

Orchard Blooms Are Harbingers Of Good Season

Marion county's blossom fields are beginning to don fancy dress for the annual five million dollar fruit spectacle, Marion's fruit harvest.

Over in the Polk county hills and in orchards south and east of Salem, the first pink of the peach blossoming is beginning to show. Apricot buds are bursting into myriad clusters of pink and white, in every section of the county, while a few almond blossoms are hardy pioneers of the sheet of radiant bloom that will appear within a few days.

To augment this display of beauty, a few early varieties of cherries and hardy plums are beginning to put out delicate blossom sprays. Within a few days, cherry and pear will be in bloom, as the rapidly swelling buds indicate.

As these fields of springtime radiance take definite form and flash in to the dark green of near by woods or lighten the desolate brown of winter clad hills, the play of bloom and leaf will give a more definite pleasure to the hearts of Marion county fruit growers than any floating display of the Aurora Borealis or other similar transitional display.

Prune and cherry leaf buds are swelling and soon the green of hundreds of Willamette valley orchards will be augmented by the full April blossoming.

S. H. Von Trump, county fruit inspector, reports that in the major fruit section of the county orchards and all varieties of fruit trees are in normal condition.

C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Growers association, has received reports indicating that the blossom season will not be unduly retarded this year and that the time will be about normal, if not as early as in preceding seasons.

DEBATE SATURDAY

Willamette university's first inter-collegiate debate of the year will occur Saturday night when a dual debate will be held with College of Puget Sound of Tacoma, on the Mexican question. One of the debates will be held in the chapel in the First M. E. church, while the other team will make the trip to Tacoma.

Hardman union high school board of directors have called for bids for the construction of a modern high school building.

Public Forum

PLANTING URGED

Willamette valley and Marion county are fortunate in possessing an ideal climate. Marion county is essentially a city of homes. From the earliest settlement of this section some years ago down to the present time, the idea of making the city attractive to the home seeker has ever been kept in the foreground.

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Willamette valley and Marion county are amid the most artificial surrounding it is possible in hint at the beautiful valley which surrounds every city and is the source of its prosperity. Even among the tenements, a single geranium in a window box may keep alive the hope of freedom, prosperity and a life amid more beautiful surrounding. Thus every home in Marion county can connect itself with the greatest source of inspiration in western scenery, by preserving, restoring or repeating some phase of the valley. In the great work of fitting homes to the Marion county every one of us may have a part, for everyone may strive towards a permanent home surrounded by permanent native plants.

We can connect with the Oregon way by putting in our front yard at least one mass of shrubs native to Oregon. It will do little good to bawl the beauty that has been destroyed in Oregon. Let us save the beauty that is left. Here is a simple program that may help every reader decide what he can do for this great cause.

Save the trees on your home grounds. Locate the new house so as to save trees. Let every farmer save a few trees for shade and beauty, even if they do harm crops a little. For example, save some trees along the roadside, around the farmstead, near the barn and at least one tree in the permanent pasture.

Help to save the street trees. Take the trees out of politics and put them in charge of a public spirited citizen serving without pay. Help save roadside trees and shrubs. The one principle that everyone can apply is restoration. For example, take the two extreme cases of the people who have no money and those who have no land. The farm laborer goes to the woods, digs up an unknown bush or vine and plants it beside his tenant cottage. To him it may suggest the fatherland from which he has just come. Moreover, real beauty is there for everyone to see and enjoy. The country folk pause and think, life is not all corn and hogs to him.

On the other hand, the city merchant may have plenty of money, but not one foot of earth in front of his store. Let us assume that he is tired of the day when he is to shut up shop the country for a day's rest and change and while there an idea comes to him. He will have something more permanent and natural than window boxes. He will have an evergreen tree in tub, he sets them in front of his business place. To him they may remind him of the day when he is to shut up shop for good and retire to a country home. The passerby know nothing of all this but they are glad to see some sign of country beauty in the city. They say, life is not all dollars to that man.

The ordinary farmer has little time, labor or knowledge of design and ornamental plants, but he has two immense advantages. Plenty of room and a chance to collect wild shrubs and flowers.

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He can plant beside the public road a few native trees and some hardy shrubs and flowers that are native in Oregon. He can do all the above without any expense, except only labor. And city lot owners can hide some of the unsightly surroundings by planting Oregon grape, mountain spray, etc. He can frame the view of his home for example by a pair of Douglas fir, western arbor vitae. He can enclose the back yard with an irregular border of native shrubs in variety, instead of with an artificial. He can help tie the whole street into a park by persuading the neighbors to plant Oregon maple, alder, from one house to another. And such are the opportunities in the Willamette valley and Marion county, Oregon.

J. W. MARUNY.

Fellow Taxpayer: You are urgently requested to consider the proposed new millage tax measure placed on the ballot by the special session of the legislature, and the same to be voted on at the special election to be held on May 21st next.

The regular state tax levy made by the state tax commission in December requires 3.27 mills for all appropriations and millage authorized by law and is within the six per cent limitation enacted by the people. Within the six per cent annual increase fixed by constitution our state tax levies have averaged a little over three mills for the past ten years. To meet extraordinary war expenditures and deficits the legislature authorized a special levy of one and two tenths mills which was voted last year. The special session submitted to the people four new millage taxes that aggregate three and fifty seven hundredths mills. If all the proposed and already authorized millage taxes

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Regular levy on 1919 valuation for all state purposes 3.27 mills.
Special war millage tax at regular session 1.20 mills.
Millage taxes ordered on ballot at special session 3.57 mills.
Total state tax-levy proposed on 1919 valuation 8 mills.

The increase in the state levy from 3.27 mills to 8 mills means an increase in the amount of taxes collected this year of one hundred and forty eight per cent. The levy of 3.27 on an assessed valuation of \$9000,000,000 in round numbers raises about three million dollars for state revenue. The eight mill levy will raise about seven and a quarter million dollars state revenue.

You are respectfully urged to give consideration of these matters affecting the prosperity of our state, that they may be fully considered, as under our system of initiative and referendum final action is up to the citizen in his primary capacity and these additional burdens on the taxpayer can only be imposed with his

full knowledge and consent at the polls. One thing is certain if we allow these increased levies to go by default they will probably be fastened upon the state for all time to come.

ISADORE GREENABUM,
Secretary, Marion County Taxpayers League.

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