

ELECT DIRECTORS FOR ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE GROWERS OF THE VALLEY CHOSEN TO SERVE ON BOARD

P. S. DAVIDSON PRESIDENT

Dickerson Vice-President and Hooker is Elected Secretary—Sieg and Davidson Managers

Organization of the Apple Growers' Association, the new co-operative fruit marketing concern of the valley, was practically completed at a meeting of the stockholders Thursday evening.

At the meeting of the board of directors immediately afterwards officers were elected as follows: P. S. Davidson president, W. B. Dickerson vice president and C. W. Hooker, secretary.

The active management of the new organization will be undertaken jointly by Wilmer Sieg, who was employed as sales manager, and H. F. Davidson, who was employed as district manager.

The directors were elected to serve for the year 1913 or up to the date of the next annual meeting. The two additional directors to serve this year will be elected at a subsequent meeting of the stockholders.

In order to make it more convenient for all concerned, a number of meetings have been arranged for this week in order to give growers an opportunity to get any desired information about the new organization and to sign up the contracts.

Last evening a public meeting was held at the Pine Grove Grange Hall. This (Wednesday) evening a public meeting for growers will be held at Odd Fellows Hall, Odell, under the auspices of the Odell Development League at 7:30 o'clock.

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening two meetings will be held. One will be at the Park Grange Hall for growers living in the Belmont, Franklin, East Barrett and Barrett districts.

Representatives of the new organization will be present at all of these meetings and will be ready to explain all details to the growers personally.

The signatures to the contracts will be secured with the understanding that crop estimates can be furnished later.

FOR MRS. HAYWARD AND MRS. EVANS

The ladies of the Christian church gave at the home of Mrs. Fred Howe on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 a farewell reception in honor of Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. N. C. Evans who are going from the city.

A large gathering of the church ladies and friends were present. Refreshments were served and a happy time was enjoyed by all present.

These two women go from our midst with the good wishes of all. While we regret giving them up we know our communities will be blessed by our loss.

DRAMATIC-MUSICAL RECITAL

An enjoyable evening can be spent Friday with Mrs. Basil Young, reader, Mrs. P. S. Davidson and Miss Beth Edgington, soloists, Mrs. S. G. Ox-borrow, pipe organist, Dr. H. M. Sharp, violinist, Thomas Hill, cornetists, at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church. The program will commence at 8 o'clock.

Read the News. It tells it all.

PAVING WILL BE STARTED THIS WEEK

It is expected that the paving will be started this week and that some of the Hassam pavement which is to cover the business district of town will be laid before the end of the week.

Work on the water system is progressing. The main pipe line, which is to tap Tucker's Spring, has already been laid about a mile and a half south of the city, while the main lead from the reservoir on the Heights to the downtown section is also being completed.

USING JOURNAL TO FIGHT DISTRIBUTORS

Considerable comment, not altogether favorable, has been occasioned by the repeated attacks being made by the Oregon Journal through the medium of its market page upon the movement for consolidation of Northwest fruit districts.

By what interests the attacks are prompted is not altogether a mystery. Hyman H. Cohen, who is market editor for the Journal is also editor of the new publication—"The Fruit and Produce Distributor."

Hood River has not yet definitely allied herself with the North Pacific Distributors, but sentiment is strongly in favor of some such co-operation between Northwest fruit districts and the hostile attitude assumed by the Journal through its market columns does not commend itself to the great majority of Northwestern growers.

HEN EARNS \$94 IN 25 YEARS

Pasadena, Cal.—Theodosia Roosevelt, so named because of her evident antagonism toward race suicide, said to have been the oldest hen in America, died at the home of her owner, Mrs. Elizabeth Grinnell, of Pasadena. She was 25 years old.

Theodosia numbered among her friends many of the notables who have passed their winters in Pasadena in the last quarter of a century, among them Mrs. Russell Sage, who, on her last visit to this city made three calls at the Grinnell home to pet Theodosia.

The aged hen laid approximately 4500 eggs in her long and useful life, besides mothering many broods of incubator-hatched chickens. Statisticians figure that the eggs laid by Theodosia, at the average price of only 25 cents a dozen, were worth \$93.75. The accepted cost of keeping a hen in these parts is \$1 a year, making Theodosia's net earnings \$88.75. At a capitalized value of \$1.25, she has made 3000 per cent on her valuation for her owners.

WOULD COMPEL DIVORCE

"No Woman Should Spend Her Days With a Brute or a Sot."

Chicago.—Compulsory divorce laws, instead of laws to make divorce harder to obtain, were advocated by Judge Gemill, who, in the court of domestic relations hears perhaps more tales of marital woe than any other judge in the land.

"There are people living together today who should be forced by law to separate," said Judge Gemill. "There are women suffering untold misery through a mistaken sense of the binding quality of the marriage tie. God never meant that a woman should spend all her days with a brute, or a sot."

President Wilson has attended four of the five games of baseball played at Washington since the season began. Wilson also has his troubles.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Ralph Henry is Free Salem.—Ralph Henry, who was acquitted of the charge of murdering George Dodd in Linn county on the plea of insanity, and a few weeks ago was committed to the state insane asylum, has been discharged from that institution.

"We kept Henry under close observation for a full month, and could not detect the least trace of insanity," said Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum. "He was not insane when he was brought here, and he was not insane when he left. Neither do I believe he was insane when he committed the crime. This opinion is held by all the members of our staff."

MOTHER POISONS CHILDREN

Father Returning Home Finds Family in Throes.

Portland.—In a moment of emotional insanity Mrs. Lillian Strang, 26, living at 1489 Macrum street, administered bichloride of mercury to two of her three small children and herself and then shot herself with a small rifle. Recovering her senses, probably at the shock of the bullet wound, she set about administering emetics to the children and was found at this occupation by her husband, returning home.

In one room at the Good Samaritan hospital the woman, with a terrible wound in her brain and her condition further imperiled by the corrosive poison, lies surrounded by her moaning children, slowly sinking, but rational and languidly remorseful for her mad deed.

Mrs. Bourne is Given Divorce

Portland.—Affection for the two elderly sisters of her husband and the feeling that she owed the state of Oregon a duty on account of the honor of United States senator which had been conferred upon her husband, was given by Mrs. Lillian Elizabeth Bourne as her reasons for not having sued Jonathan Bourne, Jr., while he was a member of the United States senate.

Mrs. Bourne was granted a decree of divorce by Circuit Judge Gatens. Senator Bourne made no contest.

Chamberlain Offers Land Law Change

Washington.—Senator Chamberlain has introduced bills as follows: To adjust claims of Serman county settlers; making lands withdrawn or classified as oil lands subject to entry under homestead or desert land laws; to make it easier to file on mineral lands.

WEST AIR BOIT LEGGERS

Finds Government Action is Too Slow To Get Results

Salem.—Governor West is going after the bootleggers on the Indian reservations in this state. He declared he was going to see they were cleaned out. In the past the question has been raised whether it was the duty of the federal government or the state to apprehend and prosecute persons guilty of selling liquor to Indians on their reservations. The responsibility has been shifted first on the shoulders of one and then the other, with the result that it is said bootlegging has thrived.

The question as to who should be responsible was recently raised on the Siletz reservation. The governor looked up the matter and found the state should take just as active a hand as the government. Therefore he is writing to district attorneys to get busy. The matter will also be taken up with the federal authorities so there may be co-operation.

S. P. Must Again Raise Fill

Chemawa.—For many years the Southern Pacific company experienced difficulty in crossing Lake Labish, using a trestle which was a menace, one wreck occurring a number of years ago and some lives being lost. Some few years ago the company removed the trestle work from the lake and made a partial fill of gravel, which has not yet solved the difficulty. The lowest part of the fill in the lake will now be raised six feet. When the partial fill was made a few years ago the gravel used dropped from sight over one night, which caused the water to rise on each side of the right of way.

S. W. Arnold returned from a visit in Portland Monday.

SIMMONS TELLS OF ALLEGED SWINDLE

J. W. Simmons of Parkdale, State Deputy for the Modern Woodmen of America, passed through Hood River Sunday enroute to Portland to witness the final chapter in what is alleged to be one of the most gigantic swindles in insurance history of recent years. It is alleged that about a year ago a man giving the name of James C. LaFrance joined one of the Portland lodges of Modern Woodmen and a few days later was reported as lost while fishing on the Clackamas River near Estacada. A search was made and a body, found on which were clothing, letters, papers, etc., identified as those of LaFrance, the face being decomposed beyond recognition. Fifteen thousand dollars of insurance money was paid to the supposed "widow," \$3000 being paid by the Modern Woodmen, \$2000 by United Artisans and \$10,000 by the Postal Life.

Subsequent developments caused Mr. Simmons to believe that a fraud had been perpetrated so in January last he began an investigation that resulted in the arrests of both LaFrance and wife at Coquille, Coos county, last Saturday.

They were taken to Portland, in charge of officers and both parties will stand trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the respective insurance concerns.

In their efforts to locate LaFrance the Modern Woodmen followed his trail from Portland to Lake Charles, Louisiana, thence to Texas, thence to California and back to Coos county.

CLARK COUNTY FAVORS BONDING

Vancouver, Wash.—The Pacific Highway bridge, spanning the Columbia river between Vancouver and Portland, and joining Washington and Oregon, is an assured fact, if the sentiment expressed enthusiastically and vociferously at the gigantic mass meeting held in the courthouse here is a criterion.

With but one dissenting vote, resolutions were adopted demanding that the county commissioners call a special election to vote on the proposition to bond Clark county for \$500,000, to build Washington's share of the bridge, which will cost something like \$1,300,000. This election will be held in July.

The county courthouse was not large enough to hold all who wished to attend, most of them being farmers, the city residents giving way to them that they might learn more about the bridge.

A. L. Miller, of Vancouver, a member of the committee, gave a brief outline of what had been accomplished to date, and said that the approximate cost of the bridge would be about \$1,300,000, and that he believed that the taxpayers in the county desired a toll bridge. He added that he was assured by the people of Portland that if Clark county would raise \$500,000, that Portland and Multnomah county would put up enough more to build the bridge.

JORDAN OPPOSES LAND LAW

Stanford President Urges State to Confer With Federal Officials.

Sacramento.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University and a leader in the movement for international peace, came to Sacramento at the request of Secretary of State Bryan to confer with the visitor from Washington on the pending alien land legislation.

Dr. Jordan is opposed to a land law of any kind that would single out the people of any nation, and particularly the Japanese, with whom he believes the United States should be on most friendly terms.

As an alternative to a rigid land law barring those ineligible to citizenship, which, Dr. Jordan declares, would be unconstitutional, he suggests that if California has a real grievance it should provide for a commission to lay the matter before the state department at Washington and have the controversy settled by means of a new treaty.

3,500 GERMANS COMING

The Oregon State Bankers' Association is conferring with representatives of German colonies who are looking for available tracts of land upon which to colonize 3,500 German farmers. Tracts in different parts of the state are now being looked over with a view to purchase.

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Strong Pressure to be Brought to Bear on Senate by Protectionists

Washington.—Opponents of the Underwood tariff bill are going to make their great fight in the senate. The manner in which the Democratic caucus of the house has stood by the ways and means committee is, proof positive that any effort to secure changes during the consideration of the bill in the house will be futile.

It appears that pressure will be brought upon the senate by means of petitions, letters, personal interviews with senators and probably many so-called lobbyists will be employed by different interests to work for a change in rates. But it is expected that the most important results will be reached by petitions and appeals from constituents of senators. Not only manufacturers, but workmen employed in different industries, are expected to write to their senators urging changes in the interest of greater protection for the lines in which they are employed.

Heavy artillery of the Republicans and Progressives was trained on the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill during the most extended open debate the measure has been given since its consideration was begun. The discussion was chopped off short Monday when "general debate" closed and the bill taken up paragraph by paragraph.

Republican Senators Decide Policy By unanimous vote the republican senate caucus agreed there should be no general reprisal on President Wilson for the democratic holdup of the Taft nominations in the last session of congress, but that republican opposition would be shown in the following cases:

In appointments to the consular service or the minor diplomatic posts, such as secretaries of embassies or legations, where the merit system resorted to by ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft was not followed.

Where vacancies are created by removals from office which carry fixed tenure, unless made for cause, and particularly where removals are made from offices which require technical or special knowledge.

Expert Arraigns Forest Service A scathing indictment of the present day management of the forest service is contained in a memorandum filed with the secretary of agriculture by Daniel W. Adams, who, after five years as expert lumberman in the forestry bureau, voluntarily retires to engage in private business. Impracticability, bad business management, improvidence, and an excess of bureaucratic methods are the general charges he makes. Mr. Adams gives names, cites instances and refers to records to substantiate his charges.

Railroads Gain Point

The commerce court upheld the interstate commerce commission's orders in the Shreveport, Tex., rate cases and in many respects sustained principles which the supreme court is asking the 45-state rate cases now awaiting decision. The powers of congress and the interstate commerce commission to remove discrimination caused by a state railroad rates lower than interstate rates which have been held to be reasonable.

Value of Railroads to Be Fixed

The interstate commerce commission announced that it has about completed the personnel of the board of engineers, who will place a physical value on all railroads. Tentative values, fixed by the board, will be submitted to the railroads, the department of justice and the governors of states wherein the properties are located. If no protest is filed within 30 days the value becomes final. Where protests are filed, the interstate commerce commission will make public investigations.

National Capital Brevities

Important improvements and extensions are to be made in the postal bank system, according to an announcement made by the postmaster general.

Former Governor George Curry of New Mexico, is reported to have been selected by President Wilson as the first member of the new Philippine commission.

Senator Jones of Washington has introduced in congress a bill for the direct election of United States senators in the same manner as representatives are elected. It is intended as a temporary measure to tide over until the states themselves enact direct election laws.

"Clean-up Week! Let's make it a Spotted Town."

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Martin Hedman to R. E. Fewell lot 5, block 3, Idlewilde. George Sharp to J. W. Wright, 15 acres at Trout Creek, \$1500. John A. Davidson to H. E. Noble, lots 6 and 7, block 32, Hood River Proper, \$450.

Frank R. Howard to Ruth N. C. Howard, his wife, lot 7, block 2, Win-an's Addition.

Clara I. Darr and Margaret N. Quigley to Charles I. Thomas. N. C. Evans to S. D. Stouffer, lots 6, 7, 8, and 9 and east half of lot 12, block 2, Wadcoma Park.

James M. Chitty to C. H. Kravie, six acres at Viento, \$400.

Baltimore Orchard Company to Hydro Electric Company all reparation rights on 80 acres at Summit.

Martin Hedman to R. C. Fewell, lot 5, block 3, Idlewilde.

LOCAL MASONS ARE TREATED ROYALLY

Twenty-five members of Hood River Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M., went to Portland Saturday afternoon and were royally entertained by Washington Lodge of that city.

The local Masons were met at the station in Portland and taken in automobiles to the Imperial Hotel, where a seven-course banquet was served. They were then taken across the new Broadway bridge to the lodge rooms where work was put on. This was followed by another banquet, after which toasts were responded to and musical numbers enjoyed. There were 250 present at the banquet in the evening.

Those who went from here were as follows: A. D. Moe, George R. Wilbur, George R. Castner, E. C. Smith, Charles Castner, A. C. Buck, F. H. Biagg, J. O. McLaughlin, Harold Hershner, J. W. Perigo, Frank Chandler, E. O. Hall, Kent Shoemaker, C. H. Stranahan, George Stranahan, W. L. Clarke, Webster Kent, Frank Ginger, Ralph Savage, Hubbard Taylor, O. H. Rhoades, A. A. Jayne, O. A. Adams, Mr. Dubois, E. T. Donaldson, P. D. Schreuder.

Brief News of the Week

By order of the secretary of war, the 35 saloons in the Panam canal zone will be closed during the coming fiscal year.

When the Montenegrin victors entered Scutari they were surrounded by half-starved men and women clamoring for food.

The territorial legislature at Honolulu adopted a report tabling the resolution of protest against California's proposed alien law.

The directors of the Panama-Pacific International exposition have lined up with the opposition against the passage of the anti-alien land bill in California.

Eight California senators are urging the adoption of their constitutional amendment to abolish the present senate and assembly in that state and to substitute a single law-making body of 40 members.

A youth of 18 and a girl of 19 climbed to the clock gallery in the tower of the Notre Dame cathedral at Antwerp arm in arm, and leaped to the ground from a height of 180 feet. Every bone in their bodies was broken.

The 675 employees of the International Harvester company, who walked out of the twine mills March 21 at Auburn, N. Y., have since rejected every proposition made to them to return to work. Further effort to bring about a settlement has been abandoned by the board of mediation.

By a vote of 41 to 12, the assembly of the California legislature turned down a resolution to invite the governors of Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona to come to Sacramento to confer with the lawmakers and Secretary of State William J. Bryan on the question of anti-alien land legislation.

At the meeting of the American Society of International Law, held at Washington, most of the speakers agreed with Richard Olney, ex-secretary of state, who held that this country was entirely within its rights, as the owner of the Panama canal, to make whatever rules regarding the canal it desired.

Archie Keir recently purchased a Ford touring car from Messrs. Howe & Ingalls, the local agents, and trout in the local streams may now be expected to increase and multiply, Mr. Keir having deserted the fishing rod for the steering wheel.

Winter lingers in the lap of Spring.

FRUIT PROSPECTS THIS YEAR GOOD

BLOSSOMS ARE COMING OUT AND PROSPECTS ARE FOR CROP EQUAL TO LAST YEAR'S

BERRY OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Plants Throughout the Valley Are Now Blossoming Heavily, but Season is Somewhat Late

Throughout the valley the fruit trees are bursting into bloom and indications point to a crop which will be as large and possibly somewhat larger than last year when about 800,000 boxes were produced.

During the past few days the buds have swollen and there is no mistaking the bloom from the leaves. Numbers of farmers have been interviewed by the fruit associations and their reports are encouraging. The bloom is not as heavy as the valley has seen but it is about equal to that of a year ago. The season is somewhat later than last year on account of the continued cool weather.

The Spitzenberg crop was not large last year, comparatively speaking, and indications are that the crop of this variety will be larger this year than last.

The Newtown crop was fairly heavy last season and the bloom this spring would indicate that the yield of this variety will hardly be so great as last year. The shippers are rather congratulating themselves upon the fact that the heavy crop of Ben Davis apples last year is to be followed by a smaller yield this season. This variety comes into competition with the same variety as produced in the East and it is difficult to market it for good prices.

The earlier varieties of apples are already in bloom and the prospect for a good crop of Jonathans is bright.

The late blossoming season this year relieves all fear of injury by frost. Many of the ranchers, however, have been delayed in their spring cultivation and are now on the jump getting the surface soil pulverized in order to conserve the moisture before the warm weather arrives.

Strawberries, like apples, are a couple of weeks later in blooming this year than last but throughout the lower valley the patches are now white with blossoms. There is reported to be a uniformly heavy bloom in all sections of the valley. Last year the berry season started about the middle of May, but it is expected that the first of the crop will not mature much before the last of the month this season.

SOCIAL HYGIENE MEETING THURSDAY

A public conference of physicians, educators and others, especially fathers, will be held at the Commercial Club next Tuesday evening, May 6, under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society. A local branch of the society has been organized and this is the first of a series of conferences. This one is for men only.

It is expected that Dr. Calvin S. White, Secretary of the State Board of Health and president of the society, will be present and speak on social diseases and marriage. Leslie Butler will act as chairman and the program will start promptly at 8 o'clock. It will be as follows:

"The prevalence and general seriousness of social diseases and their effect upon the individual."—Dr. Malcolm Bronson; "Present conditions among boys and girls"—J. W. Crittes; Ten minutes open discussion; "The four sex lies"—Dr. E. D. Kanaga; "My opinion regarding the cause"—Rev. E. A. Harris and A. L. Crocker; open discussion on "What are we going to do about the whole matter?" led by Rev. J. G. Tate.

ADDITIONAL ODELL NOTES

The membership contest carried on by the Ferguson Bible Class had a neck-to-neck finish. The Reds won over the Blues by the score of 1147 to 1124. Archie Moss captained the victors and George Ogden the Blues. The vanquished are to tender the Reds a banquet in the near future.

Rev. Van Noy's of the United church of the Upper Valley will preach at Pine Grove Sunday morning and at Odell at 8 in the evening. Mr. Carson will take Mr. Van Noy's place in the Upper Valley church.

Who better than the silver-tongued orator could convince the Californians of the error of their way?