

**SPECIAL ROAD TAXES
VOTED BY OVER 40
DOUGLAS DISTRICTS**

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along the river, the road now being on a good grade but being in need of smoothing and surfacing. Some of the special tax money will be spent on improvement work on other roads within the district.

District number 3, Gardiner, has provided 10 mills for work on the Roosevelt highway north towards the Lane county line.

Build New Road

District number 4, Smith River, is to raise a 10-mill levy to be used for the construction of a section of a new road up the river. The residents of that district have been trying for several years to get a road started up the river and have succeeded in having a survey made. They desire to apply a portion of their special tax to the project.

District number 9, Kellogg, has voted a 10-mill levy to eliminate one of the worst mountain roads in Douglas county, Kesterson hill. The grade on that road runs as high as 25 and 30 per cent and the road winds about along the face of the hill, overhanging the river, and in places is quite dangerous. The district is to build a new grade on a better location and do away with the present dangerous road. This improvement should be of much interest to Roseburg as it is on the Roseburg-Reedsport route by way of Dodge canyon and Elkton.

District 49, Loon Lake, is applying its special tax money to the Alleghany road. Heretofore the district has been interested in the construction of the Mill Creek road, upon which federal aid has been given. This road when finished will give the Loon Lake district a fine outlet to the Reedsport road. At present, however, the only outlet is by way of Alleghany and Marshfield. This road has been neglected and the residents feel that they must keep it in fairly good condition until the new outlet is provided.

District 71, has voted 19 mills to be applied on the road between Rock Creek and Lone Rock, which will be welcome news to all who visit the popular resorts along the North Umpqua.

Super District Planned

The record for special road taxes voted would have been still greater except for the plans for the super improvement district in the Lower Umpqua region. Elkton and Scottsburg have voted special road taxes year after year but this time voted down their projects, because, it is believed, of the possibility of the formation of the big district.

It is proposed to unite a large number of the districts in that region, including the cities of Reedsport and Drain, to make a special levy of 30 mills to be levied over a period of 3 years. This money is

HOME OF THE BIG RED APPLE

By MRS. HAZEL S. MARSH, Looking Glass

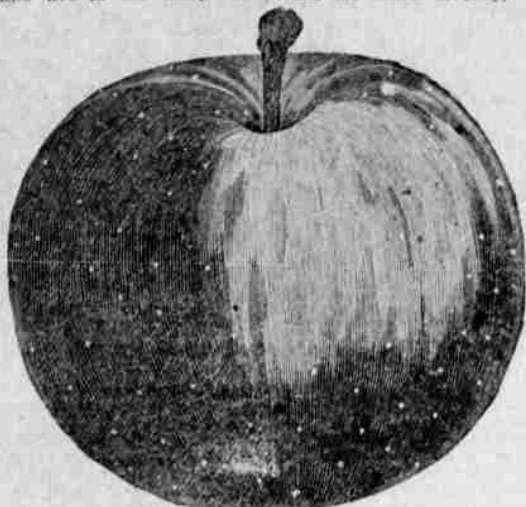
In a westerly direction, about nine miles from the city, lies the little Arcadian valley named by the earlier settlers, Looking Glass Valley. Emerging from the narrow canyon pass, the first view is that of a comparatively level, rounded area surrounded by ranges of unevenly topped hills. In earlier days, prior to the planting of orchards, a large portion of the valley was covered with grass, which waving in the sunshine cast varied reflections, giving rise to the name Looking Glass.

At the present time some fifty families live in the valley and

number of the residents of the valley.

Some thirty years ago the first commercial orchard was set out and since that time approximately twenty per cent of the valley has been turned to orchard land. While practically nearly every kind of fruit tree thrives, the commercial orchards are composed of prune, apple, pear, cherry, and walnut trees, about three quarters of a million pounds of prunes and considerably smaller quantities of pears, peaches and cherries are shipped from the valley annually. While the walnut industry, altho

connecting with the old Coos bay wagon road. This road has been widened, straightened and gravelled and by summer time will offer one of the most attractive drives out of Roseburg. Because of the general interest being shown in the oil findings in the county, considerable interest will undoubtedly center in Looking Glass valley in the months to come. The autoist unfamiliar with this drive will find a most delightful and interesting route out over the new grade, circling the valley and returning through the pass in a southeasterly direction, choosing thence one of several routes to the state highway.



foothills. The school buildings on a slightly eminence nestling in a maple grove, a little church nearby, a grange hall, and the village store constitute the community center. Primary, intermediate and high school rooms with maximum enrollment form the standardized schools. A community church and Sunday school with various branches under the present direction of a resident Methodist pastor fosters the religious life and activities and is supported by a representative

practically in infancy. In this district, promises to be a valuable asset. Small fruits and vegetables are profitably grown and in those cases where broccoli has been set out, it has thrived in a satisfactory manner, proving that this important product of Douglas county might be grown in this district. Diversified farming and the raising of sheep, cattle, goats and poultry form important industries. A goodly number of the county's turkeys come from this valley also. From the hills a large supply of wood is taken annually. The mineral resources of this locality are as yet undeveloped. Outcroppings of coal have been found in several places among the hills and it is generally conceded that there are several veins of varying thickness underlying the valley. At the present time a derick is being erected in order to exploit the oil resources, indications pointing towards an unlimited supply. A splendid gravel road circles the valley and within the past year a new grade has been constructed

ELKTON

Elkton is situated sixteen miles west of Drain, Oregon, on the Drain-Reedsport highway, at the junction of Elk creek and the Umpqua river, about twenty miles above tidewater and ocean transportation.

The elevation is 118 feet above sea level, giving it an unusually good climate for diversified farming, such as dairying, stock and poultry raising. Wheat, corn, oats, field peas and prunes are the main crops which make large yields, as do other vegetables and fruits usually grown in Oregon. Broccoli and walnuts are also being successfully grown.

There are millions of feet of timber on Elk creek and the Umpqua river and their tributaries, thus affording splendid opportunities for saw and pulp mills.

There are several large tracts of rich bottom land now being used for sheep grazing or sown in grain which would yield big returns if converted into dairying farms.

Elkton has a standard four year union high school, the valuation of which district is the second largest in Douglas county.

Like all streams in Douglas county numerous camping grounds are to be found on both Elk creek and the Umpqua river, where fish are plentiful most months of the year.

Elkton is reached by daily stage from Drain, Oakland and Roseburg.

Well stocked stores in Elkton make the town one of the best trading towns in the county.

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The trees are heavily laden during the fruit season and the branches are propped up to keep them from breaking under the weight.



**EXHIBIT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY'S PRODUCTS
FINE WAY TO ADVERTISE THE RESOURCES**

(By C. O. Garrett, Glendale.)
The opportunities presented through the means of showing Douglas county's products and resources at public exhibitions and state fairs are indeed many and are of greater value than we often realize.

For example, how better could a homemaker be reliably informed and attracted than by a personal inspection of the products he is interested in and to be found in such displays.

The past season has brought out much information in regard to means and co-operation of financing the county exhibits at the last state fair.

Some were put on by appropriation (from the fair fund) by the county court, ranging from a few hundred dollars to as high as three thousand dollars, others were financed in part by the commercial organizations of the county seat towns therein, some of such organizations furnishing as much as fifteen hundred dollars to match a like sum from the county court's appropriation.

But there is no good reason why the maximum good could not be attained by any county for not to exceed ten hundred to twelve hundred dollars.

Primarily the purpose of an exhibit should be the honest and yet conservative advertising of the

products and resources under good care and normal conditions. Here is an illustration of the point. Some people have the idea that an agricultural exhibit is the place to show the freaks of nature and monstrosities. I recall one Oregon county showing such freaks and worthless things, and not only that but the persons in charge made it their business to stand at the railing and call visitor's attention to such trash, while the worth while things shown of which there were many were passed wholly unnoticed.

Douglas county has been fortunate in having the same good location at the state fair in the agricultural building for a number of years, while others change about from place to place every year. By this means the booth become headquarters for home folks.

It is also pleasing to hear visitors say, "Here is Douglas county in the same old place with her usual good display."

While it has been necessary to change the design of the exhibit each year, the good and worth while products are featured. The participation and co-operation of the people of Douglas county in this enterprise, whether producers or not is certainly desirable. The active co-operation of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and affiliated organizations financially and otherwise would surely

be helpful to the exhibit and the organizations as well.

The opportunities for setting forth Douglas county's products and resources at the Pacific International at Portland are great and cannot be estimated and should be continued from year to year if a creditable enough showing is made willing to share their best and if necessary donate it that a creditable showing could be made.

at the Oregon state fair to qualify for it. Douglas county won second place at Salem by a score of 1012 3-2 against 1100. The counties taking first and third places had about three thousand dollars

while Douglas' showing was made with an appropriation of seven hundred dollars, all we asked for. The result obtained was only possible by the generosity and co-operation of the farmers and fruit growers of the county, who were

Douglas county is first among the counties of Oregon in the production of broccoli, timber, prunes and goats.

All auto camps in Douglas county are inspected regularly by the Douglas County Health Department, thus insuring perfect sanitation.

One of Roseburg's Early Homes

Located at the corner of Lane and Kane Sts., this beautiful home was built in 1896 by Judge Hamilton, who still resides there.

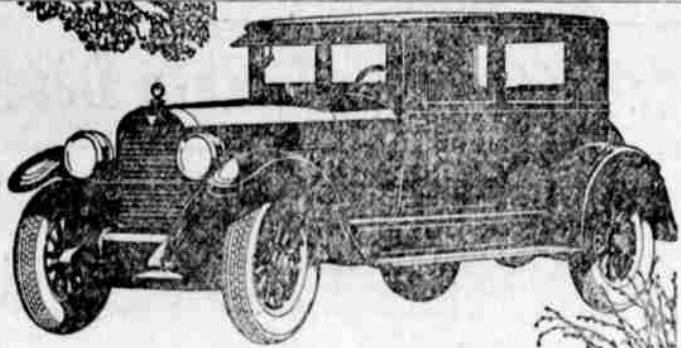


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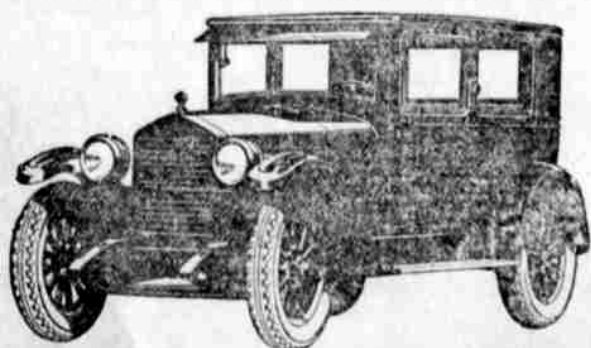
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