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Missouri State Horticultural Society.

FRUIT REPORT.

Westport, March 1st, 1899.—I realize that the general impression of our people and of our newspapers is that the reports about the loss of the fruit crop and injury to the trees are far overdrawn, but such is not usually the case. On the contrary they are usually underestimated, and oftentimes the injury is much more serious than reported, instead of less.

The great and widespread damage by the freeze of February is not by any means over-estimated, as the reports from five hundred inquiries fully testify.

There never has been such serious results from any cold winter as this one, during the history of fruit growing in Missouri, and now the question comes to every one of us—more important even than the fruit crop—

"WHAT TO DO WITH THE TREES."

The intensity of the cold does not seem to have been most severe in the northern part of the state, for in many instances the reports show a lower degree in the southern part. When we consider that 25 to 30 degrees below means a freezing of the life out of many of our trees and causing the bark and even the bodies to burst, we may be sure of serious damage. This has been the case in this instance.

The peach buds are very nearly all killed, and we will likely have very few, if any, peaches in the state. Worse than this, the trees are badly injured. The freeze has discolored the wood and these trees should be cut back severely. If old trees, cut back to stubs about six or eight feet high. If young trees, cut so as to leave stubs of branches about six or eight inches long. In other words, de-bark the trees. If the trees have burst slightly then cut off the bursted bark and cover with grafting wax. If the bark has loosened all around the tree or so far around, that it cannot recover, then cut the tree off at the ground and let a sprout grow and make a new tree.

The pear buds are also badly injured and we can expect only a partial crop of pears at best. Many of the pear trees are damaged and they should be cut back not quite so severely as the peach.

The plum buds—Japan variety—are about all killed, and the trees injured in some instances as badly as the peach. Treat them the same as the peach. Other plums, of the Wild Goose type, are all right for a crop of plums.

The cherry buds of the Morella variety like the Ey. Richmond, are in good condition for a crop of fruit, and the trees are very slightly injured. Some of the Duke varieties are injured and nearly all the Ben. varieties.

The apple buds—only the tender

varieties are killed, but most of the hardy varieties are still in good shape for a crop of apples. In many localities, however, the trees themselves are badly damaged, caused by the rupture of the bark, and sometimes the tree itself. If this bursting of the bark is such that the bark is loose all around the tree, then the tree had better be cut down to the ground or to the snow line, and a sprout trained for a new tree. If it be only slightly loosened, an inch or so wide, then cut off the loose bark, cover the part with grafting wax and then cut back the top of the tree, though not quite so severely as the peach. If the wood is simply discolored, then a severe top pruning will be sufficient and they will very likely recover. It is astonishing how quickly some of these trees will recover if they are cut back enough so that the sap can reach the branches before it before it becomes sour, as it must do, if it has to go to the tips of the limbs when not cut off.

The Strawberry crop is not materially damaged because they are usually well mulched.

The raspberry crop will be short fully one-half. The canes have been badly killed in many localities, and where such is the case they had better all be cut off close to the ground and burned up. The blackberry crop will short only about one-fourth among our hardy varieties. When they are killed treat the same as the raspberry.

The grape crop will still be good, only excepting some of the tender varieties. If there ever was a time when the fruit grower could have a general cleaning up in nearly all parts of the orchard and garden, then this year is the time. When you cut off this wood burn it up; by thus doing you will destroy many insects, their eggs and much of the destructive fungi which do us so much damage. We may be partially free from their destructive ravages for a few years if we make this cleaning up a general and thorough one.

In all this work this Spring let us remember that although there may be life enough to start a tree if the top is all cut off, yet if it is all left on, the tree will exhaust itself in the attempt to start a growth and then finally give up the attempt and the tree dies.

In conclusion, while we cannot expect a great crop of fruit this year, yet we should get good prices for everything we have to sell. The great extent of country where the damage has been severe gives us promise of a very short crop, and it will surely pay us to take good care of all we may have. Never was there a winter when so large a portion of our country was so badly damaged by one single storm. It extended from the Atlantic to the Rockies and from the Gulf to the northern limit of fruit growing. The fruit is not killed in all this district but is badly injured, and no portion has entirely escaped; hence we may look for a scarcity.

Do not neglect your trees but give them the proper treatment and in many instances they will be in shape to give us a good crop next year, and surely so in two years.

L. A. GOODMAN, Secretary.

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Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts guaranteed, at P. H. Franklin's Drug Store.

Mr. Gilmore Coffman, from the Smith's Chapel congregation was recommended by the Quarterly Conference to the District Conference for license to preach. He was not in time for the conference which was held just after preaching last Saturday, but arrived later and staid for the Sunday service.—Statesman.

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Fulton Sun.

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