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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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The indications are that next fall the spraying of orchards must be pushed more vigorously than ever before. The majority of fruit growers did not spray this spring, owing to the general uncertainty existing as to the extent of the damage done by the cold weather in the early winter. But because the orchardists neglected to clean their trees it is not probable that the scale and other pests will take a lay-off for the season, and

unless they are given battle with the spray pump they will continue to multiply merrily, blighting fruit and checking growth. Next fall the growers will wake up. They will have to peel their coats and trot out the spray wagon. There will be no way around it then. They will simply have to spray.

The Pierce County Fair Association has set the date for holding its exposition this year for the week commencing Monday, September 6. The managers announce that with a season such as the present, and everything in an agricultural way showing a promise never before excelled in any season on the Sound, the exhibition will surpass anything of the kind ever held before. The race track is being put in shape, and already quite a number of horses are centering there.

There appears in our "Special Column" this week a card from a gentleman seeking a position as manager of a stock farm. We can state that the applicant is one of the best informed stockmen in the Northwest, he having been with such well-known breeders as Gailbraith Bros., Janesville, Wis., and others for many years. We would like to see him located somewhere in the state, and believe it will be of advantage to those desiring a first-class man of this sort to secure his address and communicate with him.

Hon. E. A. McDonald, dairy commissioner of the state of Washington, paid us a pleasant visit last week. Mr. McDonald is on a tour of inspection of the dairies and creameries of the different sections of the state. In reference to the matter of enforcing the law prohibiting the use of brewers' grains in a fermented state, a question that is agitating the minds of the Western Washington brewers, he stated that he would carry the war to a finish. He felt that the protection of health and life in cities demanded that cows should not be fed unhealthy food. He feels that if he is compelled to make a test case the courts will uphold him.

The Scio Press says that three carloads of hogs—feeders—have just been bought in the vicinity of that place for shipment to Nebraska. And from the Seattle Trade Register of May 22 we clip the following: "The Frye-Bruhn Company of this city last Tuesday received another trainload of hogs, consisting of seventeen cars, from St. Paul. The train traveled on express time and arrived here in splendid condition." It has always seemed ridiculous for our farmers to export trainload after trainload of hogs to the east while there are never-lessening shipments of hams, bacon, lard and other pork products coming in. But how much more absurd it is to send them to the east when there is such a local scarcity of swine that the wholesale butchers of our cities must import them again to supply the demands of their markets. If it is true that the cheap corn is attracting them there, why would it not be much less expensive to bring the corn to the hogs than to haul the hogs to the corn and back again?