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Prize Essay on San Jose Scale.

The Farm Journal of Philadelphia offered \$25 in prizes for the seven most practical and useful articles on combating the San Jose scale pest. The first prize, \$10, was won by Frank Dexter of Los Gatos, Cal. Thomas Calkins of Hood River won second prize, \$5. We copy below the prize article by Mr. Dexter and the comments by the Farm Journal. It says:

Our folks are familiar with the record of the Farm Journal, in connection with N. P. Creely of Barington, N. J., in introducing the lime, sulphur and salt remedy east of the Rocky mountains, an effective remedy which had for years been tabooed by those who spoke by authority; and now it seems likely that we have another agreeable surprise for Eastern fruit culturists in making known something better with which to fight the worst insect pest ever known in this country. We must not, however, be too sanguine; we simply offer Mr. Dexter's method, feeling that it should have a fair trial.

FRANK DEXTER'S PRIZE ARTICLE.

As soon as the leaves fall the trees should be closely pruned. Saw out every limb that can be spared and cut out the smaller limbs and twigs until the tree looks thin. Cut the center out well so that the spray can enter and the sun afterwards. Commence pruning as soon as the fruit is gathered if the weather permits, but do not spray with the leaves on. Gather and burn the cuttings soon after pruning. Draw the dirt away from the trunk down to the roots and brush the trunk. If the bark is rough it should be scraped.

Dissolve one pound of caustic soda (78 per cent) in every six gallons of water. In spraying, wet every part of the tree. Spray when there is no wind, and finish no later than February 1 in warm climates and March 1 in cold climates. Repeat the spraying after a rain, or after two weeks with no rain. The caustic wash is more effective than the lime, sulphur and salt, as it spreads better and is not so troublesome to make or to put on.

If orchards are near together, all owners should spray, or the work will be lost. Two sprayings may have to be done the following year. One is not sufficient, as the young run from the dying mothers. This wash will not injure any kind of fruit tree if put on when the tree is dormant.

As to the sprayer, any good pump will do. Use two lines of hose if the orchard is large. The bamboo rods sold have a tube too small for good work. Take an eight-foot piece of three eighths galvanized iron pipe. Cut off pine inches, which put half way into the end of twenty feet of half-inch hose of the best quality. Put a hurling (wire on well) on each piece of the pipe and a half-inch globe valve between them. Then put a double Vermorel nozzle on end of rod, first slipping over the rod two pieces of old half-inch hose, one and a half inches long, to keep the spray from the hands. Separate the pieces about six inches and place the top one that distance from the nozzle. Turn the tips of nozzle down, so that by turning the rod every twig and tree under side of the limbs may be reached by the spray. Do the work so well that a dry spot can not be found, but the spray should not form in drops under the limbs. Use a medium hole in the tip if the wind is light, and a fine hole if there is no wind. Agitate the material at short intervals.

The Jacksonville delegation who were at Ruch Friday evening report that they had a jolly time and that both the dance and the supper were first class, not a thing being left undone by Mr. Ruch that would add to the pleasures of the evening.

Mrs. John Margrieter was in Jacksonville Tuesday and stated that her son Johnie, who has been seriously sick with typhoid-pneumonia is rapidly gaining strength and he can now sit up. If every thing goes well Dr. Gale, the attending physician expects the boy to make a rapid recovery and to be able to resume his school studies within two or three weeks.

Ben Thurston, the well known miner of Applegate, was in Jacksonville Tuesday buying supplies. Mr. Thurston, in company with White & Armstrong of Grants Pass, has a quartz claim on Thompson creek, which they have named the Maid of the Mist, that gives promise of being quite rich. They have a tunnel in 140 feet and the vein opens up in fine shape. It is the plan to work the mine so soon as the roads are in shape to enable machinery to be hauled in. It is the plan to put in a small quartz mill but the kind has not been decided on by Mr. Thurston and his partners.

Watkins Items.

Mr. John Loudon left here for Jacksonville Sunday morning.

Mrs. Chas. Purcel and son, were callers in Watkins Wednesday.

Henry Huntergard, a young man from Ashland was the guest of Bert Harr, during the holidays.

Ezra Arnold went over to Elliott creek last week to look after his mining interests in that section.

Frank Edward, who spent Christmas in town, returned last Monday apparently none the worse for wear.

Geo. Waite, our all round farmer, miner and stock man, was on Applegate Sunday gathering up some of his cattle.

Mr. David Dorn, who has the contract for building the upper portion of the new road above Watkins, is making good progress.

A. E. Collings has taken his cattle to the Squaw Lake range. Range in this part of the country was never better and cattle are all looking fine.

Father Murphy, of Jacksonville, was here on Monday of last week to pay a pastoral visit to Terry Byrne, who was seriously sick with consumption.

Mrs. Emmett O'Brien, of lower Applegate, has been here for the last two weeks to assist her mother in caring for her father, Terry Byrne, in his last illness.

Some of our citizens who have been sojourning in the valley off and on for the past few weeks, express themselves as happy to get out of the fog and get back to Watkins, where the sun shines all the time, excepting at night.

Eugene Thompson and John Haskins, of Squaw lake, have begun a new road down Squaw creek. It will run down the creek as far as Dividend Bar, there joining the French Gulch road, which extends down to the main Applegate road. This has been a long felt need.

Terry Byrne, who has been ill with consumption for some time past, died at his home near Watkins on Tuesday noon of this week. He leaves a widow and five children to survive him. The children are Mrs. Estella O'Brien, of Lower Applegate, Carl Byrne of Grants Pass and Maude, John and Katie, who reside at home. Mr. Byrne is one of the pioneers of Applegate, coming to this valley some 40 years ago, since which time he has mined considerable in the intervals when his time was not required looking after his farm and stock. The funeral services will be held at Jacksonville on Thursday.

Congratulations.

Mr. John H. Cullom, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a letter of congratulation to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to croupy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup, we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results. One good feature of this remedy is that it is not disagreeable to take and our babies really like it. Another is that it is not dangerous, and there is no risk from giving an over dose. I congratulate you upon the success of your remedy." For sale by City Drug Store.

Charles J. Crump writes to the Sentinel that he is near Yreka where he is employed by the McKinley Mining Company. This company is preparing to work a big quartz mine that they have lately opened up on an extensive scale. The new boiler house is now completed and the steam hoisting gear will soon be ready for operation. A big boarding house, to accommodate the largely increased force of men that is now employed, has been completed recently.

George Birdseye and Lester Davidson returned Sunday from spending their Christmas vacation with relatives and friends at various points down Rogue river. During their trip they were at Lower Applegate and at Grants Pass. At the later place the boys saw yellow quarantine flags displayed in front of a number of residences, indicating that the small-pox has a good start in that town. The boys spent most of their time at Rock Point, where George resides with his grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Birdseye, and had a pleasant time on the farm and in visiting the mines of that vicinity. George Birdseye returned to his home Monday to remain until the Jacksonville school opens when he will return to Jacksonville and again take up his studies.

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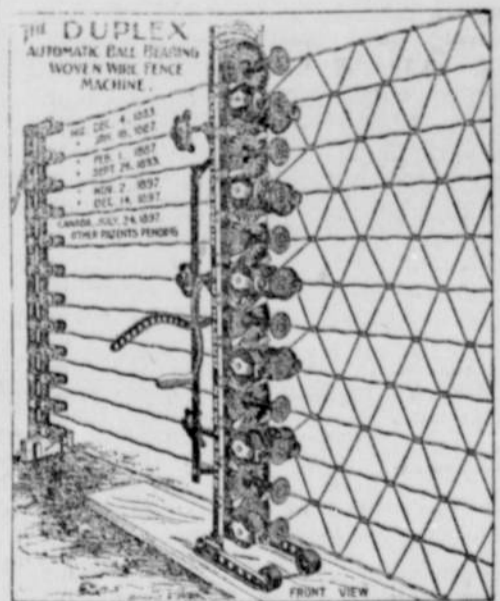
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