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## CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN.

State Horticultural Commissioner Carson voices the opinion of every progressive citizen in his desire that the county court of Jackson county make ample appropriation to continue the fight against orchard pests and render Professor O'Gara all possible assistance in the campaign to clean up the orchards.

Mr. Carson hits the nail on the head when he says: "The fruit industry of Jackson county is now too large to be abandoned, and a policy of economy is equal to a virtual abandonment of the orchards unless every pear blight germ in the county is destroyed."

It is inconceivable that the county commissioners will not heed the demands of the county's principal industry and furnish all the funds needed. In this connection, a special levy for this purpose would be good policy.

Professor O'Gara's campaign against blight may be compared to the government's campaign against bubonic plague in San Francisco. It is thorough and sweeping and only by such a campaign can a plague, whether it threatens humanity or orchards, be stamped out. The first cost will necessarily be heavy, but the end justifies any expenditure, for the warfare has been so successful up to date as to prove the fact that blight in the Rogue River valley can be controlled and probably eliminated.

## CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL.

The State Horticultural society has been regarded locally and with some grounds as a Hood River and Willamette valley annex. Hence the Rogue River growers have been conspicuous by their absence.

The time has come, however, when Rogue River should participate in the proceedings of every horticultural gathering in the entire west, and exhibit at every fruit show. The Rogue River valley has the largest planted orchard area of any section of Oregon, and its co-operation is essential to the complete success of the industry. Oregon cannot afford to ignore the Rogue River, nor the Rogue River Oregon.

As the banner pear section of the northwest, and of the nation, and as the producer of the finest apples grown, Rogue River growers must henceforth take advantage of every opportunity to push their fruit and advertise their products. Self interest, if nothing else, demands it.

Attention is called to the letter published elsewhere from President Atwell of the State Horticultural society, inviting the co-operation of Rogue River valley growers, and it is to be hoped that local orchardists will respond, and make the society what it should be, representative of the entire state, thus securing publicity for its greatest fruit belt.

## GOOD GOVERNMENT.

A public official that renders faithful, efficient service for his constituents and sacrifices many hours of his time for the public good without a penny of recompense is a rarity in any city. When with faithfulness is combined progressiveness and alertness for public good, one has found nearly the ideal public servant—let his personality be what it may.

Medford has been fortunate during the past year in having this type of men in office. For almost the first time, complete harmony has reigned in the city administration, with the result that an enormous amount of work has been accomplished, and a program of public improvement been carried out never before attempted in a city the size of Medford.

For the good of the city in general it is to be hoped that the present councilmen will be unanimously re-elected, that no chance may be taken of introducing an element of discord, or of blocking the wheels of progress.

It will be hard to explain the candidacy of opponents, if any there be. Why, when the interests both of the city and the ward, are being looked after so well, should anyone desire the thankless task?

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN FROM THEIR BISHOP

Someone describes a family which consisted of a mother and two children. Hearing—as she thought—the footsteps of her favorite, the mother called out, "Is that you, darling?" She received the reply, "No, mother, it's only me." In our Heavenly Father's family, dear children, there is no such thing as favoritism; and when God told his angel to say to the shepherds, on the first Christmas morning, "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," He meant that joyful message to sound all down the ages until reached your ears. He is your Saviour, wholly yours, just as much as if there were no one else in all the world. This should make you very, very happy, and joyful; for He is your best Christmas gift. The little baby born in Bethlehem was not merely a local Jesus, but "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Our dear Lord Jesus was not merely the Son of a Virgin of Palestine. He was the Son of Man, the perfect Son of Humanity for all ages. In a very real sense you may see that glad and happy child as truly as the shepherds saw Him. "How can this be?" do you say? He has told you, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Our blessed Lord promises to all who are pure in heart that they shall see Him now, in the time of this mortal life, not once in a lifetime, but as long as life shall last. Pray and strive for purity of heart; be simple, be natural, be yourself, and take your Saviour at His word; and you will have the merriest Christmas a child of God can have. Lovingly,  
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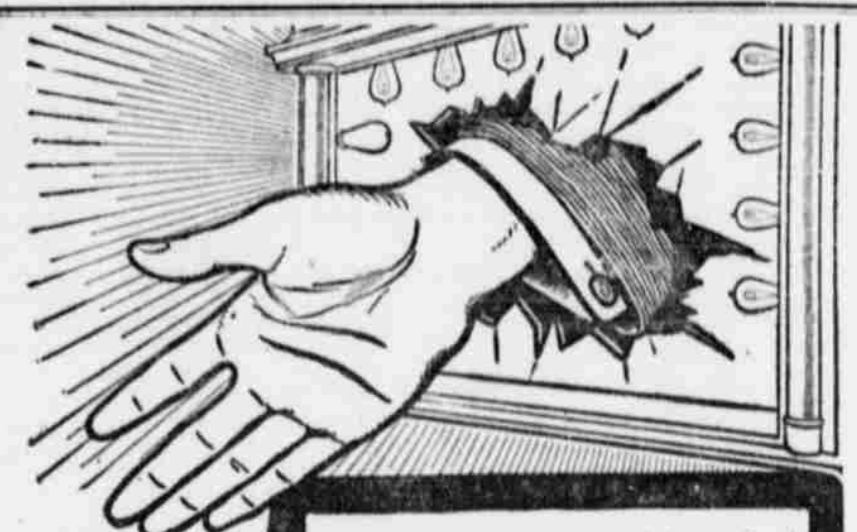
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