

HORTICULTURISTS

Clatsop County Orchardists Meet in Meagre Numbers.

W. K. NEWELL IS PRESENT

Small Assemblage Makes Best of Everything and Adjourns Until the Sixteenth of Next March—Some Representative Men Talk.

The meeting of the farmers and orchardists, and the fruit merchants, of Clatsop county, advertised for yesterday morning, was singularly small in point of attendance...

W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Oregon, the well-known and successful fruit-grower, was on hand, and he, with all others present, was disappointed at the meagreness of the assemblage...

Fred Johnson, of Johnson Brothers, of this city, opened the ball by nominating O. I. Peterson, for the temporary chairmanship, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Peterson took the chair, called the meeting to order and immediately invited Mr. Newell to address the meeting...

Mr. Newell confined his remarks principally to the apple, as an idiomatic example, throughout his remarks, and complained because he could not find a good one on the Astoria market yesterday morning.

He explained the work of the State Horticultural Society, which while having a statutory existence, was practically a voluntary association of men working without compensation...

be put out broadcast, for the betterment of the industry everywhere. The terms of affiliation in the local societies are but 50 cents per year, one half of which goes to the State society for the cost of printing and distributing the printed matter named, and the other half remains with the local society for its current expenses.

He reverted to the former admirable condition of the Oregon orchards and to fame of the original Oregon apple, and declared it was perfectly feasible to rehabilitate the growth, and trade, that were once such conspicuous items in the Westfoot country.

He was followed by J. T. Ross, who in a few, trenchant remarks, told the story of the merchant, as a sequence of that of the farmer and grower, and showed that it was not possible to maintain an attractive and lively market upon fruit that did not reach the standards set for, and maintained by other and better governed fruit communities.

Fred Johnson also took the floor in the same behalf and claimed that the varieties of apples in Clatsop must be changed for the more popular brands, and paid his respects to the unkempt style of packing in this section, claiming that an attractive box was an important feature of the trade.

The assembly appointed a committee of three, namely, Messrs. J. T. Ross (chairman), Martin Foard and K. F. Johnson, to circulate a petition for the necessary twenty-five names to secure the appointment of a fruit inspector for the county, and it was determined to meet again on the 18th of March, for another and more effective meeting.

DR. WITHYCOMBE'S STRENGTH.

Many Eastern Oregon Republicans Support Him for the Nomination, Says the Albany Herald.

Favorable expressions regarding the candidacy of Dr. James Withycombe for the Republican nomination for governor are heard from all parts of the state and his support is growing rapidly.

On my recent trip to Eastern Oregon I met many Republicans, who asked about the political situation in the Willamette valley, and in nearly every instance the men expressed the conviction that Dr. James Withycombe would receive the Republican nomination for governor.

surprised at the generous support accorded by the people of that section to Dr. Withycombe. I had no idea he was as strong as my experience and observation in Eastern Oregon indicated."

MAYOR WISE OBJECTS.

Does Not Like Tone of Astorian Toward Portland.

The following communication was received at this office yesterday afternoon, from Mayor Wise:

"To the Editor: Pardon me for taking exceptions to your article in yesterday's Astorian under the heading 'Will Astoria Do It'; but as Mayor of this city, I feel it my duty to speak so that Astoria may avoid making more enemies; we need more friends not more enemies, and the safest way to friendship with neighbors is, not by quarreling, but by reasoning with them.

"No doubt there are certain men in Portland representing certain interests, who pursue a narrow-minded policy; but the whole city of Portland should no more be blamed for their shortsightedness, than the whole city of Astoria may be blamed for the mistakes made by some of our people.

"Oregon is our commonwealth and Portland our metropolis and as a loyal Oregonian, I wish to see Portland grow and prosper as I am anxious for the growth and prosperity of Astoria and of the whole of Oregon.

"If Mr. Wheelwright, who as you say is a candidate for United States Senator is using his influence and the influence of his position as president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce against Astoria and against the rest of this State, then let us unite in opposition to him individually or for that matter against any individual or corporation inimical to Astoria's or Oregon's interests.

Very respectfully, HERMAN WISE."

NOTED SUFFRAGIST.



Miss Gail Laughlin of New York, the distinguished advocate of Equal Suffrage, who will speak in the Methodist church this evening. The Warren (O.) Daily Tribune says of her: "Miss Laughlin's logic is unassailable, her vocabulary is almost unlimited, her manner of delivery eloquent."

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BAR, BAY AND RIVER

Steamer Capital City From the Sound Due Here.

HARVEST QUEEN'S BIG TOW

Day's Business Along the Astoria Water Front—Margharita Starts to Sea and is Forced Back to Her Anchorage — Notes, Etc.

The Callender packet Jordan came in yesterday morning from river points with the following passengers: Senator and Mrs. J. G. Megler and Robert Finck, from Brookfield; and William Dixon, from Altoona. She also brought over a heavy consignment of new staves from the Finck factory, for the Columbia River Packers' Association.

The Harvest Queen left up for Portland early yesterday morning, with the barkentine Koko Head, and the schooners William Bowden and Alice M. Campbell, twelve masts and 20000 tons, on her tow lines. It was a spirited sight and an unusual one.

The steamship Senator came in from San Francisco just before noon and docked at the O. R. & N. piers. She put off quite a consignment of freight here and left up for Portland. Captain Lloyd reported the weather as boisterous and the rains torrential, all the way up from the Golden Gate.

Captain Wein, of the schooner Erie, lying loaded in the channel here arrived down from Portland, yesterday noon. His was the sady duty of burying his little child before his departure from Portland, and he goes to sea with a heavy heart.

The steamer Capital City, heretofore on the run between Olympia and Tacoma, has been chartered to serve in the Regulator line, on the upper Columbia river, and will leave the Sound today, all boarded in, for this port. She will come over under her own steam, but will be accompanied by a seagoing tug as far as Cape Flattery.

Chief Engineer Rober of the government steamer Major Guy Howard has returned from a month's visit in the East and has resumed his post. His son filled his position during his absence.

The Italian ship Sta. Margharita, attempted to leave port yesterday noon, but encountering a serious gale at the bar, was brought back to her anchorage by the Wallula.

The steamer Alliance is due down from Portland this morning, en route to Coos Bay and Eureka.

The steamer Lurline made a good get-away last evening, with George Wil-



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hams, W. K. Newell and L. H. Amos, on her register.

The steamer Redondo is due to arrive in this morning from San Francisco.

The steamer Aurelia is expected in this port, from San Francisco, tomorrow morning.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. G. Bryan of Seattle is a business visitor in the city.

Frank Dayton of Bellingham was in the city yesterday.

Fred Moore came down from Seaside yesterday on business.

E. A. Darby of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

E. Z. Ferguson has returned from a brief business trip up the river.

Earl Anderson of Redville was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Captain J. J. Reynolds went to Portland on the 6:10 train last night.

Oscar Lutschinger, a resident of Brookfield, spent yesterday in the city.

W. J. Oldham of Portland arrived in the city yesterday for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Henry of the metropolis are spending a few days in Astoria.

Harry Hamblett came down from the metropolis on the noon train, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tallant are again in Astoria after a lengthy visit in the east.

W. K. Newell returned to his home in Dilley on the steamer Lurline last night.

G. C. Wattles, of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in this city yesterday on the noon train.

C. H. Callender was a business visitor at the metropolis on the evening train yesterday.

C. E. Houston had business in Portland yesterday and went thither on the evening train.

Captain J. Allyn returned to Portland last evening on the 6:10 train after a business stay of several days here.

C. R. Skinkin, of San Francisco, is doing business in this city, having come in yesterday on the 11:35 train from Portland.

Harry Fisher and Mrs. Fisher of Sevenson, have returned to their home after a brief visit in the city with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moyer, a Salem bride and groom arrived in this city yesterday noon, and will spend a few days with old friends here.

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MORE COMFORT THAN EVER.

On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers.

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