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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair weather is promised for tonight and Tuesday.
 A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue River Valley.
 Average mean temperature..... 55 degrees
 Average yearly precipitation 21 inches

A MUCK-RAKE MOSES.

In another column Attorney McMahan gives his arguments for his threatened injunction against the Crater Lake road appropriation. The legal arguments he makes have been fully answered by Judge Colvig. The very decisions he cites will in themselves sustain this appropriation. The bill was drawn to conform to these decisions, and passed upon by the attorney general before its introduction. All Mr. McMahan could do is to delay construction.

In his communication, Mr. McMahan makes some very specious arguments, none more absurd than "the way to build up Oregon best is to cut down taxes." The way to build up any state or county or community is to increase taxes, providing the money is wisely spent. The state that does not spend money in developing itself is a dead state, and the community that does not do likewise is almost a morgue. No progressive citizen halts at taxation, providing it produces the results.

Mr. McMahan has constituted himself a watchdog of the state treasury, presumably for the advertising there is in it. Like Don Quixote of old, he busies himself in attacking windmills. In his billions vision, the times are sadly out of joint and mankind a pack of rogues. Office-holders are grafters, legislators are thieves, and the courts composed of crooks.

It is a relief to find in the midst of this bedlam of roguery one honest, disinterested, patriotic citizen—a muck-rake Moses, to lead us out of the land of outrageous fortune into the bright sunshine of the millenium—where graft and taxes and courts shall be no more and the moss-backs may vegetate undisturbed.

Diogenes' long search through the centuries is ended and he can douse the glim—and go back to his bed in the bathtub—he has found McMahan—who, like Royal baking powder, is absolutely pure.

FRUIT MEN SHOULD ORGANIZE.

The necessity of fruit growers in the Rogue River valley organizing is made more apparent each day.

Uniformity of pack is absolutely essential, or the reputation of the fruit will suffer. It can only be secured through organization.

To get the highest prices for products, organization is essential. Otherwise the grower is at the mercy of the commission man.

California fruit growers long ago learned their lesson. Hood River growers have learned theirs. Rogue River valley growers must follow in their steps or lose money.

An insight into the way the commission men rob the hand that feeds is given in the June number of Everybody's Magazine by Forrest Crissey. He details the graft and robbery practiced by commission men and how all but the largest growers are deliberately pilfered.

"In every honest heart," says Mr. Crissey, "is the acknowledgement of a first debt of gratitude to those who grow things. The man of the garden, the orchard, and the field, who sets his wits to aid his toil against the odds of weather and weeds and pests, is a figure to whom all give increasing honor. That peculiar homage which the civilized world pays to Luther Burbank, the 'wizard of the plant world,' is a significant evidence of the almost universal prevalence of this sentiment.

"But there is one place in which it is smothered and outraged; the market place to which the grower sends his goods represents as consistently low an order of commercial morals as may be found in the whole country."

Mr. Crissey then shows how growers and small shippers are defrauded of their profits by these "unspeakable

prowlers in the garden." He instances a woman cruelly deprived of her all, of a grower who finally came to letting his crops rot on the ground rather than submit to the devilish practices alleged against the dishonest commission agent. It makes an interesting story, but if true a great many apparently respectable business men deserve the restraints of a prison.

Mr. Crissey concludes as follows:

"Knocking down' on the shipper, rejecting his shipment on the false ground of 'off quality' when the market is on a decline, forcing sales at the hands of transportation agents—these are the familiar and stock devices of the produce dealer and are in daily use in the market streets of the country. They are not the glaring exceptions to the common standard of practice, not the variations from the prevailing moral temperature of the place and the business; they are its ordinary incidents, known by all in the game, regretted by some who contrive to preserve a higher pitch of integrity, and winked at or actually practiced by the many."

Only by thorough organization can the fruit grower receive what he is entitled to, and the longer local organization is delayed, the worse for the orchardists.



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