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CRATER LAKE THE BEST CARD.

Of course the state exhibit at Ashland is a n excellent idea and we are for it, but we still maintain that the best bet for the Rogue River Valley lies in Crater Lake.

If Jackson county had a hard-surfaced or a smooth-surfaced low-grade boulevard to Crater Lake connecting with the new Pacific Highway we venture to say 50 per cent more people would stop off in the valley in 1915.

Every district in the west will have its alluring display at the depot and there will be an indigestion of displays at the exposition itself, but the Rogue River Valley alone will have Crater Lake. Medford cannot afford to overlook this natural wonder when a campaign to secure visitors two years from now is considered.—Medford Sun.

Ashland is with you, brother, on the Crater Lake suggestion. Crater Lake is one of the wonders of the world and the Rogue River Valley is fortunate in having it in such close proximity. It not only is a southern Oregon asset but one of the biggest state of Oregon assets; in fact, it is predominant as a world attraction in Oregon. It should and will be developed as a national and state attraction. Already the government has begun development in the park. The government and the state should combine in an appropriation large enough to construct a paved highway on a six per cent grade from the Rogue River Valley to Crater Lake. The state has shown a narrow disposition in the past in dealing with that marvelous attraction, but it was because Oregon had not yet become awakened to the broader view. If properly exploited Crater Lake holds the attractive power to bring more than a hundred thousand sightseers to the state each season that do not now come. Every town in the state would reap a benefit from that. Portland especially would have a chance to entertain every one of them, and it would be worth millions of dollars to Portland. Outside of the direct benefit to be derived from a state exhibit at Ashland the movement is worth millions to the state in bringing its people to a broader view of state development; in overcoming the local jealousies and narrow prejudices that have prevailed in the state in the past. It is a sure token of a brighter day for Oregon. She has the resources and scenic beauty to make her far more attractive than our sister state on the south. The question is, will we lay aside our local spite and capitalize our attractions wherever they exist and go in earnest into their best development? It is possible to get a combined state and national appropriation large enough to construct an attractive highway to the lake. Let's get together and do it.

WHO CAN VOTE.

Owing to the recent ruling of the attorney general on the new registration law there is some misunderstanding among voters as to registration. There is no registration needed for city elections under the charter and that none will be required is the opinion of City Attorney Moore. We give this word of admonition to the ladies: The ballot is a sacred right, under our form of government the greatest that can be bestowed on mankind; the men have had it since society began and it has been wielded by them with indifference; mostly in the interest of a party rather than for good government; and under this lax use of the ballot the evolution of government has been slow. Abuses that should have been corrected centuries ago still flourish. Laws protecting the home have been negligible; dollar diplomacy has ever taken precedence over moral right and social justice. Men have been taken away from their families by the state and incarcerated for long terms, without the least care on the part of the state for the innocent women and children who are thus deprived of the support of the husband and father. They have been left to beg

FIGHTING PEAR BLIGHT IN VALLEY

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to meet this situation, to protect those growers who have observed the law, and to protect the fruit industry as a whole, the district horticultural commissioner and the county court have authorized nine additional inspectors to serve for such time as the conditions demand.

The matter of equipping and maintaining a laboratory for the study primarily of a remedy for blight by the pathologist, as recommended by the conference committee, is deemed inexpedient, in view of the cost, the efforts that we are assured by the United States government are being made by the Department of Agriculture, and the work being done by state experiment stations, to find a remedy backed by the large resources at their command.

Your committee is strongly of the opinion that the situation permits of no temporizing, and that the fruit industry of this valley, especially pear growing, can be preserved only by willing co-operation of the growers and a strict observance of the law. We recommend your consulting the public officials in seeking advice, and your aiding them to discharge their duty efficiently.

A letter from the district horticultural commissioner is appended and it is commended to your careful attention.

Your committee will continue in force to meet future conditions, and subject to your commands until such time as its existence becomes unnecessary. In the meantime we solicit your cordial assistance to our mutual interest.

- Obediently,
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E. W. CARLTON, Sec'y.

Fruit Growers' Blight Committee,
Medford, Ore., Nov. 22, 1913.

Plans for the orchard clean-up campaign inaugurated by the fruit-growers in co-operation with the county court are outlined below by Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson. In conformity with this plan, nine additional inspectors have been authorized to be appointed by Chief Inspector Myers. Orchardists are expected to co-operate fully. Inspectors are not to cut out infected trees, but if orders are not obeyed, the orchard will be cut down and a lien placed on the land to cover the cost of work done. Mr. Carson's plan follows:

The following plan of action to eradicate the blight in the valley, I feel sure, will be successful with the loyal co-operation of all fruitgrowers of the valley. This plan I am confident is sustained legally in every detail by the horticultural laws that this emergency calls on me to enforce.

Additional Inspectors.

The county court to sanction County Fruit Inspector J. W. Myers to appoint nine additional deputies, which I will gladly certify.

Before these deputies are appointed County Inspector Myers is to examine them as to their knowledge and qualification to identify blight, and send their names to me to be certified as the law directs.

That all deputies are to be assigned to their work, and be subject to the orders of County Inspector J. W. Myers.

That in the inspection work each deputy must be diligent, and be on hand for work by 8 a. m. each day it is possible to work, and during these short days give eight hours each day to the work.

Tree to Tree Inspection.

That the deputy inspectors are to make a tree to tree inspection of each orchard as they go into it. That the deputies are to be provided with red ribbon flags of some cheap material that should be not less than two feet

or starve. The children have been allowed to grow up in ignorance and vice, only to develop into another crop of criminals. Laws for the protection of property have multiplied while evils that tear down humanity have been permitted to flourish. In enfranchising the women it was to be expected that their vote would always be on the side of social justice and protection. Now that the franchise has been granted it remains to be seen whether women will evince a greater interest in such enactments than men have done, and whether they will, as a class, exercise their great new prerogative in the interest of humanity. The women of Oregon are on trial. Will they show their earnestness by attending the polls on every occasion and cast their ballot in favor of clean government?

long and an inch or more wide. That when he finds a tree diseased with blight he is to tie said flag to a limb of the diseased tree, so that the owner can readily find it.

That the deputies are to teach the owners how to cut out the diseased parts of the tree, but is to do no cutting himself excepting to illustrate how to properly do it. That in the event a tree is found so badly diseased that there would be a risk to try to save it by cutting out the diseased parts the deputy will summarily condemn it and tie two red flags to the tree so condemned, and the owner must at his expense cut down and destroy the same within the time limited by the inspector.

That all owners of orchards on request of the deputies will give him a description of the land on which his orchard stands, section, township and range, together with fractional subdivisions of the same.

Serve Notice on Agent.

That when an inspection of an orchard is completed, and trees are found diseased with blight, the inspector or his deputy will serve a notice of disinfection on the agent, owner or lessee of said orchard. Said notice will contain the proper remedies and ways to eradicate the blight in the trees that are found diseased, specifying the time in which the owner must cut out and abate the same.

In the event any owner should ignore in any particular the details as to the abatement of the blight found in his orchard, or use anything for sterilizing the tools in cutting out the blight other than is mentioned in the notice of disinfection, then it will be the duty of the inspector or his deputies to summarily condemn said diseased trees, declaring them a public nuisance, and cut down and destroy them.

Lien Upon Orchard.

That in the event they have to

summarily condemn and destroy diseased trees in any orchard, whatever expense he may be to for labor in doing so, the inspector will make out a bill for the same and request payment for the same from the owner of the same. If payment is refused, the inspector will send said bill to me and I will certify the same to the court for payment as provided by law, when said payment by the court will become a lien on the land on which the diseased orchard stands.

After this campaign which I propose to prosecute vigorously ends, there will always be danger of blight breaking out again.

Up to the Owners.

It will be up to the owners of the orchards of Jackson county and all other counties of the Third district to be alert and personally inspect their orchards for blight, and on the first indication of twig blight to cut the same out, or else they are liable to lose many trees.

There is not an owner of an orchard in the Rogue River Valley but can identify blight, and it will be up to the owner to care for his interest and investment in his orchard, for, should I find a single grower neglecting his own interest, thereby endangering the property interest of his neighbor, I shall instruct and order every inspector to carry an ax, summarily condemn, and cut down and destroy the trees found diseased with blight germs.

The policy of blight eradication I have indicated above will be carried out to the letter. The apple and pear growers of the beautiful Rogue River Valley must not lose these valuable groves that only are coming into bearing and produced this year a million dollars. I am,

Cordially yours,
A. H. CARSON,
Commissioner Third District.

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