. In this love of beauty united with deep moral earnestness, he is akin with Milton who sang the praise of purity in "Comus," and Spencer who intended by the "Fairy Queen" to fashion a gentleman or noble person in virtuous and gentle discipline.

Though subject to certain inevitable fluctuations, Tennyson's fame was great and constant. He retained the praise of the judicious, while he won the suffrages of the multitude. Few poets have been more heartily acclaimed by fellow poets. Browning's dedication of his own selected poems is typical of the general esteem—

"To Alfred Tennyson, in poetry, illustrious and consummate, in friendship, noble and sincere."

ASPARAGUS CUT HAS BEGUN EARLY

The season's first shipment of asparagus, grown by Japanese truckers here and near Bingen, Wash., was forwarded last Thursday to Portland by motor truck. J. H. Koberg, owner of the largest asparagus tract east of the Cascades, began shipment of grass this week. By the end of the week, according to the Greenwood Transportation Co., about six tons of asparagus daily will be moving to Portland. Cutting of asparagus is several weeks earlier this year than usual.

HOOD RIVER BOWLERS READY FOR CONGRESS

Hood River's bowlers will be represented at the Northwest International Bowling Congress at Aberdeen, Wash., April 6-11, by a team composed of five veteran alley men: A. E. Sherrell, H. T. DeWitt, A. A. Green, D. P. "Dad" Smith and E. E. House.

All these men have had league and tournament experience and with any breaks at all should get into the money in the three events. The local men will enter the five-men, doubles and singles. Dad Smith will probably be the oldest bowler at the tournament. He has been hitting them lately, as his 1205 for six games on the local alleys shows.

DeWitt and House were paired in the 1917 tournament doubles, finishing well up in the money, and House was doubles champion in 1919. All the others rolled in the local teams in the Portland city league three years ago.

Hood River's bowling team went to Portland last Sunday and bowled a special match game with the Bergmann Shoe Co. team, which is also a tournament contender at Aberdeen. Though beaten, the locals made a good showing in this, their first match game of the season. The work of "Dad" Smith was an outstanding feature of the game, he getting 213 and 222 for his first two games, with a total of 578. Other scores by the local men were: Green, 483; DeWitt, 549; Sherrell, 446, and House, 610. The team total was 2666 against their opponents' 2922.

CHEERS AND TEARS

(By Will S. Bates)

Dear Bill: Munday (washday) I flitted to Hood River to see if it were all there yit, n' slid down the trale over the bluff n' grabbed a bokay uv posies enroot f'r little Pal in Doc's offus, who iz a good skowt; anyway, I landed on my dome at the spring, n' now I 'spose that there babbling brook has broadkast the nooze all over town n' Maggie will beet me up to a frazzull on Chewsday. This here marred life is gettin' m' gote.

Uncle Wee Wee.

A Good Investment

We read with great interest the humorous poem, "Down Where the Vest Begins," in a reprint from The Pilot, and rushed right over to Uncle Wee Wee's bungle-owe and asked his opinion. The old grouch bluntly stated that "the author was a dern poor speller; that the west begins at Lyle, Wash.," before he had gotten the gist of it. Well, anyway we still have some of his stuff on hand, which we will boadcast to bring him back again:

Dear Billyus: Didja know thet my ol' fren' Kommydore has went 'n' botta kow 'n' ast me over to nish-e-ate him in t' misteries o' eggs-strackting the lacktick flew-id f'm the A-4-sed Jersey kine. Itsa dern shame to broadcast this here story on our ol' fren', but, by gosh! he dee-serves all that is coming to him; when I arriv on th' seen he wuz a usin' a tube fer ta git that there milk with! Kunfrunted with my kuntempt fer his dern ig-no-rents, he said:

Well, Uncle, them there fawcitts don't funkshun a tall, n' I hed ter git it right off th' batt be-4 she kicks th' buck-it.

Then, by goshamighty! it happened. Aint quit laffin' yet. I said:

"Kommydore, ya aint skippin' a nervous scow now days, but ya hev made a nervous scow outen this here reck o' a critter. Now take them there toobs outen that reck n' quit irrigatin' the pore critters outputt so there wont be nuthin' a tall later on; ya dern idjitt, spose ya will be a teechin' thet animile how ta dew th' hootchy-a makootchy, so she all will give butter."

They Auto Ring His Ka-neck

Once upon a time Bill Brown, the hero of the dam story (no, Phoebe, dear, we are not swearing) hotfooted up to Grand Dalles to look for arrowheads to catch suckers with (Eastern) and staid over night at the leading hostelry located in the suburbs of that city. Some wag had posted a set of rules behind his bed room door; these had been overlooked by the chambermaid in her daily setting up exercises and were annexed by Brown, who turned them in for publication. They read thusly:

No dogs allowed in rheums; we will care for same in the baist-munt in the battery room free of charge.

Value-bulls cared for in our frost proof safe.

Use your umbrel for a perry-shoot in case uv fire; we aint none.

If you wish to get weighed after meels here, ya will find scales in the baist-munt, where we shave the fish.

If you get sulky while in our midst, go to sleep, have a night mare, n' drive off.

If you dee-sire a drink in the knight, raise th' kurtin, n' let in the moonshine.

Don't pick on us; we aint no Ben-Joe.

Fords for site-seers furnished on short notice; we have no automobiles. Bugs also fernished; these perk good.

The funny feature of the above story lies in the fact that Brown had his dog "Fritz" with him; said dog being a—oh well, just an adorable yaller pup with regulation legs, when placed in the basement of the owetell, but he got so nervous that he ran around in a circle on the cement floor all night, wore off his four legs and emerged the next morning a dashund.

Headline in the New York Times, February 15: "Underwear and Hosiery. Changes for Those for Women which Time has Brought About."

Uncle Wee Wee states that he could weave a story around this, but we object. This is our only strong point; we will not offend the juris by making use of all of Uncle's foot notes in this Colyum.

Recreational News

Recreational Director Follenius will address the Boy Scouts of the Pine Grove district Thursday evening. He is aiding in crystallising sentiment for a mid-Columbia Scout organization. It is proposed to secure a permanent director for this section of Oregon and Washington.

Last Thursday evening Mr. Follenius addressed the Frankton Parent-Teacher Association. A piano duet was rendered by Ned and Ted Nickelsen. Granville Phillips gave two recitations.

Baseball dance Saturday night at Pythian hall, Columbia Strollers playing.

EAT MORE APPLES CAMPAIGN STAGED

An "[illegible] more fruit" campaign throughout England has recently brought the American apple into more prominence than it has enjoyed heretofore. The fruit is now being sold in the groceries and the luxury shops, and from push carts in the streets of London.

The campaign has brought to the fore also the American apple's neighbor, the Canadian apple, but in most cases the products of Oregon and Washington appear to be the favorite. American apples retail in London at a few cents a pound more than they do in cities of the United States.

In addition to American cranberries, Florida and California grapefruit and oranges, various other fruits from the other side of the Atlantic, Americans in London this winter have enjoyed the privilege of being able, when they were willing to pay the price, to treat themselves to fresh corn on the cob, at about one shilling the ear. The corn, in the husk, has full white grains and is imported in barrel lots from South Africa. It has much the same appearance as the corn from America, excepting that the ears, perhaps, are a trifle longer and more slender.

Butchers are far from happy over the efforts to popularize the eating of fruit. Boosters for the apple recently set going a song, "Don't eat mutton, don't eat lamb," which made them particularly wrathy. In complaints to various official sources they described the song as an insult to the trade, and retaliated with another composition extolling "beef for brawn and brains."

COUNTY HEALTH NOTES

The Hood River County Health Association will hold its annual luncheon at the Columbia Gorge hotel Friday, tomorrow, with C. H. Vaughan, president, presiding. Delegates from all parts of the county will be present. Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, of Portland, will address the delegates. She will hold a round table discussion immediately following the luncheon.

All those expecting to attend should phone their reservations to Mrs. R. W. Moe, secretary, at once.

James Johnson's Grades Good

James I. Johnson, of Hood River, a sophomore taking a pre-law course at the University of Oregon, was among those students to receive nothing less than II in academic subjects for the winter term ending March 20, according to the grade sheet issued by the registrar's office. Forty-nine women and 41 men students received no grades less than II for the past term's work. Only three, two women and one man, received I in all subjects. This is the highest grade given unless special honors are applied for at the beginning of the term. Passing grades range from I to V.

Cascade Locks Active

Al W. Meyer, district deputy grand chancellor of Oregon Knights of Pythias, here Tuesday conferring with local Pythians about the district convention to be held in Hood River April 14, said that Cascade Locks is now one of the most active places on the Columbia River Highway. The Wind River Timber Co. has started its mill for the season, bringing logs from Klickitat and Skamania counties, Washington.

Mr. Meyer, too, said that the tourist traffic on the highway is beginning considerably earlier than last season.

BUTLER IS HEAD OF SCOUT COUNCIL

Truman Butler was elected president of the Hood River-Wasco county Boy Scout council at a meeting held in The Dalles Monday night. Francis V. Galloway, of The Dalles, was named vice president. The council expects to name at an early date a director for the Boy Scout troops of the two counties. G. H. Oberteuffer, regional director of Boy Scouts, who will name the local director, was present.

The Hood River men who motored to The Dalles for the session were: Truman Butler, R. B. Perigo, Dr. H. D. W. Pineo, K. D. Peterson, D. L. Pierson, Victor C. Follenius, A. T. Case, Dr. James Fraser, Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, H. G. Keeney, Arne Hukari, Toivo Annala, Edw. E. Lage, and Rev. A. F. Lacey.

Home Pointer Suggestions

(From O. A. C. School of Home Economics, Corvallis).

Croquettes dipped in beaten egg before frying will not be greasy. The egg forms a coat on the outside and prevents fat from entering.

Women report that a power washer cuts down the time required to do the washing, from six hours to two hours. A pressure cooker reduces the time of watching food two-thirds, besides cutting the power bill down one-half.

Much will be gained if a child's mind can be kept on what he is to do rather than what he is not to do.

Paint may be removed from silk by use of benzine or turpentine. The article is then washed in lukewarm water containing a small amount of soap.

Parents must set the right example if they would develop proper food habits in their children. The safest way is for parents really to like and to eat of all the foods they desire their children to eat. How long will little John continue to like spinach if his father refuses to eat "that fodder?"

Paint Demonstration Successful

The paint demonstration, given at the Franz store Saturday by Chas. Grummeaux, expert of the Acme Paint Co., was highly successful. It was interesting to note the number of women present to learn methods of applying interior paint and varnishes.

The large attendance at the demonstration indicates that hundreds are busy getting ready to beautify their homes as spring advances.

Horse Sense

In Denver a few years ago, a horse car drawn by a single horse laboriously climbed a [illegible]. Reaching the top he [illegible] able position [illegible] great satisfaction [illegible] the hill. Anyone can by [illegible] member of the [illegible] metaphorically duplicate this [illegible] their insurance with life income policy. After attaining old age [illegible] your monthly income for the remainder of your days. Talk with F. W. Woolley, district manager.

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