

HORTICULTURE

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SUMMER PRUNING FOR FRUIT.

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The young apple and peach orchards which have been growing rapidly the present season should get their summer pruning if it has not already been given. In case the orchard is now bearing or is not old enough to bear to advantage it is better to let the pruning go, but where a rapid growth has been put out on trees four or five years old or more a checking of their growth by cutting back a few inches from the ends of the long shoots in mid-summer has a tendency to cause fruit bud formation which should largely increase the fruit for next season.

In the case of many young trees which would have borne the present year except for frost it is quite strongly recommended that such a pruning be given immediately, for it is a well determined fact that such pruning is necessary to throw rapidly growing trees into fruitfulness.

THE APPLE AS A VOTE-GETTER

Here's a new wrinkle for the politicians, and every apple-grower in the country will recommend it to them: It is the use of apples to distribute among voters instead of cigars or something worse.

This idea seems to be original with a candidate for Congress in the Kansas City (Mo.) district. Just at the close of a warmly contested campaign a monster political meeting was held at the convention hall, which was attended by thousands of the voters. Music was provided, and while the band played, a number of barrels of apples were distributed among the voters, and every man took several for his own use. Then a little later the candidate made his plea for support, and the voters sat and munched their apples during the entire time. With plenty of good apples to eat, the men were naturally in a good humor, and the candidate made a good impression.

And the result? Why, the apple-distributing candidate was elected,

with more than 3,000 votes to spare.

There's nothing like it. The idea is not copyrighted, and we recommend it to candidates of all parties.

What variety of apples did he distribute? Jonathans. The result might have been different had the apples been of a certain much-abused variety, which is hardly presentable so early in the season. So the variety was Jonathan. Any other good apple might do as well—but it will be best to take no chances. Use Brother Jonathan, and you're a winner.

By the way, what's the matter with this Congressman as president of the Apple Consumers' League?—Fruit Grower.

SALT LAKE COUNTY HORTICULTURAL REPORT.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 1, '08.
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, and the Secretary of the State Board of Horticulture,
Gentlemen:—In the month of August the Deputy Inspectors worked half time, making 89 days work. There were 721 orchards visited, and pear blight found in 177 of them, and instructions how to treat said blight was given. 810 pear trees were trimmed back for blight and 234 trees cut down by the root, and the blight is nearly under control in most of the districts. There were 126 notices served, which were only done in most aggravated cases, and there are 310 trees condemned to be cut down hereafter and burned.

Some 60 orchards were sprayed. Fifty per cent of the orchards were found cultivated and fairly clean. I have been out with deputies part of the time and also directed and assisted nursery men to cut some 40,000 buds of choice trees for propagation and the improvement of their stock, all of which is respectfully submitted as my report for the month of August, 1908.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. SORFENSEN,
Horticultural Inspector.

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IDAHO'S HORTICULTURAL LAW.

Perhaps the most stringent law against selling fruits infested with injurious insects or diseases is the amendment which has been adopted in Idaho, and which has received the signature of the governor. This amendment is intended to strengthen existing laws in preventing the sale and distribution of infested and diseased fruit. The section which has been amended now reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful to sell or dispose of, or offer to sell or dispose of, or to have in one's possession for sale or barter, any fruit which is or has been infested with San Jose scale or the larva or larvae of the codling moth and the fact that such fruit bears the marks of the San Jose scale, or is worm eaten by the larva or larvae of the codling moth shall be deemed conclusive evidence that said fruit is infested within the meaning of this section; and the state inspector and the several deputy inspectors are hereby given power to seize and destroy such infested fruit whenever they shall find that the same has been packed, sold, shipped or offered for sale, or where the same has been exposed for sale or is being held in any warehouse, store, salesroom, or other place for the purpose of being sold, bartered, shipped or exposed for sale or barter; and it is hereby made the duty of said state inspector and said district inspectors to enforce the provisions of this section, and any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the utilization of such infested fruit in the manufacture of fruit by-products where said fruit has not been packed, sold, shipped, stored, or offered or exposed for sale as fruit."—The Fruit Grower.

REMEMBER.

Fully ripe fruit begins to decay very soon after taking from storage, but if picked before fully ripe will last some time after being removed from storage.

Perfect fruit is free from all blemishes, uniform in size and color, has its stem if of the kind that keeps the stem, has the characteristics of the variety and is in that state of maturity which will put it on the market in the condition desired by the market.

Pears lose quality by ripening on the tree. Pick when full size and before fully colored. Best time is indicated by stem parting from spur.

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