

ORCHARD AND GARDEN NOTES.

The apple locally known as the Spicely Sweet is pronounced by good judges to be the Fameuse.

Whitman is a good name for a good apple. We have not seen it, but the state horticultural society recommends it as worthy of further trial. It was first called Pine Tree Seedling and also Rawle's Seedling. George Reudy, of Colfax, will propagate and introduce the Whitman.

THE RANCH learns that Capt. Thomas' orchard, southeast of North Yakima, is about cleared of noxious insects. The San Jose scale was quite numerous there last year. The salt, sulphur and lime remedy was used. Perseverance a little longer will end the pests. Good work. The inspectors report other orchards in Yakima county that have not fared so well. Time now to get after the pests with pumps and solution. See note from Secretary Tonneson.

Secretary Tonneson to THE RANCH: This month every infested fruit tree in the state should be carefully washed. Let us get the lime, sulphur and salt and begin spraying at once; also, as members of horticultural societies, let us aid the officers of the board by giving the names of parties who have infested trees, but who will not begin the work of spraying. It has been ordered that every tree which can be found infested with San Jose scale must be sprayed this month with the lime, sulphur and salt, or some equally effective solution.

Seattle parties who have secured three sections of surrendered railroad land near Mabton, begin boring for artesian water for irrigation purposes the present week. A working outfit from the Sound is on hand.

The last Ellensburg Localizer remarks: The big ditch that has the right-of-way cleared, and upon which considerable money has been expended, we learn, is to be built.

Colorado is calling for Washington grown fruit trees. We notice that C. L. Whitney has recently filled a large order from the silver state.

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The new map folder of the Sunnyside lands show a railroad projected from Mabton on the N. P. R. R. through the central portion of the great irrigated belt, via the town of Sunnyside and on to Zillah. President Schulze intimates that this road is the next step in Sunnyside development; also that he sees no reason why this road might not run in harmonious connection with a road built by the people from North Yakima through the Moxee coulee and the Parker Bottom region.

One hundred and fifty additional miles of brooks and brooklets will bubble over the Sunnyside country between Zillah and the end of the big canal early this spring: so the chief engineer of the irrigation company says. This is to fill contracts with the purchasers of land to whom water is guaranteed. At once three surveying parties are to be put into the field to locate lines, establish grades and perform other preliminary work.

FOOD VS. MILK AND BUTTER.

Drawing conclusions from the experiments on feeding at the Ontario experiment station, Prof. Dean warns against feeding much more than 50 pounds of silage per day to cows weighing under 1,000 lbs. We have found the following ration to give good results: 50 lbs of corn silage, 6 lbs of hay, 4 lbs of bran and 2 lbs of pea and oatmeal mixed in equal proportions. If these latter become too high priced, I would recommend the use of 2 lbs of cottonseed meal (in place of

the bran or meals) per day to each cow when it can be bought for about \$30 per ton. Feed liberally, though not wastefully, bearing in mind that although the per cent of fat may not be increased by liberal feeding, the total amount of fat or butter may be largely increased by causing the cow to give a larger quantity of milk. Three things determine the value of a cow—the quality of her milk, the quantity she gives, and the economical use she makes of her food.

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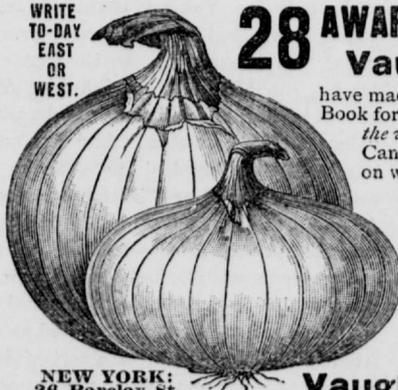
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