

FRUIT MEN'S ASSOCIATION PERFECTED

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CAPITAL STOCK ARE LIBERALLY MADE

Directors Are Chosen and By-Laws Drawn by Committee Adopted—New Association Will Prove of Great Benefit to Orchardists of Valley.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

President—R. C. Washburn of Table Rock.
 Vice-president—R. H. Parsons of Medford.
 Secretary—K. S. Miller of Central Point.
 Directors—C. E. Whisler, W. A. Sumner, A. C. Allen, F. E. Merrick, R. H. Parsons, Medford; G. A. Hover, Phoenix; H. E. Gale, Merlin; C. E. Sellick, G. A. Hamilton, Grants Pass; L. K. Haak, Eagle Point; R. C. Washburn, Table Rock; C. H. Gillette, H. B. Warren, Ashland; A. C. Randall, Talent; K. S. Miller, Central Point.

At what was probably the most important meeting ever held by men representing the horticultural and agricultural resources of the Rogue River valley, the proposed Rogue River Valley Fruit & Produce association was ratified and the organization perfected. Over half of the capital stock, or \$26,470, was subscribed, or \$1470 more than was necessary for organization. The meeting convened Saturday morning and continued throughout the day.

A Step Forward.
 The movement inaugurated at this meeting, whereby the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association was organized, is the most important step as yet taken toward the emancipation of the northwest from the domination of the commission man.

The meeting was attended by representative fruitgrowers from every district in the valley, from Merlin on the north to the California line, and all were enthusiastic in their efforts to promulgate an organization which would bring about the objects desired, namely, a pair and equitable price for fruit and produce of the same quality.

Whisler Chairman.
 The fruitmen met at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and lost no time in getting down to work, by the election of C. E. Whisler as chairman and C. E. Scott of Phoenix secretary. The chairman at once called for the report of the committee, headed by K. S. Miller, which was appointed to solicit stock. Mr. Miller reported subscriptions aggregating 1158 shares, being less than half of the amount necessary to be subscribed, in order that the association might be perfected.

Many Subscribe.
 Within a few minutes after this announcement was made papers were being circulated and announcements were coming in rapidly from different parts of the hall to "double my subscription," "make mine read 100 instead of 60," and the like, until the secretary was forced to call a halt.

Oliver Meeting Is Broken Up
 Has Been Bitterly Arraigning Elks in Ashland and Last Night Bottle of Ill-Smelling Fluid Is Introduced, Breaking Up Meeting.

ASHLAND, April 16.—The Oliver meeting, held in this city tonight, came to an abrupt close when a bottle of some ill-smelling fluid was introduced, the odor from which drove the audience from the tabernacle.

For some time during the course of the meetings being held by Revivalist Oliver, he has been scoring the members of the B. P. O. E., and is said to have referred to them as "skunks."

Tonight as he grew bitter in his denunciation the bottle was introduced. "I smell another Elk," said Oliver, when the scent first reached him. About this time the audience began to rush for the doors, holding their noses.

Later a bottle was found outside the building which had contained the fluid. This is the last of Oliver's meetings here, as he goes to Medford to begin a four weeks' campaign Monday.

HOME PHONE COMPANY HAS RECEIVER NAMED
 TACOMA, Wash., April 16.—The Home Telephone company of Puget Sound, owning the automatic telephone systems of Tacoma and Bellingham, and the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company, operating all the automatic long-distance telephone lines in the northwest, were both forced into the hands of a receiver yesterday by a suit brought by the Home Telephone company of Portland.

364 CARLOADS OF CEMENT FOR STREET PAVING

Big Pines Lumber Company Has Contracted With Clark-Henry Company for Delivery of 40,000 Barrels of Cement for Street Paving.

PAVING COMPANY WILL FAVOR LOCAL FIRMS

Sixteen Thousand Additional Barrels Will Be Needed in Medford for Other Work During the Year—Much Building in Sight.

The Big Pines Lumber company has contracted with the Clark-Henry company, paving contractors, for the delivery of 40,000 barrels of standard Portland cement for the use of the Clark-Henry people in the filling of their contract with the city.

This order alone will fill approximately 364 cars. Contrary to the usual procedure of large contracting firms in cities of Medford's size, the Clark-Henry company are inclined to give the local dealers in supplies they may need the benefit of the trade. The cement, lumber, etc., needed in their work has been ordered through local dealers wherever possible.

This one cement order, however, does not comprise all the cement which will be used this year. Orders now filed with and to come to the Big Pines company will aggregate 16,000 barrels more within the next eight months.

When one stops to figure the brick, lumber, hardware and labor necessary to use up this amount of cement, and the fact that these figures are from one firm only, it is a case of give up the job of computing the building in store for 1910.

MOORE BUILDING LARGE HOTEL IN ONTARIO

ONTARIO, April 16.—Work has been started on a five-story and basement hotel opposite the postoffice on the lots recently purchased by T. H. Moore.

Mr. Moore, who is erecting the new hotel, realized that Ontario had outgrown the present hotel facilities and purchased the site. Soon as he got the deeds he let the contract for the excavation of the basement.

All the plans and specifications have been drawn and they call for a thoroughly modern building and equipment.

The building site is 125 feet on Main street with a depth of 120 feet, and the first unit of the hotel will be 60-foot frontage by 115 foot depth, five stories high and 60-foot frontage by 75-foot depth, one story high.

The front of the building will be of pressed brick and all the walls will be of brick.

There will be an electric elevator and a private water system in the hotel.

Text of the Medford Federal Building Bill

In the House of Representatives on April 8, Congressman Hawley introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds:

A Bill for the erection of a public building at the city of Medford, in the State of Oregon, and appropriating moneys therefor.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to acquire for the United States, in the city of Medford, in the state of Oregon, in such manner as to him shall seem best, a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon, according to plans and specifications to be approved by him, a substantial building, with good modern improvements and conveniences, for the postoffice, forestry service, United States district court, weather bureau, and other government uses, at a total cost of not more than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, said building to be distant at least forty feet in every direction from any other structure.

Partners Fall Out Over "Who Shall Be King?"

Tronson & Guthrie Agree on Every Particular Until Question as to Who Shall Be Apple King Arises.

There are now two official Apple Kings of America. Both are residents of the Rogue River valley, and so it is needless to become alarmed. H. B. Tronson is Rex I and E. F. Guthrie Rex II, or vice versa—as you will. And thereby hangs a tale.

When Tronson & Guthrie, who until lately were joint owners of the now world-famous Eagle Point tract of land, recently decided to dissolve their partnership, no difficulties were experienced at all, as far as the property was concerned. An amicable understanding was reached on all matters and a lawyer summoned to draw an agreement. It was then that Mr. Guthrie bethought himself of the title, "Apple Kings of America," which was won by their fruit last November in Spokane.

"Who is to be the apple king?" he demanded of Tronson.

"I am," was the instant reply. "And what am I?" parried Guthrie. "Oh, you can be queen."

"Not much—that might prove embarrassing," was Guthrie's flat refusal.

Whereupon Tronson proposed in turn that Guthrie be prime minister, secretary of state, crown prince—anything but king. But his suggestions fell on deaf ears.

By this time they reached the lawyer's office.

"Why," said that worthy, "it is a very simple matter. You can both be king."

This was satisfactory and was incorporated in the agreement.

And so Rogue River valley boasts of two apple kings of America.

PROF. SMITH TO GO TO ALBANY

Report From Willamette Valley Town to Effect Local Instructor Is to Accept Position in Schools of That City for Coming Year.

ALBANY, Or., April 16.—It is reported here that the school board of this city has engaged the services of Professor U. G. Smith, superintendent of the Medford public schools, for the coming year.

Professor Smith is said to be an instructor of unusual ability.

It was impossible to get in touch with Professor Smith last night, and secure a confirmation of the foregoing dispatch. There has been no intimation here that he intended to leave.

A merchant must make his advertising "as good as his store"—so that when someone judges his store solely by its advertising he will not be doing it an injustice.

UPRISING MAY BE WORSE THAN THAT OF 1900

China Situation Grows Serious—American Gunboat Ordered to the Scene—London News Says What Is Happening in Chang Sha Is Symptom of What is to Come.

NO FATALITIES AS YET REPORTED FROM MISSION

British Warships at Scene of Trouble, But Have Taken No Action—Mob Is Still Destroying Much Property.

LONDON, April 16.—The newspapers here take an alarming view of the anti-foreign uprising in China. They express the fear today that the uprising will be worse than the Boxer disturbance of 1900.

The opinions are based on government advices, indicating widespread increasing hostility on the part of the Chinese toward foreigners.

The News today declares the trouble is due to a "recrudescence of the national movement against foreigners who generally and often justly are regarded as mere concession hunters."

"The anti-foreign movement is no longer in the hands of fanatics," the News continues, "but is directed by a new generation of student Chinese. The authorities are constantly encouraging the movement."

Only a Symptom.
 "What is happening in Chang Sha is only a symptom of what is boiling in the people's blood throughout the Chinese empire."

Government circles are likewise tak a pessimistic view of the uprising and fear that the uprising may grow to alarming proportions.

The Wesleyan missionary society here today has been notified that the threatened missionaries have fled to Hangow for safety.

No fatalities have yet been reported, but Chang Sha is in the hands of the mob. That destruction of the Wesleyan Methodist China inland mission and the Norwegian mission have been confirmed in dispatches reaching here today.

Gunboats Arrive.

PEKIN, April 16.—One of the British gunboats arrived at Chang Sha today, but owing to the number of rioters in the city did not attempt to dock. It is anchored in midstream, where it is waiting for the three other gunboats now on their way up the river.

Cleveland to Scene.

AMOY, China, April 16.—Under orders from Washington, the American cruiser Cleveland started today for Hankow to aid in suppressing the anti-foreign outbreak. The Cleveland will take an active part only if it becomes necessary.

MISSISSIPPI'S CAPITAL CITY BADLY WRECKED BY TORNADO

Feared That Many Lives Were Lost—Wire Communication Cut Off—Storm Does Damage Over Five States—Railroad Traffic Completely Demoralized.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 16.—Several deaths are reported as a result of a second heavy storm which swept Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee today. The storm followed one which occurred late yesterday and did considerable damage. The damage by the second storm brings the loss up to an appalling total, according to reports slowly coming in.

Communication with Jackson, Miss., was restored at noon today, following the isolation of the city since last night when it was reported struck by a tornado. It is stated that heavy property damage was done in Jackson, but none are reported killed there.

As yet only three deaths have been reported, but it is believed that others have lost their lives.

Fishermen Missing.
 A number of parties of fishermen along the Louisiana coast are missing and it is feared that they may have perished.

More than a hundred miles of wire are down in the Jackson region and it is feared that the storm which struck has played havoc not only in the city itself, but in the surrounding community. The first storm, which swept the states, affected late last night, did heavy damage.

Railroads have been washed out, telephone and telegraph wires are down, plantations wrecked and many of the smaller towns and cities heavily damaged.

Houses Unroofed.
 Coma, Marigol and Johnstown, Miss., were struck by the full force

of the storm. Houses were unroofed and some were lifted from their foundations.

The storm, which was at first a violent gale, developed later into a driving rain, which added to the heavy damage wrought by the winds. In some regions five inches of water fell. Streams today are out of their banks. Livestock has been killed and the farms and plantations are heavy sufferers.

Swept Five States.
 The first storm did the most damage in Mississippi, Tennessee, eastern Arkansas and Kentucky. The second storm covered a wider area, sweeping through Louisiana as well. The second storm was preceded by a brisk wind which rose to a gale and further damage to houses and to telephone and telegraph wires resulted.

Before the storm broke reports of alarming conditions in the storm-swept regions caused grave apprehension. It was feared that a number of persons have been injured in falling buildings. Efforts are being made to restore communication. It is reported that the city may be cut off from the outside world for several hours yet. No effort at organizing relief until more definite news of the damage has been received.

Reports received tonight show one person killed at Columbia, Miss.

A negro was crushed to death in the wreckage of a building at Jonestown, Miss.

J. V. Brandon and his wife were fatally injured in their home near Scottsboro, Miss., and their little daughter killed. Their home was struck by lightning.

NOT SORRY LAST YEAR, SORRY NOW

Supervisor Anderson of Siskiyou National Forest Says Gardner Set Fire to Forests and Made Much Trouble for Foresters.

PORTLAND, Or., April 16.—Traveling 127 miles on foot from his wooded homestead in Curry county, in the southwestern corner of Oregon, to Grants Pass, where he took a train, Edward G. Gardner has arrived here and surrendered in the United States court to answer the charge of having wilfully set a forest fire last year that destroyed a large part of the Siskiyou national forest reserve.

Ragged and footsore, his face gaunt, wrinkled and brown from exposure to the weather, Gardner appeared in court and pleaded not guilty.

M. J. Anderson, supervisor of the Siskiyou forest, was in Medford Saturday and when shown the above dispatch, said: "I am sorry now for the man, but I wouldn't have been nearly so sorry when I was in that section last season, when forest fires were being started in every direction. Gardner, whose name, by the way, is Erastus, instead of Edward, confessed to two of my rangers that he had set fire to the Siskiyou forest, and it was upon these affidavits that he was indicted by the United States grand jury in March. There has been a continual contest between the forest officials and the old residents of that section, the former striving to enforce the government regulations and the latter fighting against what they considered the

REPORT ALDRICH SOON TO RESIGN

Senator Will Neither Deny or Affirm Report—Friends Say He Will Probably Voluntarily Resign in 1911, Unless Fight Starts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Close friends of Senator Nelson W. Aldrich today declare that his health is excellent, but that he will probably voluntarily resign from the senate at the close of his term in 1911, unless a fight is made against him.

If a fight is started Senator Aldrich will bring all his resources into the fight to retain his seat. He will assume the belligerent attitude, it is declared, if people in his own state start a fight to oust him, or if the fight against him in congress continues.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 16.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich today flatly refused to discuss a rumor originating in Washington that he intends to retire from the senate at the end of his present term, which expires in 1911.

The Washington report intimated that Aldrich's health has been undermined by close application to his work and the heavy study since he became a member of the monetary commission.

rights accruing to them by long residence and adverse possession. The fact that Mr. Gardner made the long trip indicated in the dispatch you have shown me creates the impression in my mind that the people of that portion of Curry county have become more convinced of the wisdom of the government's conservation of the forests in Western Oregon."

MANY PEOPLE ARE RUSHING TO ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 16.—A big shift in the population of interior Alaska will begin with the opening of navigation immediately after the ice on the river breaks up in the second week of May.