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MEETING OF FRUIT GROWERS

DELEGATES RETURN ENTHUSIASTIC

Three Prizes and Four Officers of the Association Fall to Hood River.

A fine display of fruit in competition for valuable prizes was incorporated with the fifteenth annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers association held at Vancouver, B. C., last week. This feature has been added through the efforts of Maxwell Smith, the secretary. A goodly attendance was present in the city hall when the president, E. L. Smith, of Hood River, called the convention to order. The territory of the convention includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and British Columbia.

However much expert fruit growers gathered there at the northwest association may differ as to relative merits of liquid or dry spray for codlin moth or however earnest they may become over the value of home made or boughten lime sulphur solution, there is a decided unanimity in opinion that no machine has yet been invented to grind out at short notice a successful fruit grower, says a Vancouver dispatch.

Correct principles of fruit growing are becoming more and more established, but wise application of those principles to particular conditions of soil and climate demands time and experience. The one who has the most experience is quite apt to be the man who hesitates most to tell another just how he should proceed. These fruit growers' gatherings are valuable in that they incite more and more to individual thought and individual experiment.

Prizes have been awarded as follows: For the best five boxes of apples, J. C. Monsberger, Grand Forks, B. C., $100 gold medal; A. I. Mason, Hood River, Ore., $50 silver medal; T. G. Earl, Lytton, B. C., bronz medal. Best general display, Kelowna Fruit Growers association, $100 gold medal; Monsberger & Roope, Grand Forks, B. C., second prize; Chelan County Horticultural association, Wenatchee, Wash., third prize. Best box commercial apples, A. I. Mason, Hood River, Ore., first prize; E. H. Shepard, Hood River, second prize; P. G. Earl, Lytton, B. C., third prize.

The sessions closed with a banquet Friday evening. President Smith reported an advancement in the growing and marketing of fruits. He recently talked with the largest fruit dealers in Siberia, who have been to the coast and bought over 6000 boxes of apples.

Mr. Smith said there was a great field for Pacific northwest fruit in Japan, China and Siberia, especially if the steamship companies will give a rate of $4 a ton the rate now given for wheat from San Francisco to the Orient. This will furnish a market for inferior grades of fruit, that which alone the bulk of the Orientals can afford to buy.

The delegates returned Sunday morning and are much pleased with the result of the meeting. Hood River had three entries in the apple competition, out of 100 entries, and captured three prizes. Four Hood River men were also elected officers of the association. M. Sheppard had the following to say of the meeting:

"Probably the most important feature of the meeting was the fact that it was the unanimous sentiment of growers to put up a higher grade of fruit in many districts that have not heretofore given this matter the importance it deserves. When it was fully explained that every box of cull apples that is put on the market detracts from the value of first grade fruit, delegates from all sections approved the idea to stop putting inferior fruit on the market and send it to the cider mill or cannery or utilize it in some way where it will not reduce the price for the best and will also result in placing a superior quality of apples in the hands of the consumer.

"Another matter that received considerable attention at the hands of the convention was that of the shortage of cars. While some were in favor of arbitrary methods in dealing with the railroads, the majority, viewing the situation from a more reasonable standpoint, are in favor of getting in close touch with the railroad commissions and agents for private car lines in the various states and impressing them with the necessity for better shipping facilities for the rapidly increasing and great development of the fruit industry in the northwest. Indeed this must be done and I think the transportation lines will do it themselves if they are brought to realize what this great fruit industry will mean to them in the very near future.

"There is scarcely any fruit growing district whose output will not double in five years and some of them in less time. This means that where hundreds of cars are now necessary thousands will have to be provided and the association and the railroads must get together and provide transportation facilities to guard against a great loss, not only to the grower but to the country at large.

With the meeting this year it was also decided to abolish the competitive prizes for exhibits of fruit. It has been found that the awarding of prizes leaves more or less bad feeling and as the association is founded for educational purposes and for bettering conditions for the fruit grower, the displays hereafter will be given cards of merit according to their excellence.

"One of the most pleasing events of the meeting to the Oregon delegation was the ovation received by E. L. Smith when his name was put in nomination for reelection as president of the association. Although he vehemently declined to accept the office for another year delegates from British Columbia would hear of no other man for the position, and he was loudly and unanimously acclaimed its executive again.

"The entertainment provided for the visitors at Vancouver was the finest ever given members of the association. The Dominion government contributed $500 for this purpose and the citizens and city council $500 more. At the banquet held there Friday evening the entertainment was royal and permeated by the best of good fellowship. The close relations between the United States and Canadian fruit growers was further cemented.

"With practically all the officers of the association from Oregon this year and the next meeting place in Portland, I hope that the Rose City will respond generously to entertain our Canadian cousins, who promise to send the largest delegation from British Columbia that has ever attended any meeting in the states. The meeting will be held some time next December and growers all over the state have expressed themselves as anxious to make it a big success."

The seven minute talk which helped A. I. Mason win the first prize on a commercial box, was as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Honorable Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"It gives me pleasure to stand before you tonight and defend a client who has so many friends and no enemies. No attorney ever stood before the bar of justice and defended a more noble cause. Let us now examine my Yellow Newtown client and ascertain just where we should place it.

"As to size, I have selected this size—80 apples to the box—because it is a normal one and meets the greatest demand in our markets both at home and abroad.

"As to color, 'tis true that each of these apples are possessed with golden cheeks adorned with a crimson blush, but that blush was designed by Him, who knows the goodness, the purity and the perfection in all things. These blushes may be a little more rosy tonight on account of this exciting occasion.

"As to quality it should be subdivided into two parts, first as to taste, second as to keeping of fruit. In considering taste, we find it has been pronounced perfect by the highest authority in the world, the United States Pomological society. As to keeping quality, it has no superior. It is no uncommon occurence to serve ripe strawberries and Yellow Newtowns on the same banquet table. The grower can sell them at picking time or in the following June.

"As to pack. Most all packs show for themselves, but I must call your attention to this pack, relative to the size of the apple and box. Most anyone can pack a straight three or four tier pack, but to put this size apple into your legalized box, in an attractive manner, is a work of art. You will observe the end apples are low enough to prevent bruising, while the center ones form a true curve to receive the spring of the cover.

"As to uniformity, they are as near uniform as the human eye can detect. As to blemishes, why sirs, there are no blemishes. They are just as perfect in the bottom as on the top, and just as perfect in the middle as either top or bottom.

"Now, honorable judges, I desire to impress upon your minds what other people think of these apples. What does the grower think of them? He knows they are his best money makers. One of my neighbors sold this season $1800 worth of Yellow Newtown apples from one acre of ground. The tree bears regularly and its fruit sells readily. The commission man loves them because he runs no chance of them falling down either in price or keeping quality. The retailer buys them because his customers are boring him to death if he don't keep them for sale. The consumer buys them because he knows they are the best apples on earth. No apple, entered in this contest here tonight, dare face the Yellow Newtown in competition as to quality in the opinion of the public.

"Honorable judges, there is one reason why this box of apples has no superior here tonight, which may be a little hard for you to understand, yet if you will search the records of all the large commission houses on both continents and ascertain from whence comes the highest priced apples, said prices being based upon their extreme perfection, their high flavor and unrivaled keeping quality, you will receive the one universal answer, from Hood River, Ore. There is something in our soil, in our climate and in our system of placing them upon the markets that adds value to every box of our apples, and this box is one of them.

"The Yellow Newtown is very juicy and tender and has a mild sub-acid flavor. It is mellow yet crisp; it is sour yet sweet, and it is at home in the kitchen or in the parlor. Her majesty, Queen Victoria, for many years before her death gave it first honor on her table, and I must not forget to tell you that the little valley that produced this box of apples furnished the larger portion of those apples.

"Your humble servant has for several years past assisted in satisfying his excellency, King Edward, with this same variety of apples.

"The best markets of the world are always asking for Yellow Netwowns. Without any fear of successful contradiction they lead all others in the export trade. All other varieties here in this contest tonight, combined, would not equal the demand and supply of this variety in the export trade. And why all this? Simply because the consumers of the old, as well as the new world, have long since learned its many good qualities.

"Honorable judges, I am not defending a new and untried variety of apple. It has been on the markets for several generations and the child has learned to lisp its fine qualities with the same enthusiasm of his grandfather. All I ask of you is to give my client that which it deserves. If you are still in doubt as to which is the best apple, not only here tonight but in the world, go with me into all the great markets and here you will be convinced. Every large market in Germany, France, England, and the whole of Europe, is today paying more for the Yellow Newtown than any other apple.

"In conclusion, I want you to remember that wherever you find an Englishman, either in England, Canada or America, ask him what apple he likes best of all, and he will tell you, unless he is a competitor here tonight, that it is the Yellow Newtown. And now, honorable judges, on behalf of my client, we are not desiring to beg any honors, we stand on our own merits. If defeated in this contest, new history will be made for my Yellow Newtown client.

"We know your verdict will be the voice of your conscience and we feel satisfied to rest the case with you."

GENERAL NEWS OF LOCAL INTEREST

ITEMS FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS

A Resume of the Week's Doings Compiled from Our Exchanges.

About 90 cars of coal are being stored at La Grande this month in the new storage sheds which have just been completed.

It is estimated that the apple crop of Benton, Madison and Washington counties, Arkansas, this year is worth between $3,000,000 and $4,000,00.

Fifteen thousand sacks of flour, the last half of a delayed shipment, ha just been sent out for export to Hong Kong and Yokahoma by W. S. Byers.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Last Saturday was a big day in Stevenson, for it was the first time the people have had a chance to vote on the question of incorporation and the vote showed practically no opposition.—Skamania County Pioneer.

Charlie Bailey, the real estate rustler, is visiting friends in Hood River valley and incidentally "canning" some of their unapproachable apples. Our old friends of the Apple City will find Charlie on a par with their apples and that is all that need be said.—St. Johns Review.

The Oregonian takes pains editorially to advise Mulkey, Cake, Fulton and other politicians to secure places on the program for addresses before the January meeting of the Oregon Press association. The Herald is of the opinion that the aforesaid gentlemen would be liable to receive as good results and as square a deal from doing business with the members of the Oregon Press association as they would from the editorial staff of the "big tower."—Beaver State Herald.

Chas. Prindle caught a splendid specimen of the grey eagle in a coyote trap on his place near Fossil a few days ago. The great bird measures six feet ten inches from tip to tip, and, what is more remarkable, is as gentle and as playful as a kitten. Being caught in the trap by the claws, the eagle was uninjured, and made no fuss whatever when taken out of the trap. Mr. Prindle carried the eagle home and placed it in a large wooden box, where the children feed it and pet it alternately.—Fossil Journal.

The Northern Pacific was fined $1000 for violation of the new 16-hour law by Judge Linn of the superior court. The suit was brought by the attorney general, charging that the railroad company forced certain employes on a freight train running between Seattle and Sumas to work more than 16 hours in violation of the bill passed by the last legislature. The railroad admitted that the men had been employed more than 16 hours, but contended that the state law did not affect the case because that branch of the Northern Pacific and that particular tran were engaged in handling interstate commerce.

News comes down from Entiat, Wash., of a serious accident occurring on the Mad river on Friday of last week, in which over 700 sheep belonging to a man by the name of Guye were lost, thereby involving a loss of about $2100. The herd was being driven down a mountain slope which was covered with sleet and of a sudden seven of the leaders lost their foothold and started rolling down the steep declivity toward the river. This precipitated the others, and soon the entire herd was demoralized and rolling down the slope. The sheep were forced into the rushing torrent and those not drowned were maimed and injured, their valuable wool being torn from their bodies by the jagged rocks.

Advertised Letter List.

For week ending Dec. 2, 1907: Arnold, Mrs. D.; Everett, Mrs. Emma; Johnson, Louise; Lucas, Mrs. Geo; Merill, Mrs. Maud (2); Olorron, Nellie; Shipp, Mrs. Ellis; Smith, Ruby S.; Ferry, Mrs. Clara; Anderson, Mr. N. A.; Carter, Loyd; Clark, Stone; Clark, C. H. (2); Cook, W. H.; Cook, Robert; Ball, S. H.; Huerth, Henery; Johnson, H. E.; LeBard, P. H.; Nelson, Gluring; Ottke, August; Schrader, Edward; Sherill, A. J.; Stutts, N. C.; Wachol, Richard.
Wm. M. Yates, P. M.

Will Demonstrate Fruit Possibilities.

A deal of considerable importance to the whole of eastern Multnomah county was consumated the first of the week by which E. P. Smith of the Eastwood nurseries of Rockwood takes full charge of the planting and caring of twenty acres of commercial orchard for Mrs. Marie Curtis, of Portland, who is the owner of a lovely farm at Curtis station on the O. W. P. Troutdale extension.

Mrs. Curtis has full faith in the fruit possibilities of this section of the county, and believes that apple growing can be made a success here. She is successfully operating an orange grove at Los Angeles. Mr. Smith is to take charge of the orchard for three years, and is well fitted for this work, being one of the best posted fruit men in the county and a life long horticulturist.

Mr. Smith will use modern ideas in this orchard, chief among them being that of low heading to obviate the effect of the winds. This orchard will consist of the following varieties: Baldwin, Ben Davis and Spitzenberg, with half an acre of Winter Banana. There will be 15 acres of apples and five acres of cherry of the Lambert. These trees will be dug, grown and cultivated by Mr. Smith.

Other parties are negotiating with Mr. Smith for the planting of orchard. The late Gresham fair demonstrated the fact that fruit equal in every respect to Hood River or White Salmon can be grown here in eastern Multnomah.—Gresham Herald.

O. P. Dabney, of Hood River, was a visitor in the city today on his return from a two weeks' trip to California, and made this office a short visit.—St. Johns Review.