

## FRUIT RAISERS GET TOGETHER

MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED IN COMING MEETING.

**Albany Apple Fair Most Successful Ever Held in That City—Oregon Dairy Association Recognized at Washington—Big Rally Will Be Held at White Salmon—Railroad Development in Northwest.**

Portland, Ore., Nov. 16.—Interest in the joint meeting of the State Horticultural society and the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association is universal throughout the this part of the United States and British Columbia. The state association holds a convention in Portland Tuesday, December 1—this is followed by two days' meeting of the northwest association. Convention and exhibit will occupy two floors of the Woodmen's hall, 11th and Alder streets. A night session will be held in the convention room on Tuesday, and a reception will be tendered to the delegates to both conventions on Thursday evening, December 3, by the Portland Commercial club from 8 to 11 o'clock. The prizes for this show are very much the most valuable ever offered and an enormous attendance is anticipated.

**Albany Apple Fair.**  
The Albany apple fair occupied the center of the stage in Oregon activities last week. Albany gave Portland, Eugene and Salem an object lesson in entertaining that it will take these cities a long time to equal. The town is growing and building hard surface pavements, while apples shown were equal to the best.

**Oregon Dairy Association.**  
The Oregon State Dairy association has been recognized by the agricultural department at Washington, D. C., and assurance is given that government experts will participate in the convention on December 10 and 11 at Salem. A rate of a fare and a third for the round trip has been made from all points in this state.

**White Salmon Rally.**  
Klickitat county's citizens joined in a monster optimistic rally at White Salmon, Wash., last Saturday. Expert publicity men and railroad officials were present from Portland to take part in the event, which was one of the most successful ever held in the Evergreen State.

**Wallawa Railway.**  
In line with the general railroad development of this northwestern country was the completion of the railroad from Elgin to Enterprise, which affords an easy market for the Wallawa valley. The final terminus will be Joseph.

**Advertising Force.**  
No more interesting talk was ever made before the Portland Ad club than the address delivered by Dr. W. T. Williamson on "Suggestion the Chief Force of Advertising." Members and their friends filled the hall.

**BURGLAR LOST TIME IN TRYING ON OVERCOATS.**

Delayed Too Long in Trying on Garments and He Was Arrested While Leaving Store.  
Detroit, Mich.—William Pifer, a stove-maker, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Dunross as he was emerging from a large hole in the plate glass window of Gately's store shortly after 8 o'clock at night.

Pifer willingly told how he happened to be coming out of the hole. "It was cold, officer, and as I was passing the store I noticed a lot of overcoats in the window," he said. "I thought, 'I'll have one of those, but the windows were locked and I couldn't reach them. I went around in the alley, took a large brick and put it through the window. Then I crawled in."

"I tried on five or six overcoats, but they didn't suit me. They didn't have any of those straight-back effects, and that's what I wanted. I was just coming out of the window when I bumped into this gentleman."

Several suits of clothes were piled up inside of the window ready to be carried off. The window is worth several hundred dollars.

**FROM SPOKANE TO PORTLAND IN 10 HOURS**

A cut of six hours in the time between here and Portland will be made by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle road when it begins operating its passenger service, which will be within a week or 10 days, according to a statement made by President Howard Elliott in Portland a few days ago, says the Spokane Chronicle.

He also informed President Goodall of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce that a 10-hour passenger service would be given between the two cities. The plan is to put on two passenger trains each way daily, one leaving Spokane in the morning and one in the evening, making it possible for one to leave here in the morning and make the entire trip by daylight.

**WOMAN TO PAINT SIGN 120 FEET FROM GROUND.**

Detroit, Mich.—If the leading partisan in a most unique wager follows out the requirements she must meet to win the bet Detroiters will be treated to the uncommon sign of a local young woman artist, Miss Flossie Sands, painting a huge billboard on the top of the Kanter building, on the Campus. The other party to the wager is a well known business man. The terms state that in case Miss Sands fails to paint the sign she will forfeit \$100 and same amount will go to her if she succeeds. The terms also require that she work on the sign

six days, and no less than six hours each day.

Miss Sands was recently visiting at the home of this business man when he remarked that he did not think a woman could paint a sign elevated more than a short distance from the ground. Miss Sands at once declared she would accomplish the feat if given the opportunity.

The sign on the Kanter building is 85 by 16 feet. It is but a few feet from the edge of the roof, and the sidewalk on Monroe avenue is 120 feet below. Miss Sands will have to work on a scaffold 16 inches wide.

**FARMERS FAVOR OPEN RIVER.**  
Lewiston Commercial Club Taking Stock Subscriptions.

The plans of the Lewiston Commercial club to secure stock subscriptions to the Open River association in the prairie sections tributary to Lewiston will be heartily supported according to the statements of prominent merchants and farmers from the upper country who have visited the city during the past week, says the Lewiston Teller.

The people of the upper country feel the opening of the rivers between Lewiston and Portland will result in a material benefit to every industry. The merchant will be granted a material reduction upon the freight tariffs; the farmer will market his products at a reduction of 60 per cent from present charges, and the independent electric railways now being constructed and planned will be afforded an outlet for the tonnage gathered along their lines and will be given an opportunity to bid for the delivery of inland freight deposited at Lewiston by the independent line of steamers.

All of the conditions and benefits connected with the opening of the water transportation from Lewiston to the sea have been carefully considered by the prairie people and now that the Open River association is ready to place the independent steamer in operation between Lewiston and the portage road, the project will be liberally supported.

**BILLEK LEGALLY DEAD.**

Strange Defense to Be Put Up by Manifold Murderer.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—That Herman Billek, the Bohemian hypnotist and fortune teller who was convicted of the murder of several members of the Vraz family, is legally dead, is the novel plea to be made by Attorney Hinekley before Judge Barnes in an attempt to save Billek from the gallows when the court convenes to pronounce sentence on the "evil-eye" prisoner tomorrow.

Billek was sentenced to be hanged last summer. The day of execution came, but the United States court took a hand in the case and Billek was given leave to appeal to the supreme court of the United States. That court found that it had no jurisdiction and the case came back to Judge Barnes for re-sentence. It is now claimed that in the absence of any order rescinding or postponing the previous sentence of death, Billek, in legal theory, is already dead, and hence cannot be sentenced to pay any penalty whatsoever.

It is not considered likely that this plea will be upheld by the court and it is highly probable that the arch-prisoner will again be sentenced to be "hanged by the neck until dead." Catholic priests and sisters have been active in attempting to prove Billek's innocence, but while their efforts have tended to discredit some of the evidence adduced at the trial, it has not been sufficient to remove Billek from the shadow of the gallows.

**LOG IN SURF BREAKS LEG OF YOUTH BATHING.**

While bathing at Ocean beach yesterday morning John Soderquist, 310 Haight street, 19 years old, narrowly escaped death by being struck by a heavy log hurled against him by the waves, says the San Francisco Examiner. The impact was so terrific as to break the youth's right leg and to render him unconscious. Friends of Soderquist saw the accident and waded out to his assistance. He was resuscitated and later treated at the Central Emergency hospital.

Tacoma, Wash.—The body of Mel C. Ormes, the missing timber cruiser, was found Friday a short distance from Puyallup. Ormes left that town on October 22, to go on a hunting trip. It is believed the trigger of his gun caught in the brush, the charge entering his breast, near the heart.

Ray Clark has been arrested at Seattle, as the pal of Walter Bryant, a 15-year-old forger, who enjoyed high life in that city for several days last week on forged checks.

**GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN.**

Yakima Association Going After Proposition in Earnest.

The much advertised good roads campaign to be carried on in Yakima county now appears to be assured. When the executive committee of the Yakima County Good Roads association met last evening its members instructed Secretary H. J. James of the Commercial club, to see Prof. Lancaster of the University of Washington, and Samuel Hill, president of the State Good Roads association, and ask them to outline a campaign, fixing dates, places of meeting, etc. It is the desire of the Yakima county organization that the meetings be held at an early date. Mr. James will see the above-mentioned good roads experts at Walla Walla next week when the National Educational congress is held in that city.

Prof. Lancaster has recently returned from Paris, where he went to attend the International Good Roads meeting. He is perfectly familiar with conditions in the Yakima valley. Mr. Hill has also made a study of the requirements for good roads in this county. The knowledge of both these men will be a material aid to the Yakima association in getting the good roads plan into operation.—Yakima Republic.

**MOTHER COMPELLED TO ADOPT HER OWN DAUGHTER**

Unique in the annals of the county court is the petition to adopt her own daughter, filed this morning by Mrs. Anna E. Hudson, says the Journal. She wishes to adopt 7-year-old Lulu Fern Hudson, who was given to Mrs. James Martell three years ago, when it was believed Mrs. Hudson would live only a few months. But Mrs. Hudson recovered and Mrs. Martell died. The petition shows that in 1905 Mrs. Hudson, who is a widow, lived in Utah with her child. She had gone there in the hope of regaining her health but believed that she would not live longer than a few months, and the little girl was adopted by James Martell and his wife. Mrs. Hudson did not die, however, and the child has been with her practically all the time. When Mrs. Hudson again recovered her health she returned to Oregon. In the meantime Mrs. Martell has died, and Mr. Martell is regarded by law as the parent of the little girl, through the adoption in Utah. He has given his consent to the adoption of Lulu by her mother.

**REMNANT OF BACHELORS' CLUB HOLDS A MEETING**

Cleveland, O.—The original Bachelors' club of Cleveland, which numbered 200 at its founding on October 29, 1896, held its annual meeting Thursday with four members present. President Reilly, for some time the only one on hand, diverted his mind from the harrowing loss sustained by the club through matrimony by calling the meeting to order and giving himself a unanimous vote for president for the ensuing year. Later on Martin Sanders, Edwin C. Davies and Dick Stove arrived and were elected vice president, secretary and watchman, respectively.

Before election they had to swear a solemn vow of total abstinence from matrimony. Taking the membership list the president then called the roll, but nobody answered "yes," as some pretty girl had said it for each one of them.

**WILL PLAY BASKET BALL ON SKATES**

About 10 young men are practicing hard for a place on the roller skating basket ball team which is to represent McMinnville this year against the teams in the Willamette valley. Among the towns to be played are Falls city, Newberg, Dallas, Salem, Woodburn and Roseburg. Although this is the first year for basketball on skates here, McMinnville will be represented by an exceedingly fast bunch and will undoubtedly make a creditable showing against the older and more experienced teams of the neighboring cities.

Dayton, Wash.—The wonderful returns from apple orchards in the Touchet valley are interesting the people all over the country. The latest record is made at Pomona ranch, the orchard of J. L. Dumas. From 30 trees, covering 3-10 of an acre, 547 boxes of apples were gathered this week. This is an average of over 18 boxes per tree. The receipts from the 547 boxes were \$764.25. Of the total 472 boxes were sold for \$1.50 per box and 75 boxes at 75 cents per box. This yield from an acre would be 1823 boxes and the gross receipts from the same would be \$2547.50.

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