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FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONION GROWERS

COMMISSIONER R. KELLY ISSUES A STATEMENT

Onions leading to Disease. As the Growing Crop Green and Healthy are suggested.

The following from Commissioner R. K. Kelly, the great and the Texas Department of Agriculture, has the benefit of much knowledge of the soil, its illumination being capable of being applied to most advantage in this particular case.

In view of the fact that the recent rains appear to some extent to have stopped our being able to cultivate the plants so that insect pests and fungi disease can be controlled as easily as in other shorter plants, it becomes the growers to employ the following methods, as far as possible.

According to Entomologist Schmid of the department, who made a trip through the main belt several weeks ago, damage is imminent from the following causes:

The onion maggot (Popillia xylosteana), which damages that portion of the root below the soil surface, when the young maggots hatch, bore down into the bulb. This can, in a large measure be prevented by separating the plants and the surrounding soil with the following carefully and thoroughly: Dissolve one pound of hard soap, of a quart of soft soap, in one gallon of hot water. While this is still hot, add 1 pint of carbolic acid and churn vigorously until a good emulsion has been obtained. Then add to this as much cold water and agitate again before applying to a good Vernon powder, and pour with considerable force.

The onion borer is a very delicate parasite and easily susceptible to oil or caustic spray solutions that come in contact with it. However, on account of its minute size, it easily finds a good hiding place in the body of the leaves of the onion plant and, therefore, has to reach with a spray.

In experiments by Prof. Schmid it was found that when young plants (after being trimmed, when preparing for transplanting) were dipped in an 8 per cent solution of kerosene emulsion, or in a solution of nicotine sulphate—known as "Black leaf 40"—

one part to 7,000 parts of water, the plants and other insects were kept off for a number of weeks. The nicotine sulphate solution can be bought at any seed house and while it will not kill insects it will repel them.

The above solutions are also effective in preventing insects from attacking plants, either in the seedbed or after sowing the young plants are treated in the shade. In this treatment it is necessary that they are given to prevent the plants from getting too much sun during the time of their growth.

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I ask my customers and friends to forgive me that I close at 6 o'clock but myself and others are worn out by that time. Good to find we all work hard. H. K. MacDowell, Manager street 1210 41

In Mariposa Meeting.
La Mariposa club meets this afternoon at 8 o'clock with Miss Jean Matson at the Dowell. All members are requested to be present as important business is to be taken up.

Brought from Alice.
Robert Adams, a well known citizen of Alice, was brought to the city yesterday afternoon and carried to the state hospital. Mr. Adams is reported as being in a precarious condition.

Have you used any of the Tax Paying House products? If not why? Place a trial order with your dealer and be convinced as others.

Rear Admiral Rodgers to Retire.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—By operation of law, Rear Admiral Raymond P. Rodgers, president of the Naval War College at Newport, will be placed on the retired list tomorrow on account of age. Captain William L. Rodgers, a cousin of Admiral Rodgers, will succeed him as president of the Naval War College.

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Legs Education Exercises.

County Superintendent Nat Bonney has given out the following statement relative to the necessity of educational exercises in the county schools and the field associations have been found in it food plants of these names. Onion plants, there are many kinds of these kinds.

For the past four years I have urged upon the teachers the necessity of occasional exercises in the reading of selections of poetry and prose, with the view of training the pupils in memorizing, in execution and in declamation.

Many of our schools have adopted the old play of Friday afternoon exercises, and some have had this training in connection with the literary societies composed of pupils and outsiders.

In some of our county schools considerable talent has been developed in declamation, as well as in recitation, or reading.

The State University has undertaken to organize, through city and county teachers of each county, local Declamation and Declamation leagues. Write to E. B. Shurtliff, Austin, Tex., University Station, for copy of Constitution of the Declining and Declination leagues of Texas schools.

This is an important and valuable part of the school training, as a preparation for useful citizenship.

In a government such as ours, the citizen who has the training in speaking and has been accustomed to appear before the public in the discussion of the various subjects of interest which so frequently arises, has a decided advantage over one who is lacking in this training.

It is the purpose of our system of public school to prepare for moral, intelligent citizenship; and it is universally conceded that the ability to speak one's thoughts freely and without embarrassment is a very necessary accomplishment.

If this training is begun in the lower grades and systematically followed through the high schools we shall have conferred a lasting benefit upon our pupils.

The inspiration added by the local, county, and state contests will greatly add to the enthusiasm and effectiveness of this branch of a liberal education.

Take up the work and push it. Correspond with other schools in the county, and with the city schools, and arrange meetings for your classes.

I hope the teachers will give some attention to this organized work. It is believed that better work can be accomplished in this way, than by confining all your energies to local contests.

A nice Christmas present would be a pair of White Angora Rabbits. You can find them at Mrs. James Grant's, 1215 Chaparral. Phone 165.

WASSAIL BOWL IN DINING HALL

MACDOWELL CLUB WILL DINE IN ANNUAL PAGEANT.

Has Been Formed to Perpetuate the Mission of the Late Edward MacDowell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Like some annual banquet held in the Merrie England of long ago in the ballroom of the Waldorf, where the MacDowell club will hold its annual holiday pageant and festival this evening. This event is always one of the great functions of the year in artistic circles as well as in society and the 1911 festival will surpass all its predecessors.

Beefsteaks in curious attire will carry the wassail bowl, and others will follow bearing a boar's head and a great Christmas cake. The latter has occupied the attention of some of the best bakers in Kentucky for weeks past and is the gift of Mrs. Ben Ali Hagan to her fellow club members.

After this Christmas cheer will follow Shakespeare and Francis Bacon, and their friends and contemporaries in the various arts. In the procession there will also be characters from "Rome and Julie," "Midsummer's Night Dream," "Anthony and Cleopatra," "The Merchant of Venice," and other creations of the brain of the bard of Avon.

The MacDowell club was formed to perpetuate the mission of the late Edward MacDowell, who said for the closer union of all the arts, for the great American composer believed that art was like a family made up of many members, and that painters, sculptors, musicians, composers, dramatists, poets and novelists were kindred souls, with different methods of expression.

Mrs. Ben Ali Hagan of Kentucky is one of the leaders of the movement and has been in charge of the program for tonight's festival.

Among those who will appear in the Shakespearean group are Mrs. Hagan, Ben Ali Hagan, the painter, Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, wife of the author, Mrs. Carl Schurz, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Alexander, Ben Greet, the Shakespearean actor, Charles Dana Gibson, the artist; Miss Ruth St. Denis, the dancer, and a score of others prominent in society and the arts.

The proceeds of the festival will be used to defray the expenses of the club's scholarships.

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