

A RIGID INSPECTION

No Diseased Trees or Inferior Stuff to Be Allowed on the North Side.

Outside nurserymen have found to their sorrow that the stringent horticulture laws, passed by the last legislature of Idaho were not put on the books for mere pastime, but in the hands of State Inspector McPherson they are being carried out to the letter.

A large shipment of trees were received here last week, mostly from Oregon nurseries, and hardly had they arrived before a deputy inspector was on the ground, who proceeded at once to give the trees a thorough inspection, the result of which was the condemning of a large per cent of them, which he found were afflicted with root gall and hairy root.

The action of the inspector created so much havoc that the proprietor of one of the nurseries was dispatched for, and after arriving here and witnessing the disastrous results of the work of the deputy inspector, the presence of State inspector McPherson was sought, but he declined to interfere with the work of his deputy here, and consequently the condemned trees were destroyed.

There certainly is urgent necessity for these stringent laws, which are designed to properly protect the grower of fruit trees from fraudulently inclined nurserymen, both inside and outside the state, and to compel the fruit growers to properly spray their trees.

The present Idaho horticultural law should be read and studied not only by the nurserymen in this and outside states, but by every grower or prospective grower of orchards in the state. The present law went into effect March 8th, 1911, and from now on every Idaho nursery and orchard will have to stand for a rigid inspection, and it is hoped that every form of disease and pest affecting fruit trees will quickly be eradicated from this state.

The result of the inspection here falls most heavily upon Mr. Jaycox, who as agent for the company in question had put in his time the past year in soliciting orders for the stock, and who, we understand, is now deprived of his commission for the sale of this stock, not through any fault of his, but through the action of the nursery in attempting to evade the law regarding diseased trees.

Another source of great loss to him is the refusal of many to accept trees that were not furnished as ordered by Mr. Jaycox, the nursery taking the liberty of sending smaller trees, and otherwise of a nature not called for by the order.

The whole transaction has been a source of annoyance on the part of the larger purchasers, who had to seek elsewhere for their supply.

The last legislature, by concurrent resolution, named Oct. 16th, of this year as "White Man's Day" to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the discovery of the Snake river valley by white men. Miller was the place selected for the celebration, as it was at that point that the Hunt party camped, Oct. 16th., 1811. The citizens of Miller are already arranging to properly observe the event.

Tom L. Johnson a prominent Ohio democrat, died at his home in Cleveland Monday.

SOME PLANTING BEING DONE

Jonathan Valley Alone Shows Nearly 5,000 Acres Under Cultivation This Year.

Included in this is Over 1,800 Acres of Alfalfa and Upwards of 500 Acres in Orchard.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the following tabulated statement of land that is now under cultivation in one small section of our great North Side tract. We are endeavoring to obtain reliable reports from different sections of the tract as to the acreage under cultivation and how it is divided as regards orchards, alfalfa and other crops.

Our enterprising Jonathan Valley correspondent is first on the scene with his report and the thrifty farmers of that section may well point with pride to the showing made, as reference to it will indicate that they are progressive and energetic and not "asleep at the switch."

The recapitulation shows a total of 4,810 acres under actual cultivation. Of this amount about 1,800 is in alfalfa, 547 acres in orchard, the balance being divided up in various kinds of grains, hay, potatoes, etc. The tabulated report is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: NAME, Acres Under Cultivation, Acres Orchard. Lists various farms and their acreages, totaling 4,810 acres under cultivation and 547 acres in orchard.

Profits of the Dairy.

Just at this time, when the subject of dairying is interesting our farmers, and they are seeking reliable information on the subject, the following from the Shoshone Journal may be of interest, as it applies to Lincoln county and shows what is being done in our midst:

"The statement is often made by dairymen that a good cow will yield ten dollars worth of butter fat each month for about ten months of the year.

"The Journal is interested in obtaining reliable information from near by sources as to the profits of dairying in this section of irrigated Idaho, because if the business is as remunerative as represented by papers in other sections of the state, then Lincoln county should develop a big dairying industry.

"When Prof. Frandson of the dairy department of the state experiment station was in Shoshone a year or two ago he stated that a good dairy cow should yield one hundred dollars worth of butter fat a year besides side products. This authority is certainly good but the people of Lincoln county might prefer the testimony of a Lincoln county farmer in regard to his profits in cows.

"The writer was recently in conversation with several ranchers of the Minidoka project in the store of C. C. Nelson, county commissioner, at Heyburn. A reference was made to the profits of dairying. In response to questions, Mr. W. J. Hollenbeck, who lives seven or eight miles northwest of Heyburn, gave his experience with two blooded cows.

"These cows, one a Swiss and the other a Durham, cost Mr. Hollenbeck only forty dollars each a year ago. He uses a separator and ships the cream to the creamery at Twin Falls. By the way, he has other cows but they are not up to the registered standard.

"Mr. Hollenbeck stated that these two blooded cows bring him the neat sum of twenty dollars a month. They are good for about ten months of the year.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

That southern Idaho is fast becoming the recognized fruit section of the country is every day manifested, not only in this immediate vicinity, but in sections close to us. The Filer Journal of last week says: "R. L. Manpin of St. Louis, representing a number of capitalists of Maroa and Decatur, Ill., is here at present overseeing the planting of a 160 acre orchard on Sucker Flat. It is the intention of this organization to plant 640 acres to orchard next spring, and the third year enough to make a total of 2,400 acres. They will incorporate in the meantime and proceed along business lines in the furthering of this big enterprise. The orchard will extend from north of Filer to within a mile or two of Twin Falls."

This example is a good one to follow and should be encouraged. We are glad to state that a few companies have been organized on the North Side tract for the purpose of growing fruit, and more should be encouraged. While our people have full confidence in the profitable returns from fruit culture, it requires more or less capital to bring an orchard into successful bearing, and many are not prepared financially to carry on this work to a large extent, and for this reason the organization of a company among their friends is to be encouraged, as it is the means of supplying the ready cash to carry on the work, and the returns in a few years will pay a handsome dividend on the investment. We will heartily welcome and assist all we can in the organization of these companies.

The residents of this section were somewhat surprised by reading in the daily papers the first of the week of the indictment by the federal grand jury at Spokane, of P. S. A. Biekel, of this place, and I. B. Perrine of Twin Falls, among a number of other Idaho citizens, for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the promotion of the Idaho Hardwood Company. Yesterday's dispatches stated that the gentlemen would be allowed to give bonds in the sum of \$2,500, and that their cases would come to trial this fall.

More Dairy Talk.

Manager Love, of the Gooding Creamery Co., was in town again Saturday, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Nystrom, who is also deeply interested in the new creamery project, but who is now holding the position of Instructor of Dairying in the Washington State College, but who expects to resign his position at the close of the present term and devote his time to the creamery in this section. These gentlemen consider the future of the creamery business very bright in this section, as the farmers are manifesting much interest in the matter. It is the desire of this company to install a skimming station here as soon as conditions will warrant the same, thus giving our farmers a market for their cream with cash returns each month.

The gentlemen informed us that they had received a car load of dairy cows the week previous, which were sold to the farmers around Gooding, and they now have a buyer in Colorado and were expecting three car loads in shortly. They estimated that these cows would sell at, from \$75 to \$100 apiece, and it was the intention of the company to offer these cows to the farmers on terms they could readily meet, as the monthly income from the cows would cover the payments and still have a reserve. The cows are being selected with regards to the dairy question exclusively, and in getting a cow from them you are relying upon the judgement of experts in their line, and it is to their interest to procure only the best dairy cows obtainable.

While most of our pastures have not advanced sufficiently to warrant a large herd at first, our readers will be surprised at the cash income that can be derived from a few head, and no small number of our farmers are very seriously considering the question. If you want information upon the matter, do not be timid about writing the company at Gooding, who will be only too glad to answer all enquiries and give you all the information at their command.

Base Ball Boys Organize.

At a recent meeting of the base ball enthusiasts, an organization was perfected, and active steps taken toward the selection of a strong team for the coming season. The soliciting committee were calling on our business men last week, and met with much encouragement, getting pledges for \$100, about \$100 of which was paid in cash.

The boys have selected a suit of brown gray, with Maroon stockings striped with white, in which they will present a very attractive appearance. The suits have been ordered, and are expected soon.

The roster of the club will be made up from the following: Scott Howland, Mugs Howland, Fred Howland, Chas. Shepherd, Mr. Morris, Joe Bell, Count Ashenfelter, Dr. L. G. Phillips, Geo. Gray, Kenneth Annett, C. A. Titus, and Joe Jaycox. The management of the club will be in the hands of, W. A. Peters, Manager, J. Ashenfelter, Captain, E. P. Carr, Secretary, and W. G. Thomas, Treasurer.

It is the intention of the club to begin active practice at once, and open negotiations for a series of games with the clubs from the surrounding towns. They all feel that the team this year will be an exceptionally strong one, and that the end of the season will witness many laurels to their credit.

Secretary Carr invites correspondence from all surrounding clubs, with a view of arranging a schedule of games.

Ready With Water.

The troubles confronting the settler on the Salmon River project are evidently settled, and the water company have given official notice that water is now available. In their notice to the settler the company says:

"In order to make the estimate on a safe basis, the company anticipates that there will be thirty thousand acre feet of water available for use this season instead of forty thousand as previous records would indicate. Making the estimate on this basis, the present purpose is to give three irrigations of ten thousand feet each to the tract unless subsequent experience determines that this plan should be modified.

"It is estimated that ten thousand acre feet will provide water for irrigation for a period of approximately fifteen days and it is now the general plan to provide three irrigations of fifteen days each which will be sufficient to raise satisfactory agricultural crops."

We understand that the payment will be waived this spring and only the maintenance fee collected.

One of the significant moments at the opening of this session of congress was the appearance of Representative Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, Wis., who is the first socialist to become a member of congress. He promises to be heard throughout the session, representing, as he does, 600,000 votes.

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