

FRUIT DISTRICTS GET TOGETHER

Perfect Harmony Prevails at Spokane Meeting and Committee Is Appointed Representing Leading Fruit Sections of the the Northwest with Power to Incorporate, Frame Plan for Co-operation and Report Back to District They Represent--H. F. Davidson Is Chosen Member of Committee.

Greatly pleased with the action taken by the fruit districts of the Northwest at Spokane Monday, at which time a co-operative marketing arrangement was unanimously favored, the Hood River delegation, representing local shipping organizations, returned Monday.

Those who went from here included the following: Wilmer Sieg, manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union; W. B. Dickerson, director of the Union; Truman Butler, of the Butler Banking Company; Albert Sutton, director of the Union; H. F. Davidson, of the Davidson Fruit Company; C. H. Sproat, of the National Apple Company, and H. A. Weber of the same company. The Hood River Apple & Storage Company was not represented, but it is understood that it is in sympathy with the movement, which promises to mark an epoch in the fruit business of the Northwest.

Not a discordant note marred the meeting, all being agreed that cooperation is necessary and all were determined to take definite action, although the perfecting of a permanent organization will probably be a matter of several months.

There were present at the meeting 250 fruitgrowers, bankers and railroad men from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. They went unanimously on record as favoring a central selling organization.

Executive Committee Named The meeting named a permanent committee of nine representing an equal number of fruit districts to incorporate and work out the details of the organization. H. F. Davidson was chosen to represent Hood River and on account of his many years of experience his appointment met with the hearty endorsement of the local delegation. Mr. Davidson did not return with the others Monday but remained over yesterday in order to confer with the other members of the committee.

This committee has three months in which to complete its plan for a permanent organization and the latter will then be submitted to all the apple-growing sections in the four states for ratification.

Leading Districts Represented All the leading fruit districts of the Northwest were represented at the meeting, including, besides Hood River, Wenatchee, Yakima, Walla Walla, Spokane Valley, Bitter Root, Mont., Rague River, Ore., South Idaho district and the North Idaho district.

The permanent committee was organized as follows: W. T. Clark of Wenatchee was made permanent chairman with H. C. Sampson of Spokane as

secretary. The other members are as follows: J. H. Robbins representing the Yakima district, H. F. Davidson Hood River, Henry Huber, Walla Walla, W. M. Sackett Bitter Root, P. J. Neff Rogue River, W. N. Yost the Southern Idaho districts and W. S. Thornber the Northern Idaho districts.

Committee Is Given Power The committee was given full power to act, having been vested with complete authority through the unanimous adoption of the following resolution:

"That such committee be, and is given full power and authority to perfect an organization, make articles of incorporation and do everything necessary to complete a corporation or association to act as a general selling and distributing agency for the fruit-growers of the Northwest; that when such corporation or association is formed, the trustees and officers thereof shall adopt by-laws, plans and rules for carrying out the purposes of such organization and submit the same to the various organizations for marketing of fruit in the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon for their approval, with an invitation to become members of such organization."

Wilmer Sieg, manager of the Union, was much pleased with the results of the meeting. "They have given the committee full power and are determined to secure action," he said. "The meeting was most successful in every way. I look for splendid results and even if they should not come I believe an important service has been done in bringing together the local shipping interests and opening the way for closer relations to our mutual advantage."

Forsees Important Results Truman Butler, who was a member of the local delegation to Spokane, returned much pleased with the outcome of the meeting and forsees important results. He said:

"It was very gratifying that there was such harmony at the meeting. At previous meetings when efforts have been made to secure co-operation all has gone well until the time came to select a committee and give them power to frame up working plans. This point was passed at Monday's meeting and matters were left in a shape where definite organization should be effected without difficulty."

"All the leading fruitmen of the Northwest were present at the meeting and they all agreed that the time has come when there should be co-operation in marketing between the different sections. The committee is composed of men who, like Mr. Davidson, have had many years of practical experience. I believe that they can be depended upon to frame up a marketing arrangement which will be satisfactory to the different sections which they represent. So far as the representatives of the local shipping organizations are concerned I believe

we were all in perfect harmony and that the plan, when submitted, will meet with a unanimous acceptance here.

"The action taken so far is not binding, however, upon any of the districts. The committee was given power to incorporate and devise definite working plans, but it will, of course, be necessary for the districts to effect the final co-operative organization when they take action upon the plan submitted. I am very hopeful over the prospects."

BATTEN'S BIRDS CAPTURE PRIZES

E. F. Batten, the local poultryman carried off some of the most desirable prizes at the poultry show in Portland last week with his pen of 20 Single Comb Rhode Island Reds. In the bunch were six cockerels and 14 pullets. The cockerels took the first and fifth prizes. The pullets took the second, fourth and fifth prizes from a large number of competitors. He was awarded the \$50 silver cup offered as a special prize for the best pen of Reds in the show.

Chief among the honors captured by Mr. Batten's Birds was the coveted sweepstakes prize for the best pen of poultry in the show, all varieties competing.

Mr. Batten has been the recipient of many congratulations upon the splendid showing made by his fowls.

Going up—the price of butter.

Says Poultry Pays If Intelligently Cared For

Much interest has been aroused by the debate at the Commercial Club last week at which time diversified farming, especially poultry and hogs, were recommended with the local fruit industry. E. F. Batten, one of the successful poultrymen of the valley, returned from Portland the first of the week and was interviewed on the subject of whether poultry can be made to pay here. He replied that it could, if reasonably good care is given the birds, and added that his experience during the past two years has proved it to his satisfaction. He summed up his conclusions briefly as follows:

"I cannot give figures for the present year as I have not yet reckoned up my returns, but I can do so for the year 1911 I wintered 70 Rhode Island Red pullets, bought all of my feed and kept close track of expenses and receipts. At the close of that year my books showed that I had cleared about \$300, which I felt well repaid me for my work. In addition to these actual

DOES POULTRY PAY? HOGS? DISCUSSION IS INVITED

Does raising of poultry pay in the Hood River Valley? Does the hog business pay?

If not, what diversified industries are there which can be conducted on a profitable basis in connection with the orchards?

These are some questions which are of vital interest to a great many orchardists in the valley. When they were raised at the Commercial Club meeting last week they brought an immediate response from many of those present. Some said that the Poultry business pays; others insisted that it does not.

On the hog question there was more unanimity, the consensus of opinion being that it can be profitably carried on in the orchards.

There are many ranchers who have experimented in these matters, some with poultry, others with hogs, strawberries or other small crops. Which of these are most satisfactory and profitable? Which add to and which detract from the fertility of the soil? Here are some questions upon which an exchange of opinions would certainly be of great interest and benefit to all. If you have some views on the poultry business or upon any other phase of this question the News invites you to write them down and give to others the benefit of your experience. It doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece; just a plain statement of facts will be sufficient to serve the purpose. Such an exchange of opinions would be interesting, instructive to all concerned.

The interview with Mr. Batten which appears in another column should start the ball rolling. He says the poultry business, if carried on with care and intelligence, brings better returns than strawberries, all things considered. There are no doubt many who will not agree with him. Replies are invited. The News will cheerfully publish such letters.

INTERESTING TALK ON BEES IS GIVEN

At the meeting of the West Side Improvement Club last week an instructive talk on the culture of bees in this valley was given by W. W. Dakin, who has had a long experience with the little honey makers. Stated very briefly, Mr. Dakin said that the bee is the symbol of industry and has been intimately connected with the life of man from prehistoric times. He spoke of the many varieties which at first existed. From these two have been developed—the leather and the gold-colored bees. The former, Mr. Dakin said, is better adapted to the moist climate that exists in the Hood River Valley during the winter months.

Bees are a profitable investment for the orchardist, the speaker declared, regardless of their honey production. Experts at the O. A. C. and elsewhere have demonstrated the great value of bees as pollenizers. In the Hood River Valley, however, pasture other than the apple blossoms should be provided for at least two months during the summer. Some form of cover crop is recommended, the best combination being red and alfalfa clover, while alfalfa and white clover are also good.

Bee colonies should be protected from the wind and the hives should face to the south. No shade is required except on the hottest summer days. The hives should not be located in the orchard, Mr. Dakin said. However, spray does not poison the bees except when applied at the time when the trees are in full bloom.

Before investing in bees the rancher should read up on the subject, declared the speaker. Failures arise from ignorance of the bees' nature and it is a simple industry to manage when one is properly informed. The magazine, "Gleanings in Bee Culture," was recommended as a helpful handbook. There is always a shortage of bees, Mr. Dakin said, and those who intended to secure some in the spring should put in their order early. Single colonies cost from \$8 to \$10 and the queens from \$1 to \$20.

The new program committee of the West Side club consists of J. R. Forden, C. M. Hurlburt and O. T. Wedemeyer. They are arranging for an interesting series of meetings to be held during the winter.

Long stockings will soon be at a premium. Woe unto him who hath only a sock.

\$226.50. I sold eggs in the market for \$224.63, fries for \$58, settings of eggs for \$90 and breeding stock for \$110. The increase in the value of my stock brought the total to a point which showed about \$200 to the good. This covered my labor and depreciation of the plant.

"One point is that in growing strawberries or other crops between the trees we are constantly taking away from the fertility of the soil, but in keeping poultry we are adding to the soil.

"Of course the high cost of grain is a handicap here, but I have often suggested that local ranchers combine in making their orders and get the benefit of wholesale prices. This would effect a considerable saving.

"What I have said of poultry might also be said of hogs. The time has passed when we can continue this clean cultivation of our orchards. If it is continued they are bound to become impoverished. We know that there is good money in hog raising and, like the poultry industry, it can be carried on profitably and to good advantage."

Carnegie Gives \$17,500 For Library Building

Telegram Received Yesterday Announces That Hood River's Petition Has Been Acted Upon Favorably and Splendid Addition to City Is Assured--Will Probably Be Erected Next Summer.

Andrew Carnegie has donated \$17,500 for this purpose.

A telegram containing this announcement was received yesterday by Professor J. O. McLaughlin, secretary of the local library board.

All who heard the news were delighted. Petition for such donation was made several months ago and this is the first intimation that it would be acted upon favorably.

The local library board has already secured an attractive site and an annual income has been obtained which will fully comply with all the conditions of the donation by Andrew Carnegie.

There is no reason why there should be any delay in construction of the

building in view of the above facts and it is hoped that it may be completed next summer.

SIGNAL HONOR CONFERRED ON HIGH PRIEST CARSON

J. K. Carson, high priest of the local Masonic lodge, was the recipient of a signal honor at the banquet of Royal Arch Masons held in Portland Saturday evening. There were 250 present and leading Masonic officials of the district were included in this number. A number of officials prominent in Masonry throughout the state were guests of honor and among them were Mr. Carson. This was also a graceful recognition of the hospitality which was extended to Portland Masons on their recent visit here. Let ad big head story

Special Xmas Services at the Local Churches

Yuletide Will be Observed with Musical Program and Exercises Appropriate to the Season--Schools Close Friday--Stores Remain Open Evenings, beginning Saturday--Xmas Spirit Prevails.

With Christmas only a week away the Yuletide spirit is becoming manifest in the gay shop windows, the increasing number of shoppers and the bright, expectant faces of the children. There will be Christmas services with special music at the churches Sunday.

The stores will begin Saturday to remain open evenings in order to accommodate late shoppers until Wednesday.

Special church announcements for Christmas are as follows:

Congregational Church The Christmas season will be marked by elaborate programs at Riverside church next Sunday. The musical programs are as follows:

Morning: Organ Prelude—"The Heavens Are Anthem—"The Birthday of a King" ————W. H. Neidlinger Anthem—"Sing O Heavens"

.....Berthold Tours Offertory—"Lovely Appear over the Mountains".....Gounod Anthem—"O Holy Night" (Cantique de Noel).....A. Adam

The anthems will be sung by a quintet composed of C. H. Henney, Mrs. P. S. Davidson, Miss Lela Hersher, Mrs. C. H. Henney and Geo. R. Wilbur.

Evening: Organ numbers: Hallelujah Chorus (D Major), Handel; Noel Eccossais, A. Gullmant; "Silent Night" (Variations), Ashford; "March of the Magi Kings," Th. Dubois; "O Sanctissima in C Minor," Gullmant; "Adeste Fidelis" (Variations and Finale), Ashford Oake.

Chorus Choir Numbers: "In the Fields with Their Flocks Abiding," Farmer; "Arise, Shine," Fred C. Makler.

Solo, "Night of Nights, Van de Water, Mrs. C. H. Henney. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon in the morning and in the evening he will give a talk on the Christmas carols which will be sung.

The Sunday School will render its Christmas cantata Friday evening, December 27.

Immanuel Church (The Heights) The Sunday School Christmas exercises and tree at Immanuel church (the Heights) will be held on Tuesday evening. All members of congregation and friends of the Sunday School scholars are invited to attend.

Valley Christian Church At the Valley Christian church next Sunday the services will be appropriate for the Christmas season both morning and evening. There will be special music in the morning and in the evening the choir will render a Christmas cantata composed by Ira Bishop Wilson, entitled, "The First Christmas." All will be welcome. Rev. J. A. Bennett, pastor.

Grace U. B. Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon

at 11, subject, "Wise Men Before an All-wise Christ." Junior at 3. C. E. at 6:30. The Christmas entertainment at 7:30. Everybody welcome. J. B. Parsons, minister.

Unitarian Church The services at the Unitarian church next Sunday will be as follows: Sunday School at 10 o'clock, Christmas service at 11, subject, "The Spirit of Christmas," Young People's service at 6:30, subject, "The Meaning of Christmas." Special music at all the services.

Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Themes, morning, "The Christmas Message." Evening, "A Christless World." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to these services. W. B. Young, pastor.

BISHOP SCADDING TO PREACH TODAY

Rt. Rev. Charles Scadding, D. D., Episcopal bishop of Oregon, will preach this (Wednesday) morning at the service to be held at St. Mark's church at 11 o'clock in honor of the fifth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Paddock. To this service as well as to the reception this evening, all friends of Bishop Paddock, regardless of church affiliations, are cordially invited.

After the morning service lunch will be served at the rectory by the ladies of the guild for the guest of honor, the visiting clergymen and various officials of the missionary diocese who have accepted the invitation to be present.

In the evening a dinner will be given at the Mt. Hood Hotel by Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Trew Simpson. After this a reception will be held at the rectory between 8 and 10 o'clock, when Bishop Paddock will be pleased to meet all of his friends.

Sermon Is Commended The Sunday evening sermons of Rev. J. B. Parsons at the U. B. church are becoming more popular each week as he enters deeper into the discussion of practical or applied Christianity. Christianity that benefits mankind, prepares them for better conditions and fits them for the struggle of life here as well as in the beyond. Last Sunday evening, by request, he preached on the subject of universal peace, which showed a thorough study and abounded in so many practical, self-evident truths that every person there was surely benefited and abundantly repaid for going even if the weather was disagreeable. Q. B. G.

OREGON TEACHERS MEET NEXT WEEK

A number of the local teachers are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' Association to be held in Portland at the Lincoln High School next week from Thursday to Saturday inclusive.

Aside from the general meetings in the main auditorium each day, the work has been divided into seven departments classes of which will be held in different rooms in the building. In each department special courses are offered, but the department work is so arranged that there will be no conflict between the special class meetings and the general meetings of the association.

The department of rural school supervisors, with T. J. Gary as chairman, will have meetings Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon. W. T. Fletcher of the Portland schools will preside over the elementary school department. The department of secondary education will be presided over by Hopkin Jenkins of Portland as secretary. There are also several other departments.

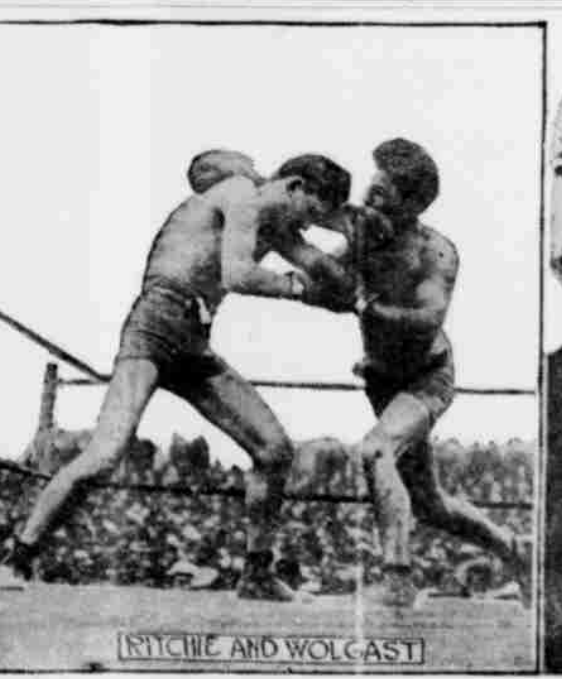
On Thursday night the teachers and principals' associations of Portland will give a dance in honor of the visiting delegates to the meeting in the gymnasium of the High School building.



CHOLERA STRICKEN TURKS



MRS. MARTIN W. LITTLETON



RYCHIE AND WOLGAST



CHARLES S. MELLEN

News Snapshots Of the Week from New York, renewed her fight to have the government buy Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Willie Ritchie defeated Ad Wolgast for the light-weight championship of the world. The government started an investigation into the N. Y., N. H. and H. railway system, of which C. S. Mellen is president.

An armistice was signed by the Turks and the Balkan allies. Cholera ravaged the armies on both sides, and Constantinople was almost depopulated by the rush of non-combatants leaving for Asia. The house of governors met at Richmond, Va. The group shows three important members—1, ex-Governor Fort of New Jersey; 2, Governor Mann of Virginia, who presided; 3, Governor McGovern of Wisconsin, chairman of the executive committee. Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, wife of the congressman

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