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THE UNION'S SERVICE COVERS ALL SACRAMENTO VALLEY AND TRIBUTARY COUNTIES, A CORRESPONDENT BEING STATIONED IN EACH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY.

HOW TO CURE PEAR BLIGHT

Deane B. Swingle, Federal Expert in Plant Pathology, Explains Some of Simple Methods to Eradicate Disease.

WOODLAND, Feb. 11.—Deane B. Swingle, one of the experts sent by the United States Department of Agriculture to investigate pear blight in this State, yesterday had the following to say in regard to the general campaign against the blight and his investigation in this vicinity.

The work is being carried on by a co-operation of the United States Department of Agriculture, the State Experiment Station, and the State and County Horticultural Commissions, and is receiving much valuable aid and assistance from the Sacramento Valley Development Association. There are at present in the different counties in the State fifteen pear-blight experts, some from the Department of Agriculture and some from the State Experiment Station.

The method of combating the disease is that advocated by Professor M. B. Waite of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has made a most exhaustive study of the disease, both in the laboratory and in the field. The method is to cut out, remove and burn all blighted wood, being extremely careful to cut off the affected part some distance below the lowest visible sign of the blight and being especially careful to disinfect with a solution of corrosive sublimate the saws, shears or other instruments used, after every cut. The whole success or failure of the work will hinge on this disinfecting. The wounds made should be likewise disinfected and later painted with white paint.

The disease pear blight is caused by a very minute germ (not an insect), which works mostly in the living bark, causing it to turn a reddish color and later brown. This germ is not capable of living in the air or soil and therefore if we can destroy all the germs in the trees we will be entirely rid of the blight.

The pear-blight germ is carried mostly by insects, not only bees, but flies, wasps and others as well. These insects visit the flowers, or the juices of infected parts, and then carry it to healthy flowers or to the tender shoots of the tree. The flowers and the growing sprouts and twigs are usually attacked first and then the disease spreads rapidly through the top of the roots unless its progress is stopped. It lives over winter in the bark of the tree and continues its destruction the next year. Often it will run a tree in a single year and usually in two years.

It is exceedingly important to cut out the blight before the sap starts and the buds open, for two reasons. First because the disease will be carried quickly into the healthy flowers if any diseased wood is left in the orchard at blossoming time; and second, because the disease is dormant and does not make progress down the tree during the winter, but when the sap begins to flow the blight begins to run down the bark of the tree, and worst of all, it is not easy then to tell just how far it has advanced, because the line between the diseased and the sound bark is no longer sharp; and therefore many people in cutting out blight during the summer have not cut low enough and have failed. Another source of failure has been that the germs get on the pruning tools and are not killed by the disinfectant before the next cut is made it is carried into the tree again.

The disease would not be difficult to get rid of if everyone would set down his foot to wipe it out at once. In many orchards in different States and in quite a number in this State the disease has been almost completely checked by watchfulness and a timely treatment. The important point is that the disease is contagious and even a few dooryard trees if not attended to may spread the disease into large orchards.

In my work in Yolo County and some in Solano County I have been immensely pleased with the attitude of the growers. It is a great credit to the county that I can say I have not met a single man who has not showed a willingness to do his part. Everyone I have visited has assured me he would attend to his trees to the very best of his ability before the dangerous blossoming time.

While nearly every orchard about Woodland and Yolo has some blight, enough to destroy the tree if neglected, yet the loss here is very much less than in some other places I have visited, where the disease has been raging longer.

I have been very greatly aided in my work by the determined stand taken by the County Horticultural Commission. Indeed I may say that without the helpfulness of the Commissioners and inspectors the eradication work would be almost impossible. I have found it best to work directly with these men, and we aim to visit every orchard, large and small. Usually we find it necessary to see them again to make sure that there is no possible chance for a blighted tree to escape.

We cannot expect complete eradication this year. The task is too great. But we hope to reduce the scourge to a few scattered cases, and by keeping up the fight to prevent the destruction that has existed in the past and that has wiped out the pear industry in some parts of the State.

Pneumonia. This is one of the most dangerous, and often fatal, diseases. It always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy quickly cures these diseases and counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia. It is made especially for these and similar ailments.

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AGED ATTORNEY DIES IN PLACERVILLE

Hon. G. H. Ingham, Pioneer of California, Passes Away at Age of 81 Years—He Came to This State in 1850.



GEORGE H. INGHAM AND WILLIAM WHITE SITTING IN THE LAWN AT THE LATTER'S HOME.

PLACERVILLE, Feb. 11.—Hon. George H. Ingham, one of the best known pioneers of California, died at his home in Placerville Friday morning at the age of 81 years 6 months. His death was due to the decline natural to old age. Up to four weeks since he was at his desk every day, although he had not retired from active practice of law several years since.

George H. Ingham was born in New York in 1824, moved with his parents to Illinois in 1835, where he was educated and arrived at Placerville September 2, 1850—seven days before the admission of California into the Union. Ingham immediately became prominent in the practice of law and in public life. In 1851 he was elected Recorder and Auditor of El Dorado County, which office he held for two terms. In 1856 he returned to Illinois, intending to make his home there. He bought a large estate and elegant mansion on the Kankakee River and stocked the place with the highest-grade animals money could buy. The stirring life of the gold regions, however, again lured him to California, where he remained to the day of his death. In 1873 he was elected to represent the people of his county in the Legislature. Subsequently he was elected District Attorney of El Dorado County, serving the people in that capacity twelve years. Ingham was a Democrat from principle, and was always found laboring to uphold the principles of Democracy. In his long public service there was never a breath of suspicion against his honesty and integrity. As a lawyer at the bar he was learned and honorable. In his private life he was above reproach.

A daughter and three sons survive the departed. George H. Ingham of San Francisco, Harry Ingham of Sacramento, Morris Ingham of Arizona and Miss Blane V. Ingham of Placerville. The funeral will be held at Coloma Sunday, under Masonic auspices.

SALOON-KEEPER TO PLEAD

G. E. Wooten, Arrested for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, Is Soon to Have His Trial in Red Bluff.

RED BLUFF, Feb. 11.—The trial of G. E. Wooten on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses is set for tomorrow, when he will be given an opportunity to plead. Wooten has been in jail over a month, waiting for an opportunity to plead, but, owing to the rush of criminal trials, has been forced to wait. A few years ago he was one of the best known saloon men in Northern California, but too much prosperity was his undoing, and he lost all the money he had so quickly accumulated. Being hard up for money a few months ago he borrowed a few hundred dollars from a saloon firm under certain promises. These promises the lenders now allege were false and they had Wooten arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was given his liberty on furnishing bonds for \$1500 a few weeks ago, but the bondsmen later surrendered him to the peace officers. His family reside at Sacramento.

A. P. A. RESCUED IN NICK OF TIME

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 11.—Someone telephoned to the Police Station this morning that there was a man in the slough at B and Ninth streets, and Officer McCoy went out with an express wagon to get him. He found a stranger lying partly in the water and too drunk to realize the danger he was in. When searched and questioned at the station he had nothing on him but some tobacco, and he called it dynamite. When asked his name he said he was an "A. P. A."

Had the man not been seen and the case reported he probably would have rolled into the water and drowned.

Rocklin and Vicinity.

ROCKLIN, Feb. 11.—John, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jordan, fell from the back of a wagon last afternoon and broke his right arm between the wrist and the elbow. The injured member was set by Dr. J. C. Ford.

Mrs. H. I. Becroft and daughter have gone to Sutter City to visit relatives for a week or more.

Mrs. Carl Philipp of Alameda is visiting friends here for a few days.

Attorney L. L. Chamberlain of Auburn was in Rocklin Saturday.

Purchases Hotel.

CHICO, Feb. 11.—Mrs. J. C. Evans has purchased from Carl E. Heine the hotel property in Barber and known as the Scandinavian Hotel, and will reopen it as the Hotel Evans. The new proprietor has had considerable experience at Stirling City and Magalia, and proposes to give Chico a suburb first-class hotel. Only white labor will be employed.

CONSTABLE IS CHOSEN

Sixteen Ballots in Supervisorial Board of Tehama County Are Required to Settle Who Shall Serve as Peace Officer.

RED BLUFF, Feb. 11.—After sixteen successive ballots by the Supervisors yesterday Harry McGovern was chosen Constable of the Red Bluff Township, to fill the unexpired term of Richard Martin, who met a tragic death a few weeks ago while in the performance of his official duties. Four candidates were in the field for the position, as well as the successful applicant. Wesley Thatcher, G. W. Madison and John C. Robbins coveted the vacant place. For sixteen ballots the Supervisors were unable to make a choice, but succeeded at last on selecting McGovern by a vote of three to two for Thatcher. McGovern is a nephew of former Constable Richard Martin, who fell over a cliff while lost in the mountains east of here a couple of weeks ago. For a number of years he has been a police officer in Red Bluff, and has the reputation of being an excellent officer. His term will expire in eleven months, and now that he has received the appointment it is expected that he will be a candidate for the position at the general election in November. McGovern is a Democrat.

WILL LOCATE STABLE IN MARYSVILLE

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 11.—Conlin Bros., who have a livery stable at Smartsville, and who have the Marysville-Nevada City mail contract, running daily stages, have been and are now trying to get a location in Marysville. They have sought to purchase the New York Stables on Second street, but could not agree to the price asked.

SCHOOL RECORD OFFICIALS

Student Publication of Chico Normal School Is Finally Supplied With Business Managers From Freshman Class.

CHICO, Feb. 11.—The difficulty in securing managers for the Normal Record, the school monthly, published by the Chico Normal School, has terminated in throwing the positions open to the entire school. The trouble in the first place grew out of the non-acceptance of the positions by the male members of the upper terms who have heretofore filled the positions. This time, however, there was a scarcity of boys in those classes and the few that were there, were so rushed with outside work in connection with their studies that they refused to accept the trust and the proposition was then made to elect young ladies to fill the positions. This was attempted, but the young women refused to accept.

And so yesterday the entire student body was called upon to pass on the proposition and it was decided to pass the business management of the school publication to two members of the fourth class. This resulted in the selection of Grover Hurt and Edward Bennett. The idea of throwing the principal positions on the school paper to the younger classmen is a new one, and the outcome will be watched with interest by the school officials.

MUSIC AND DANCING CLOSE HUNTING SEASON

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 11.—To-day the hunting season at the Marysville The Hunting Club's grounds was formally closed. There was a big gathering of members and invited guests, both ladies and gentlemen. An orchestra was employed, and a programme was rendered.

A duck stew was served, and the fine new clubhouse, built last summer at an expense of \$6000, was the scene of the merriest gatherings ever witnessed in this locality.

There were visitors from San Francisco, Nevada City, Sacramento and many other places.

Jaw Operated On.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 11.—Leon Goldstein of this city was expected to undergo a difficult surgical operation on his lower jaw in San Francisco to-day. Several years ago his jaw was fractured, and three operations have since been performed. The operation to-day was to be performed by Dr. J. G. Sharp, Dean of the University Dental College.

Significant of the consumption of champagne in this country is the quick appreciation of wine perfection which keeps Moet & Chandon champagne at the head of the list of importations into the United States. Last year there were brought into the port of New York 99,887 cases of Moet & Chandon champagne, which amount is over 50 per cent greater than the importations of the brand second on the list, as shown in the Custom House statistics. Moet & Chandon "White Seal" vintage 1900, is selected for service almost exclusively at prominent functions, and the large reserve of this grand wine serves to maintain the popular demand for it.

Rain Is Beneficial.

GRIDLEY, Feb. 11.—One and one-quarter inches of rain has fallen in this locality in the last forty-eight hours. No wind or storm, but a gentle, beautiful spring rain. Everything is springing into life and everyone is hopeful and happy.

CUTS SICK HEADACHE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature
CARTERS' LITTLE LIVER PILLS
Buckley

ODD FELLOWS INITIATE BIG CLASS

Forty-Two Members Are Taken In—Sacramento Degree Team Is Banqueted in Royal Manner.

WOODLAND, Feb. 11.—Forty-two new members were initiated into membership of Woodland Encampment, No. 71, I. O. O. F., Saturday night. The degrees were conferred by the team of Occidental Encampment, No. 42, of Sacramento, and the whole night was consumed in the work. With the addition of these forty-two members Woodland Encampment ranks second in membership in this district, Occidental leading.

The Sacramento team, accompanied by several members of Occidental Encampment, arrived on the evening train Saturday and returned home on the early train Sunday morning. They were banqueted shortly after midnight in the spacious banquet hall of the new Odd Fellows' building, a recess having been taken for that purpose. The visiting patriarchs expressed themselves as greatly surprised and much gratified with the magnificent new temple erected here by the Odd Fellows, and commended the zeal which has characterized the work of the subordinate lodge and the encampment in having realized the dream of the past few years and the way they have increased their membership. On the other hand, Occidental Encampment was highly praised for the very impressive manner in which the initiation work was done.

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Woodchopper Found Dead.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 11.—Frank Bartle, an aged woodchopper, was found dead at the door of his cabin on the W. P. Smith place north of Marysville yesterday, and Coroner Kelly brought the body to town. W. P. Smith made the discovery and reported it. Bartle had apparently fallen dead the night before and had lain in the rain until found. He was a native of Indiana, and about 70 years old. He was well known in this vicinity, but had no relatives so far as known at this time.

Big Pay Day in Kennet.

KENNET, Feb. 11.—The new smelter town has again passed through its regular monthly pay-day (The 10th) without special incident. It was an especially big pay-day in the matter of money paid out—probably the greatest in Kennet's history. Fully \$40,000 was issued in checks.

Barber Shop Robbed.

KENNET, Feb. 11.—The barber shop of William Dean was broken into one night last week and robbed of about \$50 and valuable barbers' supplies. The officers are sure they know the thief and are hot on his trail.

ITS MERIT IS PROVED

RECORD OF A GREAT MEDICINE

A Prominent Cincinnati Woman Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Completely Cured Her.

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