

EASTERN FRUITMEN WANT LOWER RATES

Declaring that freight rates on fruits in the east are excessive, the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association, says the Chicago Packer, decided at its convention here Wednesday to appeal to the federal authorities for relief. A resolution was adopted whereby the attorney for the association is to file a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, asking for relief along this line, while a committee of members of the association is to endeavor to secure some action through congress.

The convention, which lasted for one day, was the second annual one of the association. Acting secretary of agriculture, Willet Hayes, delivered an address on the methods of compiling and putting out fruit reports similar to other reports now issued by the department of agriculture.

It was decided by the association to admit all fruit growers of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia to membership.

JUNKETERS ARE ROYALLY RECEIVED AT PARKDALE

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his Upper Valley audience. It is safe to say that his hearers knew more about law when he concluded than they ever had in the whole course of their lives, and heard what it should really stand for in the hearts and minds of honest people. In lighter vein he gave anecdotes of famous lawyers, their sayings, their abilities, their tricks of the trade and their eloquence. He told of the great part lawyers had played in the history of the world at home and abroad. In short, his address was a masterful portrayal of the accomplishment of the law for civilization and humanity.

At the conclusion of Judge Lowell's address, W. I. Cornell made a neat speech in which he welcomed and thanked the visitors for being present and briefly told them of the work that the Upper Valley people were trying to do, and of the entertainment course they had arranged for, to while away an evening now and then during the long winter nights. The souvenir programs, which contained a handsome picture of Mt. Hood and the growing little town of Parkdale, also a short write-up of the resources of the country, he said would be sent back to their eastern friends to show them that, although having left the effete east to reside in Hood River, they were not dead, but very much alive.

In the meantime the ladies, not to be outdone in making things pleasant, were busy preparing lunch. The aroma of coffee was stealing around the room and the pungent odor of potato salad and other things that maketh glad the heart of man, were sharpening the appetite. Cafeteria procedure was adopted and soon everybody was marching up for his plate of lunch and later munching it and talking hospitably with his neighbor, regardless of introductions. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Burpee and Miss Allen, luncheon time was made still more agreeable by the rendition of some very charming music.

With a short chat after lunch, and a hearty handshake, the visitors boarded the train and were whisked

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back to Hood River, feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening and had made a new bond of friendship with their progressive Upper Valley neighbors.

Those who made the trip from Hood River were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Early, A. L. Mason, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Kanagn, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Dr. H. D. W. Pineo, Leslie Butler, C. H. Gilbert, Joseph W. Copeland, I. R. Acheson, Harold Hershner, E. O. Blanchard, L. M. Baldwin, J. W. Pifer, W. H. Walton, C. P. Soudichson, J. Dulton, J. R. Klusey, Rev. E. A. Harris, D. McDonald, C. C. Lemmon, Truman Butler, E. O. Hall, James E. Montgomery, Joe D. Thomson, J. Wickham, J. F. Batchelder, E. A. Franz, H. F. Davidson and G. R. Stone.

LONG BITTER WATER FIGHT ENDED AT LAST

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vice to a large number of the users of electricity and to establish rates which we believe are fair and equitable to all. We are working constantly toward economy in operation and assure you and the people of Hood River that whenever the service can be furnished at lower rates, the cost of the service to the people will be immediately reduced and every customer given the advantage thereof.

We shall appreciate any action that you or your committee may take to make our position plain to the people of Hood River and trust that you will be able to work out a prompt and satisfactory solution of the city's present water problem.

Very truly yours,
GUY W. TALBOT, President.

On receipt of the above communication Mr. Early wired the company that everything must be in definite shape before the committee could act and that Mr. Cotton, attorney for the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, would have to be heard from. Mr. Cotton replied as follows:

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19, 1911

Mr. Chas. T. Early, Chairman, Light and Water Committee Common Council, Hood River, Ore.

Dear Sir:—We have been handed copy of a letter written by the Pacific Power & Light Company addressed to you, dated Dec. 15th, making an offer of settlement in the condemnation case of the City of Hood River vs. Pacific Power & Light Company et al. The terms of this offer are entirely satisfactory to the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, and we enclose herewith a statement of the expenses of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company to date amounting to \$188.75.

Very truly yours,
W. W. COTTON,
H. W. STROONG,
Attorneys for United States Mortgage and Trust Company.

The water committee objecting to paying interest on the amount of the warrants from Sept. 15th on account of not having taken over the plant until Oct. 1st, the company agreed to let the interest start from the latter time.

Not knowing whether Stearns & Derby, the city's attorneys, had made a charge or not for services in the appeal taken from the verdict, this firm was communicated with and stated that they had no charge against the city for appeal suit if it was settled without further litigation.

The report of the committee was adopted as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Hood River,

Gentlemen:—We desire to refer briefly to the proposition of the Pacific Power & Light, through their president, Mr. Talbot, and that of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, through their attorneys, Cotton & Strong.

The figures that we will submit are from the date the plant was turned over to the city, which, you remember, was October 1st.

Cost of plant as per verdict of jury	\$32,441.00
Suit Expense of Pacific Power & Light Co.	479.70
Total	\$32,920.70
Interest on above at 8 per cent from October 1st to Jan. 1st, estimated date for closing	658.35
Bill of U. S. Mortgage Co.	188.75
Total	\$33,768.80
Estimated Net Revenue to Jan. 1, 1912	1,764.80
Total	\$32,004.00

When condemnation proceedings were started the price put on the plant was \$42,500, which we thought excessive and recommended the course that was pursued—our judgment was then as it is now, that it was a good business proposition and the best evidence of that is the written propositions of settlement, now before you.

We would not have you believe that a difference of \$10,500 has been saved the city, but by far the larger portion of it has. The question of interest at 6 or 8 per cent we have not overlooked but in this settlement the difference would only be \$165.00 did the lower rate prevail, therefore we do not object to that

feature.

We consider the proposition of Mr. Talbot as a basis of settlement, fair in each and every respect—30 days time is given the City of Hood River to finance the proposition and in our judgment it should be closed along these lines.

There is nothing that we can think of that can come up that would change the figures we have submitted to any material extent.

Our attorneys have assured us that there will be no further bill from them, were we to close up now, and we have every reason to believe that Mr. Talbot is sincere, when he expresses a desire to close the water question.

Considering conditions here, we feel that he has done or offers to do, more than a great many would have done and we consider it a good business proposition. We want to urge your acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,
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DULPIT TOPICS

Christian Science services are held in Reading Room, No. 6, Davidson building, Sunday at 11 a. m. and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

The Congregational Aid will meet with Mrs. C. K. Marshall Friday of this week. All members urged to be present as the annual election takes place at this time.—Secretary.

The Rev. J. B. Parsons will preach and conduct another Evangelistic service in the Holman hall next Sunday night at 7:30. The praise service interspersed with old gospel hymns, will be a great inspiration. Everybody welcome.

First Christian Church.

Subject next Sunday morning: "Qualification and Duties of Church officers." There will be Evangelistic service in the evening. The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet after the evening service. This meeting will be followed by a watch party.

The annual business meeting of the church will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 2nd. A fellowship dinner for members and their families will be served at six o'clock. Following this will occur the election of officers and report for the year.

United Brethren Church

The "White Temple" on Sixth and Oak, the Rev. J. B. Parsons, minister: Christian Endeavor and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 o'clock p. m. Choir practice at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; sermon and morning worship at 11 a. m.; the Vesper service at 4 p. m. The special music is not only bringing the people but repaying them for coming.

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Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Telephone Company of Hood River, Oregon, will be held in the rooms of the Hood River Commercial Club, in the city of Hood River, Oregon, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, the 8th day of January, 1912, for the purpose of electing a board of five directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

E. O. HALL, Secretary.

Death of G. B. Thompson

G. B. Thompson, a rancher in the Upper Valley, died at Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday. The remains were brought here Friday and shipped to Parkdale, where interment was made. Mr. Thompson was 38 years old. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thompson, a wife and five children. When informed of their son's serious illness, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson hurried to Vancouver, but did not arrive until after his death.

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