

ARTHUR M. GEARY AT HOOD RIVER DEFENDS AUCTION APPLE SALES

Declares That System Practiced in the East Is Better for Consumer and Grower.

THAT METHOD IS HONEST

Asks to Be Allowed to Dispose of Part of Season's Northwest Crop.

Hood River, Or., July 24.—The Commercial club rooms were crowded Saturday afternoon in listening to an address on the subject of eastern fruit auctions by Arthur M. Geary.

Mr. Geary said in part: "My lecture on the fruit marketing business is under the direction of the 12 largest fruit auction concerns in the United States, located in eastern cities."

"The fruit auctioneers are not in the field for contracts from the growers or shippers of fruit, but are simply asking for the privilege to make good in the marketing of the fruit to the northwest apples this season through the auction system."

"It is a fact that a number of shippers and growers are not getting the full value of their apples along the coast, and of course, it cannot be expected to receive a good price for poor fruit, and for the failure to get top prices for inferior apples, the auction system is severely condemned and criticized."

"Accounts of the auction sales which are published in newspapers and magazines show that so many cars were sold in New York, Philadelphia or some other city at auction, and show a low price obtained. However, the fact is made by the reports that the fruit was badly decayed or frozen, and the low prices obtained are taken by the o. b. buyers as indications of the trend of the market."

"In order that the auction system may be successful, large quantities of first class fruit must be systematically supplied. You might just as well expect to run a few cull logs through a sawmill and get good, first lumber therefrom as to expect a defective and cull fruit to be run through the auction and turn out big prices. If the auction was properly supplied the trade would come regularly to this source for its supply. The auction handles a large quantity of first class fruit and the best prices are realized."

"As the man who handles the fruit is the man most vitally concerned, and in view of the fact that in the long run and in the last analysis the grower is the one who is to be benefited by the marketing methods, the auction companies want to reach a basis of mutual understanding with the growers."

"In the first instance, the growers must discredit the stories circulated by interested parties that the auctions are 'rigged' and that the companies pursue dishonest methods, it is known at once to the trade, and the company had just as well go out of business for good."

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"If you growers can fully understand and appreciate the auction system, the next step will be for the shipping agencies to choose several auction methods and supply them with good fruit along with the inferior grades in a systematic way. The fruit will establish a scale of prices that will have an uplifting influence upon the prices of the inferior grades, and the o. b. jobbers will no longer then be able to cite the auction prices to aid them in beating down upon the market."

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DECISION TO RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT



STATE WILL SPEND BUT LITTLE MONEY ON SLASHING FIRES

Elliott Announces People Who Start Fires to Get Jobs Will Lose Out.

Salem, Or., July 24.—Following the receipt of a wire today telling of a number of brush forest fires in Josephine county, it was announced at the office of State Forester Elliott that his forces would spend very little money fighting fires which do not affect those sections of timber which come under the provisions of the state fire patrol laws. Last year much money was expended in this way.

This, it was explained, means that brush fires in agricultural communities will not be fought by the state foresters' department, unless some extraordinary situation should arise.

"Every year brush fires are set in certain localities by people desiring to get jobs fighting them," said Assistant Forester Seely. "This year we don't propose to spend a lot of money on such a thing. The state has already expended last year in Josephine county \$4000 expended last year in Josephine county was devoted to fighting fires which were believed to be the work of firebugs."

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FARMERS PICNIC AND FIELD DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Affair at Gresham First of Kind Ever Held in the State of Oregon.

BAND FURNISHES MUSIC

Grange Chorus Sings; Basket Luncheon Served; Races and Games Are Conducted.

Gresham, Or., July 24.—The farmers' picnic and field day under the auspices of the Multnomah county granges, P. O. E., which took place in this city today was an event in the history of Gresham. Fully 1500 attended and the place assumed a holiday air.

It was the first meeting of the kind ever held in the state and the purpose was to bring all the granges together and to ultimately make these annual meetings a permanent feature of the Grange entertainments.

The forenoon was devoted to a musical and literary program, beginning at 10:30 o'clock when it was opened by a selection from the Pleasant Home band. This was followed by the "Picnic Song" by the Grange chorus.

Hon. George W. Stapleton, mayor of Gresham, made the opening address, welcoming the visitors, offering the key to the city and vowing to get out, and saying that everything was closed but the jail. The Grange chorus followed with a song entitled "The Wild Bird."

C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon State grange, scored the middleman whom he said, milked the farmer and the public. He said that two-thirds of what the farmer produces goes to men who neither produce nor consume enough to hurt anyone, and that the farmer should be supported. He also recommended the farmers to get together often and discuss the things that vitally affect their lives and their industries.

Isaac E. Staples rendered a solo and responded to an encore. A quartet consisting of C. E. Risher, Mrs. E. W. Stashell, Mrs. Charles Latourel and George W. Stapleton sang "Beautiful Bells," which was followed by an address by Governor Withycombe, who had been a member of the grange for 40 years, and in the course of his remarks took occasion to give the grange the credit of being the first movement toward organized interdenominational cooperation.

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GIRL ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY

Tacoma, Wash., July 24.—Charged with burglarizing the suburban home of Mrs. Nellie Hildreth, Irene Tuel, a 20-year-old girl, was arrested tonight by the police.

The girl recently escaped from the detention home, where she had been placed by her parents. Detectives say the girl pawned a watch stolen at the Hildreth home.

STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN, EVANGELISTIC WORK, URGED BY THE SYNOD

Presbyterians in Session at Eugene Take Steps Looking to United Action.

Eugene, Or., July 24.—The Presbyterian Synod of Oregon took its first active steps at today's session in the cooperative denominations, and named as their member of such a committee Rev. A. J. Montgomery, the synod's superintendent of home missions.

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They asked each of the other denominations to appoint a member of the central committee at as early a date as possible.

The movement was first launched at the state convention of the Christian Endeavor society at Eugene, February 20, when they adopted a resolution proposing such an evangelistic campaign, which was introduced by Superintendent R. F. Hutton of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, it closing his address before the Christian Endeavor convention.

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FARMERS AT YODER STATION PLANNING A COOPERATIVE MARKET

Intend to Build Large Warehouse and Market Products Wholesale.

Money Already Pledged

Profit Now Made by Commission Men Will Be Divided to the Growers.

Oregon City, Or., July 24.—Farmers and ranchers living around Yoder station, on the Willamette Valley Southern railroad, are planning to form the first cooperative corporation in southern Clackamas county.

Their proposition is to build a large warehouse at Yoder station and market the products of the entire district about there in carload lots, directly to the wholesale houses, and thereby gain the commission men's profit for themselves.

A meeting was recently held at Yoder, at which were present officials of the railroad and business men of Oregon City. Tentative plans for forming the corporation were talked over, and a subscription of \$800 to start with was pledged.

A site for the proposed warehouse has been donated by Aaron Yoder. He will lease it for the full number of years allowed by law, as long as the warehouse is maintained as a community corporation.

Yoder is situated in an exceptionally fertile district. Large amounts of grain and products is shipped from there each year.

Among those interested in the cooperative company are J. J. Yoder, E. A. Porter, J. S. Yoder and William Yoder.

Washington Guard May Be Changed

Semi-Official Announcement of Mustered Out of Infantry Companies to Make Way for Battery, Received.

Camp Louis F. Hart, Congrove, Wash., July 24.—In line with the federal government's policy of building up the field artillery branch of the military, comes semi-official announcement here today that companies H, I and the machine gun company of the Second Regiment of Infantry, Washington National Guard, will be mustered out of service in the near future, and that the men of these companies will be transferred into two battery battalions of field artillery.

Captains Walter G. Henman, David A. Maurier and Edward Prell of the Spokane organizations, are working hard for the new branch, and have practically been assured that their desire will be fulfilled as they have unanimous support of enlisted personnel.

Captain Youle, U. S. A., recommended the formation of field batteries in Washington in a recent report to the war department, and this contemplated action is directly in line with the government policy, as Washington is deficient in this branch of service.

Mrs. Mansfield to Speak. Lentis, July 24.—Mrs. F. J. Mansfield of the International Order of "King's Daughters and Sons," who is touring through the northwest in the interest of the order, will deliver an address at the Miller Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday at 3 p. m. There will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Sells, and other music. All are invited.

Invalids Are Made Comfortable In Hot Weather Only When Equipped With Properly Designed, Well Fitting Surgical Appliances

MOTORCYCLE SKIDS; RIDER IS KILLED

Tacoma, Wash., July 24.—Suffering a fracture of the skull and internal injuries when his motorcycle ran into a telephone pole on the downtown streets, after the machine had started to skid and he became confused and opened the throttle, Edward Peaslee, 25 years old, died tonight at a local hospital.

Peaslee's machine was seen to skid and then leap suddenly forward, running into a pole, telescoping and hurling the rider to the pavement. Peaslee was married.

FOREST FIRE LICKS AT MAN AND BEAST IN LUMBER CAMP

Reflection of Flames From Blaze in Wind River Section Lights Stevenson.

Stevenson, Wash., July 24.—This city is markedly lighted tonight by flames from a forest fire which is licking the heart out of a stand of valuable timber in the Wind River section. Though there is no danger locally, there is much apprehension because it has been impossible to get reliable information from the burning district, and there is uncertainty as to what the damage is or may be.

Communication was established at one time this evening with Hemlock station, forest fire lookout, the report being merely that the fire is a big one and that all available forces are being mobilized to fight it.

The ranger reported that he had been advised that the fire would be headed off within a few hours or that it would by that time be absolutely beyond control.

It was also learned that the camp of the Wind River Lumber company, owning most of the timber immediately mentioned, is threatened, that much of the crew's cable has been destroyed and that two donkey engines were saved only after a plucky fight in which men and horses were endangered.

The height of the fire is said to be about three miles above the dam which impounds the water used to float the company's logs to mill. The big fire, on the part of the volunteer fire fighters is to keep the flames from eating into the vast timber holdings to the west.

Started By Sparks. It is believed that the fire was started by sparks from one of the Wind River company's log skidders. The smoke was first seen from this city about 11 o'clock this morning. It was thought then that the fire was in slashings only, several fires of this nature having been reported this week, but later reports advised that standing timber is being and tonight the magnitude of the blaze can be realized because of the lighted heavens.

Effort is being made to get into camp in connection with the threatened area.

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ABDOMINAL OBESITY Belts and OPERATION MATERNITY Bandages. Manufactured and fitted to any and every case.

Peroxide Foot Powder. —For tired, aching feet. Just dust 15c in the shoes.

Clark Gets Lost On Puget Sound. Portland-bound steamer is Aground for Fifteen Hours on Fort Angeles Spit; No One Knows It.

Confederate War Veteran Applicant. Captain W. H. Carvell Obtains Hunting and Fishing License for State of Oregon.

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