

TO FRUIT GROWERS

Requested to Meet at Portland Chamber Commerce on Mar. 7, and 8.

MARKETING OF PRODUCTS

Wish to Perfect a Permanent organization.—The Portland Fruit Growers Association.

The following call for a fruit growers' convention has been mailed to the orchardists of the state. The call with the resolution which led to it is given below in full, the importance of the subject justifying the length of space required for publishing it.

Dear Sir:—Your attention, no doubt, has been called through the press, to the Fruit Growers' Convention, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Portland, March 7th and 8th, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization for the marketing of our products.

We feel the necessity of unity of action in order to reap the benefit of our labor, and therefore cordially invite you to be present at the above given date, and lend your assistance in obtaining the results to be hoped for. Only by concert of action on the part of all fruitgrowers can this be done.

Below you will find the resolution passed at the meeting at Corvallis, which explains itself.

The meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, on March 7th, and 8th.

Resolved: Fares hereafter be granted as follows: O. R. & N. Co., one and one-half, Southern Pacific Railway, one and one-third for the round trip, by taking a receipt from agent when purchasing ticket.

We cordially invite you, and earnestly hope to see you present.

Yours truly,
John Barnett, Corvallis
C. E. Stewart, Corvallis
Flanders Osoobuck Co, Portland
J. C. Standish, Halsey
E. T. Schneider, North Yamhill
Dr. J. R. Gardwell, Portland
Jas. R. Shepard, Zena
T. R. Shorland, Roseburg
W. A. Howe, Carlton
Chas. Long, Silverton
E. J. Craven, Newberg
Emile Schaeffer, The Dalles
W. T. Davis, Dundas
Z. K. Newell, Dillie
Wm. Galloway, Oregon City
Henry E. Dosh, Hillsdale
H. H. Miller, Eugene
F. G. Howell, Mt. Tabor
F. E. Griffith, Oregon City
Geo. A. Harding, Oregon City
Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, Portland
S. D. Evans, Umpqua Ferry
C. E. Hoskins, Springfield
L. T. Reynolds, Salem
J. M. Bacon, Vancouver, Wash.
J. H. Fletcher, Vancouver, Wash.
F. L. Wheeler, N. Yakima, Wash.
A. A. Quarnberg, Vancouver, Wash.
Wilcox & Son, N. Yakima, Wash.
N. G. Blalock, Walla Walla, Wash.
W. S. Officer, Walla Walla, Wash.
H. J. Biddle, Vancouver, Wash.
R. Milliken, Nampa, Idaho
C. P. Hartley, Caldwell, Idaho
T. C. Galloway, Weiser, Idaho
Invitation Committee.

RESOLUTION.

It is the consensus of opinion of this convention that the future progress of the Fruit Industry of the Pacific Northwest necessitates the organization of fruitgrowers into permanent associations for the preparation and marketing of their products. Under present methods the grower is not a factor in determining the price which he shall receive for his fruit, nor what the consumer shall pay, knowing as we do that the individual competition amongst grower is responsible for this condition.

We are firmly convinced that the true remedy for this evil is co-operation in marketing.

To this end we therefore recommend that the great Fruit Industry of the Pacific Northwest should be organized into one general association, representing as much as seventy five (75) per cent of the total product.

We would also recommend that local organizations be formed for the purpose of education in improving the standard of quality, for uniformity of drying, grading and packing.

We therefore earnestly recommend that a meeting of the producers of dried fruits in the Pacific Northwest be called in convention at Portland, on Wednesday, and Thursday, March 7th and 8th, for the purpose of effecting such permanent organization as may be determined at that time for furthering the uniform marketing of the products of the Pacific Coast, and in order that these plans be carried out, we recommend that a committee of prominent fruitgrowers be appointed, one grower from each fruit district in the Pacific Northwest, to take this matter in hand and secure an organization at that meeting.

H. B. Miller,
J. H. Fletcher,
E. D. Riddle,
C. E. Stuart,
E. Kimball,
Committee.

WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED?

The following table shows how registration is progressing. The first column of figures give the number of votes cast for governor in 1908 and the second the number registered in each precinct at noon yesterday:

Beaverton	222	14
Buxton	86	45
Columbia	141	41
Cornelius	229	96
Dillie	129	77
Dairy	134	72
E. Butte	143	25
E. Cedar Creek	132	30
Gales Creek	117	57
Mountain	129	47
N. Hillsboro	176	94
N. Forest Grove	182	94
Reedville	177	97
S. Forest Grove	202	107
S. Hillsboro	177	97
S. Tualatin	151	90
W. Butte	106	49
W. Cedar Creek	170	46
Washington	163	47
Wapato	140	47
Total	3161	949

Dr. Atkins starts for Brownsville

March 5th to be absent ten or twelve days.

A call for a convention of fruit growers to meet next Wednesday in Portland is signed by 526 names.

If you want to keep up with the procession, hear Captain Gilbert lecture, "On the Firing Line," on March 9.

Chaplain Gilbert lectures in the Methodist church Friday eve, March 9. Subject, "On the Firing Line." Come early and avoid the rush.

Services at the Christian Church Lord's day. Subject in the morning will be Foreign Missions. Subject in the evening: Why so Many Skeptics?

E. E. Colestock, barber has sold his shop and business in Hillsboro to S. S. Jeffries late of Portland. The new proprietor took charge of his property yesterday.

Mr. Clarence Hoyt accompanied by two of his sisters Miss Hoyt and Arsh started last Friday morning for San Jose, Cal. where they will be at home indefinitely.

H. Wehrung & Sons have decided to give away to their patrons a second wheel. Each cash purchase of \$1.00 entitles the holder to a chance on a lady's or gent's 1900 Columbia bicycle.

The Young men at Bryan & Son's have a shoe race that is worth a dollar to every man who wears laced shoes. There is no kick in the heels or ends of strings in sight to annoy.

Messrs. J. A. Imbrie, A. C. Shute and M. E. Everett have been appointed by H. Wehrung & Sons to take charge of the drawing of the bicycle they are to give away tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Surveyors commenced yesterday, March 1st to survey the route for a railroad from St. Helens, Columbia county to the Nehalem river valley.

A timber society has been raised for the purpose of clearing work is to begin as soon as the survey is finished. It is claimed that cars will be running on the new road by winter.

At the Congregational church next Sunday the following themes will be discussed by the Pastor, Rev. E. P. Hughes:—1. a m "The Part Played by the Past in the Various Departments of Human Life," 7:30 p. m.

An official visit to Tualatin Chapter No. 31, O. E. S. was made last Tuesday evening by Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. That distinguished lady paid a high compliment to Hillsboro and its chapter for the order here stands deservedly in the front rank in friendly rivalry with all her sisters in this fraternal work throughout the state.

Chaplain Gilbert of the 2d Oregon will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church Friday evening March 9th. Subject: "On the Firing Line."

Incidents from the camp, hospital and from the firing line will be vividly presented. A fine collection of curios from the Philippine Islands will be exhibited. Souvenirs from the Islands will be distributed. Admission only 25 cents, children 15 cents.

Mrs. Ada Jackson-Hughes of Forest Grove died at her home after a short illness and was buried in the Masonic cemetery, Hillsboro, last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hughes was the second daughter of P. M. Jackson a pioneer of the county. The malady that was the cause of death was brain fever. The deceased was well known in Hillsboro and Forest Grove and her friends were counted by the score. Her husband, U. G. Hughes is left alone in a desolate home.

The same customs do not obtain in all sections. This was illustrated when the representative from Eastern Oregon, Hutchins, drank more than he could control and was marched off to jail last Tuesday.

Hutchins would have attracted little or no attention in Gales Creek, but here the valley we are not accustomed to the hilarity of men in their cups. Marshal Gheen warned him, but he would not take the warning. Instead he took hold of the marshal to shake him. That was enough. To the cooler he went.

M. Peterson's thirteen year old son had a dreary night of it February 16. Mr. Peterson lives at the toll gate on the Wilson river road to Tillamook. On that cold Friday when the wind was not idle, the lad was sent in the afternoon to the store for family supplies. Upon the mountain side there, two inches of snow lay on the ground and the weather was freezing cold. The lad rode a horse and carried a sack of flour, a package of sugar and a pail of milk. Before he got home it was dark. Going up the grade beyond Gales Creek, he and the horse stumbled and fell over the bank rolling on the boy and so bruising one of his legs that he could not walk. There through the long cold night the lad remained till he was found by his father next morning. The boy had managed to crawl up the bank into the road, but he was not strong enough to go further. Notwithstanding the lad's exposure he made a rapid recovery and is now limping about quite cheerful.

Supt Hall has the final examination papers of 20 pupils who are candidates for graduation from the 8th grade of our public school. These examinations are conducted under rules sent out by the state superintendent who also prepares the questions to be used. They cover these branches: Reading, language, arithmetic—mental and written, geography, spelling, writing, physiology, hygiene, history and civil government.

When the county superintendent cannot attend and assist the teacher at the examination he appoints a substitute. The written answers to the questions are forwarded to the county superintendent who marks the standing of the candidate. If he has an answered average of 80 per cent of the questions and has not given below 70 per cent in any branch, it is considered that he has passed a successful examination into any 9th class in the state without further examination. The graduate receives a diploma signed by the county superintendent, by the teacher in charge at the time of graduation and by the chairman of the board of directors.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

To be Held next Monday at the School House at 1 o'clock p.m.

BONDS PLACED AT HOME

The Local Bank Took the Bonds Amounting to \$8000 at Five Per Cent

The annual school meeting for District No. 7, Hillsboro, will be held next Monday afternoon commencing at one o'clock. The business known to be up for consideration is the election of one director to serve 3 years instead of Capt. J. D. Morgan, term expires, and one clerk to serve one year, instead of Peter Boscow, whose term expires. It is understood that Capt. Morgan's business is such that he will decline a reelection, much to the regret of his associates and the people at large. Hon. W. N. Barrett has been mentioned for the place and others perhaps.

The affairs of the district are getting into most excellent shape. Four years ago the interest charges were \$1000 per year. This was reduced somewhat the next year. Finally two years ago one bond of \$1000 was paid together with outstanding warrants. Last year the interest charge was reduced to \$500 and next year it will be no more than \$400 since by May the Board will pay another bond of \$1000 leaving only 8 bonds outstanding.

The Board has been busy during the past month refunding the bonds. The state law requires that bonds be repaid on terms very advantageous to the district. Nothing could be done with Chicago bonds because of the small amount of the loan and the annual payments. Portland parties were consulted. They proposed to take the bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent conditioned that the district would pay the expense of negotiating. This item was \$50 brokerage, attorney fee for opinion on sufficiency of security \$12.50 and printing new bonds \$25. Total expense, \$87.50. In the mean time Banker J. W. Shute of Shute & Foote had been talking. When the Portland proposition was made, he signified his willingness to meet it and do a little better by holding his written agreement that no more than 5 percent interest is to be charged. This allows the District to pay a bond each year whereas the Portland proposition might have prevented the payment till the end of 10 years. The state law regulating the bonding of school districts is somewhat defective. The board however by careful and intelligent management has reached the end desired.

A SILVER JUBILEE OFFERING.

One of the rapidly growing bodies of this country is the Christian church sometimes known as the Disciples of Christ. They number 1,115,000 in this country, and made a gain last year of more than 40,000 in their membership.

This church is doing a very extensive work in foreign lands as well as in our own country. The foreign society of the Christian church has planted successful missions in Japan, China, India, Turkey, Africa, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Cuba. Their missionaries will soon sail for Hawaiian Islands and the Philippine Islands. They now have 229 missionaries in different foreign lands. This foreign work is only 24 years old. The foreign society is asking all the congregations of this religious body for a silver jubilee offering the first Sunday in March. It is expected, and no doubt will receive \$200,000 this year. Last year its receipts amounted to \$152,000.

The Christian church of this locality will doubtless do its full duty in raising the amount.

Captain Williams, of Iowa, chaplain of the 56th Regiment of the U. S. Army at Manila, Philippine Islands, has returned to this country enthusiastic over the missionary prospects of that distant land. He has been appointed a missionary to Manila, and in company with other missionaries will sail soon. One gentleman proposes to give \$5,000 for this special purpose and has already given \$5,000 to plant a mission in the Hawaiian Islands.

Their National Convention was held last October at Cincinnati, Ohio. There were fully 15,000 present, the greatest attendance of any religious body in the history of our country. K. H. Sicksaose.

COURT HOUSE.

COUNTY COURT.

John Neep, Wm Mohr and John Anderson admitted to citizenship.

FINANCIAL.

Est Michael Kennedy deed; semi-annual report filed. Deeds from sale of real estate \$1200. Disbursements \$1173. Balance on hand \$26.96.

Est Geo Thine deed; new administrators bond filed with U. S. Circuit and Guaranty Co for sureties. Hans Reussen and Andrew Peterson sureties on old bond, discharged from liability.

Est Hiram Burt deed; bond of Jas Magruder administrator filed and approved.

Est Thos R Mann minor; the said minor being now of lawful age and final settlement with his guardian having been made the estate is closed of record.

Est John Armstrong deed; final account filed and Monday Apr 9th set for its examination.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

License to wed was issued Feb 23, to Lewis Powers 42 and Cora B Lize 23.

Schulmerich & Son have a remnant sale of shoes at 50 per cent discount from former prices.

On account of the steel trust all arm implements will be higher than before but Schulmerich & Son will sell after the raise at same prices as others sold before.

Gilbert G. Chapin, United States Inspector stationed at Tacoma, Washington, visited Geo. H. Carlton last week. They were raised together in the state of New York. Mr. Chapin started Friday for Washington on an official visit with the department.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The local teachers' institute held at Beaverton last Saturday was said to be the most successful that has been held during the present school year. About twenty teachers and a large number of the citizens of Beaverton and vicinity were in attendance. The following program was presented:

Song, Columbia the gem of the ocean
Discussion "Course of Study."
Geography.....Prof. D. A. Groat.
"A Teacher's Duty to her Profession."
.....Miss E. A. Downing.
Duet, Misses Birdie and Lois Vincent
Class Exercise in Phonics Miss Vincent
Reading.....Prof. D. A. Groat
Main Question: The Hunter's Call
Question Box.

The following named teachers were in attendance: H. E. Coleman, Emma Timms, E. A. Downing, Mary Fisher, Lillian Briggs, Edith Barnes, U. S. McHargue, Lydia Barnes, Dove McLargue, Marie Hingley, W. J. Grimes, M. C. Case, Orlia Grimes, Eva Cypher, A. C. Latham, W. A. Smith, Hannah B. Anderson, D. A. Groat, S. B. Lawrence, J. H. A. Ball.

The next local institute will be held at Gaston, Mar. 31.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.

Washington's birthday as has been the custom of the University in past years, was celebrated by appropriate tree-planting exercises. It is becoming known as Freshman day, as the long known as the day of the tree-planting exercises. This year's program shows a good deal of thought and time spent for its success, and the papers upon forestry, the appropriate poems recited, and the well rendered music ten years hence there will not be a farm in Western Oregon which is not within easy reach of a creamery. What has been done in other states can be done here. The railroads can do their share, and if our merchants and professional men will fall into line there will be no question as to results.

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TO PLACE A CREAMERY

A Good Location Would be North of Hillsboro.—Satisfactory Transportation rates.

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DEAD LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the postoffice at Hillsboro Feb. 24, 1900:

Mrs. Myrtle Lyle.
All letters not called for by Mar. 10, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office. One cent will be charged for each letter called for.

H. SCHULMERICH, P. M.

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