

Uniform Grading Rules Adopted by Distributors

H. F. Davidson, president, Wilmer Sieg, sales manager, and Sam G. Campbell, chief inspector for Hood River, attended the meeting of the North Pacific Distributors held at Spokane Saturday, the session continuing through Sunday.

The Distributors' general counsel was directed to prepare contracts between the local organizations and sub-centrals in the different districts and also between car lot shippers and the main offices in districts where no subcentral or local organization exists as yet.

B. A. Parham, sales manager of the Yakima association, has resigned and has moved to Spokane to become sales manager at the local office. H. E. Smith, manager of the Payette association, also has resigned and becomes sales manager in charge of the Idaho division.

Trustees Determine Tenure One of the first acts of the trustees, after Frank E. Sickles, formerly secretary of the Yakima association, had been accepted as the Yakima sub-central trustee to succeed J. H. Robbins, who was disqualified when he became general manager, was to draw lots to determine the tenure of office of each, as the constitution provides three-year, two-year and one-year terms. The drawing resulted as follows:

For three years—H. F. Davidson, Hood River, and Harry Huber, Walla Walla. For two years—W. M. Sackett of Mandan, Mont., and W. N. Yost of Meridian, Idaho.

For one year—F. E. Sickles, North Yakima, and H. C. Sampson, Spokane. In an interview H. F. Davidson, outlined the results of the deliberations as follows: Routine Work First "Saturday was largely spent in routine work by the trustees in conference with a committee of 16 of the best experts in the four Northwestern states on the matter of a standard grade and pack.

This is the first attempt to standardize the grade and pack of the four Northwestern states, and the work is necessarily proceeding with great deliberation and care in order to give every section its proper consideration. The necessity of a uniform standard of grade and pack for the four Northwestern states has been unanimously recognized by every district and has long been de-

Hold Executive Session "The trustees went into executive session and after drawing lots to determine the tenure of office placed all the officers under bond, ranging from \$5000 to \$25,000, or \$100,00 in all. Not only officials who handle bond, but all the officers who have positions of responsibility and trust."

To further the work of organizing the other districts in order to give the board its full complement of nine trustees and to increase the tonnage of the central agency, Mr. Davidson announced the following committees: "Mr. Sampson will go to Moscow and hold a meeting of the growers Saturday morning, June 14, at 11:30 o'clock to organize a sub-central. At the request of growers in those counties, Latah county, Idaho, and Whitman county, Wash., have been transferred to the Lewiston-Clarkston district and the growers will meet at Moscow."

To Visit Western Oregon "At the request of growers in Western Oregon I will visit that section and organize a sub-central as originally intended. Mr. Yost will go to Eastern Oregon and further the aims of the organization in the Grande Ronde Valley in the Walla Walla district. Mr. Sackett will organize the Kallispell country, which will be a part of the Montana sub-central and will produce 250 cars of fruit.

Requests are received daily," continued Mr. Davidson, "from territories that are not now affiliated with any sub-central, asking to have their crop handled through the central selling agency. Requests are also coming from the various unorganized districts for consideration and they ask how their individual tonnage can be made available to the central organization. We are considering this matter at the present time."

Sales Managers, Specialists "Our present sales managers are each specialists in their own lines. The potato problem has been called to our attention, which may mean the marketing of 4000 carloads of that commodity in addition to fruit. The representatives of the potato districts have been instructed to take the matter up and report back and if the investigation warrants it a special potato department will be organized with an experienced potato salesman at the head. If it is added, it will be carried out so as not to interfere with the handling of our fruit product.

Our special business will be the handling of fruit of every kind. We have started too late to handle this year's crop of strawberries, but will begin with cherries and handle all carload lots. The sub-centrals will take care of less than carload lots.

LOCAL MERCHANTS BOOST CHAUTAUQUA

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Hood River Business Men's League on June 3rd: "Whereas the Hood River Horticultural Chautauqua has set aside the days from July 21 to July 27 inclusive for the holding of their annual meeting; therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of the Business Men's League of Hood River that during all or part of that time its members should brush aside the cares of business and devote themselves to the pleasant task of promoting such acquaintanceship as will make for the better citizen, the more prosperous community and the greater Hood River; and the members present pledge themselves and call upon those not attending our monthly meeting to devote at least one whole day during the Chautauqua to the fulfilling of a duty we owe to our neighbors and ourselves—the duty of knowing another."

ELKS ARE WORSTED IN ERRORLESS GAME In a closely-contested game the Hood River baseball team won from the Elks Sunday by the score of 6-5. The heaviest hitter on the field proved to be the Elks mascot in the shape of Frank Parker's colt, which was stationed at first on the coaching line and provoked much amusement by aiming a well-directed pair of heels at all members of the opposing team who attempted to reach the initial sack. It was not the mascot's fault that the Hood River team succeeded in bringing in one more run than the Elks.

The Elks made the first run of the game in the first inning and Hood River followed with three runs in the second and two in the third, making the score 5 to 1 in favor of the apple pickers. The Elks tied the score with four runs in the eighth. It looked like the game would go over nine innings until the last of the ninth when Hood River scored on a pass ball with one out.

GRANTS MANDAMUS ON REFERENDUM On Monday Circuit Judge Bradshaw granted to Attorney S. W. Stark a mandamus compelling County Clerk Hanson to file with the secretary of state the referendum petition calling for a special election on the bill raising the salaries of county officials. Mr. Hanson had refused to file the bill on the ground that it was irregular and lacking in essential points required by the law. He took this action upon the advice of District Attorney W. A. Bell. The mandamus directs that he shall either file the petition or else appear before Judge Bradshaw on Wednesday, the 18th, and show cause. This will bring the case to a trial on its merits.

NEW YORK RECEIVES ARGENTINE BEEF New York.—The first cargo of Argentine beef ever brought to New York was landed here and will be put on sale in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The meat is sent here by speculators in London, where the American beef trust is trying, it is said, to squeeze out the independent dealers in South American meat.

WOOD ACQUITTED IN DYNAMITE TRIAL Boston.—After deliberating over night the jury acquitted President William M. Wood, of the American Woolen company, of the charge of conspiracy to injure the textile strikers at Lawrence by "planting" dynamite. A disagreement in the case of Frederick E. Atteaus was reported. Dennis J. Collins, who turned state's evidence, was found guilty on two counts and not guilty on the other four counts of the indictment.

WOOD ACQUITTED IN DYNAMITE TRIAL (continued) Immediately when the verdict was announced, Attorney Henry F. Hurlburt, counsel for Wood, asked the court to direct an investigation of the published statement that an attempt had been made to influence Morris Shuman, one of the jurors. Before the court made its charge, Shuman was questioned by Judge John C. Crosby, District Attorney Pelletier and counsel for the defense regarding a statement which he was said to have made recently to the district attorney.

WOOD ACQUITTED IN DYNAMITE TRIAL (continued) Wilmer Sieg remained in Spokane several days in conference with other salesmen of the North Pacific Distributors, who are inaugurating an extensive campaign for markets. Mr. Sieg was expected back last evening.

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KEEP THE SCENERY CLEAN, SAYS SCOTT

In his monthly bulletin Secretary Scott of the Commercial Club calls attention to the need of keeping Hood River's scenery bright, clean and free from all that might prove offensive to the visitor and prospective resident. He says in part: "Its hot, of course, but its great growing weather, and there are more gardens, more chickens, more cows in Hood River than ever before, and if the activity keeps up, there will be fewer tin cans thrown down the East Side Grade this year than for some time. Speaking of desecrating that drive in that way—everybody who has a visitor takes them out over that road to see the scenery.

RECOMMEND RIVER HIGHWAY BE BUILT At the meeting of the County Court last week the board of viewers appointed to examine the proposed road comprising a portion of the Columbia River Road in this county submitted a favorable report. The members of the board were Murray Kay, county surveyor, C. K. Marshall, county road master, and W. L. Clarke.

APPLE REPORTS ARE GIVEN IN BRIEF Apples in the upper portion of the Walla Walla Valley will run about 40 per cent of last year's crop or about 50 per cent of normal, according to J. D. Taggard of Waiilatpu and Dr. C. F. Schiltz of the Pomona Orchard. So far this season no damage has been done by frost, the crop being light as this is the "off" year. In those sections of the orchards where production was light last season there is much young fruit.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE V. D. Havens to Elizabeth L. Havens, lot 23, block 5, Riverview Park Addition. M. H. Craft to N. P. Craft, 10 acres in Middle Valley. Burn Jones to E. E. Ferguson, 5 acres in Barrett district. C. A. Tucker to Alexander B. Bronke, 3 acres at Willow Flat, \$3400. Portland Trust Company to B. E. Youmans, 20 acres at Pine Grove. Simeon M. Dennison to Adney N. Dennison, undivided half of 24-acre tract at Pine Grove. Nollie H. Taylor to Fred H. Taylor, her husband, five acres south of Oak Grove. United States to Melissa E. Hill, homestead near Cascade Locks.

CONDITIONS GOOD FOR STRAWBERRIES Conditions remain very satisfactory with the strawberry crop here as well as in the markets. The crop is excellent in condition and the demand remains strong at good prices. No damage has been done by rains or warm weather and the slightly cooler weather of the past few days will serve to somewhat check the heavy output. From four to five carloads a day were shipped by the Apple Growers' Association last week and Mr. Huxley reports that the demand exceeded the supply. So fine is the quality that buyers have been well pleased and have increased their orders.

NEW YORK RECEIVES ARGENTINE BEEF (continued) The Armour-Swift group of American packers is engaged in an effort to control the cattle and sheep slaughter and export business of Argentine and Uruguay, and the latest step in the fight is to cut the independent Argentine and Uruguay fresh meat from the English market. The Armour-Swift combine has lowered the price of South American meat in London and Liverpool to a point where the speculators there are "taking a chance" at the American market, finding that they can bring the meat from South America to English ports and then ship it back across the Atlantic to New York and sell it here in competition with American-grown beef from the west.

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"We find the route to be a practical one with no railroad crossings or interferences with operation of trains on the O-W. R. & N. or laying of double track by said company and that it follows the general direction of the old State Road. "The beginning and termination of each mile and intermediate points have been marked in the manner provided by law as will more fully appear by the certified return of the said surveyor, which is herewith attached and made a part of this report. "In our opinion the road should be established for the following reasons: "It is necessary as being the only means by which the petitioners can reach the county seat of this county by private conveyance. "It will be of great public utility and benefit and necessary for the economical development of the county and is a continuation of the proposed road between Portland and Hood River. "We approve of the road and recommend that it should be made a public county road, the width to be 60 feet as prayed for in said petition."

CONDITIONS GOOD FOR STRAWBERRIES (continued) The crop is coming up to the expectations for a heavy yield and the sizes have been good from the start. There have been no cancellations this year on account of quality and the new grading rules have had a very good effect in stimulating the demand. The two grades this year are the extra fancy and standard, while all berries smaller than a five-cent piece in diameter are ruled out. A strict inspection is in force both in the field and at the warehouse before shipment.

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