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Issues Letter Telling of Need to Clean Up Infected Trees in Back Yards.

(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 shopkeeper 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 miraculous effect upon their growth as have the orchards.

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 co-operate 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 menace to the fruitgrowing industry of the entire Rogue River valley.

A thorough inspection and eradication of diseased town lot orchards has been begun, and the entire force of county inspectors are at work in the city of Ashland. As soon as their work is completed there, they will in turn clean up Phoenix, Talent, Jacksonville, Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, Woodville, Eagle Point and other places. The same program will be carried out in Josephine county. The inspectors will enforce the horticultural statutes to the letter, and in this work they have back of them the state horticultural commission and the county courts. I hope that no one will plead ignorance of the law. Furthermore, there has been plenty of opportunity for everyone to get information on fruit diseases and how to eradicate them. The federal government as well as the state and county has made it very easy to get such information through



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literature which may be had for the asking. A federal officer has been stationed in the valley during the past two years in order to help those desirous of getting the very best information on every phase of fruit growing, and especially in the matter of eradicating pear blight. This letter has been prepared in order to give anyone a chance to clean up before the inspectors come. I wish to assure every delinquent that it will be much cheaper to have this work done themselves than to wait for a county officer to do it for him. A much neater job of eradication may be done by the owner himself than by an officer of the law who has little time for nice work. It is not the work of an inspector to cut out blight, but rather to instruct. You would hardly expect the county to pay men to do the actual work of cleaning up your orchards? It is the inspector's place to order this work done at your expense if you do not see fit to do it yourself. The fruit interests of the valley are dependent upon you for co-operation, and they are asking no more of you than is just. Clean up your back lot orchard and help to boost the Rogue River valley.

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Dramatic Entertainment a Success.

The entertainment given by Mrs. Gunnell's pupils Tuesday evening was one of the merriest occasions for some time. "A Box of Monkeys" kept the audience in a perpetual gale of merriment, by no means suppressed, for the frequent way it burst into vigorous applause showed how complete and spontaneous was the appreciation. The dignified Mrs. Ondegoo Jones was charmingly impersonated by Miss Ella Savage, whose perfect poise and grace and artful airs of the society lady won her much admiration. Miss Merle Caldwell was made for her part, the breezy Western girl. She possesses the true snap to do full justice to the role. Ralph Looney, the bashful boy, evoked continuous laughter, as also did Miss LaCosta Mangum in the role of the English girl attempting to acquire the fascinating charms of the American type. Lester Coburn surprised his many friends by the remarkable versatility he showed in taking so completely his many parts. He was equally at home as the Western mining man, the English butler, the villain and the old man of the charade.

What the "Bachelor Malds" lacked in humorous situations and action, it made up in its pleasing picturesqueness and in the skill with which it was done. Great adroitness had been displayed in the selection of girls for the parts. Miss Caldwell was again the breezy type, the loquacious advertisement writer. Miss Gladys Archer's impersonation of the business-like college settlement worker, and Miss Savage's of the serious nurse were all that could be asked. The center of interest was naturally in the character of Beatrice Sinclair, which part was perfectly sustained by Miss Hazel Smith in what was, undoubtedly, the most difficult role. A pretty touch of color was given to the whole by the clever impersonation of Miss Pauline Coc as Golden Lillies, the little Japanese maid.

The two shorter readings were much enjoyed. Miss Mangum's most artistic work is her darky dialect. Little Dorris Caldwell in "Brer Rabbit" was charming and won an encore from the delighted audience. Never has the orchestra played more sympathetically than

on this occasion, and Mr. VanDyke in "Happy Days" was also at his best.

To those who are following the progress of Mrs. Gunnell's pupils, the most enjoyable feature of the evening was noting the great improvement they have made since their first appearance a year ago. This was very evident throughout the entire program, and is the result of hard, untiring effort on the part both of the class and its director. We congratulate all upon their success.

Financially the entertainment went far beyond expectations. The public will be glad to know Mrs. Gunnell expects to put on other such entertainments during the winter.

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Pickett Creek Development.

Lon Martin, of Pickett Creek, was in town on Tuesday and made an interesting talk on the wonderful developments going on in his locality. He believes that Pickett creek will be one of the best mining camps within a few years. He is developing a property there and he is encouraged with the prospects. He has driven a tunnel in the mountain side following a cross lead. When the regular lead is reached he will follow that and by this means reach a much greater depth in the mountain. It is largely copper with some gold and he hopes within a reasonable time to uncover a considerable amount of paying ore. It is true that Pickett creek is being much talked of and it is not impossible that the camp will turn out as well as Mr. Martin thinks.

There will be many articles suitable for Christmas gifts on sale at the M. E. bazaar December 3.

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