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EDITORIAL.

Board of Horticultural Inspection.

The State Board of Horticultural Inspection met at Boise Jan'y 16 to 18. The members present were: Messrs. Coughanour, Galloway, Gipson and Professor Al-drich.

The most important change in the Inspection districts was made by uniting Dists. 3 and 4, thus making one district of the counties of Boise, Canyon, Owyhee and Washington, with Mr. A. F. Hitt as inspector of the consolidated district.

The only change in district boundaries was made by fixing the dividing line between districts 1 and 8 so that it will run from the Washington state line east to Coeur d'Alene lake on the north and the Couer d'Alene Indian Reservation, and east of the lake to follow a line 10 miles south of Coeur d'Alene river.

Alex. Peterson was appointed state inspector for the present year and President Coughanour whose term of service as a member of the Board expires this year, was unanimously recommended for re-appointment.

Reports of District Inspectors for the past year were in the main encouraging, and point to a satisfactory outlook for the orchard industries of the state.

Horticultural Society officers.

The following are the new officers of the State Horticultural Society:

C. F. Hartley, Pres., Caldwell, R. Schlicher, V. Pres., Lewiston, Robt. Miliken, Sec'y, Nampa, O. T. Hammill, Treas., Nampa.

The trustees are: First District

C. F. Stranahan, Lewiston; Second District, T. C. Galloway, Weiser; Third District—O. F. Smith, Blackfoot.

The selection of Mr. Hartley, as the president of the Society, is a merited recognition of his standing as a man and as an active and progressive fruit grower and nurseryman. The other officers and trustees are also representative citizens and orchardists of their respective localities. The RURAL feels safe in saying that the important mission of the State Horticultural Society is safe in the hands of the gentlemen named.

Bee Keepers Organize.

The bee keepers in the vicinity of Parma and Roswell met, the other day, at Parma and organized an association for the protection and encouragement of that industry. Ten members were enrolled as a starter. George Brush was elected President, and F. Fouch, Secretary. This is a wise move, and will no doubt tend to bring into prominence the superior quality of honey produced in that section, and largely increase the quantity of the same.

Coal Oil for Scale.

E. L. Knouse of Emmett tells the RURAL that the past season, he used with excellent results, kerosene on his trees that were infested with the San Jose scale. This treatment not only clears the tree of scale but of worms and lice wherever the oil strikes them. On the twigs and limbs, Mr. Knouse applies the remedy with a sort of swab or rag, but he pours it on the trunks of the trees, and he says it was not so very expensive either as he thoroughly treated 25 good sized trees with but 2½ gallons of oil and did the work easily in a day.

Mr. Knouse also says he has made a practice of applying axle grease or lard to the trunks of his fruit trees when young to keep off rabbits, and has never seen any injury resulting from the same,

but he always applies when the sap is down and the tree dormant.

Editorial Pointers.

Clean up the orchard.

Get the spray pump ready for business.

Protect the fruit trees from the jack rabbits.

Order the nursery stock now, and be sure to consult those who advertise in this paper.

Get the barn yard manure in the orchard and field and plow it under thoroughly in the spring. Don't allow a forkfull of it to go to waste.

Order the fruit boxes and crates in time and get them made up before the rush of the busy season, and thus avoid the liability of delay when they are needed for use.

Advertise your seeds, floral goods, spray pumps, agricultural implements, pumping plants, dairy supplies, and live stock in the GEM STATE RURAL. The paper reaches the people you want to deal with.

Mr. Arthur Richards who has been down from Alaska for a few weeks, made this office a pleasant call. He starts today on his return and expects to go direct to Dawson.

Mr. A. F. Hitt will introduce, this season, the new and very promising Dawson prune. It seems well worthy of extended trial.

We are obliged to those who have promptly responded to our request for the payment of arrearages on subscription, and now if every one who is back will pay up we will be doubly thankful. At the reduced price of the paper we must make it a cash proposition.

The State Horticultural Society did a wise thing when it resolved to take a hand in helping to shape a rational forestry policy for Idaho. This is to be one of the live questions and needs to be dealt with in a broad, sensible manner.

Ranch and Range wants a balanced ration for the human fami-

ly as well as for the dairy cow. Good suggestion.

The State Horticultural Society unanimously recommended the California apple box, size 10x11x22 inches, as the standard size for Idaho apple shippers.

Proprietor Johnson of the Overland Hotel in Boise, did a graceful thing, which was duly appreciated, when he entertained, so handsomely, the members of the State Horticultural Society on the occasion of the recent annual meeting.

Read the able and encouraging paper of Congressman Wilson's in this issue; also the inspiring address of Judge Richards before the State Horticultural Society.

Watch for the further papers and proceedings of the State Horticultural Society in later issues of this paper. The GEM STATE RURAL is the only paper that will give these valuable matters in detail.

Special Announcement.

The Idaho State Horticultural Society at its annual meeting held Jan'y 18 1900, unanimously voted to give a year's subscription to the Gem State Rural to every one who becomes a member of the Society during the year by paying the regular membership fee of \$1.00.

This is a very liberal proposition on the part of the Society and should insure for it a membership from every fruit grower and horticulturist in the entire State. The Society is doing a vast amount of voluntary, practical and much needed work in the interest of the orchard and farm, and this too, without any source of revenue or financial aid other than that derived from membership fees. The papers, addresses and discussions embracing the proceedings of the Society, cover a wide range of subjects and are of particular value to those interested in the agricultural development of Idaho. These are too be published from time to time in the Gem State Rural, the official organ of the Society, together, with other important matters em-