

ALL-STATE FRUIT SHOW ADVOCATED

President Atwell, of Oregon Horticultural Society, to Urge Annual Display.

MESSAGE TO ADVISE STEP

Exhibits by Districts Separately Block Best Results, Giving Spokane Upper Hand—Portland Fair Place.

H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, strongly advocates holding in Portland annually an all-Oregon fruit display.

"I see great possibilities in this suggestion. At the present time the horticulturists of all our communities, while doing all they can to help out our exhibit, naturally give the success of their local enterprises their first and best thought.

United Effort Urged.

"If arrangements can be made for concentrating at our annual meeting all the exhibits of the various localities, the energies of all our growers will be united to make our exhibit the biggest thing of the kind on the Pacific Coast.

"I think we should hold our annual meeting and exhibit at an earlier date and later in the week. I suggest the middle of November, or perhaps, somewhat earlier. I think we should set Wednesday for the opening of our meeting and Thursday for the arrangement of exhibits, so that fruit sent here would not have to be delayed in this city over Sunday.

Pears Better Earlier.

"The earlier date would accommodate the pear man. Oregon pears are winning great part of the glory which is making Oregon famous for fine fruit. It seems a pity that this splendid fruit should not be shown at our exhibit. It has been suggested that one result which would follow the adoption of an earlier date would be that some communities which are now maintaining annual fruit exhibits would discontinue the same and join with us to make our exhibit a show of such magnitude as to rival anything now held in the Pacific Northwest."

Mr. Atwell also objects vigorously to the plan provided at the last session of the State Legislature, which provided for the course of study at the State Agricultural College such studies as are included in the curriculum of the State University. Mr. Atwell says:

"I trust it may not be considered out of place if I attempt to express the appreciation which I know you all feel for the work done by our State Agricultural College. This institution is proving of inestimable service to the horticultural interests of Oregon. Its equipment and its staff of teachers and investigators are always at our service, and the problems it has solved and is solving for us are of vital importance to our industry.

"In this connection, perhaps I may be permitted to speak of what seems to be a very ill-advised notice regarding the course of study which may properly be offered at an agricultural college. During a visit to our last Legislature, I noticed a slight undercurrent of opinion to the effect that an agricultural college is a 'farmers' college' and a 'farmers' college should teach the same thing. This idea was reflected somewhat in a measure aiming to eliminate several courses offered by the Agricultural College because they were provided for elsewhere.

Farmer Boy Worthy.

"I think the conclusion drawn from these inferences are erroneous because both inferences are not true to fact. It may be debatable whether the original establishment of the two institutions was wise, but that question has nothing to do with this. Each institution is an established fact; each has its building and equipment. Twenty-five students and one professor in each institution will cost no more to maintain than 50 students and two professors in one institution. But whether this statement be true or not, there remains the far more important fact that the farmer's boy, in either institution, is just as much entitled to instruction in the elements of history and political science as is the boy from any other walk in life.

"If the farmer's boy, merely because he chooses to prepare himself to follow his father's vocation, is to be deprived of instruction in the principles of good government, the future of our commonwealth is not reassuring.

"I know you agree with me on this subject and I think our society should place itself on record as opposed to the contrary idea."

Mr. Atwell reports that the last year has been the most successful in the history of the society, which now has about \$2500 in cash in the bank. While the year has been a backward season for prunes, Mr. Atwell says this fruit has a bright future when it is considered that the population of the country is increasing out of all proportion to the increase in the area of hillside land and particularly when the Italian prune is adapted to only a very limited area. He advises prune-growers not to become discouraged. Although the cold weather of last winter did considerable damage to young walnut

trees, Mr. Atwell predicts that Oregon will become the greatest walnut-growing section of the world.

GROWERS TO GATHER TODAY Convention to Open This Morning. Exhibit Best Ever.

Sectional lines, horticulturally speaking, have been erased for at least a week and apples grown from all sections of the state have brought the cream of their crops to this city, that the 24th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, which opens this morning, may be the most successful in the history of the organization. The convention will be held in the auditorium of the Motor & Frank Company's fifth floor annex, where the apple display is resplendent. Only continued inclement weather will reduce the attendance and limit the exhibit, which promises, before tonight, to surpass all previous displays in extent and number of varieties shown.

Apples of almost every name and variety have been entered from all parts of Western Oregon and the celebrated Hood River and Mosier districts. Among the varieties exhibited are: Spitzenberg, Yellow Newtown, Baldwin, Ortley, Red Cheek, Pippin, Wagner, Ben Davis, Northern King, Winter Banana, Winesap, Hyde's King, Golden Russet, Jonathan, Vanderpool Red, Swaar and Rome Beauty.

Walnuts Shown, Too.

The horticultural display, however, is not confined to apples. The McMinnville

\$251,389,882 IS COUNTY'S WEALTH

Multnomah's Taxable Property Is Listed, County Clerk's Big Task Ends.

\$104 AVERAGE ACRE VALUE

City and Town Lot Improvements Total \$43,660,153—Franchises Valued at \$3,478,350—Rail Stock \$1,292,250.

Multnomah County's taxable property is valued at \$251,389,882, according to the assessment levied by Assessor Slighter and

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handcar, on which were four men and some wood, on the trestle approach to the steel bridge at Wilsonville this morning at 10 o'clock. One of the men who was on the handcar was slightly hurt by flying wood, all saving themselves by jumping. The train was delayed at Wilsonville about 15 minutes.

AMUSEMENTS WHAT PRESS AGENTS SAY

"Soul Kiss" at Bungalow Tonight. The attraction at the Bungalow Theater, Twelfth and Morrison streets, tonight and tomorrow (Wednesday) nights, will be a special matinee tomorrow, will be the brilliant musical play success "The Soul Kiss."

Opheum Has Strong Bill. A splendid new bill opened for the week at the Opheum yesterday. It is composed of a fine aggregation of fine feature acts of reliable and reputable land in Multnomah County is valued at \$104.31 an acre.

Basque Matinee Tomorrow. At the Baker Theater all this week Cohan and Harris present Geo. M. Cohan's famous play, "Fanny," five minutes from Broadway, with Charles Brown in the role of "Kid Burns" and Elizabeth Drew as "Mary."

Stars at Pantages. Actors and acts who have held (opline positions on the programmes of leading Astoria theaters, Mr. Pantages will be overflowing this week. Among the very best are the Lyvonne Sexton, the original sensation of its kind, and Fischer & Burkhard, and other successes.

New Bill A Hit. The new bill at the Grand was a positive

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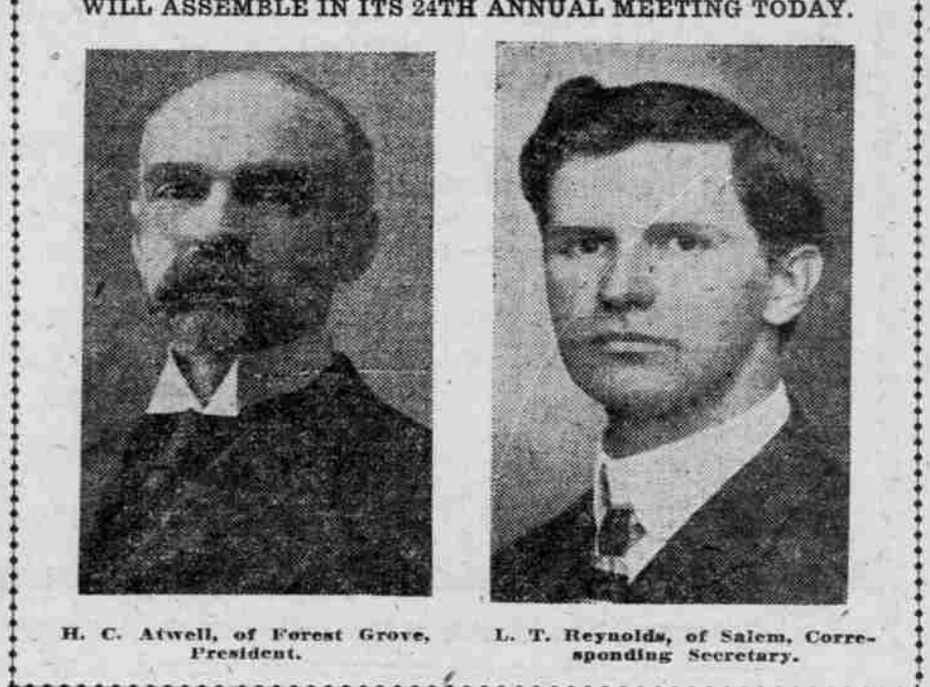
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Walnut Club has a large exhibit of Oregon grown walnuts, while Fred Geener, of Hillsboro, has entered an individual display of the same fruit. An attractive display of cranberries is being shown by the Portland Cranberry Land Company. A. E. Jory, of Salem, and J. H. Rees, of Springbrook, are showing fancy packed prunes. There are also several plates of quinces. From Hood River and Willamette Valley points several boxes of choles. Buerre d'Anjou pears are exhibited.

OFFICERS OF THE STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, WHICH WILL ASSEMBLE IN ITS 24TH ANNUAL MEETING TODAY.



H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, President. L. T. Reynolds, of Salem, Corresponding Secretary.

his deputies this year. The largest part of this consists of city and town lots, valued at \$126,579,912. The 137,318.233 acres of tillable and non-tillable land in Multnomah County is valued at \$104,311,970, or \$104.31 an acre.

An enormous quantity of small amounts go to make up the total given out yesterday by County Clerk Fields. For several weeks his deputies have been at work on the assessment roll. Upon the \$231,000,000 total this year's tax levy will be made. The only levy so far made is that of the Port of Portland, which has fixed its tax rate this year at 1.7 mills, half a mill more than that of last year.

Next in value to city and town lots are the improvements made upon them, which have been assessed at \$43,660,153. Improvements on leased or patented lands are valued at \$2,388,500. Merchandise and stock in trade in this county is next in value to acreage, being assessed at \$14,121,261.

Franchisees of public-service corporations are worth \$3,478,350, and the rolling stock of the street railway company is valued at \$1,292,250. Multnomah County has 109 pieces of railroad rolling stock, in addition to the rolling stock of the streetcar company, of which there are 224 pieces. There are 32.53 miles of railroad bed, 215.14 miles of street railway roadbed, and 492.54 miles of telegraph and telephone lines. The telephone lines are valued at \$3,213,300, the telephone lines at \$1,064,330, and the streetcar track at \$2,084,630.

There are 1200 dogs in Multnomah County, according to the showing made by the assessment roll summary. There are also 1488 swine, 2317 sheep and goats, 9118 cattle, and 8898 horses and mules. Dogs are worth \$7532; the swine, \$585; cattle, \$48,956; sheep and goats, \$3870, and horses and mules, \$62820.

In farming implements, wagons and carriages, \$65,615 is invested; \$5,767,503 in household furniture, watches and jewelry; \$7,068,859 in the stocks of various corporations, and \$3,007,500 in steamboats, sailing boats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery. Money, notes and accounts are valued at \$4,774,729.

ATTACK IS AGAIN MADE SILENT SETTLERS RENEW MOVE TO ENJOIN SQUATTERS.

Long Contest Caused by Government's Action Begins Again in Federal Court. Squatters on the Siletz Indian reservation were attacked yesterday for a second time in the United States Court by A. W. Lafferty, attorney for two original settlers. After filing his amended petition for an injunction to keep William and August Birkenfeld from continuing to "squatter" on land originally belonging to Chester V. Hare and Arthur B. Lawton, Mr. Lafferty presented his argument. Judge Bean took the matter under advisement, and will probably give an early decision.

Hare and Lawton filed homesteads on their claims in 1902, and later tried to commute their claims by cash payments. The Interior Department delayed awarding patents, and in 1905 invalidated all the claims on the reservation. Many others besides Lawton and Hare at that time lost their claims by this action, and a new lot of settlers have squatted on these claims, hoping to be first on the ground when the Government finally decides to grant patents.

Mr. Lafferty's first effort to quiet the squatters about two weeks ago failed, as Judge Bean declared that, in the manner it was presented, it was properly a case in equity, and no order should be granted as asked. Mr. Lafferty then gained permission to file an amended complaint, which he did yesterday. The case is of far-reaching importance, for it will determine who has the prior right to land—the man who originally squatted on it and lost it through some legal technicality or other reason not under his control, or the man who later gained possession.

Squatters on the reservation were placed there by professional land-locators, who performed the service for specified sums. If they are forced from the land, the money paid to these locators will be lost.

Flyer Hits Handcar. WILSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Capital City flyer, of the Oregon Electric Railway Company, ran down a

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