

# FRUIT GROWERS ASK FOR LOWER RATES

## DEMAND REDUCTION IN CARRYING EXPENSES TO THE EAST AND CHINA—CANADIAN AND AMERICAN BROTHERS EXCHANGE THE GLAD HAND IN CONVENTION.

The afternoon session, and the closing one, of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association yesterday, served as an opportunity for the Canadian and American delegates to say nice things about each other. The British Columbia people were of course convinced that they had the finest fruit land and raised the best specimens of everything they tried to grow of any section on earth, but apart from this natural enthusiasm, they thought their American brothers were nice people to know, and said various pleasant things about the relations of the two nations in a way that showed their heart was in their good wishes.

The closing convention of serious-minded fruitgrowers, which has through its entire session attended strictly to business, was enthused over the Canadian speeches, as it had not been over any other topic or discussion. Even cooling moth and apple blight were forgotten.

**To Work Hand in Hand.**  
"You Americans and we English have together a great work to do," said Mr. R. H. Palmer. "We will be false to our trust given us by a beneficent providence if we do not endeavor to maintain the peace of the world, and should we not try as far as is in the power of men and nations to obey the command wafled to earth with all the melody of heavenly music, 'Peace on earth, good will to men'?"

The British Columbia delegation desires to offer its congratulations to the people of the American Northwest on their natural advantages and beauty of scenery. We are deeply grateful for the kindness shown us during our stay among you, and some day hope to reciprocate when you come to our province.

"We have passed out of the mining days. We have in Canada advanced from the hunting and trapping stage are rapidly leaving the lumber period and are coming to the agricultural and especially the orchard epoch. Our agriculturists and orchardists are nurtured by provincial and dominion donations and aid of other sorts, and strict laws help us to maintain a high standard. We are not worrying over the market question, as you are down here, for our home markets will provide unlimited demand for years to come. We are not content with our transportation facilities, and as an association the organization I represent as president has endeavored to better conditions. We believe our service has been done."

**Have Troubles of Their Own.**  
"We find a general lack of care for fruit shipments in refrigerator cars on the part of railroad agents and employes in general. We discover that freight rates are excessive and that express rates are bearing them company. We also are not supplied with cars as we believe we should be, and have not been able to get a very satisfactory answer from our railroad men, but hope to carry on the fight until we do get what we need."

**Prunes for Distribution.**  
Mr. Cunningham of Salem at this juncture appealed to the pruned men of the association to donate generously some of their prunes for distribution. The pruned leaders had decided to distribute thousands of pounds of prunes to St. Louis visitors, and found that at least five cars would be needed. As the prunes had to be shipped in 40 days, the need of immediate action was urged.

Early in the afternoon the best methods of spraying were again threshed out. It was evident from the first that no two men would agree on any one thing, except that the spray mixtures, moths, and that spray of some sort would perhaps bother these insects. The Idaho people said that experts from Utah who said two sprayings were enough, and that lime was not needed in any districts in the spray mixtures, were false prophets, and asked that the Utah experts take it back before some Idaho fruitman, who had no better sense.

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**GARDEN TRUCK TO APPEASE DELEGATES**  
"What's them turnips and things don't they ask?" a delegate from Utah, eyeing a pile of garden truck piled in front of the Baker theatre by some enthusiastic conventionist who was advertising the products of his home town.  
"Those," remarked Montie B. Gwinn of Idaho, "are for the use of speakers. You see this is a theatre and that garden truck is given the audience along with their delegate badges in case remarks reflecting on their communities become too pointed."

could follow their advice and incidentally lose half his crop.

**Transporters in the Air.**  
"It is just such rash statements," said Mr. McPherson of Boise, "that throws our people up in the air and makes them too bothered to spray at all. I know we need lime in our spraying fluid; I know we need to spray at least every 10 days when the moths are thick; I know that we have only one method in our country in spraying time, and that is to take a team and a power pump and make the orchard think a cyclone has hit it. We," and the speaker raised on his toes in his earnestness, "give those trees hell, gentlemen, and they need it in Idaho."

Utah people were also reminded that Idaho fruit took the prize at the Utah state fair, and that this fruit was sprayed with a lime mixture and given it in frequent doses.  
The Utah delegation replied that it was because they had been foolish enough to pay attention to Idaho bulletins and doped their trees with lime; had caked the calyxes of the flowers with a wad of lime and had whitewashed their trees so that the orchard could be seen for 10 miles, that the evil days had fallen on them. They were absolutely certain that in their country the codling moth needed only two doses of poison if he got them at the right time. "You can't go out in the orchard and wave around a nozzle full of Paris green and get results—at least we can't," remarked an Ogden man, and applause followed.

It was settled that every man had better be his own sprayer, and like the apple scab, the pruning method, the cultivation question, the Ben Davis problem, the irrigation issue, and a dozen other live and extremely debatable questions, the spray for the codling moth was left in its former state of unfixedness.

**Report on Transportation.**  
At the close of the session the transportation committee reported. The committee had been in conference with the representatives of local lines and had taken up various questions. The Northwest Fruitgrowers' association desired that the O. R. & N. Co., make a one-fare rate to Boise next year for the convention, since the Boise trip was such a long and roundabout one. The O. R. & N. representative was not present and the matter will later be taken up with the company. Should the rate not be made many delegates stated they would be unable to attend, and thought the convention might be a failure.

**More Refrigerator Cars.**  
The committee also reported that it had asked for better refrigerator service between Hood River and the East, especially for strawberries, the last season showing that the companies did not have sufficient cars for the demand. The agents had shown that there were several hundred new refrigerator cars to be placed in use on the Western lines next year, and this difficulty was regarded as removed.

**Rates on Apples.**  
The association had also asked that the rates on the lower grade of apples to points west of the Missouri river from Oregon and Washington be reduced to the former scale. The present rate is 75 cents per 100 pounds; the old rate was 60 cents per 100. The growers stated they were willing to pay the freight tariffs on fancy goods, but in order to enter the Western markets with cheap fruit they would need every advantage, and the restoration of the old rate was deemed essential. The railroad men agreed to take this question up at their March meeting, when such general matters are determined.

The association also complained of the express rates between Walla Walla and Oregon points and the sound, and desired this rate cut to a living figure for the shipper. This will also be taken up at the March meeting. The report of the committee was adopted and President Smith called the attention of the convention to the opportunity in Manchuria to dispose of cheap apples.

**Apples for the Chinese.**  
"The Chinese want hard and cheap apples. They don't care," said he, "whether the apples be wormy, or gauged, or russed, or scabby. They must be hard and firm and cheap. Why, they would even take Ben Davis over there, and we had better unload our poor stuff on China than on the Eastern markets, in my opinion."

The president of Manchuria is 40 cents a box, about twice the wheat shipping charge, and the transportation committee of the association will endeavor to have the O. R. & N. cut this rate sufficiently to allow some trial shipments to Manchuria.

The committee also asked that the railroads give them free transportation for five cars of prunes to St. Louis, as the prunes were to be given away for the advertising of the Northwest. This question will be determined by the interested roads at a later date.

**COUNTY HEALTH CONDITIONS IMPROVE**  
In his first report which was filed in the county court yesterday, County Health Officer Dudley Evans explains what was accomplished by the health board last year under the law passed by the legislature at the regular session in 1903. The law provides that the county judge and the county physician shall constitute a county board of health, have power to appoint a health officer, to suppress and control contagious and infectious diseases, collect vital statistics, etc.

Mr. Evans says in his report that health conditions have improved greatly since the law went into effect. Efforts are constantly being made to keep all persons suffering from contagious diseases from coming here from outside counties and other states.  
The superintendents of street railways, railroads and steamboat lines were reported to have adopted a system of weekly fumigation.  
In the matter of charity, Mr. Evans says that every application for medical assistance is carefully investigated. He recommends that a more suitable ward for consumptive patients at the county hospital be arranged, so that the patients will have more air and sunshine. He also suggests that an employment bureau be established, as he believes that many applicants for relief would be permanently assisted if there was any way that work could be obtained for them through the medium of the county.

Last year there were many applicants for relief, and the record shows that persons, or one a day, were admitted to the county hospital and farm.

# LARGEST STEAMER ON THE PACIFIC

## LINEER MONGOLIA, PURCHASED BY PACIFIC MAIL, WILL SOON ARRIVE ON COAST—SAN FRANCISCO PAPER SAYS SHE MAY BE PUT ON PORTLAND-ASIATIC RUN.

The new mammoth Pacific Mail liner Mongolia is expected to start from Camden, N. J., for this coast about the 1st of February, and her advent is being awaited with great interest, as the steamer will be the largest passenger liner on this coast. The Mongolia was recently purchased by the Pacific Mail company, which at the same time bought her sister ship, the Manchuria. E. P. Schwerin, the general manager of the Pacific Mail company, departed for the East several days ago to start the steamer on her voyage to this coast. Captain Rinder, who is to command the vessel, is already at Camden, and has charge of the steamer, which is expected to go on her trial trip in a few weeks.

The Mongolia measures 320 feet in length, has a beam of 65 feet and a draught of 33 feet. She has four masts, one funnel and six decks. The vessel has accommodations for 350 saloon passengers and in her capacious hold she can carry 15,000 tons measurement. She is expected to average 19 knots, and will be the fastest vessel on the Pacific.

There is a great deal of conjecture concerning the use to which the Pacific Mail company intends to put the two new vessels. It is generally understood that two of the British steamers now being operated by the O. and O. line will be replaced by the Mongolia and Manchuria. It is also rumored that the steamers may run in Harriman's Portland and Asiatic line.

# AURELIA BRINGS 200 TONS CEMENT

The steam schooner Aurelia arrived in port this morning from San Francisco. Officers of the vessel report that they had a fine passage up the coast, the recent windstorm having subsided somewhat before they sailed.  
The Aurelia brought up 200 tons of cement, which was discharged at the Oak street dock. It is consigned to Nottingham & Co. Lumber will be taken out on the return voyage.  
Early Tuesday evening the steamer Frontias reached port from the bay city. In coming up the river her machinery got out of order, and the trip was considerably prolonged. She is moored at the Inman-Poulsen mill, where a cargo of lumber will be taken aboard.  
The schooner A. F. Coats left down at noon yesterday with a lumber cargo for San Pedro.

# NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Washington—Rosario strait—Bell Rock buoy replaced in position. Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 48 (2407) of 1903, the lighthouse inspector gives further notice. The Bell Rock buoy, a black first-class can, reported out of position November 11, was replaced on December 4, 1903.  
British Columbia—Queen Charlotte sound—Blunden harbor, Uncharted rock—Commander J. F. Parry, R. N., H. B. M. S. Egeria, reports that a rock with 8 feet of it at low water lies 369 yards N. 79 degrees E. true (N. E. 3/4 E. mag.) from Bartlett point, northernmost point of Robinson island, Blunden harbor, Queen Charlotte sound.

Alaska—Clarence straits—Tongass narrows—North Gustav island—Temporary light established.—On December 1, 1903, a temporary fixed white lens-lantern was established on the North Guard island near the northern entrance to Tongass narrows.  
The light is shown from a temporary platform 25 feet above water and will be discontinued after the permanent light is established.

# LIGHTS AND BUOYS.

Commander Calkins of the lighthouse department will take a cruise in a few days up the coast on the tender Manzanita. He will visit Puget Sound and expects to extend his trip as far north as Wrangle, Alaska, inspecting the lights and buoys. It is the intention to replace a number of the lights. A new gas buoy will probably be established at the mouth of the Columbia river.

# BUSIEST MAN AND THE BUSIEST PLACE

The busiest place in Portland during convention week—where is it? Those employed at the headquarters of the National Livestock association declare it is the secretary's office. This is evident true, for from 8 o'clock in the morning until—no one but Charles F. Martin, the secretary knows when at night—the place is open and crowded with delegates, visitors and newspaper men.

Secretary Martin and his assistants are busy people and about the only time during the day the former gets time to sit down is when attending the actual convention sessions. There are a thousand and one little details that require his attention, countless questions to answer, scores of letters to dictate, and in addition to this he finds time to occasionally tell one of his stories, the stock of which is never depleted.  
Those who have known Mr. Martin during his seven years as secretary of the National Livestock association, declare he is one of the most wonderful secretaries in the United States, and much of the success of the association is due to his labors. During Mr. Martin's two-months' stay in Portland he has made a great many friends, and his departure after the close of the convention will be regretted. He was formerly a newspaperman, and at one time connected with the associated press. His newspaper training makes him a valuable man to meet in the press, and he is seldom too busy to find time to chat with the reporters.  
Mrs. Martin is with her husband at the Portland hotel and has made an extensive acquaintance in local social circles.

**Great Reduction in Prices.**  
As usual, the Eastern Outfitting Co., 390 Washington street, is having an unusual riddance sale, during which time, beside making great reductions in price on all their goods, they are giving away valuable articles with every purchase, no matter whether the purchase be large or small. It will be an advantage to a great many economizing people to make their purchases now and profit by these offerings. An immense line of furniture, carpets, stoves, ladies' and gentlemen's wearing apparel, etc., is carried by this firm and the easy terms and close prices should give the firm business record of large proportions for January.

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# AGENTS DON'T KNOW ABOUT COIN PRIZES

**MACHINES ADJUSTED TO PAY IN TRADE CHECKS—RENDERING OF THESE WITH MONEY IS NOT THEIR AFFAIR—FLEGGEL DECLARES OFFICIALS PROTECT.**

Money-paying slot machines are not in operation. At least this is the statement made by Frank Griffiths, E. O. Magoon and a representative of S. Morton Cohn, agents for the devices in the city. They say that none of their machines pay coin, but are arranged to pay trade checks. Whether the holder of these checks gets cigars, drinks or money, they do not know or care, as that part of the transaction is between the player and the proprietor of the place where the machine is located.  
The machines pay out checks, and in this respect are not violating any ordinance in accordance with the decision of the city attorney.  
The agents say they have no arrangement with the saloonmen that authorizes them to pay cash for any winnings, but redeem on a cash basis all the slugs that a machine has paid out, and depend for their profit on the percentage that during the play has found its way into a pocket inside of the machine.

**PIONEER RETURNS AFTER 25 YEARS**  
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Mr. Rexford came to Oregon in 1847 with his father. They settled about six miles from Albany. He left Oregon in 1879, went to California, where he remained five years, and subsequently removed to Wichita Falls. He is a farmer, a breeder of Hereford cattle and fine horses.

One of the purposes of Mr. Rexford's visit to Oregon at this time, is to find his brother, who he has not seen since he left the state a quarter of a century ago. He thinks his brother is living in the vicinity of Monmouth, Or. Mrs. Rexford visited her parents 12 years ago at Albany.

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# MILLER IS FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED

After two hours the jury in the case of A. J. Miller returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the state circuit court Tuesday afternoon. The jury recommended Miller to the mercy of the court and asked that a light sentence be imposed upon him. Edward Mendenhall, attorney for Miller, asked for and was granted 10 days in which to move for a new trial. The charge upon which he was convicted was that he shot E. F. Strack, a traction engineer, on the Base Line road when Strack refused to remove his engine from a place in front of Miller's Twelve Mile house.

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# FIRST STEPS TAKEN TO ORGANIZE COUNCIL

Committees from the various unions in the building trades met Tuesday and took the first step toward the organization of a building trades council. E. R. Welch of the carpenters' union was elected temporary president and W. Nofke, a member of the painters' union, secretary. Delegates from the following unions were present: Carpenters, painters, laborers, plumbers and sheetmetal workers.

It was decided to outline a plan for the proposed central body, put it in writing and send a copy to each of the unions for endorsement. This will be done at an adjourned meeting to be held tonight.

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