

APPLE IS KING OF FRUITS HERE

Horticulturists Make Fine Exhibits and Listen to Interesting Addresses.

CUPS AWARDED AS PRIZES

Hood River Leads the List, but Other Localities Make a Fine Showing and Capture Some of Trophies.

AWARD OF CUPS.
Northern Spies, A. Holladay, Scappoose.
Jonathan, A. Holladay, Scappoose.
Arkansas Black, William Erch, Hood River.
Baldwin, M. O. Lowndale, La Fayette.
Lady Apple, A. J. Mason, Hood River.
Yellow Newtown, Thomas E. Avery, Hood River.
Spitzenberg, A. P. Bateman, Mosier.
First best commercial exhibit, J. L. Carter, Hood River.
Second, commercial exhibit, B. B. Tucker, Hood River.
Honorable mention: Orley, Peter Mohr, Hood River; Ben Davis, M. O. Lowndale, La Fayette; Jonathan, Captain Gordon Voorhies, Medford; Baldwin, F. W. Wallace, McMinnville.

The Oregon State Horticultural Society opened its annual meeting yesterday morning in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Marquam building, with the largest attendance in its history and the finest exhibit of apples ever made in the Pacific Northwest. While the display is much smaller than the famous one of the Hood River biennial fruit show a year ago the past fall, which eventually won the St. Louis gold medal for Oregon, or the exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, it is conceded by the many expert fruit growers now in the city that the quality of apples exceeds anything ever shown by any other Northwest state. Seven handsome cups were awarded yesterday afternoon by competent judges. The exhibits were so evenly matched that it was a difficult task to make the decisions, and in the case of Yellow Newtown specimens were so even that the decision was made on the shape of the apples, all other points being exactly even.

Competition in Baldwins.
The Baldwins were also exceedingly difficult to judge, for the displays were all of such excellence that it was hard to differentiate. The prize finally went to Mr. Lowndale, but the specimens displayed by Mr. Marquam, of Hood River, and Mr. Wallace, of McMinnville, were just as good to the ordinary observer. There was no cup offered for the Orley variety, but the display of these apples made by Peter Mohr, of Hood River, was so perfect that it caused unusual comment, both size and quality being beyond criticism. The Spitzenberg exhibits were in close competition, and the fruit of this popular variety is being improved upon constantly, it being one of the finest apples in this section of the country, both as a shipper and as an apple of beautiful appearance and fine flavor. Probably the most beautiful fruit on the long tables was the Hyde's King of the West, all of them being large, beautifully shaped and the coloring exquisite. The Arkansas Blacks were also especially fine.

Will Protect Oregon Fruit by Law.
The large attendance at this meeting is especially gratifying to the promoters of the society, for it indicates a uniform movement for co-operation in the fruit industry and for better fruit. Legislation for the protection of growers is a question which has come before the meeting already, and it is probable that some definite action will be taken to secure National laws to this end. Oregon fruit men are tired of having fruit from other sections, in many instances of doubtful quality, marked as coming from Hood River, the Willamette Valley or Southern Oregon, and it is very probable that Senator Fulton will be requested to introduce a bill on the same lines that the one for the protection of Columbia River salmon is framed. The presence of many women at yesterday's session indicated a growing interest among them in fruit-raising, and the fact that many women of this state are actively and successfully engaged in this industry is most gratifying to the promoters of Greater Oregon.

Few Exhibits From Southern Oregon.
Southern Oregon was soundly scored for not being well represented, the only exhibit made from that productive region being one by Captain Gordon Voorhies, which was not of selected fruit. Captain Voorhies has an orchard near Medford of 500 acres, and there was much disappointment expressed over the fact that he did

not make a better exhibit. Clay & Meder have an orchard of pears in the same locality which comprises 600 acres, the rows of trees being just one mile long each way. The Hood River orchards are not so extensive as those of Southern Oregon, but when it comes to showing the right kind of fruit and carrying off prizes the little valley is right to the front. In this exhibit it carried off five of the seven cups offered, and had one honorable mention in the four given.

Dr. J. R. Cardwell, president of the society, opened the morning session at 10 o'clock, and made an eloquent and hearty address of welcome, referring to the magnificent horticultural display at the Exposition last summer, and the favorable comment it excited among visitors of note. The morning programme included an able paper by L. M. Gilbert, of Salem, on "How and Where to Plant Prunes," and in the planting of apple and other fruit orchards. Mr. Gilbert advocates the thorough working and reworking of the soil before planting and advises against placing trees too close together.

H. C. Atwell's Paper.
In the "Experiences of an Amateur Fruitarian" in Oregon, H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, admitted himself to be perplexed as to the proper culture of a prune orchard and asked advice and general comment on whether a disc or a plow should be used in certain instances. "Nomenclature" was the subject of an interesting discourse by J. B. Pilkington, of Portland, who stated that a standard should be established for the naming and classifying of orchard products. George Himes gave an interesting description of "Pioneer Horticulture" in the afternoon session, and A. J. Mason, of Hood River, in "A Plain Talk to Fruit-growers," handled the subject without gloves, telling the orchardists that one careless packer or grower could do more harm in a season than 20 good men could effect in many seasons. Careful cultivation, clean orchards and plenty of spraying were his slogans. He also spoke of the advantages of growers co-operating for mutual benefit.

Paper on Grape Culture.
One of the best papers of the day was that of J. F. Broetje, of Milwaukie, who is a grape specialist. "The Grape in Oregon" was the subject of his address, and it is conceded that no man in the state knows more of the subject than he. He went fully into the details of the culture of this fruit, omitting no detail which could be of interest or advantage to the amateur grower. Lloyd G. Reynolds, of Salem, spoke on "Some Problems," the principal of which being the question of proper fertilization. The fact that opinions concerning fertilization have radically changed of late years was forcibly brought out, and the varieties which should be planted with large orchards for this purpose were fully discussed.

Fruit Inspector's Work.
County Fruit Inspector J. H. Reid was an active member of the convention and made much to do with its success. The appropriation of \$450 made by the county for inspection is divided into the city and the other in the county. As \$225 has already been spent in Portland by Inspector Reid he is now engaged in his country work, and is only absent from the post in Portland because of lack of funds for the purpose. Many other prominent fruit-growers were at the session of yesterday. E. E. Hoskins, of Gold Hill, who is called the Burbank of Oregon, was among these. Mr. Hoskins raises all varieties of small fruits, cherries being a hobby with him. He is the originator of many varieties, among them being the Occident, Orient, Hoskins, Lake and others. A. R. Castner, of Hood River, who is known over the state as a successful appleman, was taking great interest in the proceedings, and A. I. Mason and Gland Marquam were also active. W. H. Newell, of Gaston, who grows grapes and is commissioner of the first district, was present, and J. L. Carter was expressing his gratification over the handsome cup he has to carry home for the best commercial pack. Mr. Carter's apples won the first prize in the biennial display which was sent to St. Louis from Hood River, so he feels that his apples are the best in the world.

The attention of rose-growers and lovers is called to the fact that L. S. Gibson will have a paper this afternoon on "The Rose in Oregon," and everyone interested in the subject is invited to attend. This will doubtless be enjoyed by the many women of Portland who so successfully raise fine roses. Today's programme follows:

Programme for Today.
9:30 A. M.—"Economic Forestry," Edmund P. Shelton, Portland; "The Hop in Oregon," Albert Ray, Portland; "The Home Orchard," A. J. Holladay, Scappoose; "Hood River Methods," E. H. Sheard, Hood River; 2:00 P. M.—"The Rose in Oregon," L. S. Gibson, Portland; "The Outlook," E. L. Smith, Hood River; District reports; W. H. Newell, Gaston; A. H. Carson, Murphy; Judd Geer, Cove; R. H. Weber, The Dalles; election of officers, new business.

Oregon Water Power Election.
At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Water Power Company, yesterday afternoon, the same board of directors which has served during the past year was elected. This board is composed of William H. Hurlbut, J. Frank Watson, W. T. Muir, Fred S. Morris and A. B. Crossman. At the meeting the routine business for the year was discussed, and the general business of the company was over. It is probable that the same officers will be retained to direct the board in its work during the coming year. These are: W. H. Hurlbut, president; J. F. Watson, vice-president; W. T. Muir, secretary; and Fred S. Morris, treasurer.

STOOL PIGEONS TRAIL MURDER

How Detectives Learned the Identity of the Slayer of Flemmings.

ARLINGTON GIVES THE TIP

"Tattoo" Kelly Had Acted in the Capacity of "Pigeon" for the Police Department on Former Occasions.

DONE BY "STOOL PIGEONS."
The "stool pigeon" system in the Centennial Hotel hold-up and murder case, which has been solved by the "system," has worked two ways. Kelly himself, a recognized "stool pigeon," killed Thomas Flemmings while robbing the barroom with "Honey" Rasmussen. The crime was too large for the department to overlook, and other "pigeons" were ordered to turn up the perpetrators, which was done through the efforts of George Arlington, a "stool pigeon," and others who were ordered to work up the case by the detectives. Chief Grimsbach denied that the "system" was responsible for the capture, and said last night that it was not true. That "pigeons" have been working day and night on the case, however, is known, notwithstanding any statements to the contrary from the Chief or detectives, who desire all the glory of making the capture. It is an open secret that police headquarters had no one can be turned up without the help of a "pigeon" or by a confession, except that detectives in occasional cases may fall foul of a criminal through "luck."

One highwayman and a murderer, "Tattoo" Kelly, will probably be sent to the gallows; another, "Honey" Rasmussen, will probably be sentenced to the Penitentiary on a charge of highway robbery, as a result of the Centennial Hotel hold-up and murder case. By the confession of Rasmussen, wormed out of him because of evidence given by "stool pigeons" who, to gain a little protection, have worked on the case with the detectives, the hold-up and murder mystery which baffled the sleuth department has been cleared up, and the department is being congratulated on a capture of two desperate men, who would have remained at large but for the "backsliding" of certain "stool pigeons" who "peached."

Given the Information.
Five days before Rasmussen and Kelly were arrested enough information to convict both men was in the hands of the District Attorney, but owing to the absence of Rasmussen in Tacoma, Kelly was not arrested. As soon as Rasmussen was located Kelly was taken into custody and arrangements for a confession were made.

Before Rasmussen was taken from the jail in Tacoma the deal was "framed." Knowing that if taken from Tacoma he would have to face a charge of murder here he agreed to "peach" on his murderous colleague. Rasmussen returned to Portland without requisition papers and came willingly and cheerfully with the detectives sent to the Sound city to bring him here. He was confined in an exclusive cell, where neither Kelly nor any other "stool pigeon" could get near him. Kelly, who is to stand trial on the murder charge, instead of being confined in the murderers' cell, is locked up with other sane, criminal and "pigeon" in the jail proper. To see that the deal went through Rasmussen's brother-in-law arrived in Portland Sunday afternoon to look after his relative's interests.

Is Carefully Coached.
When all was in readiness Rasmussen expressed a desire to speak with the District Attorney. He probably knew less of what a District Attorney is than a cow about astronomy, but had been carefully coached how to bring the meeting about. Sunday night Rasmussen became impatient for the interview and arrangements were made to meet District Attorney Manning Monday morning, which was done, and the formality of a confession which would look well only in writing was gone through with, after it had been made a week before to the detectives.

Kelly and Rasmussen would both probably have never been behind the bars if it had not been for the "system." In this case, however, the "system" has worked both ways. Kelly, who has acted in the capacity of a "pigeon," and has been confined in the city prison before, became bold enough to commit murder, was arrested the day following, but was released. He told Rasmussen that there was no danger and that he could remain in Portland. He advised Rasmussen, however, to leave the city for a while. But the "system," when public opinion was aroused, was brought into vogue again

and orders went sent out that the right men must be turned up. Night after night "pigeons" dropped into the station to report progress.

George C. Arlington, Pigeon.
George C. Arlington, who is himself a confessed conspirator in the hold-up business, and who will be held as a witness against Kelly, was one of the hardest-working "pigeons" on the sleuth department staff, and it was through him that most of the evidence was obtained upon which the arrest of the two highwaymen was made.

Arlington has occupied a cell in the city prison night after night on a charge of vagrancy. He was ordered out of the city by Judge Cameron, but, under the protection of Bruin's staff, was allowed to stay in the city. He walked boldly into the station at 1 o'clock Monday morning and asked to see Bruin, and if not Bruin, Kerrigan and Snow. "I thought you were ordered out of the city," said Captain Bailey.

"Well I was, but Cap Bruin said I could stay, and I am going to be a witness for Kerrigan and Snow in this Kelly business, but after that I guess I will get out."

How the "Pigeons" Worked.

"Do you know that Kelly was one of the highwaymen who held up the Centennial?" was asked by an Oregonian reporter, who was not known to Arlington. "Do I know it? Well, say now, I know that he hangs around Tom Fallon's dump, and that he has asked me to go out with him on some of his jobs. I know lots of things that I won't tell. But I know this 'Honey' has done jobs here, and that after each one he has disappeared for a little while. I guess he went to Tacoma. Say, who are you, anyway?"

The conversation was here cut off by Captain Bailey ordering Arlington to be locked behind the bars. Arlington smiled, as much as to say that Bruin would see that he was released. Arlington was released the following morning. An hour following this another "pigeon" asked to see Kerrigan and Snow, and they began to arrive at the station in such numbers that the jail was almost swamped.

SPLIT ON WATER FRANCHISE

Milwaukie Council and Water Company Cannot Agree on Terms.

The Milwaukie Council and the Milwaukie Water Company have locked horns over the question of a new franchise for which the company made application at the meeting Monday evening. C. Kerr, O. B. Flach and J. Berkmeyer, residents, are the owners of the present plant erected last year at a cost of \$2000. As it covers but a portion of the town, the company asked for a franchise which would enable it to extend mains and erect a 15,000-gallon reservoir east of the South-ern Pacific Railway. The ordinance presented by the company gives the city 10 per cent of the profits after operating expenses are paid. Council asked that the franchise be amended so that the city would receive 5 per cent of the gross income of the company. All three members of the company were present, and they declared that they would not agree to more for the good of Milwaukie than for any great profit they expected from the investment. The General Electric Company had come in for a franchise, they said, and had offered nothing in return, and the owners of the Milwaukie Water Company could not understand why their company be taxed 5 per cent on their gross income, which would amount practically to a confiscation of their investment. Whether there will be a compromise remains to be seen.

At this meeting the Portland General Electric Company presented an application for a franchise for 25 years in the form of an ordinance, without restrictions or giving the city anything. It was ordered posted so the people could see its provisions.

On motion I. Gratton was granted a license to sell liquor at the Milwaukie Clubhouse for one year. It was also voted that the tax levy be fixed at 3 mills for 1906.

Mayor Schindler made the following appointments for the year: President of the Council, Philip Streib; finance, Councilmen Matthews and Hively; fire and water, Councilmen Hively, Webster and Streib; health and police, Councilmen Webster, Matthews and Hively; streets and public property, Councilmen Streib, Webster and Hively; lights and franchises, Councilmen Streib, Hively and Matthews.

The bonds of City Treasurer Leyman were approved. It was announced that the city had purchased a hose reel and cart.

Alexander Hamilton Banquet.

At the Hotel Portland tonight, the American Patriotic Club will commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton with a banquet. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of members. The following programme has been prepared:

Address by the vice-president, W. D. Wheelwright, who will be the toastmaster. "To the Memory of Our Late President, C. R. Bellinger," C. E. S. Woods; "Alexander Hamilton," George H. Woods; "United States Finances," L. Miller; "Empty State—The Home of Hamilton," Rev. Stephen S. Wise.

MAY ELECT R. HOGGE

Chamber of Commerce Will Choose President.

TO NAME OTHER OFFICERS

Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Organization Will Be Held, Beginning at 6 o'clock This Evening.

The annual meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at 6 o'clock, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Standing committees of the organization will also submit their reports. Following the election of the officers and the submitting of the reports, the members of the Chamber of Commerce will adjourn to the Commercial Club, where a banquet will be held.

It is presumed, and the supposition is based wholly upon the precedent which has been followed for several years in the election of officers, that R. R. Hogge will be elected president to succeed W. D. Wheelwright. Mr. Hogge is now vice-president of the organization, and it has been the custom of the organization to elect the occupant of this position president at the annual meetings. Whether this precedent will be followed this year remains to be seen, as no information on the subject has been given out by the presiding officers of the Chamber of Commerce.

Will Submit Report.

At the business meeting tonight President Wheelwright will submit a report on what has been accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce during the last year. The transportation committee, which submitted an extensive report several weeks ago, will submit an addition to the first report.

The banquet will be one of the most elaborate ever held in the City of Portland, and it is expected that it will be attended by nearly 300 persons. All of the members of the Chamber of Commerce have been invited, and many other prominent citizens who are not members of the organization will undoubtedly be present.

At the banquet the opening address will be made by the newly elected president. Other addresses will be made by W. W. Cotton, H. M. Calk, president of the Portland Commercial Club; Mayor Lane; J. A. Fletcher, Commissioner from California to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and R. Livingston. There will be solos by J. W. Alexander, selections by the Boyer Quartet, and other amusement features.

Reception Committee Chosen.

The reception committee, which will be present to receive the guests and the new members, follows:
I. N. Fleischer, W. L. Boies, Harry L. Corbett, James McLeod, Henry Hahn, George Taylor, W. J. Burns, R. Livingston, S. J. Moore, Edward Woodingham, R. R. Hogge, Jay Smith, Hugh McGuire, Julius L. Meier, Paul Wever, J. Ernest Laidlaw, A. H. Devers, Sol Hunsauer, E. M. Brannick, David N. Moosmohr, W. D. Fenton, William Gadsby, J. L. Hartman, A. L. Craig, Adolph Wolfe, Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, S. G. Reed, Lewis Russell, Ben Selling, W. H. McMurray, Dr. H. W. Coe and Charles F. Beebe.

OPTION OF SCHOOL GROUND

Midway Improvement Association Wants Entire Block Secured.

At a meeting of the Midway Improvement Association, last evening, Frank Gibson, president, it was decided to secure an option on an entire block of ground for the proposed schoolhouse in that neighborhood. A committee of five was appointed to take the matter of securing this option. The Board of Education has decided to put up a four-room schoolhouse for next year at Midway.

The association also decided to ask for five fire hydrants for that neighborhood. This meeting was held in the new hall, recently completed.

Mr. Gibson, president of the association, declares that nothing less than an entire block should be purchased for school purposes, as that section is rapidly settling up. "The Ladd tract," he said, "must be thrown on the market, and it will settle rapidly. We shall want a 10 or 15-room schoolhouse before many years between the Brooklyn and Sellwood buildings. The plans for the four-room building for this section will include the final erection of a large building."

Harrisburg Votes for Saloon.

HARRISBURG, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special).—The election of officers to govern this city for the ensuing year took place yesterday in a very quiet and orderly manner. Barney May was elected Mayor, T. J. Anderson Recorder, F. J. Stephens Marshal, J. L. Norwood Treasurer. The election of Councilmen hinged on the wet and dry question. The vote was won by a large majority and Harrisburg will have a licensed saloon.

PURE HEALTHFUL REFRESHING Apollinaris

"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS"

MAY BE FOOTPADS

Policeman and Watchman Arrest the Two.

SUSPICIONS WERE AROUSED

It Is Thought They Were Following a Man With the Intention of Holding Him Up, When They Were Captured.

WATCHMAN BEYERS ASSISTS PATROLMAN.

In the arrest of two men supposed to be highway robbers early yesterday morning, Julius Beyers, a night watchman, rendered very valuable assistance to Patrolman Jodon. Beyers is a man of long experience in police work, and until the election of Mayor Lane was a special policeman. He is now devoted to authority, but maintains his interests on the same territory in opposition to the special officer appointed by Mayor Lane.

To effect the capture of the two suspects, who were believed to be following a man for the purpose of holding him up, Patrolman Jodon needed assistance, which was readily given by Watchman Beyers.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday morning delivered a ringing speech to Municipal Judge Cameron, in which he strongly urged that stern punishment be meted out to vagrants, especially those found on the streets at unseemly hours of the night with loaded revolvers.

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In the Municipal Court, both prisoners declared they were entirely innocent of wrongful intent, but Dickie pleaded guilty to charges of robbing the streets after hours and carrying a concealed weapon. His companion pleaded not guilty to an "after-hours" charge. Both declared they were from Woodburn, where they said they had been working on the section. However, they could not give the names of any persons in Woodburn, or the name of the section foreman.

Dickie said he and Hall had been to Pat Douglas' North End saloon, and left there

about 1 A. M. They intended going to the St. Charles Hotel, he said, and they knew where the hotel was located, but, strangely, they went two blocks past it. Another peculiar fact brought out was that they did not bring their baggage up town, but checked it at the Union Depot. The officials believe this was a clever act to dodge the police and escape from Portland quickly, if occasion demanded.

All of these circumstances caused Mr. Fitzgerald strongly to demand stern punishment for such characters. Judge Cameron held both prisoners, pending an investigation, and the matter will be further heard this morning.

Many vagrants were before Judge Cameron, as usual, and were ordered to leave the city. The complainant being W. H. Carson, street, one of the North End resorts against which the police are waging a war at present. The necessity of forming a chain gang and establishing a reformatory for such characters, Judge Cameron held both prisoners, pending an investigation, and the matter will be further heard this morning.

John Schaefer, charged with defrauding Michael Greene, proprietor of the Garfield Hotel, out of \$8, was given until this morning to settle his account, and it is believed he will do this.

SUPPLIED BY LADD'S PLANT

ASSISTS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITH MATERIAL.

How It Manages to Get a Division Out of the Water-Main Contract.

On November 27 last, the City Water Board opened bids for supplying material for the construction of a high-service water main from the Mount Tabor reservoir to a connection with the mains in Killingsworth avenue, a distance of approximately 35.50 linear feet.

Much surprise was expressed at the time these proposals were opened that the Oswego plant was not a contender for the rich contract, involving, as it did, an expenditure of something in excess of \$120,000. Public attention was directed to this phase of the situation by reason of the fact that a short time previously the Oswego Company had been given the same contract; but on account of the unearthing of certain irregularities connected therewith by The Oregonian, applying chiefly to W. M. Ladd being president of the concern at the same time that he was the ruling spirit on the Water Board, the contract was rescinded and new bids advertised for. All the while that the public was on the anxious seat in the matter, however, it was observed that the officials of the Oswego Company manifested little concern, and the secret of their fortune in the matter developed yesterday when it became apparent that they are sharing the benefits of the contract that went to the United States Cast-iron & Foundry Company, of Chicago. Who secured the coveted prize when the final award was made.

Superintendent Dodge, of the City Water Works, yesterday admitted that the Oswego plant is helping out its rival, but excused the peculiarities of the transaction on the plea that the contract called for certain deliveries by January 1, a condition which the Chicago house was unable to meet. He denied that there was any intrigue in relation to the bids, or that the declination of the Oswego plant to compete with the Eastern concern possessed even the faintest semblance of a combine.

After serious illness Hood's Sarsaparilla imparts the strength and vigor so much needed.

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SESSION ATTRACTS MANY FRUITGROWERS TO PORTLAND



A. I. Mason.

J. F. Broetje.

Judd Geer.

W. K. Newell.

E. H. Shepard.

E. L. Smith.