

WHEAT GROWERS ARE DETERMINED ON ORGANIZATION

Despite Opposition Shown to Non-Profit Associations of Farmers, Movement Grows.

By J. F. Langner
Organization of the wheat growers' marketing association of the Inland Empire is proceeding with rapidity. The Washington organization committee is now complete. It includes N. B. Atkinson of Walla Walla, chairman; Charles Flathers, P. A. Maxwell, W. J. Robinson, secretary; Ben T. Manchester, president of the Tri-State Terminal company; R. D. Knight of Wapato, a director of the Tri-State Terminal company and the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' association; C. N. Campbell, also a director of the Tri-State Terminal company; Jake Smith, Paul Oehschlaeger, Mike Tanner, H. Jurgensen, William Huntley, Harry Goldworthy, Roy Ferring and President A. A. Elmore of the Washington and Northern Idaho Farmers' union.

Last Saturday some dozen or so leaders of agriculture in Oregon attended a small convention called in Pendleton for the purpose of selecting a committee to discuss the organization of the Oregon unit of the tri-state association. The chairman was N. B. Atkinson. Among those present were Dr. C. J. Smith, probably the biggest wheat grower in Oregon, who is chairman of the committee called to discuss the organization at Pendleton February 7; Senator Walter Pearce, and President Shumway of the Oregon and Southern Idaho Farmers' union. The meeting Saturday was marred by unfortunate interruptions by interests opposed to the organization of non-profit associations of farmers. The same thing that happened to the organization of the big farmers' marketing associations of California and to the Oregon fruit growers' associations is now happening to the wheat growers' associations. Those antagonistic to the farmers organizing for purely non-profit marketing are beginning to register their kick—and apparently do not care very much who, why or where they hit so long as they get it in.

HEARD OF OPPOSITION
W. W. Harris of Pendleton, who voted for the organization of the associations at the original meeting at Spokane, December 15, last, bitterly opposed the organization at the Pendleton committee meeting stating that the profit capital stock organization of the Tri-State Terminal company was better for the farmer in every way.

Directors of the Tri-State Terminal company are overwhelmingly in favor of the new organization. Ben Manchester, president of the Tri-State, is on the new organization committee, as also is C. N. Campbell of Bridgport and D. K. Knight of Wapato. Other directors who have voted in favor of the new organization are: Riley Rice, Mr. Adkinson of The Dalles and Mr. Booth, all of these gentlemen being six out of seven of the complete board of directors of the Tri-State company. Statements made that the Tri-State is opposed to the new organization are thus seemingly disproved at the start. Wheat men may well remember that no efforts will be spared to create dissension and to prevent them organizing. It is to the highest advantage of the speculators, and perhaps a few speculative wheat growers, to prevent the mass of wheat men marketing cooperatively.

The Tri-State Terminal company, all are agreed, has served a crying need of the Pacific Northwest farmers in a wonderful way—due almost entirely to the practical manner in which the sales manager, C. W. Nelson, has handled and built up the organization. But while it may be efficient it is quite insufficient. That it has not received the wholehearted support of the community is evidenced by the fact that it has within 10 years been only able to secure some 2500 members who handle about one tenth of the wheat of the Pacific Northwest. The principal reason advanced for this seeming lack of support is that the Tri-State Terminal company is a profit organization, working for profits on capital stock, and not for the purpose of marketing the wheat of the Pacific Northwest wheat growers at the best

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market price. It is not purely cooperative any more than the fruit growers' associations of the Willamette valley with capital stock upon which profits and dividends are declared are cooperative.

PROFITS ELIMINATED
The difference between the purely cooperative Oregon Growers' association or the Oregon Wheat Growers' association, and the Tri-State Terminal company is that the company is trying to make money out of the wheat growers while the association has but one object in view—to make money for the wheat growers. A real cooperative association of today has no capital stock, it makes no profits, it handles all products through pools so that every grower gets the full price for his produce without anyone making profit out of him. The only deduction is actual cost of handling. However, farmers of Umatilla county are strongly advised to carefully read literature which will be sent them by the new association within the next few days. It very carefully explains the difference between capital and non-capital cooperative associations. If a word of advice may be given in the Inland Empire wheat growers it would be to weigh very carefully every statement made against cooperative non-capital stock cooperative marketing associations.

SIGNED UP FOR COOPERATION
When the fruit growers' associations of California and Oregon were being formed growers were told they must sign up their output for a term of years—that it was fatal—that they would live to regret it—yet the course of time has shown that the acid test of cooperative marketing has been applied to the non-capital stock statewide plan and that it is the only form of organization which will hold together indefinitely and carry the farmers through any crisis. Moreover, when all these statements were run down it was found that more than not they were inspired by the very people the associations were aimed against—the speculators. Anyone who today espouses non-profit cooperative marketing associations of farmers has not followed their history elsewhere.

The cooperative marketing plan of California is sweeping the country. It is the only successful plan in existence. It cannot be brushed aside for it is the salvation of the wheat grower. It has been cleaned out of many herds and kept out. The control of this disease is not easy. It requires careful attention to all angles of sanitation and hygiene; isolation, breeding, feeding and the introducing of new animals into the herd. Is it worth the trouble? The United States department of agriculture estimates the loss of \$20,000,000 as result of dead calves and sterile cows.

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Farmers' Week at Idaho University Is Pronounced Success

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 31.—The University of Idaho's 1920 farmers' and housekeepers' week was a complete success, according to Dean E. J. Iddings of the College of Agriculture. Enthusiasm and interest were sustained throughout the whole program.

Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, editor of the American Encyclopedia of Agriculture and former dean of the New York Agricultural college, delivered three addresses containing inspiration and sound advice to his farmer hearers.

Aaron Sapiro of San Francisco, attorney for many Pacific coast cooperative marketing associations, talked on cooperative wheat marketing, on which he is a recognized authority. He had the closest attention of his auditors on this vital subject.

Other speakers were President E. H. Lindley, Frank D. Tomson, Commissioner E. C. Bryan and Miss Katherine Jensen who had important messages to give. Chief among the week's events by way of entertainment was the annual farmers' and housekeepers' banquet held Friday night. Large attendance and several able addresses combined to make it an occasion of some moment.

Freeze Damage Investigated
Medford, Jan. 31.—A mass meeting has been called by County Agent C. C. Cate of all the fruit growers of Jackson county to be held in Medford Wednesday for the purpose of discussing effects of the hard freeze in December. Each fruit grower is to bring buds and bark of trees affected by the freeze. Professor J. C. Reed, government fruit and nut expert, will arrive Wednesday to make

a survey of the freeze injury at the request of Senator McNary. Official inspection so far made in various parts of the county reveals that the fruit damage is spotted.

WHAT FARM IMPLEMENT DEALERS ARE DOING.
Vick Brothers have been fortunate in securing the distribution of the Money-Maker line of ensilage cutters and hay balers, manufactured by the Swayne-Robinson & Co. of Richmond, Ind., who are by far the largest manufacturers of ensilage cutters and hay balers. This line will be handled by the regular Fordson tractor dealers throughout the state, as the Fordson tractor will furnish ample and satisfactory power for running same and has the approval of the Fordson factory. A carload of these Money-Maker cutters and balers is now on the road from the factory.

M. B. Mack, who has been connected with the Averill Machinery company for a number of years and is well known all over the northwest, has succeeded the late M. B. McFaul as secretary of the Averill company.

U. D. Maxson, manager of Western Farquhar Machinery company, has just returned from a business and pleasure trip in California. Maxson reports that business is good in all lines in California and crop conditions are fine.

Westover Leaves O. A. C.
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—Professor E. L. Westover of the dairy department has left for Tillamook, where he will assist in the reorganization of three cow testing associations in cooperation with R. C. Jones, county agent of Tillamook county.

Ziemer Directs Cheese Work
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—L. B. Ziemer of the state dairy and food commission has arrived from Portland to take charge of the cheese short course, which will continue until March 1. He is taking the place of H. R. Lochry of the U. S. dairy division, who handled this work the first two weeks.

Growers' Plan Approved
Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Secretary Houston of the de-

partment of agriculture in a letter to Senator McNary expresses approval of a suggestion for investigation of methods followed in the exportation of fruits and vegetables, which would be an extension of the work already authorized as to fruits in transit and in storage.

C. W. McCullough, sales manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association, is one of those who has asked for studies along this line, which would include the handling of fruit for export at water terminals, handling over the wharves and how cared for on shipboard. Secretary Houston indicates the department will be glad to undertake it if funds are authorized for the purpose.

QUESTIONABLE SIDE SHOWS ARE BARRED FROM COUNTY FAIRS
Resolutions Also Require Judges to State Reason for Placings When Awards Are Made.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—Resolutions were passed at a meeting of 40 or more county fair managers, state fair representatives and county agents at the O. A. C. in a three-hour session here during farmers' week, encouraging the educational feature of the county fairs and standardizing the awarding of prizes and exhibits. The operation of questionable sideshows and concessions was dealt a blow. A. H. Lea, state fair secretary, presided.

Besides barring questionable concessions, there were embodied in the resolutions the recommendation that county fairs be thrown open for livestock exhibits only from any other counties, that the county fairs be held before the state fair, that uniform classification be required for all county fairs to correspond to the state fair judging classification, that there be a sliding scale in awarding premiums, with a 50 per cent advance in classes where more than 10 animals are shown, and that score-card placards be worked out which would provide for each award and the reasons for its placing by the judge.

An inclusive recommendation for livestock would require that judges give reasons for placings at the time of making the awards, that prize-winners parade each day after winning award on penalty of losing the prize, that all livestock in the stables be uniformly placarded with name, breed, classification, age, breeder and name of owner, and that livestock judging contests among farmers and breeders be encouraged.

The state fair would be asked, according to another resolution, to award premiums for county exhibits on the relative merits of the exhibits, allowing each county to exhibit products representative of that county.

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