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RAISE FUND TO KEEP MAN AT FAIR

Development League Committee Begins Canvass—Talk Over Preliminary Plans for "Industrial Day" Celebration.

The Springfield Development League, at its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, discussed at length the matter of going on with the attempt to raise a half of \$135—Springfield's contribution toward keeping a Lane county representative at the Panama-Pacific exposition, and upon its being agreed that the keeping of a man there would be of benefit to the whole county, those present quickly pledged payments, seven agreeing to pay 50 cents a month for five months. The committee will call upon other members of the League and expects to have no difficulty in raising the required \$70. Members of the committee are D. S. Beals, Ernest Lyon and Dr. W. H. Pollard.

The League also discussed at length some of the preliminary plans for an "Industrial Day," to be held on the anniversary of last year's successful "Mill Day" celebration upon the completion of the Booth-Kelly mill. Just the nature of the celebration has not been determined, but it will be considered further at a meeting of the League on July 20th.

Fred Walker suggested that the League might find a fertile field of activity in causing the removal of thistles and high grass from vacant lots. In the discussion it was explained that this would have to be a matter of civic pride, as under the present charter, it is impractical for the city to do the work and assess the cost to the property. No action was taken by the league.

10,000 Sacks of Cherries Given Away at Fair

Oregon Building Panama-Pacific Exposition San Francisco, July 7.—Though Rouge River entered a few boxes of wonderful cherries for judgement by the jury of awards and had a number of boxes on display in the Southern Oregon booth, Oregon Cherry Day, July 1st was made a success by Willamette Cherries and a ton of them made a glorious showing banked in the center of the Oregon building. Thousands came to admire and throughout the three days they were on display the magnificent Royal Anns, Bings and Lamberts were the cause of unlimited and enthusiastic admiration. This shipment was of the best that the Willamette Valley has to offer and were fully equal to the very finest that California has been able to show.

The exhibit was photographed by the San Francisco dailies and written about flowingly, and the festivities of Cherry Day came in for favorable mention. This special effort resulted in wide and favorable advertising and has done more to bring the state to the attention of the public than anything except the winning of the big awards. During the afternoon of Cherry Day, practically 10,000 sacks of these beautiful cherries were

given away, and almost as many more could have been distributed had they been available. The Dalles, which grows glorious cherries could have helped materially at this time to bring honors to Oregon and the Rogue River section could have done likewise, but only Salem met the emergency and as a consequence the Willamette Valley reaped the special reward. Representative W. A. Taylor, of Marion County, worked hard to make the showing and was ably assisted by Chief Freytag. They are entitled to credit, and special consideration for bringing Oregon added laurels. The people of Oregon, who desire that no opportunity to create a favorable opinion shall be lost, must remember that their representatives here can accomplish little except as the public spirited people in the different sections co-operate for the special occasions. It is generally admitted on the grounds that Oregon actually produces the goods and that it is merely a matter of getting them on display. If each section would respond even in a small way when the call comes, a tremendous showing could be made and the burden would not be heavy on any. As it is, Oregon is doing well, but it is up against great odds, in the fact that California is spending without stint and her fields and orchards are at the door of the Exposition.

E. L. Klemer's new cannery and fruit dryer at Alvadore is completed and he is now canning his fruit.

Postal Receipts Holding Up Well

In spite of the general slackness of business, receipts of the Springfield post office are holding up well, the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915 falling but 2.5 per cent, or \$133.40 below those of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914.

For one quarter, the first three months of the calendar year, 1915, showed a good gain over 1914, when receipts picked up \$114.47. In the other three quarters there were decreases of less than \$100 each. Following are the figures by quarters as compiled by Postmaster H. M. Stewart:

	1913-14	1914-15
1st	1217.31	1119.84
2nd	1489.92	1405.16
3rd	1252.55	1367.02
4th	1266.02	1200.38
Total	5225.80	5092.40

HORSE NEARLY LOSES A HOOF AT CROSSING

While being driven home at the noon hour Tuesday, a horse belonging to the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., caught a hoof in the rails at the intersection of the P. E. & E. and the S. P. tracks at Third and Main, and nearly tore the hoof off. Chan Rychard, who was riding the horse at the time was thrown off onto his head and shoulders but was only shaken up.

A bone of the horse's leg was forced through the skin, but it was thought the horse could be saved, and accordingly it was put on a drag and taken to the barn. It will probably recover. The dock horses at the mill have to be sharply shod, and when it was found that the calks were cutting up the pavement, the company agreed to send the horses by way of Third street, where there is a wooden crossing.

SCHOOL BOARD HIRES TEACHERS

Vacancies Filled in Preparation for Coming School Year—New Officials Take Their Oath of Office.

Miss Bessie Palmer of Monmouth was elected to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Martin, and Mrs. Gladys Smith of Eugene was elected to complete the teaching staff in the departmental work of the Sixth, Seventh and the Eighth grades by the Springfield board of education at a meeting held Tuesday evening. This fills the list of teachers for the coming school year.

A. P. McKinzey, the newly elected clerk of the district, filed his official bond and took the oath of office. Carl Fischer, the new member of the board, had taken his oath previously.

The board was undecided as to just the amount of wood that would be required, and wishes bids on both body fir and four-foot slab in order to determine which kind to use. The call for bids asks tenders for from 80 to 100 cords of either kind.

Large Orders For Wooden Boxes

The Springfield Planing mill after a shut down of two weeks, just recently they have received two large orders from Eugene for their box department, one being for 2000 candy boxes.

The Springfield mill supplies large quantities of boxes for the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, as well as for institutions as far as Harrisburg.

CAMP CREEK ITEMS

Camp Creek, Ore., July 7.—Mrs. J. J. Chase and Mrs. C. Jack were Thurston visitors Tuesday.

Some of the young people from here attended the celebration at Thurston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephens have returned home after spending a few weeks at Donna. Miss Edna Duryee is visiting with relatives on Camp Creek. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brattain and family are visiting with friends on Camp Creek.

Miss Rose Stroud is visiting with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Donna are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Craig.

Ed Nye of Eugene has been doing some work on his ranch here.

Dr. Barr and wife of Springfield were here on business Thursday.

Fred Crabtree was a Eugene visitor Monday.

DOUBLE DISTANCE BERRIES MAY GO

Careful Handling in All Stages Makes for Perfect Product When the Market is Finally Reached.

Washington, D. C., July 8.—If raspberries were carefully handled they could be satisfactorily shipped much farther than the distance which is now regarded as the limit for successful marketing, according to recent investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture. In the important raspberry districts in the Puget Sound country 2,000 miles has hitherto been regarded as the most distant market to which berries could be shipped. In practice this means that fresh Washington raspberries do not come farther east than Minneapolis and that the surplus, if utilized at all, must be canned. Government experiments, however, the results of which are now published in Bulletin No. 274, indicates that with more careful methods of handling and shipping the Washington crop of fresh berries could be sold over a much wider range of territory.

The most common cause of decay in berries while in transit or after arrival on the market are mold fungi, usually gray mold or blue mold. Neither of these fungi is likely to injure firm, sound berries but they spread quickly where the fruit has been injured in handling or is overripe and soft. In this respect the successful shipping of raspberries presents the same problem as the successful shipping of oranges. Previous experiments in Florida have demonstrated that where oranges are carefully harvested, crops can be marketed with almost no appreciable loss and the same appears to hold true with raspberries.

In 1911 the Government investigators made comparative tests of the keeping qualities of carefully handled raspberries and commercially handled raspberries. Several lots of each kind were held in an ice car for varying periods and then examined for the percentage of decay. Other lots were held a day after being withdrawn from the refrigerator car and then examined. The results are most significant.

After 4 days in the ice car it was found that the carefully handled berries showed only 0.4 percent decay, while the commercially handled fruit had 4.6 per cent. After 8 days in the car the difference was vastly greater. The carefully handled fruit showed only 2.2 per cent decay, but with the commercially handled this percentage had risen to 26.7, or more than 1/4 of the entire shipment. When

PLUMS GROW THICK

S. J. Calkins last week brought to The News office a branch of a Bradshaw plum tree on his place that was as full of plums as it could be. We counted up to 60 in a space of one foot, and then quit, all tired out. Mr. Calkins has had to thin his trees repeatedly this spring.

The fruit was examined a day after it had been taken out of the ice car, the evidence was equally strong in favor of careful handling. Carefully handled fruit that had remained 4 days in the car was found a day after its withdrawal to show only 1 per cent of decay against 17.5 per cent in commercially handled berries. Carefully handled fruit left in the car 8 days, and then held one day, showed only 8.1 per cent of decay as against 47.6 per cent in commercially handled fruit.

The following year experiments were made with actual shipments instead of with the stationary refrigerator car, and the results confirmed previous conclusions. It was found, for example, that there was less decay in the carefully handled berries at the end of 8 days than in the commercially handled berries at the end of 4. Carefully handled fruit that was 4 days in transit, and had then been held one day after withdrawal from the refrigerator car showed less than 1 per cent of decay, whereas commercially handled berries subjected to the same test showed nearly 10 per cent.

The difference between the carefully handled and the commercially handled lots of berries consists chiefly in extra care in picking and in the scrupulous exclusion of any soft, overripe berries. Ordinarily the picking is done by unskilled labor, children being frequently employed in this way. It is, of course, extremely difficult to make them realize the necessity for care, but the comparative success of certain growers in keeping down their losses shows that much improvement in this respect is possible. The most common injuries to the berries are due to their being broken and bruised while being removed from the bushes or being mashed in the hand while picking. If the berries are pulled with three fingers instead of two, and pulled off straight instead of sidewise, much loss can be avoided.

Another cause for decay is the inclusion in shipments of overripe berries. Because of the danger or injury in sorting it is not possible to grade the berries after they have once been picked and placed in the cups. The pickers, therefore, must be instructed to pick only sound berries. If the patches are picked over once a day it is much easier to enforce this rule. If they are left unpicked two or three days there will be such a large proportion of overripe berries that some of them will inevitably find their way into the cups intended for long-distance shipments. A soft berry will not only soon break down and decay itself but by offering an opportunity for mold to develop will contribute to the decay of the entire cup. This point, the Government investigators say, can not be too strongly emphasized.

REV. R. G. CALLISON DIES IN HIS PULPIT

Pioneer Minister Summoned as He Urges Young Ministers to Prepare for Work—Preached at Pleasant Hill.

Rev. R. G. Callison, for many years a resident of Lane county and at one time county superintendent of schools, dropped dead while delivering an address before the Christian church conference at Turner, Oregon yesterday. Death, which was due to heart failure, occurred at 10:45 o'clock. He had been speaking about two minutes on "The Pioneer Minister" when he dropped in the pulpit. He breathed only a few times after he fell.

Rev. Callison was one of the best known Christian church ministers in this part of the state. He was seventy-seven years of age and had been active in the ministry. For years he was the pastor of churches in Lane county, including one near Fall Creek and another near Pleasant Hill. He spent the last winter in Eugene, at 754 East Fourteenth street while his son, Emery Callison, was attending the University of Oregon. Early in the year the family removed to Vancouver, where he had been making his home.

The news of Rev. Callison's death was telephoned to Mrs. H. D. Edwards, a friend of the family in Eugene, who notified the relatives.

Rev. Callison had not been active in church work for several years, and his general health had not been good.

Rev. Callison's father was the pastor of the first Christian church in Eugene and under his pastorate the First Christian church building in Eugene was erected, at the corner of Ninth and Pearl streets. Rev. Callison was never the pastor of the Eugene church, but preached frequently in the city. For a time in his younger days he was a teacher. Later he engaged in the grocery business, at the corner of Ninth and Willamette, and while still engaged in merchandising took up the work of the ministry.—Guard.

ASSIST IN FIGHTING FIRES

The county court Tuesday promised the Western Lane County Fire Patrol association to furnish a man to fight forest fires in the coast mountains during the present summer, if his services are needed.

Representatives of the association, which is made up of owners of timber land in the western part of Lane county, called upon the court yesterday and urged that body to furnish assistance in addition to the force of men employed each year by the association. The court promised to lend assistance if necessary and give the services of a man for two months. The representatives of the association stated that if the fires were not serious this summer they would not ask for assistance.

The Western Lane County Fire Patrol association has a thoroughly organized fire-fighting force. Trails have been built and telephone lines have been constructed to assist in the work of fighting the fires that usually occur each summer in the timber owned by the members. Carl V. Ogiesby is at the head of this work.

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