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FRUIT GROWERS MEET

LOCAL SPEAKERS DISCUSS NORTH PACIFIC ASSOCIATION.

Advantages of Co-operation Are Set Forth in Facts and Figures That Prove Interesting.

The small shipper, the distributor, the packer, the grower of fruits and the middleman, all had an inning at a meeting of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association at the county court house Saturday afternoon. Between 75 and 100 interested men were present and it is the opinion of those who were much interested that the meeting was of extraordinary interest and a valuable asset in the way of information.

President H. A. Woods called the gathering to order at two o'clock, stating the objects, he being followed by a pointed talk by H. C. Eakin. Mr. Eakin showed a wealth of information regarding the method of handling and distributing fruit in the eastern markets as is done by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association, making special reference as of fruit on the way to the markets, affording protection to the shipper as well as the buyer, made a good text for Mr. Eakin. He was well armed with a line of statistics showing an aggregate of 15,000 telegraphic demands for fruit from this association in a single year.

President Woods recommended a coalition of the Polk County association with the Pacific Coast fruit men, who have headquarters at Spokane. Mr. Woods favored joining with the association which now covers the states of Washington and Idaho as well as portions of Oregon, making Dallas a substation.

The president explained the disappointment felt on account of the non-arrival of the H. F. Davidson of Hood River, an officer of the association, W. R. Palmer of Purdue University, Indiana, took a prominent place on the program and spoke mainly upon the matter of co-operation. Freight rates and the possibility of glutting markets came in for a large share of his address. Mr. Palmer showed a wide knowledge of the fruit industry, and fruit culture in a general way, and his talk was of the kind that inspires.

Secretary H. G. Campbell, at the close of the session, asked those present who were not members to enroll as such and there was a hearty response, literature of a helpful nature being distributed at the time.

It was shown that the members of this organization shipping strawberries this year received an average of \$1.87 1/2 per crate for the shallow pint boxes, which would be equal to \$2.68 for the old style crate of pound boxes. The growers receiving this high price for berries included the shippers of ten cars from Yakima, 124 cars from Hood River, and seventeen cars from Spokane, and when compared to the price of \$1.05, which is the average price received by other Northwest growers, the result of shipping through this organization proved gratifying to the growers. Also many cars of cherries were handled for an average price of \$1.05 for ten pound boxes, which is the highest price received by any northwest grower. Mr. Ewing of the Ewing Bros. place, who shipped together with some of their neighbors through the North Pacific Fruit Distributors last year, stated that they had received 90 cents for their grade apples, and \$1.60 for their fancy Spitzenburg apples, all shipments C. O. D., when some of his independent shipping neighbors received only 65 cents for their grade apples in the same market. A great advantage of this organization is its system of loaning to the farmer, when in need, money enough to pick, pack, and ship his entire crop, which is assistance almost impossible to obtain from a bank without more security than a perishable crop of fruit or vegetables.

The system of inspecting fruit in transportation was explained and was a revelation to most of those present and the manner of disposition of fruit in an over-stocked market when explained, proved very interesting. It was shown, that by the system of branch offices and inspectors maintained by this organization it is easy to change the destination of a car while enroute, thus placing ripening fruit in a nearer market or re-shipping without reloading cars that have arrived in a glutted market, making it possible thereby to obtain the highest price without even a chance of loss from over-ripe or the old cry of an over-stocked market.

These advantages met with the approval of the interested growers present, nearly all of whom had at some time in their shipping experience been up against both of these problems. In the past when shipping alone, what could a grower do but take the commission man's word when he received a telegram stating that

fruit had arrived in bad condition, and that he could not pay more than cost of freight charges. It was shown that the North Pacific Fruit Distributors when notified of poor condition of a car of fruit wired the commission man that an inspector of this organization would arrive and inspect the car on the following day. This, had there been anything wrong with the fruit, would have insured the grower fair treatment. It was shown that 80 per cent of the purchasers of fruit from growers are Jews, Italians, and Greeks, who are in the business to make money from both the grower and consumer. It is no wonder, therefore, that the growers found it necessary to organize and protect their interests.

The directors of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association, after careful consideration, urged each and every one of its members to join the North Pacific Fruit Distributors. Pamphlets issued by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors were circulated among those present after the speaking and a general discussion relative to the merits of the independent shipper followed, in which several growers told of their troubles with the middle man. An Eastern visitor told of the opportunity for a better sale of Western fruit in the Eastern markets.

The text of a fruit-buyer's sermon on Saturday was, in fact, if not otherwise: "Wanted—A Million Pounds of Apples." Mr. R. W. King, the apple applicant, hails from the dry center of the Willamette valley, known as Salem, and took advantage of the occasion when the fruit growers' meeting was held there.

Mr. King is the patentee of an evaporating device which has been installed at Salem, and the success of the invention, according to Mr. King, has been instrumental in raising the price of the loganberries, mammoth blackberries, cherries, currants, apples, peaches and raspberries. An over-supply of prunes, which were prepared for the market at the Salem plant, caused the promoters to drop this class of fruit for a time. A shortage in the apple supply, upon which there is now a heavy demand, brought the representative of the Salem company to Dallas. Mr. King brought several samples of evaporated fruit with him and these were admired by those who saw the exhibits. The plant at Salem has been in operation but a short time and has a capacity now of 25,000 pounds of prunes per day of 24 hours. It is claimed that the price of apples is in the neighborhood of \$4 per ton above city prices. The present price runs from \$8 to \$10 per ton and shipments from orchards outside the valley have been drawn upon heavily to supply the market, according to Mr. King's report.

STORY IS CORROBORATED.

McMinnville Man Watched George Fuller Slay the Bear.

That George Fuller of this city did in fact kill a bear with an axe on Siletz bay is corroborated by A. O. Sarff of McMinnville, who watched the duel from the shore and told The News-Reporter the story. The bear was towed to shore and the McMinnville man assisted the hunters in skinning their trophy and to prepare the hide to be shipped out.

The bear undertook to swim the bay to evade its would-be captors when young Fuller and Jess Bassett of Taft jumped into a boat and rowed out to the bear soon coming at close proximity to him. Armed with a double-bitted axe, one of the hunters assailed the maddened quadruped, which turned toward them showing his angry teeth and bit at the hunter. The enraged bear snarled and made an attempt to strike at his assailant. For a second time the hunter struck at the animal and dealt a deadly blow. The bruin started to leave the scene of carnage, but a third blow made sure of the killing.

LOGGERS FIGHT FIRE.

Railroad Trestle at Falls City Saved By Prompt Action.

Two rival lumber camp forces joined hands Thursday night and fought a raging forest fire at Black Rock which was devouring the trestles on the Falls City railroad line. About \$1000 was the extent of the damage done. U. G. Holt of the Spaulding Logging company was on the ground during the conflagration and states that if the forces from his camp had not aided the forces from the Falls City Lumber camp in fighting the flames, it was highly probable that 1000 feet of trestle would have been wiped out.

Sues for \$30,000 Damages.

C. J. Siefarth has filed suit for \$30,000 damages against the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway company, alleging that an accident October 3, 1913, in which he was injured while employed as a brakeman on a logging road belonging to the company, was due to carelessness on the part of the company.

DAVIS KILLS HIMSELF

PROMINENT CORVALLIS MAN SHOOT BULLET INTO MOUTH.

Automobile Accident Thought to Have Deranged Mind, and Been Cause for Rash Act.

With a 22 caliber rifle, purchased an hour before, C. S. Davis, a prominent merchant and city treasurer of Corvallis, shot himself in the mouth yesterday at noon, and death soon followed. He excused himself from conversation at the door of his place of business, saying his head was hurting him. He then retired to the rear of the store, and there shot himself.

Mr. Davis was thrown from his auto one day last week, and while stunned jumped over a bridge railing to the ground twenty feet below. He was badly bruised, taken to the hospital, but insisted on leaving next day. Since that time he had complained of his head hurting him occasionally.

Davis was past 50 years of age, a highly respected citizen, a prominent Mason and president of the Corvallis Independent Telephone company.

PUT OUT THE FIRE.

Campers Are Cautioned to Be Careful While in the Woods.

It is seldom that Western Oregon enters the summer months in as dry a condition as it did this year. Very rarely have the forests and slashings been as dry as they are now. The fire danger is very great, and the greatest care is and will be necessary to prevent the escape of fire into the timber. The weather bureau predicts continued dry weather for some time. Although the state has escaped disastrous fires thus far this season, the danger period is only just now. The danger increases with every day of dry weather, and the most dangerous of all the days will be the one just before the rain comes.

The state and the lumber interests are thoroughly organized to fight fire and the government forest service helps, but the prevention of fire is a thing in which everyone who goes to the woods, to the beach, or stops by the roadside to boil a cup of tea over a campfire can and should help. The really good citizen does not leave the whole enforcement of the law to the paid officers of the law. He helps to enforce the law by obeying the law himself. If you build a fire for any purpose see that it is out beyond all question before you leave it. Many thousands of dollars—not yours, perhaps, but dollars just the same—may be destroyed in a few hours if you are careless or indifferent about the fire you have kindled for your own indulgence. Put it out!

Peach Thieves in Danger.

"I'll shoot to hit the next time," remarked A. Imah, constable of Polk county, in speaking of what he will do to the marauders who have taken a fancy to the fruit in his orchard on the Wallace road. For a week past intruders have been pilfering peaches from the Imah orchard and the constable sighted some of them last night and fired a few shots.—Journal.

CHANGE IS A STICKER

STATE BANKS GAIN AND NATIONALS LOSE.

Condition of All Oregon Banks at Close of Business June 30 Given by Superintendent.

According to a statement issued by State Superintendent of Banks Sargent, covering the condition of all banks in the state at the time of the last call—June 30—the deposits, when compared with the corresponding period last year, have decreased \$2,064,250. The decrease was in the National banks, the state banks showing an increase over the corresponding date last year. The State Superintendent of Banks was unable to explain the reason for the decrease in the National banks, while an increase in the state banks is shown.

The statement covers 260 banks, and is as follows: State banks, loans and discounts, \$40,561,450, an increase of \$1,133,222; overdrafts, \$205,333, a decrease of \$18,612; securities, bonds, etc., \$9,593,101, an increase of \$475,938; cash and due from banks, \$20,239,938, an increase of \$634,480; capital stock, \$9,063,592, an increase of \$502,412; surplus and undivided profits, \$4,248,322, an increase of \$405,982; total deposits, \$57,708,277, an increase of \$1,841,888.

For all banks in the state the statement follows: Loans and discounts, \$87,669,484, a decrease of \$549,007; overdrafts, \$355,448, a decrease of \$40,738; securities, bonds, etc., \$16,212,727, a decrease of \$1,154,723; capital stock, \$18,949,592, an increase of \$652,412; surplus and undivided profits, \$10,064,535, an increase of \$402,886; due to banks, \$13,139,383, a decrease of \$702,289; commercial deposits, \$78,520,233, decrease of \$6,136,612; time and savings deposits, \$33,791,849, an increase of \$4,661,032; total savings deposits, \$1,292,790, an increase of \$163,619; total deposits, \$126,744,257, a decrease of \$2,064,350; average reserve, \$34 per cent, no change.

Sues Hop Farm Owners.

Charging that injuries he received by falling through a rotten plank of a platform connected with the dryer in the hop farm of Wigan, Richardson & Co., near Independence, have caused a shriveling and permanent shortening of his leg, Charles Durrell, a carpenter, has filed suit against the owners of the farm for \$15,000. The farm where the accident occurred was what is claimed to be the largest hop yard in the world, comprising 900 acres. It is owned by London, England, capitalists, and practically all of its product is shipped to that city.

Second Medal Contest.

The second silver medal contest given by the W. C. T. U. was held at the Evangelical church last night. A good sized audience was entertained by a number of excellent readings and musical selections. Mrs. Frank Brown's reading, "Saved," was judged the best and she secured the silver medal.

Martin Commander in Utah.

In obedience to orders received from San Francisco Colonel Charles H.

Martin, of the Third Oregon Regiment, and well known to the Dallas soldiers, will go next Friday to Provo, Utah, to take command of the annual maneuvers of the Utah National Guard, August 2 to 16. Four days will be occupied by the militia in the march from Provo to the old Army post near Salt Lake and back to Provo. Captain Stacey's company has been ordered from Vancouver Barracks to Utah for instruction purposes.

Sentiment Favors New Bridge.

It is expected that State Highway Engineer Bowlby will make his report this week on the condition of the wagon bridge over the Willamette river connecting Polk and Marion counties at Salem, and there is speculation as to the situation that may be created should he declare the bridge unsafe for traffic and its closing would result. There is a heavy travel over the bridge, especially during the late summer and fall seasons and in case it should be closed it will be necessary to temporarily install a ferry or some other service.

As was expected there is some sentiment at Salem in favor of changing the location of the bridge to State street, the principal thoroughfare in that city, and this will probably be worked as strongly as possible at the capital, as it would greatly benefit Salem.

Contributors to Exhibit.

Those who have contributed to the county exhibit for the week ending July 25 are: C. Lorence, wheat, oats, clover; R. M. Bosley, peaches, plums; C. W. McNamer, oats; Wm. Mackie, oats; C. I. Ballard, wheat, oats; J. E. Martin, wheat, oats; Mrs. R. J. Howe, peaches; Henry Kenyon, wheat; Ray Slater, oats; Geo. Quiring, wheat; I. D. Phillips, plums; Elmer Gilham, wheat; Thos. Bowman, plums, dried loganberries and cherries; O. De Haven & Son, dried loganberries, oats, cheat, grass; Ira Stubblefield, speltz; Ewing Bros., barley.

Ball-Howell Nuptials.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Louise Howell and Chester Irvine Ball, of Ballston, was solemnized at the Presbyterian church parsonage at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Carl H. Elliott reading the service, before relatives and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ball left for Portland immediately following the ceremony, making the trip in the handsome new five-passenger car, which was the gift of the bridegroom's father, G. W. Ball. They will be at home to friends after September at Ballston.—Salem Journal.

Railway Employees Picnic.

Southern Pacific employees, together with those engaged with the Portland, Eugene & Navigation company and the Salem, Falls City & Western railroads, and their friends, held a picnic at Gladstone Park last Saturday. This picnic was the first annual "safety first" affair and was intended for making families of railroaders better acquainted with each other and enlisting their support of the great safety first movement.

Chinese Eggs a Menace.

Chinese eggs are proving a menace to the Pacific coast industry because of the fact that a very large per cent of the sales are being made to those ignorant of the fact that the stock comes from the Flowery republic. With Chinese eggs selling considerably below the local product, because they are simply storage stock and are not considered very good at that, there are greater profits in their handling in the retail end.

Good Crop of Kids.

Angora goat breeders report that the kidding season recently closed has been one of the best in years. The kid crop is a large one and the kids are in good shape. The mohair industry in this section is an important one and the shipments of this staple are increasing year by year. The Willamette valley is depending upon Polk for its exhibit of mohair exhibit at San Francisco next year, and there will be no disappointment over either quality or quantity.

Growers Erect Building.

At a meeting of the building committee of the Sheridan Fruit Growers' association the contract for the erection of a packing plant 60x80 feet was awarded. Work is to commence at once and the building is to be completed and ready for use by the first of October.

Colonel Hofer to Lecture.

Col. E. Hofer will deliver a lecture on "The Literature of Life" at Monmouth Normal school tonight. The summer session at this institution will close on Friday.

Date for Institute Set.

State Superintendent Chacehill yesterday announced the date for holding the teachers' institute in Polk county for October 28 to 30.

FIVE KIDS ARE COMING

TEMPORARY HOMES FOUND FOR THIS SMALL NUMBER.

Four Will Spend Vacation in Country While One Must be Content With Dallas Life.

The Woman's club will place five fresh air kids in Polk county families this week, and while this number hardly meets the expectations of the club it seems to be the best that can be done at this time. It was expected that temporary homes for at least twenty-five children could be secured in the county adjacent to Dallas, but numerous appeals have not brought responses. Evan Evans will care for two of the five children to arrive tomorrow or next day, M. M. Grant will take one, as will also C. C. Gardner and Mrs. Thompson.

Others who are inclined to give aid in this movement should notify Mrs. Metzger, president of the Woman's club, who in turn will send the word to the Associated Charities of Portland. Other cities of the state have responded most liberally to this call, Independence accepting more than twenty of the youngsters for a ten-days' outing on farms near that place. Silverton took twenty-five of the kiddies, and several other towns responded with equal liberality. Dallas should not be behind its neighbors in point of extending hospitality of this character.

Enjoy Automobile Outing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Collins returned to Dallas Saturday morning after a delightful automobile outing with a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, and Bob and Burea Turner of Airle. The party left Airle Sunday morning, July 19, and motored through Corvallis, Eugene and Springfield, eating lunch ten miles east of the latter place, then driving on to Belknap, where they remained enroute until Thursday, enjoying excellent fishing, which included a plentiful number of Mackenzie river's Dolly Varden and red side trout. The party left Belknap Thursday morning and went to Nimrod, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ireland, both former Polk county people, Mrs. Ireland being a daughter of J. S. Cooper of Independence. They are now proprietors of the Nimrod hotel, which is constructed of logs and has furniture fashioned in mission type hewn from logs. The party proceeded to Eugene Friday morning and home via Coburg, Albany and Airle, as very pleasant outing of 300 miles without a puncture or a stop for engine trouble in either of the two automobiles.

Miss Spong Entertains.

Miss Grace Spong was hostess to a party of friends one day last week in honor of Miss Mabel Grant, who was a bride of the week. The party was met at Salem by Mr. and Mrs. Spong in their launch and the day was spent enjoyably, launching, sailing, and swimming. The treat of the day, however, was a bounteous lunch spread in the shade after romping and playing. The guests were Ava Coad, Edith Catherwood, Winnie Hargrove, Marie Hargrove and Marie Griffen of Dallas and Edna Townsend, Vivian Hargrove and Lois Martin of Salem.

Interviews Republicans.

D. M. Hampton of Monmouth, accompanied by R. B. Chaney of the same place and Charles Chaney of Independence, were here Saturday on business. Mr. Hampton is chairman of the republican county central committee. Mr. Hampton is much interested in the success of his party in this county and spent some time in interviewing members of the party here and candidates who are striving for success at the November election.

Lash Here on a Visit.

"Lash" Hiestand, the powerful fellow who used to figure strongly in many of the basket-ball struggles at Dallas, a high school graduate of Dallas and known in the city well, has been here from Corvallis during the week, having accompanied the militia company to the coast and then remaining to visit with friends.

Arrested at Ballston.

C. A. Hamilton of Portland was arrested Sunday at Ballston by Sheriff Grant on a warrant from Portland, charging that he had defrauded a boardinghouse keeper. Officer C. B. Hill of Portland arrived in Dallas yesterday evening and returned with the prisoner this morning.

Postoffice Betterments.

Postmaster Fiske made a decided improvement in the arrangement of the postoffice during the week, adding some 40 new lock-boxes and changing the location of the several desks and equipment in the lobby.

The grand jury will convene tomorrow, and will be in session until court convenes on August 1.



—Westerman in Ohio State Journal.