

COUNTY'S ORCHARDS BEING CLEANED UP

State Agricultural Department Proposes to Make Thurston County Model.

That the state department of agriculture is pursuing a vigorous campaign to clean up the orchards of Thurston county and make it the model orchard county of the West side, is manifest by the wholesale condemnation of orchard acreage by R. L. Dalton, district horticultural inspector, during the last week.

Approximately 30 acres of orchards around Tenino have been condemned by the inspector and notice served upon the owners that they must cut out the trees and burn them within a month or the department of agriculture would take steps to have it done and assess the cost to the estate in the form of taxes.

That there is to be a clean-up in the county is evident by the inquiries the department is getting for remedies for spraying and pruning, and several ranchers who have already begun cleaning up have threatened to bring civil action against others for damages if they do not do so, pointing out that

it will be impossible for them to raise a large percentage of perfect fruit if their neighbors' orchards are not pest free.

One orchard on the old Aaron Webster place at Tenino was characterized by Inspector Dalton as a propagation ground for every known parasite common to this side of the mountains, and the entire orchard was ordered wiped out.

"Upon investigation," Dalton says, "I found that this orchard was planted over 50 years ago, and has been sprayed but once in its half century of existence. Two other orchards in the same vicinity, although not quite so old, were nearly as badly infected, but owing to the fact that many of the trees could be saved by pruning and spraying I merely marked the trees which are to be destroyed," he added.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

SOUTH UNION.

The Sewing circle met with Mrs. Hawman Wednesday afternoon of last week, the afternoon being spent in making and filling candy sacks for the school Christmas tree. A nice lunch was served.

Miss Ward and pupils entertained their friends the Friday evening before Christmas with recitations and music. The pupils had a display of their work in drawing for which Miss Ward had offered a prize for the best work, to be decided by three judges, who complimented all very highly and decided in favor of the third grade. A very pretty tree and decorations and Santa Claus appeared with the presents.

Miss Jessie Hartsuck is at home for her vacation. Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter and little son are spending the holidays with Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartsuck.

Mrs. Twiss entertained recently in honor of her little son's birthday, inviting the entire school. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Ball entertained at dinner Christmas, when covers were laid for 12. Mr. and Mrs. John Gunstone and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell of Tacoma were the guests.

PINE GROVE.

Pine Grove school had their Christmas tree according to program. Recitations and apples, music and popcorn composed the bill of fare. And last week there was a real Christmas tree at William Eickhoff's on the Red Apple Farm, Christmas night.

D. Peregrine's son, Edgar, and wife are with the "old folks" for the holidays.

DES CHUTES VALLEY.

Roy Longmire and family from Elbe, Wash., are visiting relatives here during the holidays.

The Christmas entertainment at Eureka was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goodard from Rainier are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Longmire.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fillingier of McKenna are the proud possessors of a brand new baby boy, born December 26.

The Christmas entertainment and ple social at the Moorehead school was a success and netted the school \$13.90 to spend for games.

The dance at the home of Elcaine Longmire, Jr., Christmas night was well attended.

The directors of District 28 have decided to clean off the school grounds and bids will be received for the same in the near future.

Mrs. Fair of Centralia is visiting relatives in our neighborhood.

Senator Ralph Metcalf, a member of the special committee appointed by Governor Lister to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state powder factory, has returned from an extensive Eastern trip, during which he made exhaustive investigation of the other members of the committee are other members of the committee are John A. Rea of Tacoma and the chemist of the State College of Washington. It will probably be some weeks yet before the committee's investigation of the subject is fully completed and report thereon made to the governor.

Miss Lucy May Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson, was married Christmas day at the home of her parents on Fishtrap bay, to Grover Hollopeter, Rev. Chas. A. Bowen, pastor of the Methodist church of Olympia, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Perry of Huntington, Ore., sister of the bride, attended her as matron of honor, while the groom was attended by the bride's brother, Robert Robinson. They left immediately for a short honeymoon trip to down Sound points, but will make their home at Fishtrap.

The sudden death, supposedly from heart failure, of Mrs. Edith Drewery at the family home on Bush Prairie about two miles east of the Brighton Park hall, Tuesday morning was a distinct shock to neighbors and friends in that district. The death was discovered by the deceased's two boys, Orrin and Clarence, who when they failed to find their mother a work in the kitchen as usual Tuesday morning, rushed through the house and found her lying unconscious on the bed. They summoned medical aid but she died before help could be given. Mrs. Drewery had apparently been enjoying excellent health, for she drove to Olympia and back on business Monday. She was 43 years old and had lived in Washington for several years. Besides the two sons, two daughters, Hazel and Carrie, survive. They were visiting with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pier, in

Seattle, at the time of their mother's death, but arrived in Olympia in time to attend the funeral the latter part of this week. The husband, Harvey O. Drewery, was killed about three years ago when a team he was driving to a farm roller ran away, the roller passing over his body and crushing him.

Through the energetic work of nine members of the Chambers Prairie Grange Monday and Tuesday of this week, and the previous work of three of this nine, the new ceiling of the Chambers Prairie Grange hall has now been completed and the interior of this hall made one of the best in the county, if not the best. Messrs. H. P. Briggs, master of the County Pomona, J. E. Gilman and Londo Gilman did much of the work in preparation for the new ceiling, and this week they were assisted by A. Spillman, Fred Sclosser, William Akherst, Isaac Wolfe, Fern Spillman and John Wigger. While the men worked four women of the Grange, Mesdames J. E. Gilman, Joseph Wickie, A. Spillman and William Akherst, cooked two fine dinners for them Monday and Tuesday. The members of the Grange are very proud of their improved hall and propose to have a house-warming one of these days, to show it off to visitors.

BULLETIN EXPLAINS PEAR VARIETIES

State College Reports on Nine Kinds Adaptable to Puget Sound Country.

"The Puget Sound country has been called the home of the pear," says the latest State College bulletin, "and most of the varieties grown seem to bear out this statement. Climatic and soil conditions are such that many varieties reach a high state of development."

The bulletin then proceeds to give a brief description of several varieties, as follows:

"Bartlett. Probably the most commonly grown of all the varieties in this locality. It is excellent for canning, preserving and evaporating and is also a choice variety for dessert. It is large in size, obtuse pyriform in shape, with a thin bright clear yellow skin sometimes covered on the exposed side with a distinct blush. The flesh is white, buttery, juicy and quite highly perfumed. It usually matures in September.

"Clapp Favorite. Another early pear which is often mistaken for the Bartlett. It resembles the Bartlett in size and somewhat in shape but it is a little earlier, smoother and has a smaller neck. It is excellent in quality and does well in this locality. When left on the tree too long it is apt to rot at the core.

"Louise (Louise Bonne de Jersey). Comes in season a little later than the Bartlett and is smaller in size and is quite smooth. The color of this pear is greenish yellow, overspread with brownish red, quite bright on the sunny side. The flesh is yellowish white, very juicy and buttery and of excellent quality.

"Bosc. A large pear with a long slim neck, partially or sometimes almost entirely russeted and with a long stem. The flesh is white, very buttery, rich and highly perfumed. The tree is vigorous and a regular bearer, maturing in early winter. It is an excellent variety when well grown and is well adapted to Western Washington.

"Anjou. A medium large pear, obtuse pyriform in shape with a short, thick fleshy stem and a thick, short neck. The skin is greenish yellow, sometimes quite thickly shaded with dull crimson. The flesh is whitish, melting and juicy with a distinct flavor of its own. The tree is vigorous with quite an open round head and distributes its fruit quite evenly. This variety is one of the best for market and dessert, maturing in October or November but is at its best about Christmas.

"Comice. Another pear of about the season of the Anjou. This is a beautiful greenish yellow pear, changing to a clear yellow with a crimson cheek when well grown. The flesh is white, fine grained, sweet and slightly aromatic. The chief objection to this variety is that it is often a shy bearer.

"Good late winter pears are scarce in Western Washington.

"Winter Nellis. One of our most commonly grown winter varieties, but very subject to disease and usually poorly grown.

"Bordeaux. A roundish pyriform shaped pear of medium size and of excellent quality which is very promising. It is very late, coming in season in January. It deserves to be planted in more of our orchards.

"President Drouard. Another late pear which looks good. It is medium to large in size, obovate or obtuse pyriform in shape with a smooth greenish yellow skin. So far this variety is only planted in a small way in Western Washington, but it is deserving of larger plantings."

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NEW ELECTRIC LINE?

Article in Shelton Paper Tells of Application for Franchise There.

The following is taken from the last issue of the Mason County Journal of Shelton:

"In the proceedings of the council this week will be found an application for an electric railway franchise, which A. E. Hillier and his assigns wish to secure for the use of certain streets in Shelton, in connection with a proposed system connecting this city with Olympia, Colby, near Seattle, and the Straits cities. The parties making the application have already secured certain rights to the Skokomish river, and it is not unlikely that the idea will finally result in an electric railway system covering Mason county, and affording light as well as power to the people. The Journal simply submits the news without further embellishment, and the public may draw such conclusions as they wish as to the forces behind Mr. Hillier, and the ultimate objects. As the power site conflicts with that which Seattle desires and is making plans to condemn it is probable that a lot of legal fighting is in prospect before the city can get the property."

No local people know anything about the enterprise, so far as could be learned, except that a well known engineer who has water rights in the Lake Cushman district, spent some time in this vicinity recently.

The Washington Public Service company has accepted the 50-year franchise granted by the county commissioners for the construction of a light and power line from Olympia to Tenino, Grand Mound, Rochester and Gate, which provides that construction must be begun by December 1 next and the system must be completed and in operation by January 1, 1916.

A BIG CROP OF GRAIN

15,000,000 Bushels More Than in 1911—Corn First Handled Commercially.

A feature of the forthcoming annual report of the public service commission will be the report of State Grain Inspector R. D. Jarboe, which shows that for the year there were in round numbers 33,500,000 bushels of wheat actually handled at the various public warehouses throughout the state. He estimates that 1,500,000 bushels should be added to cover the amount used by interior mills and private warehouses. There were 7,500,000 bushels of barley and oats handled at the warehouses and 1,500,000 kept at home. The production of rye is estimated at 100,000 bushels.

"The report for the year shows the receipt of 10,831 bushels of corn grown in Spokane and Chelan counties," states Mr. Jarboe, which is probably the first time in the state's grain production that this cereal has been received in commercial quantities. "The actual grain production of the state for the year 1912 totaled nearly 49,000,000 bushels, which was in excess of the estimated crop of 1911 by 15,000,000 bushels."

The holidays find an increase rather than a diminution in the work of the public service commission. Commissioner Lewis has been in Eastern Washington where two formal hearings were held and a number of informal complaints were investigated. Commissioner Spinning, at the office, has cared for a large number of informal complaints and handled a heavy correspondence.

Bellingham will become a grain inspection point January 5. The other cities at which offices are maintained by the grain inspection department of the public service commission are Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane and Everett.

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