

Rogue River Orchards Yield \$1000 an Acre Annually

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ALLEN TO BUILD ELECTRIC ROAD

CLEAN UP BACK YARDS IS THE SLOGAN OF O'GARA

Assistant Pathologist Issues Letter Telling of Need to Clean Up Infected Trees on Back Door Lots.

INSPECTORS FIND THE ORCHARDS IN GOOD SHAPE

In the Few Trees Scattered Over the Town Lots Lies the Greatest Danger From Pests.

(By P. J. O'Gara.)

During the past few weeks the county fruit inspectors have been inspecting the commercial orchards of the Rogue River valley. With the exception only of some abandoned tracts, they have found everything in a very satisfactory condition. They have done their work well, and their reports show that the commercial orchardists of the entire valley are co-operating in the work of eradicating all diseases and pests. The success which has been attained in the control of pear blight has been so striking, especially in very large orchards, that the writer desires at this time to voice his appreciation of the good work which has been done.

It will be noticed in the above comment, that mention has been made of the orchards not situated within our towns and villages where a far different state of affairs exists. There are some notable cases where fruit growers owning small tracts within the city limits of the several towns in the valley have done very creditable work under most adverse conditions. It is really surprising that they were able to hold their own at all. Those who did are men who have no other business within the city limits than that of taking care of their small orchards. Strictly speaking, the business man or shop-keeper cannot look after the details of orchard fruit raising in the way that the orchardist would do it. Since this is true the back lot is no place for growing fruit trees, and the front yard had better be given over to shade trees, instead of fruit trees that cannot be classed as shade trees.

The orchardist depends upon the product of his fruit trees for his existence, while the business man in the city does not consider the few trees he may have as any real asset, and, as a matter of fact, they have no place in his yearly balance sheet. The business man is entirely dependent upon the farmer for his welfare. We should like to ask why we have the several thriving towns in the Rogue River valley—the answer is easy: the value of the orchards, as well as their products have made these towns what they are. The other great resources surrounding these towns were here long before the orchards were planted, yet they did not seem to have the almost miracu-

HANLEY AND THE CITY DADS TALK IT OVER

Difference, However, Said to Exist Amounting to Several Thousand Dollars—Deal Pending.

COUNCILMEN WOULD SETTLE THE LITIGATION

May Secure Wasson Canyon Water and Right to Cross Hanley Land.

For some two hours Friday the city council was in consultation with M. F. Hanley regarding the present situation of the attempt of the city to enter upon Mr. Hanley's premises on Little Butte creek and complete the gravity water system. Attorneys and newspaper men were tabooed, the council meeting in executive session. It is understood that the council made Mr. Hanley an offer of several thousand dollars for a right of way and a settlement of all litigation. Mr. Hanley, on the other hand, made the city a counter proposition, which, needless to state, was several thousand dollars more than that offered by the city, and there the matter stands for the present, no agreement as yet being in sight.

The members of the council are of the opinion that if for a reasonable amount a right of way across the Hanley premises can be secured, the water right to Wasson canyon and Little Butte creek both secured, free from all litigation, that it will be a good investment for the city. The water from Wasson canyon, supplemented by a certain amount from Little Butte creek, would be sufficient to feed the gravity water line and, later, if the needs of the city demand it, there would be a large amount of water left to draw upon. Whether the city and Mr. Hanley can come to terms is as yet a matter of doubt.

There is but one conclusion: the man who owns fruit trees within the city limits must be willing to care for them as does the practical orchardist or he will have to submit to their removal by the county inspectors. Unless he can keep out pear blight, scale and other diseases which are a menace to the commercial orchard, his trees must be cut down. The county fruit inspectors have done everything possible to make the back lot orchardist understand the necessity of eradicating all diseases, but much of his valuable time has been lost through the unwillingness, or inability of the town orchardist to cooperate and do his duty. With so many trees in the towns given absolutely no attention, instead of being a valuable asset they are in reality a

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YOUNG WALSWORTH IS FOUND GUILTY

Norval Walsworth was this morning found guilty of manslaughter for the killing of James Mankins a year ago last Christmas. The jury in returning their verdict recommended that mercy be extended by the court.

With his father, Charles Walsworth, who was found guilty of manslaughter last week, he will be sentenced early in the coming week.

The case has been under way since last Monday. The jury retired Friday afternoon and came into court at 9 o'clock last night for further instructions. They returned their verdict at 11:25 this morning and were discharged.

D'ANJOU PEARS IN NEW YORK SELL AT \$4.90

Manager Whisler of Bear Creek Orchards Advised Regarding Second Car of d'Anjous.

CAR, FROM ACRE AND QUARTER, WILL NET \$1500

Prices Remarkably Good in View of Recent Slump in the Market.

C. E. Whisler, manager of the Bear Creek orchard, has been advised by wire of the sale of a car of d'Anjou pears in New York city at an average of \$4.90 a box. This is his second car to be sold this season of this variety. The first car averaged \$5.45. In view of the fact that the pear market in the east has been suffering a slump since the Hudson-Fulton celebration, these prices are exceptionally good ones. The car grossed Mr. Whisler \$2200, which will net him about \$1500. These pears came from an acre and a quarter of ground, so that Mr. Whisler will net something over \$1000 an acre from his d'Anjous.

ANNUAL MEETING CLUB ON MONDAY

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Will Elect New Officers on Monday.

The annual meeting of the Greater Medford club will be held next Monday afternoon in the Commercial club rooms at 3 o'clock. Aside from the election of officers and appointment of committees a vast amount of important business is to come before the club for consideration and a full attendance is requested.

EQUALIZATION BOARD TO MEET ALL NEXT WEEK

In Order to Give All Property Owners Chance to Look Over Assessment Meeting to Be Continued.

SUMMARY OF ROLL NOT YET COMPLETED

Now Is the Time to Visit Jacksonville and Make a Kick to Board.

During the next week the board of equalization of Jackson county will continue in session in Jacksonville for the purpose of hearing complaints regarding the assessment placed this year upon the different parcels of property in this county. This week a large number of adjustments have been made and the board takes this next week in addition to the one required by law in order to give property owners an opportunity to air their grievances.

A summary of the roll for this year has not as yet been completed. A vast amount of work has come up, which in spite of the fact that Assessor Grieve and his deputies have been hard at work, has kept them from completing the work until the first of the week.

So, if anyone has a kick, they have a chance during the coming week to register it and have their assessment equalized.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club during the past year have done a great and good work in Medford. They have taken steps which bid fair to secure for Medford a Carnegie library, and have raised the funds for the parking of an additional block next to the present city park on West Main street. Many other matters have been taken up by the ladies and pushed to a successful termination. In short, Medford owes much to the efforts of this club, and it is hoped that their usefulness will not diminish in the future.

FRANCHISE FOR TELEPHONE GIVEN TO SHARPE

City Council Votes to Give E. C. Sharpe the Right to Construct Telephone System in Medford.

TERMS OF FRANCHISE FAVORABLE TO CITY

Company Must Get Busy or Lose \$1000—Must Pay City 3 Per Cent of Receipts.

With only one dissenting vote, that of H. G. Wortman, the city council on Friday evening granted to E. C. Sharpe, his heirs, successors, executors or assigns, a franchise covering a period of ten years for a telephone system in the city of Medford. The matter was thoroughly threshed out by the council sitting as a committee of the whole, on Thursday afternoon.

The terms upon which the franchise was granted were most favorable to the city. Mr. Sharpe was required to deposit a certified check for \$1000, which is to be forfeited to the city if actual construction work is not started within four months from the date of franchise or if \$2500 is not expended on material or equipment within a period of the next six months. The system is to be in operation within 18 months.

One of the most favorable terms of the franchise is the section requiring Mr. Sharpe or his successors to pay to the city 3 per cent of the gross receipts of the company each year the system is in operation in this city, hence with the growth of the city and the institution of more telephones the revenue to the city will correspondingly increase.

The rates to be charged for telephones as provided by the franchise are the same now in force in the present system. With the installation of each additional thousand telephones a higher rate not to exceed 50 cents a month for each thousand phones may be put into effect.

The other terms of the franchise are those customarily enforced in all such grants. Mr. Sharpe states that a site will be secured and a building erected. He is backed by California capitalists. He states that he is in good faith and that he intends living up to all of his agreements. If he does not, the city treasury will be enriched by \$1000.

A \$3,000,000, seven-mile, 470-foot drop, tunnel on Snake river is projected. It will be worth an enormous sum when completed.

The good roads people of Oregon are going to spend \$4000 a year to help out the organization among farmers.

COMPANY IS ALREADY FORMED

At Next Meeting of City Council Allen Will Apply for Franchise—Will Also Apply in Other Cities of the Valley.

SOUTHERN OREGON RAILROADS COMPANY IS THE NEW CONCERN

Everything Is In Readiness for Work to Start as Soon as the Franchises Are Obtained.

COMPANY INCORPORATED FOR MILLION AND HALF

Left Orders for Papers of Incorporation to Be Drawn Before Recent Trip East.

John Roberts Allen, president of the Pacific & Eastern, will apply at the next meeting of the city council for a franchise in this city for an electric railroad. An application for a franchise will be made simultaneously in the other cities of the valley from Grants Pass to Ashland.

A company has already been incorporated for the purpose, and is known as "The Southern Oregon Railways." It is incorporated for \$1,500,000.

Mr. Allen states that his company is ready to get at work as soon as franchises are secured. Before leaving for his recent trip east Mr. Allen instructed his Portland agent, Franklin K. Griffith, to draw up incorporation papers. This has been done and the company incorporated.

HUNTERS DESTROY MUCH PROPERTY

Some hunter or hunters ambued with a spirit of sheer maliciousness have wrought a great amount of damage at the home of the alrBogM age at the home on the Barnburg place east of Medford. They have shot all the door knobs off the house, broken every window and sent bullet after bullet crashing through the wall of the house, causing considerable damage. The house has not been tenanted for some time, but was in good repair, there being nothing to induce a man to wreck it except a desire growing out of criminal mischievousness.

Will Stewart is looking for some trace of the offenders and should they be apprehended they will be taken to task for the offense.