

ROGUE APPLES MAKE BIG HIT

Professor P. J. O'Gara Receives Letter From Secretary of Congressman Maguire Highly Praising the Fruit.

Prof. P. J. O'Gara has been "trying out" the excellency of the Rogue river apples again. This time he has tried them on Congressman McGuire and his private secretary, Mr. Whelan. Mr. McGuire is a member of the committee on agriculture in the house of representatives at Washington, D. C., and Mr. O'Gara asked that these gentlemen give him an honest, uncolored statement as to what they thought of the apples and the condition in which they arrived. The apples were Newtowns and Spitzenbergs and were grown and packed by A. Conro Fiero. Below is an acknowledgment of one of the boxes:

Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 28, 1911.
Prof. P. J. O'Gara,
Medford, Oregon.

Dear Friend O'Gara: I received your letter some days ago in which you indicated that you had sent by express to myself and Congressman Maguire some Rogue river apples. I am more than delighted to report that you have made good. The two boxes were delivered yesterday November 27th, and I am taking care of Mr. Maguire's box until he comes.

You wanted me to report as to conditions of fruit upon its arrival. We opened on boxes on the side and thus were able to inspect the apples in each layer from top to bottom. With the exception of a very few bruises shown by apples lying next to the outside of the box, the apples were in splendid condition. No words that I could use in describing the beauty and flavor of these apples could be charged up against me as flattery or exaggeration. This shipment has been, indeed, a splendid test of the fruit. We certainly do appreciate your kindness in sending it to us. I had some of the apples baked for my dinner today, and I am ready to testify that I never before tasted such fruit.

We saw the beautiful Rogue river valley when this fruit was setting and now we are permitted through your kindness to actually have upon our own table the best of Rogue river apples.

The literature enclosed was also a compliment to your men and yourself; we cannot find that anything in it has been overdrawn. The large booklet is a new one gotten out by the commercial club of your city and one which I had not seen before. It is certainly the very finest piece of work I have ever seen anywhere along this line.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and assuring you as to the magnificent quality of Rogue river fruit, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. M. WHELAN,
Private Secretary to Congressman J. A. Maguire.

THE BONDING METHOD St. Helens Dist.

The people of Jackson county voted of \$1,500,000 bonds for the purpose of making roads in their county and the circuit court upheld the issue. If the supreme court sustains the circuit court the question of good roads is pretty well settled. All the talk of a highway commissioner and road experts with "advisory control" and drawing salaries ranging in amounts from \$2400 to \$5000 per year and with nothing to do but give advice seems to be useless. If a county can vote bonds in any sum necessary to build roads and build them all at once without having to build a mile one year and another mile the next year, and in such manner as will make the roads permanent, what is the use of all this so-called good road legislation?

Columbia county has many miles of good roads, perhaps as good as any in the state, yet there could be inaugurated a system, if the money was all on hand, whereby the entire county could be connected with roads that would be in good condition at all times of the year for heavy teaming. In round numbers, this county spent in 1910 for roads and bridges the sum of \$100,000 and considerably more in 1911. Of course we have some first class roads as well as starters for some more, also a few first-class steel and concrete bridges but the roads are disconnected, by reason of one district voting a special tax and the adjoining one failing to do so, while if the money could all be on hand and under one head to be used for making permanent roads in every district, and every district paying its proportionate share of the bonds and interest, what grand roads we could have and at a cost that

WOMAN OF MYSTERY SOUGHT BY POLICE



Four officers of the Columbian-Sterling Publishing company, a New York concern recently raided by federal authorities, are behind prison bars charged with selling stocks of the company which have since proved valueless. Brinton Haynes, another officer of the defunct \$4,000,000 company, is missing and with him is supposed to be a woman, whose identity is a mystery and who is also wanted by the authorities. A photograph of this woman of mystery, a copy of which is herewith presented, was found on the wall of Haynes' office in New York. The police hope to identify the woman by means of this photograph.



Mr. Clinton Textor left Friday for San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. M. Purdin entertained the Sewing Club this week. The guests were Mesdames Badger, Root, Carey and Daniels.

Mr. Wm. R. Clawson and Miss Jeannette Parrott were married December 5th by the Rev. W. F. Shields at the Presbyterian manse.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church met with Mrs. S. S. Smith Wednesday afternoon when four new members were added.

Rev. D. D. Boyle, the new minister of the Christian church will preach Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Schmidt is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. A. W. Clark and daughter have returned from a visit in Roseburg.

Miss Mable Wilson returned to Glendale Monday after a visit in Medford. She will resume her teaching there.

Mrs. W. H. Merrill who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Baumbach, left for her home in North Dakota last week.

Mr. Roy E. McCrite of Walla Walla, Wash., is visiting relatives here.

Dr. Henry Hart left Thursday for Quincy, Ill., where he will spend the holidays, returning in January with Mrs. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stephenson left Thursday for California where they will remain for several months.

Dr. J. F. Reddy left for Portland on a short trip Tuesday.

Miss Ada Reynolds returned Monday to her home in Brownsville, Ore. after visiting relatives here.

Col. F. L. Tou Velle is spending the week in Portland.

Miss Katherine Dunham of Roseburg returned home Monday. She was the guest of her brother, Prof. R. V. Dunham while here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Childers are receiving congratulations of the birth of a son December 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Corey Watson left Monday for California where they will remain for the winter.

Miss Blanche Wood returned Sunday from Oakland, California, where she made an extended visit.

It would not exceed the present cost. Then we who are living now could also get some benefit of these conditions and not leave it for future generations.

REVERENCE

From the Mid-Week Sermon of Rev. Eldridge.

Reverence is based on humility and insight, and is therefore the condition of all true progress. It is the belief that there are things in the world sacred, and hence worthy to be treated with appreciative consideration. The universal practice of reverence would fill the world with truth, purity and kindness, and would react upon each of us in a sweet seriousness that would give poise to life and fill us with a sunny optimism, whether the day is gray or golden. The reverent man believes in the greatness of things and grows great himself by a proper adjustment of his own life to them.

It would be hard to portray the darkness of a world in which there was no reverence. Happiness would be impossible, for there could be no friendships upon which to build it and no values out of which it might spring.

In a world without reverence all ethical values and forces would cease to exist in the minds of men. The good would not be worth while, and the esteem of mankind would be a negligible quantity, if not a contemptuous gratuity. No life would be safe, no character could be held sacred enough to keep it unstained by the foul breath of aspersion, and no home dear enough to prevent the designs of despoiler. Children would neglect their parents and when undisciplined desire or temper were aroused hold them in scorn and fall upon them with cruel words and harsh acts. In the political world would be anarchy; in philosophy, the suicide of all thought; in social life, rapine and lust; in the commercial sphere, selfishness and dishonesty; it would render religion a nonentity, and science would be impossible, for it is only the eye of reverence that sees the depth and greatness and mystery of the universe in which our lot is cast.

No people is so surely doomed as that which withholds honor from those to whom it is due. In a land where reverence dwells people are encouraged to every fine deed of heroic self-sacrifice. The deepest instinct of our souls answers to the word of the Master, who said "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs; neither cast ye your pearls before swine."

Lack of reverence is limitation of personality. It is the death of all those sentiments that adorn individual and national life and make it bloom forth with graces that charm and impress. Macaulay says, "No people who fail to take pride in the deeds of their ancestors will ever do anything in which their posterity can take pride." When we lose our sense of the worth of the past and the wealth of ideas, institutions, and properties it has bequeathed us we make light of the travail of the ages and ourselves to pitiful mediocrity of heart and mind. History makes us hope. That certain errors in philosophy, religion and ethics have survived need not be denied. Reverence does not demand that we accept all indiscriminately. On the contrary, it leads us to strive to eliminate that which is wrong. The most reverent mind is the keenest mind. But it is no iconoclast. It does not attempt to pull the mote out of the eye with red-hot pinchers. All ages are bound together, all people are interdependent, and the immovable background of life's realities is the Eternal God. A true gentleman will always respect the feelings of another and to be patient even when there is grave fault and ignorance. This does not give mistakes a perpetual franchise, but it does endeavor to correct them by growth, light and love. Railing and ribaldry are not only ungenerous but absolute folly. In all the world there is no one so wretched as he who does not know how to look up and adore. He is color blind in a world of matchless pictures and heavenly glories. Religion has always been the refuge of the human race and the inviolable condition of progress because its heart is reverence—reverence for God and man. A heart without reverence is a withered heart. It is a dark life that has no sanctities, and a dangerous world that has no sanctuaries.

NOTED ENGLISHMAN LEAVES A CURIOUS WILL

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Colonel Thomas Miles Sandys of Graythwaite hall, Ulverston, a member of the house of commons, who died last August, has left an estate worth \$3,656,000 and a curious will.

No person being or becoming a Roman Catholic, or marrying one, shall succeed to the Graythwaite hall estate, and in the event of such a person being in line of succession the estate would pass on as if such person were dead. To impress this provision upon his successors, he requested that this portion of his will

be read in family conclave at Graythwaite hall once a year on the anniversary of his death. Colonel Sandys evidently feared premature burial, for he directed that after his supposed death a surgeon should open an artery in his arm. He further asked that the lid of his coffin should not be closed until his body showed signs of putrefaction.

The classified ads would be the dullest possible "reading matter" for a person who might have no aim or purpose in mind. But to folks with purposes, aims, desires, quests—they are the most interesting "reading" in town!

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