

UNION APPLE MEN BRIDGE CHASM

Annual Meeting Results in Harmonious Action—Seven Members Old Board Re-Elected—Opposition Gets Two and All Vote to Increase Capital Stock—Resolution Adopted to Create Sales Department—Manager C. H. Sproat's Report Satisfactory.

After an all day's session, a new board of directors was elected Saturday by the Apple Growers' Union. Seven members of the old board were re-elected and two new members, as follows: G. A. McCurdy, C. H. Sproat, E. H. Shepard, C. Dethman, L. E. Clark, J. A. Walters, V. Winchell, Albert Sutton and W. B. Dickerson.

Contrary to expectations, the meeting passed off smoothly and was characterized by the largest attendance and greatest interest in its history. The keen interest manifested, however, was evidently a desire to maintain harmony in the union and to secure results that would best forward its interests. A large delegation of Portland residents who own orchards at Hood River, was present and took an active part in the deliberations of the meeting.

The opening session, which was called to order by President McCurdy, was devoted to organizing. At the conclusion of the roll call, it was found that 1,912 shares of the capital stock of 2,500 were represented.

More than a majority of the stock of the union having been declared represented, C. H. Sproat, manager of the union, made his report. Mr. Sproat, after giving a detailed statement and resources of the union, stated that the greatest difficulty in disposing of the Spitzenberg apple crop during the past year had been due to the unusual number of boxes of large sizes. As an instance, he cited that the union had estimated that there would be 20,000 boxes of Spitzenbergs 4 tier and larger. When the apples were packed up it was found that there were 104,000 boxes of this large size. He stated that it had been necessary to repeatedly turn down orders for fruit because the apples were too large. Orders for twenty-five cars of apples for the Texas market early in the season could not be furnished, owing to the failure to get growers to pick the fruit. The Newtowns had also run large. Of these, 15,000 boxes had been sold to Steinhardt & Kelly outright. Owing to the inactive foreign demand, it had been necessary to place about 85,000 boxes of this variety in cold storage in New York. Of these, about 50,000 were still in storage. Reports now, however, seemed to indicate that as the red apples were getting off the market, the Newtowns would be cleaned up at a profitable figure. He said that while the union had anticipated a big increase in the crop, its immense increase was unlooked for, and, as a matter of fact, this was the case not only with the union, but also with other shippers. The union had shipped a grand total of 47,230 boxes of apples. At times it had been very much hindered by a shortage of cars, but, notwithstanding this and a number of other handicaps, it had not lost a car of fruit by being frozen in transit and the crop was packed out in the shortest time in the history of the union.

In corroboration of his statement about the unexpected large size of the apples, Mr. Sproat read a letter from the Gibson Fruit Company of Chicago which stated that the big fruit buying concern realized that the fruit was running much larger than was anticipated, and offering an amicable settlement of its contract with the union to deliver to it a number of cars of apples of smaller sizes than it could furnish. Mr. Sproat said that Steinhardt & Kelly had lived up to their agreements with the union to the letter and were, he said, "dead game." On being asked by a grower to have the contracts with Steinhardt & Kelly read Mr. Sproat said that any grower could see them at the office of the

union, but that he didn't believe it would be the proper thing to read them in public.

In regard to the ice plant, paper and other things handled by the union, the manager's report showed that they had made a profit for the organization. Some of the growers, he said, believed that the union was charging too much for paper, as they could get it cheaper outside. This he admitted was true, but the union figured to make something on it for the organization. As the ice plant was too small the directors had contracted to put in a 50-ton machine, and had also taken the preliminary steps to secure lots opposite the present warehouse for additional storage. These would be connected giving greatly increased facilities for handling fruit. For this reason he advocated increasing the capital stock of the union from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

At the conclusion of the report R. R. Hoge moved that it be accepted, ordered printed and a copy mailed to each member of the union, and that the board of directors and manager of the union be given a vote of thanks. The motion was unanimously adopted.

S. M. Mears then introduced a resolution to the effect that a sales department be created for the purpose of selling and distributing. Mr. Mears explained that all large business concerns now considered such a department necessary. He thought that it would lighten the burden of the manager and would be a long step toward the solution of selling the crop to better advantage. The resolution empowered the board of directors to make an additional charge of 5 cents a box, if necessary, for maintaining the sales department. The resolution was carried by a large majority. The meeting then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The afternoon session was occupied by the election of directors. After considerable discussion it was decided to elect four of the old board first, this being necessary according to the by-laws. Election was by ballot and it required two hours to take the first ballot and announce the result, which was as follows: G. A. McCurdy, 1546; C. H. Sproat, 1411; E. H. Shepard, 1393; C. Dethman, 1176.

The selection of the remaining five directors then came before the meeting, the result being the election of three of the old board and two new members. The candidates and their vote were as follows: J. A. Walter,

1314; W. B. Dickerson, 1197; L. E. Clark, 1167; V. Winchell, 1036; Albert Sutton, 1019; Geo. I. Sargent, 1012; J. W. Palmer, 869; Oscar Vanderbilt, 859; C. L. Ireland, 577; G. W. Simons, 492.

The proposition to increase the capital stock, which was also included in the ballot, was carried by an almost unanimous vote, 1641 votes being recorded for it and only 10 against. The board of directors will elect the new manager.

CASHED BAD CHECKS THEN SKIPPED OUT

Efforts are being made to apprehend Chas. Marsh for issuing checks and having them cashed when he had no money in the bank.

Marsh came here six months ago and for a time was employed in the pool room of Richards & Co. He opened an account with the Hood River Banking & Trust Company. Friday he went to the bank and drew out \$80, closing the account. On Saturday he issued checks aggregating \$70 which he cashed and then left town. Among those who are said to have been caught by Marsh are the Mount Hood hotel, \$25; A. M. Boyce, \$10; R. B. Perigo & Son, \$15; Richards & Co. \$10; Kier & Cass, \$10. The matter was reported and a description of Marsh was wired to the chief of police at Portland and at San Francisco with instructions to have him arrested if found.

TAXPAYERS AGAINST MORE LAND FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The special election of school district No. 3 held Friday to consider the question of buying lots adjoining the high school was well attended. The movement to buy the lots, however, was voted down. A lively discussion took place previous to the election, most of those who spoke being against the movement. It is claimed by many that any additional expenditure for school purposes should be expended for new primary schools which should be erected, one in the west end of town in the Cascade avenue district and the other in the Winans addition section.

The subject for the morning sermon at the U. B. church next Sunday will be, "To Live in Christ," and in the evening, "Who Are the Lepers in Hood River?"

Wenatchee Turns Down Central Selling Agency

Washington Growers Opposed to Placing Products In Competition With Other Districts--Believe It Would Not Work Out Satisfactorily--Decision Made at Big Meeting.

Discussion of the resolution introduced at the meeting of the stockholders of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association by H. W. Otis, regarding the proposed central selling agency, seems to point conclusively to the fact that the growers as an association will not enter the proposed central exchange this year. The meeting was called by the directors of the association for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the stockholders on the proposal that the organization should become a member of the exchange, and the vote on the matter was against joining the new organization.

The consensus of opinion was that the individuality of Wenatchee as a fruit district should be maintained and not jeopardized by association or co-operation with all the other fruit districts of the Pacific northwest.

There was no doubt in the minds of any of the fruit growers that some adequate means of disposing of the problem of marketing their fruit is absolutely necessary, but there is a wide difference of opinion as to the manner in which this result may best be achieved. The idea of Dr. J. H. Blake, one of the directors of the association, for instance, is that his home association is amply able to take care of this question and that a selling force should be put on the road, but that the individuality of Wenatchee and Wenatchee fruit should be maintained at all costs.

In opposition to this comes the statement that by becoming a member of such a gigantic organization as the proposed agency the work of marketing the fruit of the entire northwest would be simplified for each district. More advantage in disposing of the fruit might be gained, it is said, by entering an organization controlling the entire output than by remaining an individual district organization with a much smaller output.

E. T. Balch is in favor of adopting the resolution as presented by Mr. Otis, which in its fundamental principle is merely an endorsement of the proposed central agency plan and an assurance on the part of the Wenatchee association that it will become a member of the exchange when it, the big organization, gets in running order. Mr. Balch contends that a central exchange would be to the entire northwest what the Wenatchee Fruit Growers' Association has been to that valley, and from the results achieved by this local association, he says it is evident that such a central agency is what is needed.

Again, in answer to this, the question was raised that since the local association has done so well since its organization, it will no doubt continue to achieve satisfactory results, especially in view of the improvements it has under way.

W. A. Thompson, president of the Farmers and Merchants bank, spoke strongly against the proposed plan, pointing out the evils that might ac-

crue from entering such an agency.

One of Dr. Blake's strong points was made on the fact that fruit would be shipped through the central agency, virtually on consignment, except that the consignment would be made to an organization controlled by representatives of the districts. In such an agency it would, of course, be impossible to demand quotations or payment upon delivery of fruit at the various shipping points. It is reasonable to suppose that no sales would be made by the managers, he said, of the agency without definite assurance as to price and payment, but nevertheless the position of the grower in regard to returns from his fruit would be as hazardous as it now is on open consignment.

WATER BONDS SOLD TO CHICAGO FIRM

At a special session of the city council held Tuesday at noon, bids on the water bonds were opened. A number of reliable bids were received and Morris Bros., of Portland, and Ulen & Co., of Chicago, were represented personally. Mayor Hartwig presided and Councilmen Huggins, Howe, Wright and Smith, Attorney Derby and Recorder Langille were present.

The first bid read was from S. A. Keen & Co., of Chicago, offering to take the bonds at 6 per cent and premium of \$918. Parsons & Son, of the same city, bid \$90,100 for the bonds at 6 per cent.

The best bid was made by the Investors Surety Company, of Des Moines, who offered a premium of \$465, at 5 1/2 per cent, subject to the approval of their attorneys, Wood & Reber, of New York. It was claimed, however, by the representatives of the other bond houses present that the attorneys for the latter company had refused to approve any Oregon bonds, having refused to accept the issue of bonds for the Broadway bridge in Portland.

Ulen & Co., a Chicago house, offered a premium of \$2,250 for the issue for a term of twenty years, and \$650 for ten years, with the provision that their legality must be approved by the Oregon supreme court or their attorneys.

Morris Bros., of Portland, made the highest offer for the bonds at 6 per cent, agreeing to give a premium of \$2,727.50 for the issue for twenty years and \$225 for ten years, also stipulating that they must be approved by their attorneys or the Oregon supreme court. The acceptance of all the bids was made with the provision as to their legality being passed upon by high authority, and a full history of the transactions in regard to their issue.

The bonds were sold to Ulen & Co., the premium for the short term bonds being considered by the council as the most favorable in connection with their other bid.

Council Grants Permit To Pave First Street

Property Owners Will Now Take Matter Up and Proceed With Work Immediately--Flaw in Election Ordinance Causes Delay--Other Important City Matters Passed On.

At the request of the property owners on First street the city council took a decisive step Monday night in securing for Hood River its first paved street. This was brought about by granting permits for the property holders on that thoroughfare to do their own paving. Councilman Early, who was present at his first meeting and who is much interested in securing paved streets for the city, stated that the improvement would be started as soon as preparations could be made for getting the work done. The other councilmen were also favorable to the move and it is hoped that it will result in other paving being done on this plan if the first venture is satisfactory.

The paving to be laid will be concrete and cement, giving a hard surface with a smooth appearance, but sufficiently rough for a good foothold in slippery weather. It will extend from the depot to Oak street.

At the meeting were present Mayor Hartwig, Councilmen Early, Huggins, Howe, Wright and Smith, Councilman Brosius was absent, having gone to California. A petition for a sewer in the Idlewild district was read and referred to the sewer committee.

The election to annex territory on the hill was reconsidered owing to a communication from Attorney Derby stating that the ordinance providing for it required correction. A new ordinance was submitted and passed the first reading. Attorney Derby

also submitted several communications to the council suggesting changes in the conduct of its business which were adopted and which will result in facilitating its work.

Delayed payment to W. G. Aldred for State street improvement work was again brought up, occasioning considerable discussion and was finally provided for as outlined by instructions to the council by Attorney Derby.

The street committee reported that it had granted the request of A. M. Boyce to build a shed back of his restaurant, and also gave permission to C. H. Sproat to move the building on his Oak street property, to allow of the construction of a brick building.

A report from the fire and water committee, relative to street lighting, was made, stating that the light company could not supply any additional lights, as its system was now almost loaded to its capacity. A communication from the company stated that if the city would make a contract for a number of additional lights it would install a larger system. It stated that additional lights would have to be installed at the expense of the city in the absence of a contract.

The construction of sewers in districts 6 and 7 was recommended and ordinances for same passed the first reading.

An ordinance making stricter sanitary regulations was also introduced and read.

Columbia River Road Gets Favorable Report

Multnomah Viewers Recommend Its Construction and Three Miles Will Be Built This Year--Survey Complete to Hood River County Line--Would Be Most Scenic Highway In the World.

Determined that a start shall be made on the proposed Portland-Hood River highway E. Henry Wempe and a large number of prominent Portland men will appear before the Multnomah county court today and press the matter. The construction of the road was petitioned for more than a year ago. Since that time County Surveyor Holbrook has been working on the survey and making an estimate of cost. He was at the head of the board of viewers, the others being Messrs. Sweeney and Parmenter. The report of the viewers is strongly favorable to the road, despite the large cost of building.

County Commissioner Lightner stated that a hearing would be given on the road today, but in any event the county will not construct the road further than to Multnomah Falls. This would be a distance of three miles, costing approximately \$10,000. The fourth mile beyond these falls, as shown by the report of Holbrook, would cost \$19,200, the most expensive mile on the road.

The report of the viewers says in part:

"The proposed road has been surveyed and staked out along the proposed route from Bridal Veil and ending at the Multnomah-Hood River county line. Complete plats, profile and estimate accompany this report.

"It is our belief that the said road should be granted.

"While the proposed road will be expensive to build, nevertheless there are no obstacles from an engineering point of view that cannot readily be overcome.

"By connecting Hood River county with Multnomah it will give the only direct road communication between The Dalles and Portland. There are a number of places and town sites along the proposed road that have rail or water communication that would be greatly benefited by a wagon road outlet."

The board of viewers call attention to the great scenic value of the highway, also that a road existed previous to the building of the railroad and that it should be restored. It is shown by plats of the proposed

road that the railroad has appropriated sections of the old wagon road, which it is believed it could be forced to replace. It is said by the viewers that in no case would the road injure the railroad and that, also, no place was found where damages would have to be allowed. Stress is laid on the fact that the land owners along the proposed road are highly in favor of it. No grades would be encountered greater than ten per cent except at a point near Eagle creek, the expense of which would fall on Multnomah county. Here surveys show a 19 per cent grade for 1000 feet and 17 per cent for about 1000 feet. This grade can be reduced to 14 per cent, but would require a solid rock cut, costing about \$15,000 more.

This part of the road will not be constructed until the last, and then only if Hood River county should build to connect.

GRADUATING EXERCISE FOR NURSES TONIGHT

An interesting event will occur at the Commercial Club rooms this evening when the graduating exercises of Cottage Hospital Training School for Nurses will be held. The exercises will be open to the public, which is cordially invited to attend. The graduates are Miss Iona McGrath, Miss Lucy Freeman and Miss Julia Brown.

An interesting program which will be started at 8 o'clock has been prepared and is as follows:

Instrumental Solo—Mrs. H. L. Dumble.

Invocation—Rev. Hargreaves. Vocal Solo—Miss Edith Gill. Presentation of Class—Dr. M. F. Shaw.

Address to Class—Rev. Nathan Evans. Vocal Duet—Mrs. P. S. Davidson, Mrs. C. H. Henry.

Charge to Nurses—Dr. F. C. Brosius. Selection by Male Quartet.

Presentation of Diplomas—Dr. J. E. Watt.

Presentation of School Pins—Grace L. Taylor.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Eva Brock.

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

Many of the American soldiers on the Mexican border have been vaccinated. Lieutenant Foulis and Philip Parmalee, the two aviators, are operating in conjunction with the army at San Antonio. Report has it that Major General Arthur Murray is to succeed General Carter, commanding the army maneuvers in Texas. The Roosevelt dam near Phoenix, Ariz., which was started six years ago and has cost the government \$9,000,000, was dedicated by ex-President Roosevelt. Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, was badly beaten in a New York apartment house. V. N. Kokovsoff was mentioned as probable premier of Russia, succeeding P. A. Stolypin, who resigned, but Stolypin withdrew his resignation. Ex-Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland is reported very ill.