

SELLING AGENCY PLAN IS FAVORED

Fruitgrowers, Bankers and Railroad Men Back Move at Spokane Meeting.

250 NOW IN ORGANIZATION

Oregon Districts Included in Scheme to Benefit Product Placing on Market of Fruit in Various Northwestern States.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Without a discordant note to mar the harmony of the entire proceedings, 250 fruitgrowers, bankers and railroad men of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana assembled in the Chamber of Commerce building today, went on record unanimously as favoring a central selling organization and named a permanent committee, virtually a board of nine trustees to work out the details of organization and to incorporate for the purpose of effecting such an organization.

Wenatchee Man Chairman. W. T. Clark, of Wenatchee, was made permanent chairman of the committee with H. C. Sampson, of Spokane, as secretary. The other members are as follows: J. H. Robbins, representing the Yakima district; H. F. Davison, Hood River; Henry Huber, Walla Walla; W. M. Sackett, Bitter Root; P. J. Neff, Rogue River; W. N. Yost, the Southern Idaho districts, and W. R. Thornber the Northern Idaho districts.

The powers of the committee are complete and they are given full power to act as set forth in the following section of the resolution, creating the committee:

"That such committee be, and is, given full power and authority to perfect an organization, make articles of incorporation and do everything necessary to complete a corporation or association to act as a general selling and distributing agency for the fruitgrowers of the Northwest; that when such corporation or association is formed, the trustees and officers thereof shall adopt by-laws, plans and rules for carrying out the purposes of such organization and submit the same to the various organizations for the marketing of fruit in the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon for their approval, with an invitation to become members of such organization."

Strahorn Names Committee. The resolution was adopted at the morning meeting and for three hours the committee deliberated before bringing in its report which was simply to the effect that the committee be made permanent with the officers named and with the powers prescribed in the original resolution. There was unanimous approval of the course and motions passed unanimously accepting the work of the committee, approving the action of the chairman, H. B. Strahorn, in naming the men on the committee and giving the committee permanency with power to purge its own membership in submitting the report. Mr. Clark said in part:

"If the resolution is acceptable to the conference, the committee is ready to proceed as outlined. It must, however, have the unanimous support of the conference and must be given time to work out its scheme and demonstrate its ability to carry out a successful organization. It is an important matter, effecting in a vital way, an invested capital of \$50,000,000 in every city in the Northwest is affected directly. It is absolutely necessary that the committee have power to engage and discharge its own expenses, but it is also necessary that no time limit be set on tenure of office. Annual changes in officers mean continued experiments in policies. The committee must be given explicit powers and must have something to manage, or this whole thing is a farce and you might as well go home. It is a matter that cannot be settled in 30 days or six months or perhaps a year. It is useless to ask the committee to report tomorrow for there will be nothing to report for weeks. It will be necessary for the committee to visit the various districts and work out the local situations. Each member of the committee has pledged himself that if he cannot work in harmony with the committee he will resign."

Careful Procedure Advised. Some delegates urged a continuation until tomorrow and wanted an immediate reply from the committee. I. N. Richards, of North Yakima, dispelled this idea in a stirring talk on the necessity of slow and careful procedure.

The stand taken by the conference is that co-operation in marketing and distribution is necessary to insure a fair price to the producer and to enable the consumer to obtain fruit at such prices as will insure a large tonnage. The conference declared that a large tonnage was necessary to insure the existence of the producing districts and that this could be obtained only through bringing the factors controlling the marketing of the needed tonnage into one organization.

The conference decided upon Spokane as the headquarters of the agency. The following districts were represented on the committee, which began work immediately:

Wenatchee, Wash.; Yakima, Wash.; Hood River, Or.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Spokane Valley; Bitter Root; Mount Rogue River, Or.; South Idaho district and North Idaho district.

VICTIMS WILL RETALIATE

Oregon City Club Preparing for Dinner and Christmas Tree.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Business and professional men of this city are busy thinking of past jokes which have been played on their associates. Many plan to remember their friends next Thursday evening when a Christmas tree will be a feature at the Commercial Club. Members will bring presents for another, and it is expected there will be many surprises.

Several vaudeville teams and orchestras will be featured. A dinner is also planned for which several novel stunts have been arranged.

M. D. Latourette, one of the committee on entertainments said Monday that there was not much room left on the tree.

Philadelphia is taking steps to stop reckless driving of automobiles by joy riders, fools and others.

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ACTRESS GETS ONLY CHILD

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NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The second highest alimony ever recorded in New York State was allowed Mrs. Bernice G. Heinze, of New York City, this evening, when Justice Tompkins, of the Supreme Court, granted her a decree of divorce from her husband, Fritz Augustus Heinze, the former "copper king."

Under the provision of the decree Heinze is to give his wife \$1000 a month alimony, and is to pay the rent of her apartments in New York, amounting to \$333 a month, until the present lease expires, which will be in three years. Mrs. Heinze also received the custody of the couple's only child, F. Augustus Heinze, Jr., born December 6, 1911, and the father is directed to pay for the lad's education after the boy reaches the age of five years.

An unidentified woman, alleged to be a Mrs. Lavelle, a chorus girl, was named as co-respondent. Friends of Mrs. Heinze, who was Miss Bernice Golden, the actress, say today that they understand she will return to the stage. At the time of her marriage she was the star in the feminine role in "A Fool There Was."

WALLACE CASE Baffles

MYSTERY SURROUNDS FINDING OF MAN ON RESERVATION. Civil and Military Officials of Vancouver Unable to Account for Injuries Inflicted on Victim.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Deeply mysterious is the case of George Wallace, who, in a badly wounded condition, was found on the military reservation within the city yesterday morning by two soldiers. Nothing more has been learned of the extraordinary attack upon Wallace, and today there were many rumors about the finding of another man, with his throat cut, lying in the post cemetery, who had been injured as had Wallace. These were unfounded. However, a large dog was found, with his throat cut and his body mutilated. Wallace is married and has two daughters.

That robbery was not the motive is indicated by the fact that Wallace had a check for \$29 in his pocket when found. Wallace is in a critical condition, more from exposure and shock than from the injury.

Wallace is a pipefitter and had quit his job Friday. It is said he became intoxicated later in the evening. He is on the "black list," and when he attempted to get liquor at the Log Cabin saloon Saturday night he was taken out by George Sanford, Deputy Sheriff, and after being lectured promised to go home when he had secured something to eat. He was not drunk enough for Sanford to arrest him. The injured man alleges he was taken to where he was found by two soldiers, who volunteered to take him home. On the way they attacked him, he asserts, leaving him helpless in the rain, where he was found.

Near the spot were found a hatpin, a hairpin, three empty beer bottles and a half a pint of whiskey. That there is a woman in the case somewhere is indicated. It is believed that Wallace knows more than he will tell. Another theory is that he was slashed and then hauled there in a machine or rig and dumped out. There is no indication other than

Wallace's unsubstantiated word that the attack was made by soldiers. Colonel George S. Young, post commander, is conducting a strict and thorough examination, but thus far has learned nothing definite on which to base a conclusion.

Mrs. Wallace, who visited her husband in the post hospital, has said that her husband is very kind to her, except when he is on his periodic drunks. The last time he was in the Vancouver Police Court was on the morning of December 1, when he was released. He gave his wife the check for \$29.

SCHOOL OFFICERS GATHER

Educators of Polk County to Work Against Needless Holidays.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The annual school officers' convention of Polk County, in this city on Saturday, was attended by 100 school officers. Much interest was manifested and among the many subjects discussed were the compulsory educational law, school holidays, supervisor law, eighth grade examinations, home credit work, standardization of schools and length of school terms.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the supervisor law and instructing the legislative to use their best efforts to preserve the law. Representatives were instructed to use every honorable means to have the superfluous holidays eliminated, and to introduce practical agriculture into the public schools and recommend that at least one book on that subject be taught in the seventh and eighth grades, supplemented, when possible, by actual demonstration.

T. W. Brunk, Joint Representative-elect, was elected president of the association, and H. C. Seymour, County School Superintendent, was re-elected secretary.

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CHEESE MEN GATHERING

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Two-Day Session Will Be Held in National Guard Armory Opening Today.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Prominent creamerymen and butter and cheese-makers from all parts of the state will gather in this city tomorrow to attend the two-day session of the third annual convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheese-Makers' Association.

All of the sessions will be held in this city, which is one of the best convention halls in the state. On Wednesday evening all of the delegates will be entertained at a social session by the Albany Commercial Club. The officers of the Oregon Butter and Cheese-Makers' Association, who will be in charge of this convention, are: C. H. Frazer, Eugene, president; T. S. Townsend, of Portland, vice-president, and F. L. Kent, of Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. President Frazer, secretary-treasurer, was elected at this convention. W. W. Quilby, of Creswell, and F. W. Christensen, of Tillamook, compose the executive board.

Many of those who will attend will remain in Albany Thursday and Friday to attend the 23d annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, which will be held here those two days. The attendance at this convention is expected to be the largest in

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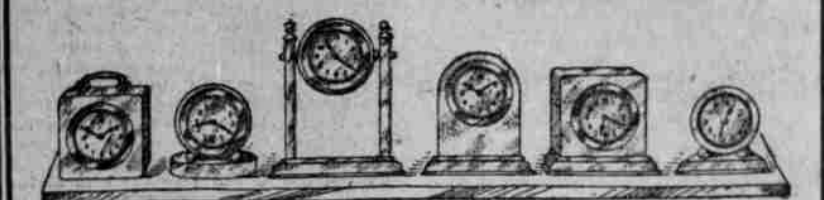
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