

WISH COOPERATION OF ROGUE VALLEY

Frank W. Power Writes That Rogue River Valley Should Aid in All State Exhibits of Horticultural Products.

Portland, Or., Jan. 4.
To the Editor:

I read with great appreciation your editorial in the issue of 23d stating that Rogue river was ready to cooperate with other parts of the state in making our next meeting an all-state exhibit and not a local one.

I was very sorry in earlier issues to learn that your section thought it had been slighted at the last meeting. When I was elected secretary last year it was my desire to make this society a state one, not only in name, but in fact, and with that purpose in view we did raise about the largest premium list ever offered at a meeting of the society.

Special Prizes.

Contrary to usual custom, we offered special prizes on various sections, including two special premiums of \$25 per box for Rogue River (the largest prizes per box offered in any section of the state), together with a number of premiums that could be competed for by all sections. We also digressed from the usual order of things by offering prizes on vegetables in the hope of making it an all-state affair. The cold weather interfered somewhat with our plans, but still we had a very creditable exhibit.

I will admit that our premium lists were not mailed early enough, but we mailed them as soon as we had the money pledged, in fact, received three premiums after it was mailed. This delay was probably my fault, as money should have been secured earlier, but as the officers work without compensation I could not well afford to leave my personal business and go out after funds earlier, and there was absolutely no assistance in raising the funds except by the president and secretary. The programs were also mailed at least a week too late, but we withheld publication, waiting to hear from parties in Rogue river stating whether they could prepare a paper on pear growing in Rogue River valley, as we wished that industry represented, especially as we print the proceedings this year.

Troublesome Feature.
Another troublesome feature to the secretary was in getting notices to growers, as there were so few that were members in some of our best fruit sections that we had no mailing list worthy of the name from these sections. We appealed to the various commercial organizations to help us out and received great assistance from the press throughout the state. The Portland Commercial club mailed over 225 of the premium lists and the same number of programs, sending one to each commercial organization in the state and one to every newspaper on their mailing list. This gave our meeting this year much more publicity than we had ever before secured.

I wrote and mailed lists to about a dozen commercial organizations in the fruit sections, also to the winners of prizes at the Albany and Hood River apple shows; also to the Oregon winners at the Spokane apple show, asking them to exhibit. These lists were sent in addition to mailing one to each party who had been a member at any time during the past three years, as shown by printed list and membership list for last year.

Heavy Membership.

We should have at least 1500 to 2500 members in this state in place of less than 200 paid-up members, as will be shown on our printed proceedings which we are now getting ready for publication, and it will not make a very creditable showing when these are mailed to eastern societies where membership is much larger even in states growing but little fruit. We should have at least 500 members in Rogue River valley. If we had a large membership it would enable us to offer much larger premiums, as we would have the funds from which these premiums could be drawn, in place of depending entirely upon the liberality of the Portland business men.

I would also be pleased to receive any suggestions for next year from growers in every section of the state that they may have to offer whereby they think our program or exhibit could be improved.

One point that should be fully discussed is the time of meeting, which was changed at our last meeting to the second Wednesday in December, in place of holding it on the third Wednesday in November, as suggested by the officers. What date would best suit the growers in your section? I am certain that Decem-

Entire World Regrets the Passing of Cardinal Satolli



Cardinal Satolli, who died recently in Rome, was one of the most brilliant men I have ever met," states Father Van Clarenbeek, of the local Catholic church, "and was probably without a peer as a Latin student. I remember meeting him once with a company of priests and for an hour he charmed us with the fluency and perfection of his Latin. He was a very able man."

When the cables first brought the news of the cardinal's illness and later that of his death there was general mourning throughout the United States, for the famous prelate made

GOLD HILL ITEMS.

(By Spectator.)
Friends here were shocked Sunday to hear of the death of the estimable and respected lady, Mrs. Emily Pankey Birch, of Sam's Valley, at her late residence in Sam's Valley. She was attacked with a slight stroke of paralysis just one week before her death, which occurred Sunday evening. The attack became acute and grew worse until she succumbed. The deceased was born on the old home of her father, the late James Pankey, June 20, 1863, where she has resided all her life, excepting two years she resided with her husband, Robert Birch, in California. She and Mr. Birch were married three years ago last Christmas in this county, and soon after left to engage in mining in the Sacramento valley. They returned to the old home last year to reside. Her father, the late James Pankey, came to Oregon from Illinois in 1853, settling in Polk county, and came to this county in 1859 and settled on this estate, where he and his wife resided till their death several years ago. On their death, Mrs. Birch acquired the old homestead.

She leaves two brothers and two sisters—Louis Pankey of Ashland, Thomas Pankey of Sam's Valley, Mrs. James Frodenburg of Sam's Valley and Mrs. J. N. Smith of Central Point. Interment was made January 11, at Sam's Valley, Rev. Frodenburg of that place officiating.

AUTHORITIES OF SCHOOLS CHECK CIGARETTE SMOKING
SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—To check the growing cigarette habit among the schoolboys of Seattle, the board of education has detailed a special officer for the sole purpose of detecting the smokers and prosecuting dealers caught selling cigarettes and "de makins" to the youngsters. In many instances where boys have been found backward in their studies, the trouble has been traced to cigarettes. In fact, it is now being urged that a special school be established, where victims of the cigarette habit can obtain instruction and freedom from their enslavement.

ber is too late to make a good exhibit of pears, and many years will be too late for apples, as was the case this year, when many of the best apples had been shipped east before our meeting.

Next year we hope to at least double our premium list and to have exhibits from every fruit section in the state; also to increase our membership at least fourfold. We have a very fine showing of life members, but not nearly enough annual members. I know that with your assistance we can accomplish much in the Rogue River valley.
FRANK W. POWER.

EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS.

Owen Dunlap of Phoenix was visiting in Talent last Saturday. Miss N. B. Towne, deputy county clerk, came out to Phoenix last Sunday and was a guest at the pleasant home of Miss Nellie Reams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hartley were attending church at Phoenix last Sunday.

Miss Nellie Reams of West Talent was a Phoenix visitor last Saturday. Mrs. W. S. Stancliff of North Talent was attending church and calling on friends in Phoenix Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Fern of Fern Valley was doing trading with Talent merchants.

Miss Clara Allen of North Talent was calling on friends in Phoenix last Saturday afternoon.

Misses Lettie and Mary Stancliff were calling on their old friend, Mrs. Harry Cash (nee Copeland) at the home of her mother in North Talent last Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Cash (nee Copeland), whose parents live in North Talent, returned to her home in Shasta valley last Friday, after spending the holidays with her parents.

V. A. Dunlap of Talent has gone to Southern California for the benefit of his health. Mr. Dunlap has been in poor health for the past three years and change of climate has been recommended.

Emil Houston and family of Coleman creek was visiting relatives in North Talent last Sunday.

The family of Ira Dunlan of Phoenix is under quarantine for scarlet fever. Mr. Dunlan is not permitted to be in his blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clemens of Griffin creek went down to Central Point last Saturday to visit Mr. Clemens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemens.

The old hotel known as the Lavenburg, in Phoenix, many years ago is being remodeled for a city hall. This was once a place noted for good meals and genial hospitality, when Gossburg was the miners' trading post.

Word has been received in Phoenix that Miss Mary E. Critchlow, who was well and favorably known in Phoenix and Medford, died recently in Salt Lake City. Miss Critchlow had been in poor health the past two years, having undergone an operation for appendicitis some time ago.

Notice.

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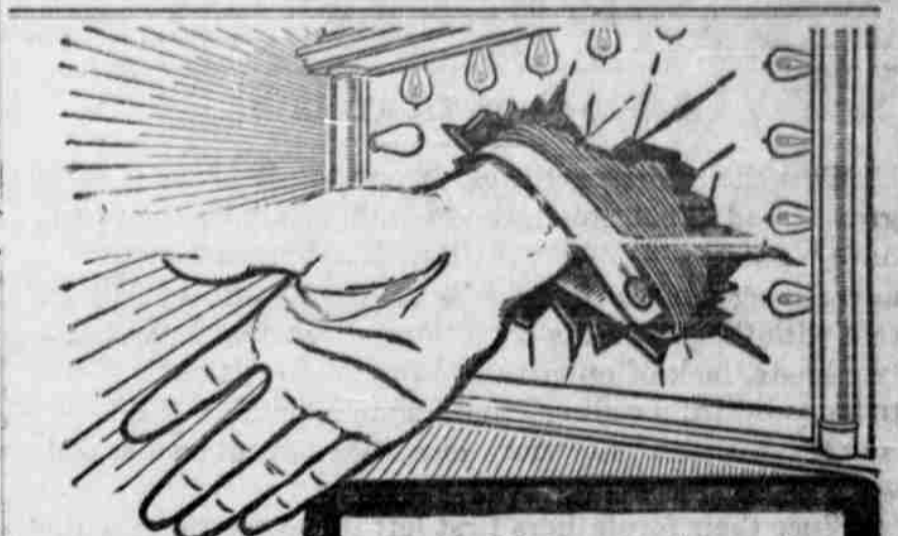
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