

GROWERS NAME DR. GEO. F. DEAN AS PRESIDENT

Anderson, Nye, Newbry, Wood, Glasgow, Henry Elected to Directorate of League — Baker Again Secretary—Ask Fly Ban.

At the annual meeting of the Fruitgrowers League, Dr. George F. Dean, a grower and shipper, was elected president, succeeding Albert Burch.

Resolutions requesting the Department of Agriculture not to extend the present modifications on the Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine beyond February 1, next, and asking all produce and chain stores to refrain from shipping Florida fruits into this section were passed. The Department of Agriculture was also asked to close this state to Florida fruits "at the earliest possible date."

The meeting voted a five cent tax on Dole pears, and one cent a box on all winter varieties of pears, for carrying on marketing campaigns of the Winter Pear committee.

A sum not to exceed \$500 was appropriated for initial expenses of the recently formed Pacific Growers Council, which includes all coast states growers.

Directors for the three year term were named as follows: Bert Anderson, S. A. Nye, E. T. Newbry, David R. Wood, Carl Glasgow and Rupert J. Henry. C. T. Baker was re-elected secretary.

Dr. Dean, the newly chosen president, is conversant with both the growing and shipping problems of the valley and is associated with the Growers Exchange.

The meeting also unanimously passed a resolution thanking the Mail-Tribune for its publicity and assistance in putting over the Winter Pear committee's program.

Close to 200 growers and shippers attended the meeting. This fruitgrowers' group adopted a resolution thanking the Mail-Tribune for its extensive publicity and service in behalf of the fruit industry of this valley, and particularly the Rose campaign in Detroit.

May Have Brick Clay LA GRANDE, Ore.—An interest has been aroused here in the extensive clay deposits that exist at the edge of La Grande at the foot of Fox Hill. It is believed that the clay may be of quality required to be used in the manufacture of faced brick. Tests are to be made in the near future.

Ashland Proposes Ralph Billings Succeed Alford as Commissioner

Some time ago we mentioned the fact that among the interests of the November election in 1930 will be the election of a county commissioner. George Alford, who has been county commissioner for some years, will complete his term of office, and as the other two members of the county court come from other sections of Jackson county the natural thing is for the candidates to be selected from this section of the county. The Daily Tidings several days ago mentioned Ralph Billings, prominent rancher, who has served on the county budget committee and who is quite familiar with the county work, as the logical candidate to be named on the Republican ticket at the primary which will be held next May. Since that time we have discussed the candidacy of Mr. Billings with the major portion of the G. O. P. central committee members from this section of the county and find that Mr. Billings will be given every support as there is a feeling he is especially well qualified for the position. Mr. Billings when consulted about the matter said that if there was a demand among his friends for his services he would be glad to serve.

"Missing" Grants Pass Veteran Merely in Seclusion Is Report

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 19.—(P.) A report was received here today from Gold Beach that M. L. Opydke, 58, Spanish war veteran and at one time state-house employe at Salem, had been found on a mining claim near there. Opydke is said to have advanced no reason for his disappearance.

He disappeared from Grants Pass and immediately afterwards a letter instructing the finder to open it upon Opydke's death was found.

The whereabouts of First Lieut. M. L. Opydke, United Spanish War veteran, who has held official posts with both the city and state, was established Wednesday to both official satisfaction of the county authorities and of his war comrades.

It is understood that Mr. Opydke's pension has been forwarded to him, and all fears for his safety have been allayed.

The discovery of Mr. Opydke's whereabouts was swiftly established Wednesday, as the result of the publication Tuesday of his "mysterious disappearance," when Salem, Eugene, Portland and other cities assisted the Grants Pass authorities in their search.

Mr. Opydke, who is about 60 years old, was, it is reported, because he had been reported missing, although the circumstances of his leaving his side arms in the custody of a comrade and a letter "to be opened only in event of his death," with another has caused much concern during the past three weeks.

In selecting a county commissioner it is well to consider some important requirements. A man who can work in harmony with other members of the county court—a man who can represent not only his own district, but who can impartially represent the entire county and at the same time be keenly alive to the needs of the section from which he comes through his daily contact with that section, is the man who will ideally fill the position.

Knowing Ralph Billings and knowing that he has conducted his own business successfully, knowing him as a man who has good judgment and who can work harmoniously and yet effectively with others, we feel that he is ideally qualified to fill the position of county commissioner.

With these facts in mind we hope that Mr. Billings will soon see his way clear to formally announce his candidacy, knowing it will be backed by a large number of his friends as well as those who are identified with the county Republican organization. — Ashland Tidings.

It also was revealed Tuesday that he had packed a lot of dishes in a hamper at his boarding house, and left them behind when he suddenly disappeared.

It has been established definitely to the satisfaction of the authorities that Mr. Opydke left the city in a motor car with two men and a woman companion. On account of the hue and cry, Mr. Opydke has asked the officials not to reveal his present whereabouts.

The search for the missing veteran had spread as far east as Streator, Ill. before it was called off early Wednesday. — Grants Pass Courier.

MERCY REFUSED OREGON SLAYER

ATHENS, O., Dec. 19.—(P.) James Litterall, 41, Baker, Ore., was sentenced to die in the electric chair April 30, 1930, by Common Pleas Judge L. G. Worstall here today.

He was charged with first degree murder of Harry Freeman Kinberly, near here, during a robbery. Litterall had pleaded guilty to the charge and had asked the mercy of the court.

After taking evidence, Judge Worstall refused a plea for mercy and ordered electrocution at the Ohio state prison.

ULSTER HOLDS TO CUSTOM OF LABOR MARKET

Quaint Custom in Hiring Humans Continues From Seventeenth Century — Laborers Happy Despite Long Hours of Work.

ULSTER, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Ulster still observes the quaint custom of holding markets or fairs for the hiring of human beings.

These hiring marts are held in the market squares of the principal towns throughout Northern Ireland twice a year, in May and November, and are confined to the discharge and hiring of agricultural laborers of both sexes.

The custom dates back to the early years of the seventeenth century, when numerous Scots and Englishmen were sent over to several counties in Ulster to replace the Irish natives and embark on an agricultural development scheme.

Right up to the present time, as in the plantation period days, farm laborers are released from their services at the end of every six months. These men and women, young and middle-aged, then hike to the nearest towns and assemble in the market squares to offer their services for the ensuing half year.

Farmers seeking help examine and inspect the workers as they would inspect cattle and horses at a cattle show. In some cases the laborers agree to sign on for another six months with their old employer, whereupon they are given "earnest" money. This is usually a small part of the agreed wages and legally binds the laborer to return to work within a stated period.

Although the laborers' hours are long and their work hard they are usually a very happy and contented class. They are well fed and housed and their expenses are low, tobacco and a few fancy articles of apparel being the main purchases of the men and women respectively. With savings thus acquired marriages of the younger laborers are frequent, while in other cases the savings are accumulated until there is sufficient available to pay a passage to the United States or Australia.

Prof. Robert McKimmon of Harvard university is spending a year in the remote Sussana district of Alaska studying Tinnit, or Athabaskan, Indians.

DRYS TO FETE PROHIBITION'S 10TH BIRTHDAY

Widespread Observance Is Planned On January 16—All Churches Asked to Ring Jubilee Bells for Ten Minute Interval.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Plans for widespread observance of prohibition's tenth anniversary next January 16 are being completed by the Anti-Saloon league and other organized dry groups.

From Anti-Saloon League headquarters here a call has been issued for a nation-wide ringing of church bells to commemorate 10 years of prohibition. Bells are to be rung ten minutes, one minute for each year since the effective date of the 18th amendment, in every church responding to this call.

Simultaneously, there will be in session in Detroit the 24th annual convention of the Anti-Saloon league at which assembled dry leaders will canvass results of a decade under prohibition.

In a special edition of "The American Issue," Anti-Saloon league publication, economic benefits from the first decade of national prohibition are emphasized with quotations from leading industrialists and President Hoover.

The issue quotes Mr. Hoover as saying: "There can be no doubt of the economic benefits of prohibition. Viewing the temperance question only from this angle, prohibition has proved its case."

"Factual" Bulletin Dec. The federal government will participate in the tenth anniversary ceremonies by issuing a monograph of "factual material" as to the enforcement work and stressing advantages of prohibition. Funds for this publication were provided by congress which appropriated \$50,000 last session for educational activity by the prohibition unit.

Within the prohibition unit, Commissioner James M. Doherty has created a special division, to yet without a title, whose function is to prepare and disseminate the "factual" material. As the division has been in existence only a few weeks it is not yet prepared to announce its plans.

Material reviewing prohibition enforcement, however, is now being printed and is for distribution to state and federal officials, the press, dry groups, and others in connection with the tenth anniversary of prohibition.

It is emphasized by the bureau that the material is not of a propaganda nature, but is merely "factual" and intended to enlighten the public on the subject of enforcement by the federal government.

During the vacation period in Medford and prior to the opening of the schools there were frequent complaints and some complaints about the children ten, twelve and fifteen years of age loitering about the streets after the curfew hour. This practice has continued since the school year opened and has grown worse instead of better, and our police department has been unable to cope with this condition by use of mild means, and complaints are more frequent now than during the summer months.

It is a regrettable matter that parents will permit this condition at any season, and wholly unpardonable during the school year. Such delinquency upon the part of parents or guardian is complementary to the high class of citizenry which Medford boasts.

A recent survey of the situation has revealed the astounding fact that boys under the age of fifteen and even under the age of ten years congregated in large numbers about the armory on the nights when boxing bouts have been staged and stormed the doors and windows for admittance.

At the regular meeting of the city council on last Tuesday night this problem was thoroughly considered and it was the unanimous decision of the council that this condition must cease immediately. We question the wisdom of even permitting the presence of boys of the ages above mentioned at boxing or wrestling bouts, and they certainly will not be permitted to attend unchaperoned. In some of our larger cities ordinances have been enacted imposing a fine upon the parent who permits his son or daughter to loiter upon the streets after the curfew hour. We hope that this will not be necessary in Medford.

The curfew will ring at 9 p. m. in the future and boys and girls under the age of fifteen years who are found upon the streets without chaperon will be taken into custody by the police. We appeal to the parents of Medford for their co-operation in correcting this night loitering of children to the end that embarrassment for children and parents may be avoided.

A. W. FIFE, Mayor of Medford.

COPCO SMOKER AND VAUDEVILLE TONIGHT

Members of the Copco Forum, employes' club of the California Oregon Power company, are looking forward to the big Forum smoker tonight at St. Mark's Guild hall. This is the second smoker

of the season and Chairman Rains promises a real show to all Copco men who attend. Some good amateur boxing bouts, vaudeville stunts and moving pictures will be included on the evening's program, after which the refreshment committee will serve a "feed." Although this smoker falls on the same night as the Elks' Christmas tree, due to inability to secure another suitable date, it is not expected to conflict with the Elks program as Copco employes who are

members of the local R. P. O. E. plan to take in both events. Dedicate R. F. Bank. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—(P.)—Klamath's sky-line changed once again when the new bank and office building, the city's second six-story structure, was dedicated. About 50 workmen took part in the ceremony on the roof. Seaside.—Kramer's drug store at Seventh street and Twelfth avenue improved.

GIFT HINTS

Gifts For the HOME

—Bring Cheer the Year Round

ARTHUR BRISBANE says:

Whatever else you buy for Christmas, as you select presents for parents, brothers, sisters, intimate friends, KEEP A PIECE OF FURNITURE IN MIND, as a present, always welcome.

A beautiful chair, an artistically made table, a rug of fine quality and workmanship, a lamp to ornament and light a room.

The furnishings of a house tell what its inhabitants are, reflect their taste, indicate their place in the scale of civilization. GIVE FURNITURE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

CHAIRS

What gift would give more comfort for months and years to come than a Pull-Up or Overstuffed chair? We have some exceptionally attractive chairs which will especially appeal to gift shoppers.

Living Room Tables

Beautiful mahogany drop-leaf tables with gate legs. A wonderful gift for the home.

Magazine Racks and Smokers

Attractive sets which will solve the gift problem. We have scores of attractive smoking sets which will be an easy matter to choose a gift for "him."

Our second floor is literally packed with gifts, such as:

Lamps—Card Tables—Sewing Sets—Cedar Chests and Mirrors

GIFTS ON OUR MAIN FLOOR!



Zenith Bicycle
Sturdy, double bar bicycle. Specially priced at
\$29.50

Christmas Tree Lights
Set of colored lights
98c

Electrical Gifts

100% Portable Heaters
A compact and efficient little heater that costs but 2c per hour to operate.
\$12.50

Barbecue Sandwich Toaster
An ideal gift that every member of the family will enjoy.
\$7.95

Vacuum Sweeper
The solution to the gift problem. This sweeper has a 2-year guarantee and is a real bargain at
\$41.00

Stanley "Unbreakable" Vacuum Bottle
Full quart capacity
\$4.49

'W. E. B. C.' Vacuum Jug
1-gallon capacity. Specially priced at
\$2.19

WONDER SHREDDERS
Set of three
\$1.00

Ajax Silverware
A real special, open stock pattern
26-Piece Set
\$3.90

Whoopee Air Speeder
Can be installed in any home or yard.
\$4.50
Frame for speeder \$7.50

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Sets that will bring hours of joy to the kiddies.
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All makes and prices

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