

SWEEPING CHANGE IN UNION

Entire New Board of Directors Is Elected by "Progressives" in Spirited Contest at Annual Meeting of Hood River's Great Marketing Organization--Many Reforms Are Promised by New Officials, Who Defeat Opposing Candidates in Decisive Manner--All-day Session Held.

A sweeping change was made in the management of the Hood River Fruit Growers' Union at the annual meeting Saturday--the largest in point of attendance in the history of the organization, practically every share of stock being represented in the balloting.

Upon nominations being called for by President McCurdy, Dr. Stanton Allen made the ticket advanced by the "progressives." This ticket included the name of E. H. Shepard, editor of "Better Fruit."

the ranchers had been dissatisfied with the management. J. L. Carter took the floor and expressed the hope that, in the heat of the meeting and in the disappointment on the part of the defeated candidates and their supporters which might follow, none would desert the Union.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

The following real estate sales are reported for the past week. J. R. Phillips and wife to Howard Parker, 10 acres west of Pine Grove, \$2,500.

EAST IS ADOPTING BOXES FOR APPLES

J. B. Castner, who returned last week after having spent the winter in the East, reports that although the old style of apple packing is still in use the new method as adopted by the West of using boxes and grading the fruit carefully is coming into use in the more progressive sections of the East.

Manager Sproat Submits Annual Report of Union

Business of Year 1911 Is Reviewed and Suggestions Made for Better Handling of Fruit in Future--Production of Pears Increasing--Over \$13,000 Spent for Increased Facilities--Summary Given.

At the annual meeting of the Union Saturday Manager C. H. Sproat submitted his annual report, excerpts from which are given below. "The volume of business for the season of 1911 was very much less than that of the season of 1910, owing entirely to the very much shorter crop for the season of 1911, as compared with that of the preceding year.

ing to be an absolute impossibility for any Board of Directors and Manager, though they be made to order, to place our future crops of apples on the market early in the season without a great sacrifice of price, and the growers must, whether they will or not, accustom themselves to know that they cannot get all of their money for their apple crop early in the season, but that the apple-selling period from now on will extend over into mid-summer each following year, provided, of course, you are not willing to have your goods sold in the fall at sacrifice prices.

Portland Clubs Accept Invitation to Festival

Special Train Will Bring Commercial Organization from Rose City to Spend An Entire Day at Blossom Carnival--Press Club Will Also Come from Metropolis to See Valley.

Enthusiastic assurances received from the Portland Commercial Club and from the Portland Press Club, as well as many expressions of interest from residents of the Rose City who have interests here, have gone far during the past week in insuring the success of Hood River's Blossom Festival which is to be held early next month.

apple blossoms are at their best, and this cannot be determined for a couple of weeks yet. It has been definitely decided to have the festival extend over four days, beginning Thursday and continuing through Sunday.

NOT A DEMOCRAT FILES FOR OFFICE

Democrats are modest in their political ambitions in Hood River county. When the time expired Friday evening for the filing with County Clerk Hanson of candidates' petitions not a single Democrat was on the list.

BANK OBSERVES ITS TWELFTH BIRTHDAY

Last Thursday the Butler Banking Company quietly observed its twelfth anniversary, it having first been established by Messrs. Leslie and Truman Butler on April 4, 1900.

J. C. SKINNER BUYS THE JOHNSON PLACE

A deal was closed here the last of the week whereby J. C. Skinner, former secretary of the Commercial Club and now connected with the Davidson Fruit Company, comes into possession of the 20-acre, highly improved fruit ranch of William H. Johnson, Jr.

BLOSSOM WEEK POST CARD DAY

This is what everybody should do to make Blossom Week the greatest possible advertisement for Hood River and its apples. Do it now.

HOMER ROGERS PLANNING TO LEAD ALPINE PARTY

Homer A. Rogers of the Upper Valley, near Mt. Hood, is planning a trip through the Alps this summer with a party of friends. All are experienced mountaineers and members of the Sierra Club of California.

AMOS UNDERWOOD SUES FOR \$1,000

Amos Underwood of Underwood, Wash., filed suit in the circuit court here the last of the week alleging that L. J. Stewart, a former employe, forged Underwood's signature to a certificate of deposit for \$1000 in the First National Bank here and cashed the certificate.

STRUCK BY TRAIN, OLD MAN SUCCUMBS

Struck by a train at a point about two miles west of this city, John Trager, an aged German, sustained injuries Sunday morning which resulted in his death a short time after he was brought to the hospital here.

APOLLO CONCERT CO. APPEARS HERE TOMORROW

The noted Apollo Concert Company will appear here tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the final number of the Hood River Lyceum Course, which is given under the auspices of the U. B. church.

EASTERN FRUIT IS HURT BY THE COLD

Prof. C. I. Lewis, head of the horticultural department at the Oregon Agricultural College, is receiving reports from the Middle West and Eastern States relative to the prospects for the 1912 fruit crops, which indicate that practically all possibilities of an Eastern fruit crop have been destroyed by one of the longest and most severe winter seasons on record.

STRONG SUPPORT IS GIVEN E. C. SMITH

Attorney E. C. Smith of this city, who is a candidate for nomination as district attorney on the Republican ticket, is receiving strong support throughout the district and particularly in his home county where he is best known and has a host of friends.

Money in hay land. B. E. Duncan.