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FORM CO-OPERATIVE AGENCY

Fruit Growers of Northwest take Step to Market Fruit.

Spokane, Dec. 16.—Fruitgrowers of the northwest, who met in conference here today, took steps to form a co-operative fruit selling association which will market a large part of the fruit grown in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. A committee of nine growers, one from each of the principal districts, was appointed to organize the selling agency.

The stand taken by the conference is that co-operation in marketing and distribution is necessary to insure a fair price to the producer and to enable the consumer to obtain fruit at such prices as will insure a large tonnage. The conference declared that a large tonnage was necessary to insure the existence of the producing districts and that this could be obtained only through bringing the factors controlling the majority of the needed tonnage into one organization.

The conference decided upon Spokane as the headquarters of the agency. The following districts were represented on the committee, which began work immediately:

Wenatchee, Was.; North Yakima, Wash.; Hood River, Or.; Walla Walla Wash.; Spokane valley; Bitter Root, Mont.; Rogue River, Or.; South Idaho district and North Idaho district.

When the association has been incorporated existing organizations in the states affected will be urged to join.

W. T. Clark of Wenatchee was made permanent chairman of the organization committee and H. C. Sampson of Spokane, secretary.

The plans outlined to the committee will be submitted to each district for ratification.

TURKS MUST HEAR GREECE

Persistent Refusal Will Mean End of Turkey in Europe.

London, Dec. 18.—The peace plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies came together in informal meetings today to decide on their plan of action should Turkey decline to raise her boycott of the Hellenic delegates unless Greece signs the armistice.

The allies in the course of yesterday's meeting of the peace conference at St. James Palace made it quite clear that they would not enter into negotia-

tions without Greece being allowed to participate and Dr. S. Daneff, the leader of the Bulgarian delegation, is quoted as saying:

"If on Thursday the reply of the Ottoman delegates is not satisfactory we will break off negotiations and meet again at the Tchataldja lines. That will be the end of Turkey in Europe." The consensus of opinion here is that the present obstacle will be surmounted by the delegates and that the real danger point will be over the future possession of the fortress of Adrianople.

As far as can be seen at present, only mediation by an outside power can solve this problem.

Servia took an important step in the declaration of peace today by intimating her willingness to leave the matter of an outlet on the Adriatic Sea entirely in the hands of the great European powers.

In announcing the decision of the Servian government to take this step, the head of the Servian peace delegation added that Servia's attitude was a perfectly moderate one and that relying on the justice of her claim and the sympathies of the European governments, she had decided to take the course indicated.

In regard to the tension between Austria-Hungary and Servia, it is generally expected that direct negotiations between those two nations will begin immediately. These will take the form of conferences between the Austrian Foreign Minister and M. Jovanovitch, the newly-appointed Servian Minister at Vienna, and the object aimed at will be the realization of the mutual desire of the two countries for clearing up the situation and the removal of misunderstanding.

OBITUARY

Mrs. John F. Miller Died Early Wednesday Morning.

Mrs. Mabel T. Miller, wife of John F. Miller, wife of John F. Miller, died at the family residence in this city, Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 1:00 a. m.

Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Prim and was born in this city May 30, 1883. Besides her father and mother, she is survived by her husband, a son, John, nine years of age, two sisters and a brother. Mrs. Miller was recently appointed postmistress of this city, and leaves a host of friends who sincerely sympathize with the stricken family in their great loss.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Paul S. Bandy were held from the family residence on Friday, Dec. 20, at 2 P. M. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

SINGLER APPOINTS DEPUTIES

W. R. Coleman and H. O. Burgess Will Hold Jobs in Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff-elect August Singler this week announced the appointment of W. R. Coleman and H. O. Burgess of Medford as his chief deputies. It is stated that both have accepted the positions. Mr. Coleman, has proven himself a most capable county officer and by his courteous and accommodating manner of handling the business of the county clerks office made a multitude of friends who will be pleased to hear that he is not to leave the court house. He has a thorough knowledge of county affairs and will be an invaluable aid to the new sheriff.

H. O. Burgess, who will assist in the sheriff's office, has had considerable experience in the work, serving for a number of years as deputy sheriff in Minnesota. He has lived in Medford for four years and is widely known and popular throughout the county.

Mr. Singler will not announce the appointments of deputies in the different districts in the county until the county court express its views in regard to these positions.

Medford Victor in Bridge Suit.

The supreme court of the state Tuesday in a decision written by Judge Bean sustains the contention of the city of Medford in the building of the Bear creek bridge, thereby reversing the decision of Judge F. M. Calkins of the circuit court. The suit was argued before the supreme court by City Attorney Porter J. Neff for Medford, and is a notable legal victory. The case has been hanging fire since last summer and means that the contractor can complete the work without hindrance.

Benton Bowers of Ashland, the father of the suit, was in Medford Tuesday on his way to Eagle Point but was remarkably silent on the outcome. Mr. Bowers was very guarded in his conversation, but told friends that he was of the opinion the law did not justify the decision and that it did not conform with Portland decisions of the same nature.

The higher court restrains the issuance of payment of any county warrants on account of the bridge contract, in excess of \$18,000, the amount the county agreed to pay until such time as the city of Medford and the Pacific & Eastern railway company shall have paid into the treasury of Jackson county \$16,000 according to agreement.—Sun.

ELECTRIC CARS FOR MEDFORD

Plan Includes Lines to Jacksonville, Hillcrest, Central Point and Ashland

Representing Spencer S. Bullis of New York, a railroad builder of 30 years experience, W. I. Vawter will in all probability apply to the city council Tuesday evening for a franchise for an electric street railroad in the city. If present plans are carried out work on the construction of the line will start within 60 days and be completed within the city in one year. Mr. Vawter states that his principal commands the money with which to construct, equip and operate such a line.

Plans include an extension of the line to Jacksonville on the west and as far as Hillcrest on the east, north to Central Point and south toward Ashland. If franchises can be secured the line will eventually link all of the towns

Canby Irrigator: A stranger in our midst would be surprised if told the amount of business done by some of our well known establishments. Where will one find in a city the size of Canby as many business houses as are here and all handling an enormous amount of trade?

Hubbard Herald, A new floor is being laid in the Armory hall out of the choicest Oregon fir that can be had. After the floor is down it will be scraped, sandpapered and made as smooth as can be made. It will then be used only for dancing and public gatherings; no more roller skating will be allowed on this floor.

Astoria Budget, The Bidwell-Ayden company is making slow progress on the big dam for the 100,000,000-gallon storage reservoir at the headworks of the Astoria water system on Bear Creek. They will probably be compelled to ask for a further extension of time. The reason given is that they have not been able to secure sufficient men to carry on the work.—Journal.

WHITELAW RIED DEAD

Ambassador to Great Britain Passed Away Sunday.

London, Dec. 16.—Plans for the funeral of Whitelaw Reid, of New York, United States ambassador to Great Britain, since 1900, who died here Sunday at noon will not be announced until the arrival of his son, Ogden, who today is en route to this city. King George today offered the royal chapel at St. James palace for the services, but this offer probably will be declined, as the chapel would accommodate only a few persons.

The body probably will be buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, near New York City, a British warship transferring the body to the United States.

Prominent British statesmen and officials today are deluging the family with messages of sympathy and condolence. All London newspapers today referred to the late ambassador in glowing terms.

Immediately upon being informed of Ambassador Reid's death, King George despatched an equerry to Dorchester House to express his condolence and today sent the following cablegram to President Taft:

"It is with the deepest sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid. As your ambassador to this country, his loss will be sincerely deplored, while personally I shall mourn for an old friend of many years standing, for whom I had the greatest respect. The queen and I sympathize most deeply with Mrs. Reid in her heavy sorrow."

Flesh is Torn By Vicious Dog.

Mrs. J. W. Bonar, living near the Griffin creek school house, was attacked Tuesday afternoon by a ferocious dog and her right leg from the thigh to the ankle was badly bitten and the flesh torn away from the bone.

Mrs. Bonar was in the chicken yard killing a chicken when she was pounced upon by the family dog. She was thrown to the ground and the dog maddened by the sight and smell of blood from the chicken not only used his teeth but his claws as well in the infliction of the wounds upon his helpless victim.

The lady's screams for help soon brought to her assistance her husband and son and the infuriated beast was clubbed off and Mrs. Bonar was carried to the house and Dr. Porter was telephoned for, and arrived within a few minutes and dressed the wounds. At noon Wednesday Mrs. Bonar was doing as well as could be expected and chances for recovery are very good.

The dog, which took to the hills after being clubbed away, has returned to the home and is being kept for a few days before it is killed to ascertain if it develops indications of hydrophobia.—Tribune.

Women Vote at Ashland.

Women of Ashland took advantage of their rights to vote and turned out in large numbers at the annual city election Tuesday, casting sixty per cent of the 1761 votes cast. The result was a veritable Waterloo for the wets, the city remaining dry by a vote of 405 for license to 1356 against, a dry majority of 951.

The "old guard" also got it where the Christmas turkey will get his, right in the neck. E. D. Briggs met defeat for mayor at the hands of O. H. Johnson by an adverse majority of 657. Joe Hunt failed of re-election, C. H. Gillette receiving a majority of 47. Gwynn S. Butler is among the alphas.

The new councilmen elected were: Louis Werth, E. C. Sherman, P. L. Ashcraft and A. M. Beaver.

The \$25,000 bond issue to complete the municipal light and power plant was defeated by a vote of 800 yes to 858 noes. The \$6000 auto fire truck bond issue carried by 1234 yes to 458 no.—Tribune.

Timothy, red clover, home grown alfalfa seeds. Taylor-Williams Co.

California Woman Seriously Alarm—A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs" writes Miss Marie Gerber, Eureka, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

O,
our
Christ-
mas tree
so bright
and green
awaits Old
Santa Claus,
And the chimney
place all swept
and cleangapes wide
its ponderous jaws.
The little stockings are
all hung up, and baby's
just makes four. Won't
old Santa Claus be surpris-
ed when he finds there is
one more! There's an elegant
place up in the tree to hang
Johnny's gun, and a place for
May and one for Kate to leave
their dolls upon. But for little
baby blue eyes a lower branch he
must choose, where she may reach
and find the place he's hung her first
new shoes. Turn down the light a little
now, so Old Santa Claus can see,
And baby and all must go to bed and
be as good as can be, and to-
morrow morn get up early af-
ter a long night's sleep,

and
come
softly
down
to the
Xmas
tree
and
see

Who will get the first peep.

in the valley.

"In all probability," states Mr. Vawter, "I will apply for the franchise Tuesday but this may be delayed for a short time. Mr. Bullis is amply able to construct such a line and will do so if granted a franchise.

"We will not ask for anything unreasonable and if we secure the right we will agree to start construction in 60 days and complete the work in Medford in one year."—Tribune, Monday Dec. 16.

Oregon Sidelights

The men of the Methodist church of Brownsville have organized a society of the Methodist Brotherhood.

Estacada Progress: So great is the travel between Estacada and Portland now that the cars are crowded every trip. Three coaches are frequently needed, especially for the evening trip after 3 o'clock.

Lebanon Tribune: It is not often one sees his own work of twenty years ago. The Santiam News is quoting from the files of the Scio Press of twenty years ago, when the editor of the Tribune supplied copy for that paper.

Youths Encounter Holdup.

Four young men of Ashland were held up near Phoenix Saturday evening while taking an auto spin down the valley. Three thugs appeared at a brushy point along the road and with guns looming up as big as cannons in the glare of the auto lights, commanded the driver to halt. He halted. The thugs went through the autoists and got about fifty dollars in money and a stickpin from one man's tie—overlooking a diamond stud which one of the others wore and falling also to secure a ten-dollar bill flattened in another's pocket.

After relieving the boys of their valuables, the thugs stepped to the rear of the auto and commanded the driver to move on. He did so—and the thugs glided into the brush. The boys were unarmed and wasted no time in getting away.

The thugs wore masks and were bushy looking chaps, apparently young and of hobo description.—Tidings.

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