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## THE FRUIT GROWERS ADOPT CONSTITUTION

Get Ready for Business—Hold Session This Saturday to Arrange for Purchase of Supplies.

The adjourned meeting for perfecting the organization of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union was held last Saturday afternoon in the Courier office. There was a good attendance of fruit growers and the spirit of co-operation and of confidence in what a union can accomplish for its members gave the assurance that they were one set of farmers who could and would work together in harmony and would maintain an organization that would be of great financial gain to themselves and a strong factor in bringing a greater prosperity to Josephine county.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Fred D. Eisman. Prior to the regular business of the meeting a general discussion of the work of fruit growers unions was had. Hon. A. H. Carson, commissioner for the First District of the State Board of Horticulture, spoke on what unions had accomplished in putting the fruit industry on a paying basis at Hood River, Medford, Ashland and other places. To enforce the state law and compel owners of diseased fruit trees to either clear the trees of pests or to cut them down was another work that a fruit growers union in Josephine county could undertake. Mr. Carson thought the union should recommend and secure the appointment by the county court of a man who had the knowledge, the tact and the energy to execute the duties of fruit inspector. Then to make it possible to fully enforce the law the union should strongly back the inspector and educate popular opinion to secure convictions by juries in the county should obstinate violators of the law be brought up for punishment. Mr. Carson stated that for this year he could not join the union as he was now the only one who had grapes to market and preferred to handle them himself.

Copies of the constitutions and rules and regulations of both the Hood River Fruit Growers Union and of the Rogue River Fruit Growers Union of Medford had been secured and each were read by Secretary Meserve. In the discussion that followed of the obligations that these rules imposed on the members Henry Rich, manager of the H. B. Miller orchard, stated that he could not sanction the rule that compelled members to market their fruit through the union. For this year he had arrangements made with dealers in China to handle his crop and therefore would not join the

union. All the other fruit growers sanctioned this rule for without it designing dealers would break up the union by bidding up member's fruit and then when the union was wrecked proceed to pay the hapless growers 79 cents a box for fine Spitzenbergs as was the hard experience of an Applegate orchardist last year, who made a shipment that had the fruit been handled by a union would have netted him \$2 or more a box. Every grower present had a hard luck story to tell of the way they had lost on their fruit through the greed or dishonesty of the middlemen.

The adoption of a constitution was then taken up and the best features of the constitutions of the Hood River and Medford unions were embodied in the constitution for the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union, which is published herewith in full. The rules governing picking, grading and packing of fruit, the sale to members of supplies, etc., will be deferred to a future meeting pending a thorough consideration of the matter and a comparison of the rules of other unions. The membership roll was then signed up by Eismann Bros., J. H. Robinson, R. A. N. Reyners, K. M. Robinson, J. T. Morrison, E. Erickson, C. H. Sampson, H. C. Bobzien, J. H. Colby, E. N. Provolt, O. O. Lund and C. F. Lovelace.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Fred D. Eisman; vice-president, R. M. Robinson; secretary, Charles Meserve; directors, three years term, Fredrick D. Eismann, R. M. Robinson, R. A. N. Reyners; two years term, J. H. Robinson, Chris Eismann, E. Erickson; one year term, H. C. Bobzien, J. T. Morrison, J. H. Colby. The election of treasurer was deferred until the next meeting and President Eismann was authorized to arrange with one of the banks of Grants Pass to act as custodian of the funds of the union and to have a person of the bank fill the position of treasurer.

J. A. Perry, manager of the Rogue River Fruit Growers Union, having been invited to attend this meeting was unable to do so and sent a letter stating that he could not come to Grants Pass by reason of an important meeting of the Medford union. Manager Perry was again invited to meet with this Union at its next meeting for the purpose of taking up with him the proposition of the two Unions jointly purchasing boxes, paper and nails needed by the members of the two organizations.

On the request of President Eismann all members of this Union are to bring a statement to the next meeting giving an estimate of the number of boxes of fruit that they will have to market so that an estimate can be made as to the amount of boxes, paper and nails that the union will be required to purchase, and also that

## COPPER MINE INVESTORS VISIT GRANTS PASS

Blue Ledge Being Thoroughly Developed and a Smelter is Certain to Be Erected.

Dr. J. F. Reddy and Fred Perry, the well known mining men of Medford and Jacksonville arrived in Grants Pass Monday evening to meet a prominent Spokane mining man. Tuesday morning the three left by private conveyance for Crescent City on a copper mine deal, that if consummated will mean much to Southern Oregon.

Dr. Reddy stated to a Courier representative that development work was being pushed on the Blue Ledge copper claims by Superintendent Carnahan with a force of 100 men. Both tunneling and drilling is being carried on, a large compressor and power drills being used in the former work and a diamond drill in the latter. The most thorough work ever done in Southern Oregon is being done on the Blue Ledge claims and when this development is done a very comprehensive idea will be had of the extent and value of the ore body.

There is every reason to believe, so Dr. Reddy states, that the New York company now owning the Blue Ledge will erect a smelter on that property within the next year. So well is the mine showing up that it is quite probable that the company will begin this fall on the construction of a railroad to Blue Ledge on which to take in the smelter plant and to afford transportation for the matte and coke. As to whether the road would go in from Jacksonville or go up the Applegate from Grants Pass. Each route has advantages and the road will likely be built from the town offering the best advantages and inducements.

The Opp mine, in which Dr. Reddy and Mr. Perry were owners at the time it was equipped with a 10-stamp electric power mill is now running steadily and the New York people, who now own it are well satisfied with their investment. The mill has been increased to 20 stamps and the mine is now one of the biggest gold producers in Southern Oregon.

## County Court Holds a Short Session.

County court convened Thursday and Judge Stephen Jewell and Commissioner M. A. Wertz took their seats. Judge J. O. Booth, the retiring county judge was not present, he being out of the city on business, he having gone out of office the previous Monday when Judge Jewell took the office. The retiring commissioner, C. F. Lovelace, was present to greet his successor. The first business done was to pass on the bonds of Clerk S. F. Cheshire, Sheriff J. W. Russell, Surveyor D. J. Lawton, Coroner Dr. T. E. Beard and Treasurer J. T. Taylor.

The bonds were all approved and then the court took up the auditing of the usual grist of bills against the county and there was little else of business on Clerk Cheshire's docket so it will probably adjourn this Friday evening.

An estimate of the fruit crop in this county can be given to buyers who may desire to place a bid with the Union.

The meeting adjourned to Saturday, July 7, at 1:30 p. m.

The following is the constitution and by-laws of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union:

### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union.

### ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The object of this union shall be to promote the fruit industry of the Rogue River Valley, and to secure to the fruit growers of said valley, all the advantages possible to their industry; to establish and maintain a uniform standard of picking, drying, grading and packing of dried and green fruits, and of other farm products; to advertise and increase the demand for Rogue River Valley farm products, and to buy, sell and handle the same; to purchase such supplies and materials as the members of this Union may require to carry on their business and to lease or purchase real estate, rent or build warehouses

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## SPECIAL TRAIN TO ASHLAND JULY 17

One Fare for the Trip—Meeting of Rogue River Development League.

Dr. C. R. Ray, the tree booster of Southern Oregon and the president of the Rogue River Valley Development League, arrived in Grants Pass Monday evening from Gold Ray. The Doctor came down to see what had become of this end of the boosters excursion to Ashland on Development League Day at the Chautauqua assembly and finding nothing done and the time all but up in which to make the guarantee to the Southern Pacific of the required number of tickets in order to secure the one-fare for the round trip he took up the work himself of securing sufficient pledges from those who would go to insure securing the extra low fare. Though Tuesday was the hottest day of this season and the doctor is stout of build yet he put in the entire day as a committee of one, for he could get no one to help him, in presenting the excursion question and the features of the Development League meeting to the business men of this city. He was entirely successful and secured such co-operation as to insure a big attendance from Grants Pass to the Development League convention which will meet in Ashland on July 17.

The special train will leave Grants Pass at 8:30 a. m. and reach Ashland at 10:30. Stops will be made at Woodville, Gold Hill, Gold Ray, Tolo, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix and Talent, and it is expected that 600 or more persons will make the trip, of which fully 250 will be from Grants Pass. The forenoon in Ashland will be devoted to the regular Chautauqua program, and at noon a states reunion will be held in the Chautauqua Park on Ashland creek. A basket dinner will be the feature and those from each state will eat together and make merry. In the afternoon the Development League meeting will be held in the Chautauqua auditorium. Addresses will be made by Tom Richardson manager of the Portland Commercial Club, Judge Cak's of Portland, Colonel Hofer of Salem, President Campbell of the State University at Eugene and other prominent speakers. Musical features of a high order will be interspersed in the program. The evening will be devoted to the regular Chautauqua program. The special train will leave Ashland at 10:30 p. m.

By having an entire day and evening in Ashland it will give the visitors ample time to see that handsome city and to visit the Normal school, the fine orchards and other points of interest as well as to attend the Development League convention and the Chautauqua assembly.

## MEDFORD ORCHARDS NOT UP TO HOOD RIVER

Chris Eismann Visits Jackson County and Finds Fruit Prospects Fine, Acreage Large.

Christopher Eismann, of Eismann Bros., the champion apple growers of Josephine county and among the largest orchardists of Rogue River Valley, returned Wednesday evening from Medford where he had been for a couple of days on an inspection trip of the big orchards of that vicinity. To a Courier representative Mr. Eismann stated that he found the fruit prospect about Medford to be first-class. As to the care of their trees by the big orchardists of Jackson county Mr. Eismann stated that they hardly equalled the Hood River growers in thoroughness. As a rule he found that they did not prune as closely nor thin as largely and carefully as has been done to produce the famous Hood River apple. The spraying though had been well done and the crop would be free from pests or defects. Mr. Eismann is a director in the recently organized Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union and while in Medford he called on Manager J. A. Perry of the Rogue River Fruit Growers Union, who gave him much valuable information on the detail workings of the union. Manager Perry stated that the market outlook was very encouraging and that he had received many inquiries from the big Eastern and English buyers and he believes

that good prices would be realized this fall for strictly high grade fruit. Mr. Eismann has worked at the fruit business since his boyhood days and when 18 years old he was made a foreman by J. A. Whitman, a big fruit-buyer of Medford, and has had charge of a big packing crew that packed apples and pears in the various large orchards in Southern Oregon. Mr. Eismann has made several trips to Hood River, as has also his brother Fredrick D. Eismann, who is president of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union, to study the methods that have enabled the Hood River growers to get \$2 to \$3 per box for their apples while the Josephine county growers were able to realize but 50 cents to \$1.50 a box for their apples. Mr. Eismann is also a close student of all work on horticulture and puts in all his spare time reading. As the best all around work and what is really a textbook on Oregon fruit raising. Mr. Eismann would recommend the report of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture to the orchardists of Josephine county. Mr. Eismann is confident that there is no single book published that is so complete a guide to the Oregon farmer who is striving to grow fruit that will sell at profitable prices as is the report of the State Board.

## GRANTS PASS THE BIG STAGE LINE CENTER

More Stages Than Any Other Oregon Town—Many Are Concord Type.

While the day of the stage coach with its romance and its hardships to the traveling public is rapidly passing on the Pacific Coast, yet Grants Pass remains an important stage center, and it is probable that more stages arrive and depart each day than from any other town in Oregon over the three lines that terminate here.

The stages operated out from Grants Pass are of the best, most of them being the famous Concord, type which is used altogether on the line to Crescent City. The Granite Hill line has very easy riding coaches. The Williams-Applegate line has come out with a new stage that is both nobby and well adapted to the large traffic that is had in that route. The new stage was put in commission Monday and its white canvass top and yellow running gears make quite a color contrast. Ed Herriott, the owner and the driver on this route is giving a first-class service and is building up a fine business. With July 1st a new schedule went into effect on this route and now the stage lays over night in Williams instead of Grants Pass.

The stage now leaves Williams each morning and arrives in Grants Pass by 11 a. m. and leaves on the return to Williams at 2 p. m.

## BIG STEAMERS CARRY APPLES TO EUROPE

New Line of Refrigerator Vessels From New York to London—Advantage to Growers.

The members of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union will be interested in the subjoined dispatch that appeared in the Portland Journal Wednesday. That the fruit exporting trade has grown to such proportions as to make full cargoes for large steamers especially fitted with refrigerator compartments is one of the developments of trans-Atlantic commerce. The inauguration of this fast steamer line will help the fruit growers of Rogue River Valley for the principal market for the fancy Newtowns and Spitzenbergs apples grown here is in London, Liverpool and Paris. These apples are sent from Grants Pass and other Rogue River shipping points in car load lots direct to New York for foreign shipments, but the time is not distant when fruit by the train load will be sent out of this Valley.

The following is the dispatch above mentioned:

New York, July 4.—The first steamship service ever operated exclusively for the exportation of American apples is now being arranged for by Harry M. Isaac of a firm of fruit importers of London. The ships will ply between Boston and London. Formerly it has been the custom to ship the apples on large freight ships, but the business has grown so as to support a line of steamers. Isaac, who is in New York, says the exportation of apples will be greatly expedited by the new service and that much fruit will be marketed to a better advantage abroad.

The steamers will sail every fortnight and will have a capacity of 30,000 barrels. The total exports of apples last season from all ports was 2,411,473 barrels.

## No July Term of Circuit Court.

Monday is the day for the July term of circuit court to convene, but there is so little on the docket that Judge H. K. Hanna has decided not to hold a session. There is but one prisoner in the jail, Smith the clothing store puffer, and it is cheaper for the county to board him until the September term than to be to the expense of a jury summoned just for his case. So to save expense on the taxpayers Judge Hanna will let Smith do a little sweating and repenting during these hot summer days.

Mrs. Hanna left last week to spend the summer with their daughter and son in Oakland, Cal., and the Judge, accompanied by his son, Herbert, will leave next week for Cinnabar Springs to spend a month at that famous resort in the Siskiyou mountains.

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