READY TO COMBINE

Northwest Fruitgrowers Are Nearly Unanimous.

DECISIVE STEP ABOUT TO BE TAKEN

Orchardists From Oregon, Wash ington, Idaho and British Columbin in Convention Here.

Fruitgrowers of the Northwest took a determined step yesterday toward organization. This applies only to those who produce dried or cured fruit, and practically means the prunegrowers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, The sentiment of a large number of representative orchardists assembled in the convention held yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce was strongly in favor of organization. In most instances the men said they spoke the sentiment of their communities. Naturally, it is impossible to forecast what per cent of the prune industry of the Northwest is ready to en-ter into the written obligations necessary for a successful combine, until the agree ments have been circulated for signature

Plans for organization have not been accepted by the convention yet, as the committee barely had time to complete its work and make report before adjourn-ment. Today, the details will be discussed, amendments offered, if any there be, and the measure submitted to vote. There is some question as to whether the convention will accept the radical measures which have been found necessary in California to a successful issue of a combine. The stronger sense, however, is that the organization will be agreed upon, after which it rests with the growers of the Northwest to say whether it shall become effective. At least 75 per cent of the prune industry must enter the combine, else ne effort will be made to carry on association work. This is the minimum fixed, and the nearer that the entire industry is embodied in the combine, the more fa-vorable will be hopes of ultimate suc-

Whatever may be said of the fruitgrow ers in the Northwest heretofore for timidity and hesitancy in adopting radical measures, it must be admitted that those were strong proposals received with ap-plause yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce hall. The association is to furnish graders and instructors so that the fruit shall be prepared in the most approved manner, and graded strictly according to quality, after which the association stamp shall be affixed. Then the association takes the product, places it in its common warehouse, determines upon the price that can be obtained in the market, fruit at its convenience, and divides the gross proceeds among those who have turned in their fruit, according to respective amounts contributed. Whatever expense is connected with the workings of the association must be borne by the members in the same proportion. A price will be fixed at the commencement of the senson, below which the association will guarantee purchasers that it will not go, but if the demand seems to justify, the price may be raised at the discretion of the board of directors. Producers enter into a legal agreement to perform their part of delivering the fruit as required, giving the association a right which is said to carry with it the power to invoke the law for its enforcement

The form submitted by the organization corresponds almost exactly with that of the California Cured Fruit Association, formed this year, which is said to be patterned after the Raisin Association of the same state, which has successfully demonstrated its strength during the past two years. The discussion developed that a consolidation to a certain degree with the California Prune Association might be one of the events fol-lowing success here. This would place the prune industry of the entire Pacific Coast

Many fruitgrowers exp of these, through letter or verbal report, express their desire for co-operation. British Co-lumbia is included in the district to be covered by the combine, although no rep resentative comes from so far north There were several Washington men present, and two or three from Idaho. Many of the prominent agriculturists and horticulturists of this state co-operated heartily, and the largest producers were quite generally represented. These, in some instances, came with expressed approval from local or county organizations. Clark County, Washington, the largest single district devoted to the prune industry, is strongly in favor of organization, and

was fully represented. The Attendance.

Among those present were: Frank Jack-son, Chicago; C. H. Ricker, Vancouver, Wash.; A. J. Proebstel, Dayton; Louis Wambrigam, Dayton; Dr. N. J. Blaick, Walla Walla; J. P. McMinn, Walla Walla; Frank L. Wheeler, North Yakima, Wash.; Chauncey Ball, Mount Tabor; R. W. Lowring, Vancouver; W. A. Thrift, Shedd, Or.; Charles Miller, Jefferson, Or.; F. S. Akin, Portland; E. W. Morgan, Portland; Augustus High, Vancouver; George W.
Leonard, Vancouver; A. O. Hathaway,
Vancouver; I. Hugger, Medford; F. B.
Chaze, Eugene; C. P. Bush, Vancouver;
Scot Bozorth, Salem; S. P. Kimball,
Salem; O. H. Bellinger, Woodstock; Phil
Withwenth, North Varnhull, I. W. Errich Withycomb, North Yamhill: J. W. Estes. North Yamhill; A. C. Goodrich, North Yamhill; J. Harris, Gaston, Or.; J. W. Koontz, The Dalles: A. A. Carothers Olex, Or.; A. C. Churchill, Newberg; A.
T. Webb, Portland; Thomas Paulsen,
Garden Home; H. S. Butz, Polk County;
Adam Klippel, Portland; E. L. French,
Vancouver; W. G. Allen, Salem; J. W.
Wright, Fisher's Landing; H. J. Fleckor.; W. T. Jackson, Portland: A. F. Smith, Portland: G. A. Henricksen, Vancouver: B. L. Burnette, Vancouver: R. J. Vancouver; Walter Lloyd Scott's Milla; C. S. Harnish, Albany; H. C. Bushnell, Junction City; Charles Long, Silverton; Harry Haynes, Forest Grove; A. J. Fletcher, Vancouver; J. H. Settle-meler, Woodburn; W. K. Allen, Newberg; Z. T. Davis, Dundee; H. C. Lieser, Vancouver: A. A. Quarnberg, Vancouver: Nor-r's Humphrey, Eugene: H. Freborough, Montavilla: Henry B. Thieleen, Secretary Salem Chamber of Commerce; W. A. Cates Fisher's Landing; M. L. Jones, Brooks, Or.; H. Bryant, Albany; T. F. Mozseley, Vancouver; F. G. Braetje, Mount Tabor; J. C. Standish, Halsey; G. H. Webster, Clackamac; J. W. Gensle, Milwaukee; P. Borkenmaic; Milwaukee; A. W. Stern F. Berkenmeler, Milwaukee; A. W. Stow-ell, Vancouver; E. S. Craven, Newberg; F. Hampton, Canby; George Bamford, Mount Tabor; E. M. Arthur, Newberg, H. S. Glie, Salem.

These were the number who registered.

but there were many in attendance who through oversight, failed to do this, so no record is had of them.

Morning Session

A delayed train on the Southern Pacific caused the members coming from that direction in the morning to be late, and as Hon. William Galloway, chairman of the convention, was among the number, it was thought best to await his arrival. As he had not arrived by II A. M., J. H. Fletcher, one of the three committeemen hav-ing the matter in charge, called the meeting to order. Hon. H. B. Miller, who was attending the convention, was chosen tem-porary chairman, Frank L. Wheeler secretary, and A. J. Fletcher assistant sec-retary. Chairman Miller's opening remarks introduced the one business of the

ecting-organization. He said: "Gentlemen of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association: I thank you for the nonor of selecting me your temporary chairman. This meeting, as I understand.

is the result of a call made by a committee that was appointed at the convention of fruitgrowers held at Corvallis. That onvention appointed a special committe to prepare a call for a meeting of all fruitgrowers, and especially prunegrowers, of the Northwest, at this time and place

and this meeting is the result. "I think there is but one proposition in this meeting. The subject, boiled down, has but a single purpose. There are two lines of work that fruitgrowers of the Northwest may pursue. We have heard one of these lines thoroughly developed in propositions for general education. We have had conventions, we have had associations, and organizations. They have had in view the work of education in the direction of production or fruit in the Northwest. We all have attended these

"But there is the other line of work— the line of work which seems to be the purpose of the present meeting. This is a business organization. Other branches of industry have such husbands. onventions and meetings. of industry have such business organizations, and why cannot the fruitgrowers of the Northwest? It is to formulate such an organization as this that the presen convention has been called. I think it would not be wise to enter into any discussion here of the necessity for such an organization. I believe we all have talked and thought the matter over, and read about it until we are convinced one way or the other. And so I take it that this should be pre-eminently a business meet-ing, not for education, not for discussion, but a meeting for business purposes only I think it would be wise, therefore, to di-rect your thoughts and attention and interest especially to the line of perfecting, if possible, a business organization, creat ed for the purpose of markeling your prod-ucts. To that end, I will be pleased to

Mr. Miller's plain statements met with approval. No preliminaries were indulged. The resolution adopted at the Corvallis convention providing for the present meeting was read; also the call which was is

sued pursuant thereto:

Judge Galloway, who had reached the hail, moved that a committee of seven, on a plan of organization and order of business, be appointed immediately, with in-structions to report as soon as possible, which was carried. Chairman Miller apcinted Judge Galloway, who was chose chairman of the committee; Dr. N. G. Bla-lock, of Walla Walla; C. E. Stuart, of Medford; F. B. Chase, of Lane County; M. Miles, of Marion County; J. M. Bacon, of Vancouver, and J. H. Fletcher, of Van-couver. To give this committee full opportunity for deliberation, an adjournment was had until 2 P. M., when a re port on plan of organization was to be

FAVOR ORGANIZATION.

Sentiment of the Convention a Shown by Speeches.

When the convention assembled in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the organization committee was still not ready to report, and Chairman Miller asked for expressions from various members as to the sentiment on organization in their respect He said he feared that the ive districts. He said he feared that the people of the Northwest had not been thoroughly enough disciplined in the school of depression to come forward in a common movement for the good of all. However, he believed that fear that the prospect would fall this time should not deter action, as it was certain to be an easier task for the second attempt if the first falled.

C. P. Bush, a large grower of Vancou ver, and president of the Horticultural Society of Clark County, said he was strongly in favor of organization, and believed a large number of growers in his vicinity were of the same idea. One of the greatest difficulties he apprehended was enforcing a standard in packing, as growers were likely to resent the intererence necessary to secure best results in this direction, as well as absolute uni-formity. At a meeting held before he left home there seemed an almost unanimous sentiment in favor of some kind of an organization. One of the important features was selecting competent business

men for directors.

J. P. McMinn, of Walia Walia, said he could not reflect the sentiment of his com-munity thoroughly. As far as the drying industry was concerned, he, Dr. Blalock all three favored a combine. output of dried prupes from that district he

estimated at 15 cars.

J. Hugger, of Medford, said there was a large acreage in that district favoring or-ganization. Morris Humphrey, speaking for Lane County, and more particularly that portion about Eugene, said there was a local organization there, and he was not sure that the growers were willing to en-ter into a state combine. In his opinion it would be better to commence by local organizations, and let these develop into the state combine. A state organization was an immense thing, which might cause some to hesitate before entering. His county organization, Mr. Humphrey said, was intended to effect, on a smaller scale, what the proposed organization looked forward to.

H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City. he came from the northern part of Lane County, where there were not so many growers as at Eugene, but he could say in behalf of those there that they unanimously favored the state organization. County organization could not do the work. Lane County probably produced is or more carloads, which was nothing in the market, and only a state organization could accomplish anything. County organizations were well for instruction in grading and preparing fruit, but marketing should be given over to larger con

W. K. Allen, of Newberg, said the state association would receive support about Newberg if carried on by competent men. They had experience in county organization, but the deeper they got, the worse it was. County organization did not go far enough, and in time producers would have to come to a state organization. On the start it must be in competent hands. One of the points of greatest importance was quality of fruit, which was at the bottom of most of the trouble experi-

Traver, of Newberg, said the reasons for the failure of the county organi-zation there were well known, if it could be called a failure. The fruit was marketed in the East, and the quality was not sufficient to meet contracts, which re-sulted in trouble and loss. He said a large majority of growers in that district advocated organization. Charles Long, of Silverton, sald at

sting called at Silverton before he left a unanimous sentiment for organization was expressed. One thing they would probably ask for, and that was the privilege of drying according to their own ideas or methods, and then let the association take the fruit and get whatever it would being. Whatever it would bring. Whatever was done, a strong organization should be formed, with able business men at the head. Chauncey Ball, of Mount Tabor, one of the oldest prunegrowers of this district, said a large combine was absolutely neces sary, which all growers would see when they had been in the business as long as The organization should be strong and ruled by men in whom the producers had confidence. During the past 10 years although not missing a crop. Mr. Bail said he had not made a dollar out of his prunes, and the time had come when something had to be done, or people would com-plowing up their prune trees. Man chards of small fruit had been destroyed in this manner, but prunes were so slow to reach the bearing state that growers were loath to destroy them. Mr. Bail said that unless growers could get 6 cents for their prunes, there was no use remaining

in the business. Frank L. Wheeler, secretary of the con vention, who comes from North Yakima said general organization had been a hobby of his for years, and he believed that by hard work and careful manage ment the growers would all fall in line. Mr. Wheeler thought the only salvation of the growers some combination of this

the murderous methods now prevailing.

H. S. Butz said the growers of Polk sounty favored organization. Others from various districts were heard, most whom spoke favorably.

California's Experience Related.

A most instructive talk was delivered to the convention by W. W. Phillips, cashler of the Ainsworth National Bank, but a prominent fruitgrower of Califor-nia, and one of the organizers of the big raisin combine that is now the pride of

Mr. Phillips detailed the rulnous tition of raisin-growers, which often reduced prices to 1 and 2 cents. Fresno, where his property was situated, was the center of the industry, and many were enter of the industry, and many were seing wrecked by the low market rates. several years of unsuccessful work, the big combine was perfected over a year Since then raisins have not been sold by the association for less than 3 and 4 cents. Where winemakers before got the late crops for \$5 a ton, \$16 was now charged, and gladly paid, which enabled the growers to get on their feet again and prepare for greater work. In the saving effected by the association on the price for wine grapes, the growers of Fresno had made clear several times more in one year than they were compelled to pay for association expenses in officers, graders and other necessaries. This year the association still had 150 carloads of unsold raisins, but from the amount sold the growers had realized much more than they would have realized on the whole crop at prices before organization of the combine. The association strictly enforced observance of its rules, and was absolutely independent as to its member-ship. Where only % per cent of growers could be mustered at first, now there was ship. less than 5 per cent outside the associa-tion. There seemed no appreciable decrease in consumption as a result of the ncreased price. Mr. Phillips believed the prunegrowers of

Oregon could accomplish as much if they would effect a strong organization and elect able men to manage affairs. The California Cured Fruit Association had modeled its organization after the raisin men, and was getting well along toward a successful working basis. Quality of the fruit was one of the great objects, confruit was one of the great objects, con-cerning which the utmost strictness would have to be enforced. When the associa-tion stamp was placed on a box, it had to signify a standard, back of which the reputation and resources of the association were pledged. If a jobber bought, he wanted some assurance that the next day prices would not be cut lower, and thus cause him to lose on his purchase. The association would have to fix a certain figure, below which it would guarantee not to sell. The Northwest association should have a competent board of direct-ors, most of the officers residing in Port-land—a central point—have a warehouse in this city, and as soon as fruit was ready for the market, it should be sent here, where purchasers could inspect it easily. In California, if a grower is hard pressed for money before sale of his crop, he states the fact to the association, which gives him a certificate, upon which any bank recognizing the association will readily advance money at reasonable rates. This obviates ruinous mortgages, and helps the short men through the season. The product should be seld in the state, and not shipped East. None except what is sold should leave the association ware-house. The California association also undertakes to increase consumption and sales by various inducements, subject to the approval of the board of directors.

Many questions were asked Mr. Phillips, all of which were answered in very satisfactory manner. He proved to be the strongest organization advocate the fruit-growers have met, and was cordially thanked for his advice and the benefit of his experience. After he had finished the ommittee on organization announced that it was ready to report. Henry E. Dosch, secretary of the committee, read the long plans, which embodied constitution and

Plan of Organization.

The name submitted is "The Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest." The purposes of the organization are de-clared to be: "To buy, pack, handle, sell, market and otherwise dispose of cured deciduous fruits, and to act as the agent and factor in handling and disposition of e same for individuals cornorations as ociations and copartnerships manner; to buy, rent, build, purchase, sell, lease and operate packing-houses, ware-houses and other buildings, and to lease, purchase and own the lands upon which uch buildings are situated; to borrow money and to give any and all evidences of debt therefor to the same extent and purpose as a natural person; to establish and maintain a uniform and correct sys-tem of grading fruits, and, in general, to do, perform and take any and all steps and proceedings necessary and proper to carry out each and all the provisions of this article according to their true meaning and intent, and to the same purpose and extent as a natural person."

The principal place of business is es-ablished at Portland. An admission fee of \$5 is charged for membership. Corporate powers of the association are vested in 15 directors, each of whom shall hold one certificate of membership, and six 's the lowest number that can act as a quorum. Stockholders shall elect directors annually by ballot, Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the other members until the next meeting of stockholders, and if there is any di-satisfaction with a director, the president must call a meeting at the request of 100 members of the association for removal and election of another. Great powers are vested in the directors. Officers shall be elected by them. The first annual meeting of the association is fixed for the first Wednesday n June, at Portland, in 1901. Compens tion of officers and directors will be fixed by the stockholders in regular meeting. Profite shall be divided among stockholders at such times as the Board of Directors deem fit. The directors, which number 15, were apportioned throughout the Northwest as follows: Idaho 1, Walia Walla 1, Yakima 1, Umatilia and vicinity 1, Clark County 2, Josephine 1, Jackson 1, Douglas Lane and Linn 1, Marion 1, Polk and Senton 1, Yambill 1, Clackamas, Washngton and Multnomah 1. There may be changes in this apportionment.

The general plan of organization will be aken up today when the convention con-

Streets Will Go Through.

Several important streets in Central East Portland are to be fully improved. East Alder street will be improved from East Twelfth to East Twentleth street. It will be graded, sidewalks made, cement gravel to be used. Over one-half the property-owners have signed the pe-tition, and Councilman Hanson has no doubt that it will go through. As East Alder street is already well improved from Union avenue to East Twelfth, this new improvement will result in a continuous graveled street to East Twentieth. The proceedings for the improvement of East Tenth from Belmont to East Glisun streets are moving along as fast as possible, and in due course of time will be in shape for letting the contract. tract. In Upper Albina the movement to gravel Eugene, San Rafael, Sacra-mento. Tillamook streets and Rodney avenue promises to prove successful. The improvement of these streets will be comparatively cheap, as the gravel will be brought in by flat cars from the pit at Woodlawn and delivered on the streets. The Portland Railway Company will put in a switch on Union ave nue so the grave, may be delivered to teams which make short hauls to the different portions of the street.

Tired of Life.

Ella Duval, a North End woman, 2 years of age, attempted to jump off the steel bridge at 1 o'clock this morning, but was caught by Patrolman Connors as she was climbing the rail. She was taken to the Police Station, where she stated that she was tired of living. She is said to have come from Iowa a few months ago.

MANY HONOLULU SHIPS

EIGHT VESSELS LISTED FOR PORT. LAND FROM THE ISLANDS.

Poseidon Is Due-March Pilot Chart-February Customs Business Marine Notes.

The wind came up from the south with a vengeance down at the mouth of the river yesterday, and while it was lashing the ocean into a fury and playing the mischief generally along the Coast, it may been fanning up a fleet of snips which will soon be needed in this port The closest to hand of any of the fleet is undoubtedly the British ship Poseidon, which is supposed to have left Honoiuiu February 20. The Inverness-shire was expected to leave a few days earlier, but on account of trouble with her crew and an accident to her windlass, it is thought that she may not get around until near the end of the month. The Honolulu fleet listed for Portland is larger than that coming from any other port, there being six vesseis now in port at the isl-ands, or near by, and the Poseidon and the Inverness-shire, supposed to be on the way up. Some of these have been at Honolulu long enough to have discharged. and will undoubtedly reach Portland by the end of the month. The East African arrived February 18; the Aspice February 14; the Berwickshire February 17, and the Forthbank January 26. Aside from the Honolulu ships, the vessels nearest to hand are the William Law, now ou nearly 100 days from Sigapore, and the Argus, from Antwerp, with general cargo.

WIND AND WEATHER,

Government Forecast of What May Be Expected in March.

Government pilot chart for North Pacific Ocean for the month of March is at hand. The following extracts are from the forecast which accompanies the chart:

In the month of March the area of high barometer (maximum pressure 30.25 inches) which covers the eastern half of the Pacific, between the equator and 40 degrees, reaches its most southerly position, the area enclosed by the isobar of 30.25 nches lying somewhat to the southward of the rhumb line joining San Francisco and Honolulu. Around this area of high barometer the winds circulate in the same direction as the hands of a watch, northerly winds prevailing between the maximum and the coast; northeasterly and easterly winds (the northeast trades) on the southern slope; southeasterly, souther-ly and southwesterly winds to the west of the maximum, and variable winds, the prevailing direction being southwest, along the northern slope.

To the northward of 45 degrees, between

the American coast, and the meridian 135 degrees west, the winds will veer from east northeast (with falling barometer) brough south to northwest, with rising barometer. Immediately under the coast the most frequent direction of the wind will be southeast. To the westward of 125 degrees the most frequent direction will be northwest. Gales from all quarters will be strong, and will occur at brief intervals. Between 40 and 45 degrees the same sequence of winds will accompany similar barometric conditions, the per-centage of southerly winds diminishing, of orthern winds increasing, as we leave the coast. To the southward of 40 degrees the prevailing direction will be northwest, and easterly winds will be rare, especially

Temporary areas of alternately high and

low barometer will be found moving in a general easterly direction across the cean. Around the areas of high baromter the winds circulate in the same direc-tion as the hands of a watch (anti-cyclonic); around the areas of low barom eter in the opposite direction (cyclonic). In advance on any anti-cyclonic areas, or high, the weather is dry (shown by the difference between the wet and the dry bulb), the barometer rises, the thermometer falls, the clouds (cirrus, cirro-cumulus, alto-cumulus) tend to dissolve and the general direction of the winds is nic area, or low, the weather is damp shown by the small difference between the wet and dry bulb), the barometer falls, the thermometer rises, the clouds (cirro-stratus, alto-stratus, nimbus) tend gather, and the general direction of the winds is equatorial or easterly. The eastward passage of an anti-cyclonic is marked by light winds and fair weather; of a cyclonic, by gales, rain and foul weather. The path of the center of the latter is generally confined to the region between 25 degrees north and 50 degrees Their occurrence decreases in frequency as the season advances. The occurrence of typhoons during March is rare, only a single one having been recorded during the period of 1884-1897.

Occasional fog will be met along the

entire Asiatic Coast, from Breaker Point orthward to Hokushu; also along the American coast north of 90 degrees especially in approaching San Francisco Bay; also in midocean to the northward of 45 degrees.

Custom-House Business The report of the Collector of Custom for this port for the month ending Feb-ruary 28 shows the following transactions:

essels entered from foreign ports. or immediate transportation without appraisement .

appraisement
Entries for consumption liquidated....
Entries for warehouse liquidated....
Certificates of enrollment granted...
Licenses for coasting trade granted.
License to vessel under 26 tong granted
Value of exports... Value of exports-Duties on imports \$18,016 32
Fines, penalities and forfeitures 1 80
Miscellaneous customs receipts 85 06
Official fees 40 50

Refunds and drawbacks paid.... \$18,143 71

Marine Notes.

After two months' waiting on the Sound, the British bark Angerona has at last secured a cargo of wheat and lumber, and has sailed for South Africa. The Angerona is a diminutive craft, but vessels are not being loaded as rapidly on the Sound this season as they were in former

The steamship Strathgyle cleared at San Francisco for Portland yesterday, and was expected to sail for this port about midnight. This will bring her in Satur-

finish loading tomorrow or next day. The Samaritan is not yet ready for cargo, but she will not be far behind the little ones which finish this week. The United States transport Lennox will leave down the river this morning.

Yosemite on the Beach

VICTORIA, B. C., March 7 .- The Cana-

dian Pacific's steamer Yosemite went on Sidney Spit this morning, while on her way from Victoria to Vancouver. She was pulled off by the Islander at 19 o'clock, but is believed to be badly dam-aged, and was beached. The steamer Wil-

body." lapa is now standing by. An Expensive Pick-Up The schooner William H. Bailey was nulcted in the sum of \$5000 in the United States District Court at New Haven on February 26, in the suit of the Commercial Cable Company for the cutting of the cable in Gowanus Bay, N. Y., on December 28, 1988

testified that the cable fouled the anchor so that there was no way of clearing it unless by cutting. Judge Townsend says that, although the vessel was anchored in the anchorage grounds, and could not prevent getting entangled in the erable, the schooner should have gotten free without cutting the cable. The cut-ting, the court holds, was either willful injury or gross negligence.

Raked Up an Old Anchor. ASTORIA, Or., March 7.—Yesterday Captain Salte, of the steamer O. K., was trying to pick up the anchor lost by the ship Star of Russis, when he raised an anchor that had evidently been in the iver for many years. It was thickly inrusted with rust, and of a type not in common use now. It was not large and evidently belong to some small craft that entered the Columbia in early days,

Captain Dan McKinnon, of Gloucester, Mass., arrived in Astoria today to take command of the echooner Jessie, that was recently purchased to go into the deep-sea fishing business. Captain McKinnon has had many years experience in deep-sea fishing on the Atlantic, and is thoroughly versed in the business. The schooner will start for the halfout banks as soon as she can be got ready.

Schooner Crew Rescued. WILMINGTON, N. C., March 7.-The Norwegian bark Passal, which arrived to day, had on board Captain Welt and the entire crew of eight men from the four masted schooner Isalah Hart, of Boston which sank in a gale off Hatteras, Feb ruary 27. The crew was picked up five hours after the wreck.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Or., March 7. - Cape line down. Very hard gale raging. San Francisco, March 7.-Sailed-Steamer Walla Walla, for Victoria; steamer Fulton, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Arcata, for Coos Bay.

Port Townsend, March 7.—Arrived—British steamer Fort Stephens, from Manila.

Seattle, March 7.—Salled—City of To-

peka, for Skagway.

New York, March 7.—Arrived — Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen; Me-nominee, from London. Bremen, March 7.—Arrived—Auguste Korff, from Portland, London, March 7.—Arrived—Mesaba from New York.

New York, March 7.-Sailed-New York, for Southampton; Southwark, for Ant verp; Germanic, for Liverpool. Arrived-Bremen, from Bremen. New York, March 7 .- Arrived-Werra from Genoa, etc. Copenhagen, March 7.—Arrived—Island.

from New York, for Stettin.

Queenstown, March 7.—Arrived—Teutonic, from New York, for Liverpool, and Southampton, March 7 .- Sailed-Lahn, from Bremen, for New York.

FRICTION AT MANILA.

Ill Feeling Between Watson Some of His Officers.

NEW YORK, March 7 .- A special to the Herald, from Washington says: that there has been some friction between Rear-Admiral Watson and officials of his It is said that there has been some fric-tion between Rear-Admiral Watson and officers of his fleet. Commander E. D. Taussig was summarily detached from the command of the Bennington and ordered home for alleged criticism of the comman-der-in-chief, though it is said that Commander Taussig was not insubordinate.

There has also been friction between the Rear-Admiral and the Bureau of Navgation relative to his chief of staff. Rear Admiral Watson several months ago de-sired Commander C. C. Cornwall to act as his chief of staff and assigned him to the duty, but the department disapproved his action. Only recently the department ordered Captain Charles M. Thomas to command the Brooklyn. Rear-Admiral Watson transferred Captain James M. Forsythe from the Baltimore to the Brooklyn, and it is said gave an explanation as to bis action in committee. tion as to his action in compliance with a request made by the department. The bachelor officers of the fleet have al-

so complained because the married offi-cers, whose wives were in Manila, were allowed to remain on shore without propermission from the commander-in chief, one or two nights a week, while the order of the Rear-Admiral required unmarried men to be on their ships after 7 or 8 o'clock at night, and not to remain on shore without written

Rear-Admiral Watson's health was such that he was temporarily relieved from command several months ago, though the fact was not made public. The Baltimore will probably return home under the com-mand of Captain G. F. F. Wilde, who now commands the Oregon, and who has been two years on the Asiatic station. Cap-tain Thomas will probably be transferred to the Brooklyn and Captain Fersythe to the Oregon. Officers whose terms of duty at sea are about expiring will be brought home in the Baltimore. These changes will not be determined upon until Rear-Admiral Remey reaches Manila.

Rear-Admiral Remey, the successor to Rear-Admiral Watson, was selected by the department because of his well-known and particularly because of his work at Key West during the war with Spain. Though senior to Rear-Admiral Watson, he accepted without protest the order of the department assigning him to command the naval base at Key West and placing him under that officer's command. The department has never forgotten his subordination, and Secretary Long has been anxious for an opportunity to show his appreciation. Rear-Admiral Remey applied some mouths ago for the command of the Asiatic station, so that the orders issued today will meet with his wishes. Rear-Admiral Watson's despatch to Eu-

ropean waters led to the rumors that the European station was to be re-established, but Secretary Long said the report was erroneous. The Secretary has not deter-mined who will succeed Admiral Crom-well as President of the retiring board, but Rear-Admiral B. F. Day, a mem-ber of the board, will act as President pending the department's decision

NO HOPE FOR ANDREE.

Nansen Does Not Believes He Is Liv-

NEW YORK, March 7 .- A dispatch to he Herald from Berlin says: Herr Fridtjof Nansen has been inter viewed here by a correspondent of the Lokal Anzieger. He is passing through Berlin on his way to Breslau. Speaking on the subject of his future plans and the late Andree, he said that he would leave Christiania May 15, in order to carry out hydrological studies around Iceland for the Norwegian Government. A specially onstructed vessel had been ordered for his voyage. It will be similar to Fram, but smaller. The expedition will return in the Autumn. In reply to the question: "Do you in

tend to proceed to the Arctic regions again?" Herr Nansen said that he had certain plans in view, which, for the present, he preferred to keep secret. As to Andree, Herr Nansen said: "I believed as long as possible, in his return, making the most liberal allowance of time for his reappearance, but I no longer have any hope. I don't believe that he is living; otherwise we should certainly have heard of him. All that can he looked for now is the recovery of his

Not Representing the People.

New Haven Register.

If a poil could be taken tomorrow, which would escape, as its political consequence, the danger of jumping from the frying-pan into the fire, there an overwhelming majority for free trade with Puerto Rico. The Connecticut delegation in Congress are not representing cember 28, 1898. The captain and crew

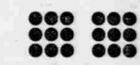


Progression

Is the watchword of men and women who are alive and up-to-date. Old-fogyism and stagnation are mental death. Nations, cities and individuals that progress are not afraid to get out of the beaten path. The aggressive, earnest, intelligent man or woman is not bound by codes or dogmas. They think for themselves, and humanity benefits thereby. As a class, the medical profession is clannish. The old school smacks of decay. Bleeding and blistering died hard, but died, nevertheless, while homeopathy continues to progress. The great Pasteur was not a physician, yet he blazed a pathway which thousands now gladly follow. A few bright, active, progressive physicians, who will not be bound by precedent, and who have the courage of their convictions, are doing a great work for the profession as a whole. They believe that no man or school has absorbed all the medical knowledge obtainable, and when a scientific discovery is made that revolutionizes a pet theory for the treatment of disease, are willing to give it a fair trial and abide by the results if favorable. Such a physician is Dr. L. M. Lander, of Chicago. Read and weigh the honest words of this noted specialist:

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> Dr. L. M. Lander is a graduate of the Imperial Central Institute, Stockholm, Sweden



FARMER'S CONGRESS MET

EFFECTED PERMANENT ORGANIZA. TION AND ELECTED OFFICERS.

W. H. Wehrung President, Thoma Poulsen Vice-President, H. B. Thielsen Secretary,

The board of directors of the Farmers' Congress met last night, in the office of the Rural Spirit, in the Hamilton building, and took preliminary steps toward effecting a permanent organization by electing officers, and appointing a commitee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Congress. Those present were: H. Wehrung, of the State Board of Agriculture: H. B. Miller, of the State Board of Horticulture: Thomas Poulsen, of the State Dairymen's Association; William McLean, State Veterinarian; James Withycombe, by proxy, Captain J. T. Ap-person, of the State Agricultural College; H. B. Thielsen, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, of Salem; M. L. Jones, of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association; R. on, of the State Poultry Association; R. Scott, J. H. Settlemler, and Jas-

per Wilkins.
This meeting was held pursuant to resolutions passed at a meeting held at Salem, the State Board of Agriculture, when the following objects and organic laws were

ization of all the agricultural and hortic tural interests of the state, and to become the sond of union between the organizations where-by their efforts may be concentrated in the fur-therance of all of their interests. Second—It shall be the especial duty of the

engrees to study the murkets for Oregon prodcongress to study the markets for Orean products, to extend the same, to seek new markets for those things we now produce, and to gather information concerning and encouraging the production of such things adapted to our soil and climate as we do not now produce. Thini—To encourage the consumption of home roducts and the establishment and patronage of

products and the establishment and paironage of manufactures.

The directors of the Farmers' Congress shall be as follows: The President of the State Board of Agriculture, the State Board of Horticul-ture, the State Agricultural College, vice-direc-tor of the Oregon Experiment Station, the presidents of the Hopgrowers' Association, the Goat Breeders' Association, the Oregon Dairy-men's Association, the Oregon Weolgrowers' Association, the State Poultry Association, the Master of the State Grange, the State Veter-Association, the State Fourty Association, the Master of the State Grange, the State Veter-inarian, the State Dairy and Food Commissioner, and the secretaries of the Portland, Salem and Astoria Chambers of Commerce.

There directors shall meet in Portland, at the Chamber of Commerce, March 7, 1960, to formulate and adopt a constitution and by-

formulate and adopt a constitution and by laws and elect officers. Pailing to effect organ ination at that time, they shall meet thereafter at a time and place to be designated by the presidents of the State Boards of Agriculture and Horticulture.

W. H. Wehrung was made temporary hairman and H. B. Thellsen secretary. The following letter was read from Repesentative Malcolm A. Moody:

"Your letter of the 19th, relative to the Grout bill and the pure-food bill, has been eceived and contents carefully noted. I fully appreciate the importance of these measures to the dairying interests of Oregon, and if they come before the House with a favorable indorsement from the committee I shall gladly lend my assistance to secure their favorable consideration." A similar communication was read from

Representative Tongue. Senators Simon and McBride also wrote on these matters. Both the Senators said they had not con-sidered the Grout bill, but would support the pure-food bill.

The directors then went into an informal discussion as to the membership of the Congress. It was proposed that there should be seven members each from the Hopgrowers', Woolgrowers', Dairymen's, Poultryfen's and Goatbreeders' Associaons, and seven each from the State Board of Horticulture and the State Board of Agriculture. In addition to these it was proposed that three members be se from each county by the County Judge. No action was taken on the suggestion. The following officers were then elected: President, W. H. Wehrung: vice-president. Thomas Poulsen; secretary, H. B. Theil-sen; treasurer, Dr. William McLean. These officers also constitute the executive com-

The executive committee was instructe o ascertain what funds will be required o inaugurate and maintain a bur information, covering those products no overed by independent associations. The following committee was elected to cre-pare a constitution and by-laws and reort at the meeting today: W. H. Wehrung, M. L. Jones, H. B. Thelise The Congress will meet again this morning at 9 o'clock, at the Rural Spirit of-

Tube Workers' Wages Advanced. PITTSBURG, Pa., March 7 .- Four ousand employes of the National Tube Company, at McKeesport, were today no-tified of a 10 per cent advance in wages, to date from April 1. This is the second

Tube Works, and makes the wages of the common laborers higher than at any time in the history of the works. All tube workers employed by the combine in the United States will receive a similar advance. The number of men affected is over 20,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

P. D. Gilbert, of Albany, is registered at Dr. W. P. Williamson, of Salem, is at E. R. Lake, of Corvallis, is registered at the Imperial.

J. E. Stone, of Kalama, is registered at the Perkins. Joseph Cammutt, of Colfax, is registered at the Imperial. J. B. Yeon, a Cathlamet logger, is at the St. Charles.

C. H. Abernethy, a Champeeg hop man, is at the St. Charles H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City, is registered at the Perkins, George B. Blanchard, of Tacoma, is recistered at the Portland.

E. J. Godfrey, a mining man, of Beliat

City, is at the Portland.

S. B. Hermann and wife, of Astoria, are registered at the Perkins Charles A. Monell and wife, of San Francisco, are at the Spalding.

G. R. Shaw, a farmer of Cleone, Or., is registered at the St. Charles. Senator S. B. Huston, and wife, of Hillsoro, are guests of the Perkins A. E. Reames, a Jacksonville busin man, is registered at the Imperial.

R. Seaborg, of Fairhaven, Wash., registered at the Portland last evening. R. Smith, a Perry, Or., lumber manufacturer, is registered at the Portland. W. H. Partin, of Seattle, is registered at the Portland, accompanied by his

William Holder, Sheriff of Sherman County, is registered at the Perkins, from Moro. Dr. Macrum has returned from San

Francisco and has taken up quarters at C. Peterson and wife, of North Cove, Wash., lighthouse station, are guests of the St. Charles.

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