

A FRUIT COMBINE

Multnomah Growers Debate the Question.

SOME FAVOR QUICK ACTION

Others Believe Association Should Move Slowly and Get Large Membership Before Attempting to Reap Advantages.

Fruitgrowers are debating the question of forming a fruit combine. The Multnomah Growers' Association has already been organized, but the scope of the organization is not defined.

The committee appointed at the preliminary meeting of the Fruitgrowers' Association Friday, April 11, H. J. Mickelson, W. M. Gates, A. J. Henniman and A. V. Folkman to draw up a plan of proceeding for this year, evidently has been invited to write out their own ideas of what a growers' union should be and send the same to Chairman Hunt.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to the best course to take at this time. Mr. Gates, a prominent member of this committee, is in favor of an immediate legal organization, the formation of a corporation modeled after the California Raisin-Growers' Association.

MAKE HASTE SLOWLY.

President Welch Wants to See a Strong Fruitgrowers' Union First.

C. H. Welch, president of the new Fruitgrowers' Association, said: "I am in favor of making haste slowly, and avoiding the mistakes that were made by the Multnomah Fruitgrowers' Union. No organization in this county ever had a better start than this one, but too much was undertaken before there was a thorough organization. For a time the work of that union was hindered by its own members becoming a permanent association that would have greatly benefited the growers, but things were undertaken before the proper time had arrived, and the union became overloaded, and went to the wall. What, in my judgment, we should do this year, is to get a strong membership of fruitgrowers, want at least 75 per cent of the fruitgrowers of Multnomah County, and more, if we can get them. This is the first thing to accomplish, but this cannot be done in a week or a month. It will take a year, or thereabouts, before growers must be taught to understand the benefits of such an organization, and the advantage of standing close together for mutual advantage, and it will take us to get such a per cent of the growers this year, but we can do a great deal, and get a considerable membership. We are not to start a commission business on our own, but we are to be until we get the strong membership, and then we can do something along that line. This year we can take up the matter of purchasing and handling crops and secure cheaper terms than if we separately and individually bought. And there are other things that we can do with an organization this year. I am very favorably impressed with the proposition submitted by D. Kellner, president of the proposed Produce Exchange, and I think I shall take stock in that concern. The proposition to allow a committee of three growers to fix the price of berries daily is certainly very fair. At any rate, I hope that this new organization will prove helpful to the fruitgrowers in general. That is all the interest I have in the matter."

FAVORS A COMBINE.

F. A. Powell Says Fruitgrowers Must Emulate Other Businesses.

F. A. Powell, Powell road, gives his opinion as follows: "I am in favor of a combine of the growers. I am in favor of an organization that will compel its members to stand together. This has always been my idea of an organization. While the Multnomah Fruitgrowers' union is going on, it was all right, and was doing good work, but the growers failed to stand together. We need a combine here among fruitgrowers that will combine. We can do very little without this. There will always be some who will understand their next-door neighbors, but if we have a strong, forceful organization, we can put a stop to this sort of thing. Other branches of business are forming combines, and we must do the same or get left; that is all there is about it. We should have an organization that will stick together, like the other unions. Before this can be done a considerable per cent of the growers must come into an organization to make it an effective one. The failure of the first union was due to the fact that it failed to carry out its purposes. Some of the members would not stand by the others; but all this is changed now. There is an organization everywhere, and it will be to the advantage of the fruitgrowers of this county to come together in a strong organization."

MOVE IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

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ONE SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION.

Statement Showing Operations of the California Raisin Combine.

A very instructive letter was received from A. L. Sawyer, secretary of the California Raisin-Growers' Association, sent to W. M. Gates, of Russellville, in response to a letter asking for information. A few extracts from this letter may be instructive, and show what has been accomplished in California:

FIRST MONEY FOR LEWIS & CLARK FAIR.

The Standard Oil Company has the honor of paying into the treasury of the Lewis and Clark Fair Corporation the first money received since the project was started. Treasurer Charles Buckenmeyer received authority to deposit \$500 in the name of the company, the money was paid in one lump sum, rather than in installments, as will be the majority of the stock subscriptions.

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STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR WILL BE FORMED.

Objects Are to Bind Unions Together and Organize Central Body to Act for Their Welfare.

The convention of the labor unions of the state will meet in the A. O. U. E. W. Hall, corner of Second and Taylor streets, at 10 o'clock this morning. The convention will be called to order by Harry C. Orr, president of the Portland Federation of Labor. Between 200 and 250 delegates will probably be in attendance.

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SYMPATHY FOR MR. RAIBER.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the L. L. A., Local 284, Saturday, May 3, 1902:

Mount Tabor Double Track.

Within a few days the Mount Tabor branch of the City and Suburban Railroad Company will be a double track to the summit. At present a double track is being completed between East Twenty-ninth and East Thirty-fourth streets. The street planks are torn up, rails have been laid, and the work nearly completed. The branch will then be the only double-track line extending out of Portland.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 4.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 70; minimum temperature, 42; river reading at 11 A. M., 7.7 feet; change in river, 0.1 foot; total precipitation, 3 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.00; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 35.72 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 41.78 inches; deficit, 6.06 inches; total snow on ground, 0.02; possible snowfall May 3, 14.5; PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.

Table with columns: Station, Temperature, Wind, Clouds, etc. Includes Astoria, Baker City, Blinnrock, Boise, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Fair, bright and warmer weather prevails generally throughout the states west of the Rocky Mountains. Frost occurred Sunday morning in Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, and frosts are probable in the early morning in the Grand Ronde Valley, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecast made at Portland for the 28 hours commencing Monday, May 5: Fair, with increasing cloudiness to the west of this range, followed by showers and cooler weather near the coast.

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