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O'GARA THANKED FOR BLIGHT STORY

Pathologist's Efforts Appreciated by Community—Minnesota Man Assures Him Elm Trees East Suffered From Pear Blight.

Professor P. J. O'Gara has been receiving the thanks of the orchardists of the valley for his preparation of the article on pear blight which was recently run in the Mail Tribune as a serial. A great number of local fruit growers have called upon him and have generally expressed their gratitude in being able to get hold of a comprehensive article on this disease.

With one exception the growers have accepted the professor's articles without question. However, one man called upon Professor O'Gara Saturday afternoon to tell him that he was mistaken. He assured the professor that the elm trees of Minnesota were often attacked by the pear blight and that he knew it.

"But, my dear sir," answered the professor with an air of one who knows what he is talking about, "I am forced to believe that you are mistaken. Scientific proof demands that in proving the cause of a fungus or bacterial disease a person must have isolated the organism and then produced infection by artificial inoculation from pure culture of the organism. Then after producing infection he must be able to isolate the original organism which was formed in the original natural infection."

"Well—er—er, I didn't do that, you know," exclaimed the man, who fled hurriedly down the stairs before the professor's stream of angular scientific terms. He'll probably read up before he tells the professor that he is wrong again.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TO BE IN THE ASSEMBLY

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 28.—F. E. Alley today issued a call for a gathering of Douglas County Republicans to select delegates to the Oregon Republican assembly, to be held at Portland. The meeting will be held June 4. Precinct caucuses will be held throughout the country early next week and it is expected that a full county representation will be in evidence at the county assembly.

Until recently there has appeared more or less opposition to the assembly plan, but this sentiment is gradually changing and party leaders believe that the adoption of the assembly will eventually be the means of uniting the Republican factions in this county.

Haskins for Health.

THREE BENEFIT OPERAS NEXT

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Continue Campaign to Raise Money for Civic Improvement—Fra Diavola, Bohemian Girl, and Martha.

The next thing on the program of the ladies of the Greater Medford club in their campaign to raise money for the civic improvement will be the presentation of three operas, the first of which will be on June 7. The operas to be given will be "The Bohemian Girl," "Fra Diavola" and "Martha."

The casts will be announced later, but it is hoped to include James Stevens, the noted baritone, who is expected in Medford soon.

The cast for "Fra Diavola" will be Diavolo, George Andrews; Lorenzo, Henri Gunson; All Cash, A. Burgess; Beppo, Ed Andrews; Giacomo, Quiz; Matteo, Will Burgess; Roberta, Enid Hamilton; Zerlina, Mrs. Ed Andrews; Lady All Cash, Edna Elfert.

The cast for the "Bohemian Girl" will be:

Count Arnheim, George Andrews; Haddeo, Henri Gunson; Develshoof, Frank Burgess; Arline, Nellie Hazelrigg; Queen, Mrs. Ed Andrews.

The chorus girls will be:

Enid Hamilton, Edna Elfert, Lulu Porter, Inez Hoyt Van Dyke, Mabel Kent Rothermel, Mrs. Art Burgess, Mrs. Quisenberry, Mrs. Jessie Barnum, Mrs. Bodoe, Miss Clara Wood, Miss Blanche Wood, Miss Eula Jacobs, Mrs. Fred Colvig, Miss Louisa Aldenhagen.

The chorus men will be: Messrs. Colvig, Muller, Payette, Gregory, Rothermel, Walt, Lawrence, Whitting, O'Brien, Daniels and Johnson.

NEW PHONE LINE IS NEARING COMPLETION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 28.—The Oregon Independent Telephone Company, recently incorporated for service in this country, began work today on a telephone exchange building in Medford. The wire has been ordered for the line from Midland to Klamath Falls and Edward A. King is in San Francisco securing linemen.

Contracts have been let for several thousand poles. From this city the main line is to run to Midland and from there to Merrill, 22 miles south, where the council has been asked for a franchise. From Merrill it will be run to Lakeview, where the company says it will have an exchange in operation within ninety days.

Plans have been drawn for a \$6000 headquarters building here. The line lacks only 17 miles of being completed to Ashland.

JACKSONVILLE AND VICINITY.

(By An Observer.)

Miss Grace Raypholtz has returned home after teaching a successful nine months' school in Central Point. The pupils of our high school and upper grades are giving an entertainment which will last three evenings. They hope to realize a neat sum, as the proceeds will go towards paying for a piano.

Mrs. E. J. Roberts and daughter, Mrs. L. O. Van Wegen, made a business trip to Central Point on Thursday of this week, and as they met a number of old friends and neighbors, whom they had not seen for some time, they felt as if they had combined pleasure with business. They were much surprised and pleased to note that Central Point had become a bustling, thriving little burg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pankey spent Sunday with relatives in Central Point.

Mrs. J. Nunan has recovered

from the severe fall she got about a month ago.

Mrs. Jason Hartman had the misfortune to cut her hand very severely one day this week.

Mrs. Terry Byrne of Applegate was the guest of Mrs. Eugene Thompson over Sunday. She expects to visit a few days with her daughters in Medford before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roberts and little son were guests of Mrs. E. J. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Van Wegen last Sunday.

George Ford of Central Point marble works, was over our way one day this week. Mr. Lambert is furnishing him fine base rocks from his quarry.

Some of our farmers and orchard men are needing help very badly. Why don't some of the weary Willies from town come out and get busy.

Miss Nellie Perry left yesterday for a visit with her aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Gall, of Big Sticky. She will also visit other

relatives and friends while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conger were guests at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Raypholtz last Sunday.

The party of young people who were camped on the Rainsford place picking strawberries, have returned

home, not so rich in filthy lucre as in experience. They report having had a jolly time.

Mr. Downing took a whole load of Jacksonville people to Medford, Saturday night to attend one of Dr. Oliver's meetings.

Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Roundtree.

Ball game today at 2:30 and tomorrow at 3.

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