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HORTICULTURAL MEETING SUCCESSFUL

Lack of orchard labor, shortage of cars and the general delay in the harvest of the big crop of apples for 1916 resulted in a limited attendance at the 31st annual convention of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, the three day session of which ended here last Wednesday afternoon. For the most part the unusual demands on their time in harvesting and shipping their crops rendered impossible the elaborate preparation of a formal program. Yet so interesting had grown the last session of the meeting that on Wednesday afternoon when the convention was adjourned, members found it necessary to race down Hood River streets to catch the last westbound train for the evening, and the departing fruit men expressed the belief that the Hood River convention had been one of the most interesting in the history of the organization.

Despite the lack of preparation, the program for the event was well balanced. While fruitgrowers have faced serious problems during the past few months and have been gravely worried, the interest displayed at the past three days' sessions in methods of cultivation were every bit as keen as any meeting of past years. What the meeting in the seriousness with which actual fruit growing problems were discussed. The 31st annual meeting of the Horticultural Society further emphasized the future trend of the Northwestern fruit industry into two separate and distinct fields, the production and distribution of the fresh article and the manufacture of fruit products.

In former years the fresh article has demanded attention almost exclusively. Today, as was evidenced at the week's meetings, the by-product of orchards is creating almost an equal amount of attention. Canned, processed and evaporated fruit products were given a prominence on the program of the Horticultural Society. Canned baked apples, as prepared by the Eugene Fruit Union, were displayed by manager Holt, of that institution. The Lane county fruit concern, it is said, is the first ever to have offered to supply the market with such a commodity, and the exhibit created a marked attention. While the baked apple in cans is today a novelty, it was predicted that it may some day solve the solution of the problem of conserving and distributing over a long period of time the perishable product of Northwestern orchards.

The sessions of the Horticultural Society next year will probably be a great deal further stimulate interest in the so called by-product commodities of orchards and berry fields, for it will be held at Salem, where fruit men have developed successfully the loganberry and prune industries.

Officers elected by the Horticultural Society for 1917 were as follows: Robert C. Paulus, of Salem, president; Dr. C. H. Bailey, of Roseburg, vice president; C. D. Minton, of Portland, re-elected secretary; and A. P. Bateham, re-elected to the board of trustees.

Mr. Paulus, a native of Marion county, is but 28 years of age. As manager of the Salem Fruit Union, he is one of the youngest men in the north-west heading a big fruit interest. Mr. Paulus is a native of New York state. He has been engaged in ranch-

ing in Douglas county for the past eight years, and while Broccoli is his hobby, he is actively engaged in orcharding, owning and operating a 40 acre orchard. Dr. Bailey is president of the Umpqua Valley Fruit Union. Broccoli, introduced by Dr. Bailey, is now grown in great quantities. The annual shipments of the product, which is distributed at handsome profits to the grower, now reaching 200 carloads. Dr. Bailey is prominent in state grange affairs and is the state deputy for Douglas county.

Mr. Minton, who has been engaged in the orchard business at Lebanon for the past four years, has for a number of years been engaged in publishing agricultural and horticultural journals. At the present time he is editing and publishing the Pacific Horticulturist in Portland. Formerly he edited the Oregon Agriculturist.

Mr. Bateham, who since 1894 has been identified with the apple industry in Hood River and Mosier, where he still owns orchard tracts, now resides in Portland. Mr. Bateham comes from a family of horticulturists. His father, M. B. Bateham, a pioneer Ohio orchardist, was well known through the middle west as editor and publisher of the Ohio Farmer and Ohio Cultivator.

But for the interest taken by the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College in the sessions of the past three days, the Horticultural convention would have approached pretty nearly the point of failure. Nine of the principal addresses of the meetings were delivered by O. A. C. men. It was conclusively evident that the state institution has played a chief role in the development of Oregon's fruit industry.

One of the last talks given the assembled fruit men was made by A. B. Cordley, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, who pointed out the necessity of the adequate funds for maintaining the work undertaken by the station.

"I am not coming before you men and your organization," said Director Cordley, "and ask you to take any action on the matter, I am simply going to state a few facts and then you can do as individuals and as members of the Oregon State Horticultural Society as you see fit. Last year, for lack of funds to keep them, we lost nine of our men. The ordinary taxpayer, never stopping to consider, said, 'Oh well, it affected those nine men only.' In fact the most of those men were immediately snapped up by other states at increased salaries. They had in instances been working with us for a number of years. In cases they had not completed the solution of problems on which they were engaged. We lost the benefit of those years of study. Now men will have to begin where they began and learn the business over. Losses by disease pest in Oregon orchards have cost growers more than the total of appropriations for the Oregon Experiment station."

"A unique feature of the Horticultural Convention was the presentation by A. A. Quarrenburg, of Vancouver, Wash., of a gavel made from the oldest apple tree in the Pacific Northwest. Secretary Minton was instructed to have the donor's name, the date of presentation and that the gift was made from the most ancient apple tree of the old Oregon country inscribed on and gavel in silver letters. Accompanying the gift was the following history of the old apple tree:

"In years gone by I have had the pleasure of attending many of the

meetings of the Oregon State Horticultural Society. These meetings were always interesting and profitable, and generally of a very practical character.

"In addition to its practical side the subject of horticulture has many other interesting features which make it a most profitable and profitable take up and consider for a short while. In this connection I thought it might not be amiss to bring to your attention for a moment a little of the early history and the somewhat sentimental side of the apple to the Pacific Northwest.

"I here have a gavel which I desire to present to this society on this occasion. It is made from the branches of the most ancient apple tree in the old Oregon country. The old tree is still alive and growing on the grounds of the Vancouver Barracks at Vancouver, Wash. It is without doubt the oldest apple tree on the Pacific Coast. Its history is quite clear and authoritative.

"About 92 years ago Dr. John McLaughlin, governor of the Hudson Bay Co. west of the Rocky mountains, located the headquarters of his company on the terrace sloping up from the north bank of the Columbia River. Her husband was then in the Walla Walla country looking for a location. I will read an extract from his diary under date of September 12, 1836.

"I must mention the origin of these apples. A gentleman 12 years ago while at a party in London put seeds of the apples, which they ate, in his vest pocket. Soon afterwards he took a voyage to this country and left them here. Now how they are greatly multiplied.

"Another story of this old tree, not inconsistent with the quotation from Mrs. Whitman's diary, is as follows: 'At a dinner party in London about 1825, given in honor of some young gentlemen in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, who were about to embark for Fort Vancouver, seeds from the apples eaten were playfully slipped by some of the young ladies into the waistcoat pockets of some of the young men, and upon their arrival at their destination the young men, overhauling their wardrobes, found the seeds, which were given to John Bruce, Dr. McLaughlin's gardener, who planted the same.' The seeds produced among others the now famous tree at Vancouver Barracks.

"The story is told that after several years of waiting one of the trees bore an apple which, when ripe, was picked by Governor McLaughlin and carefully cut into 17 slices, one slice of the precious fruit being served to each person at Dr. McLaughlin's table. The next year the tree bore 20 apples, and the old tree left is still bearing fruit.

"The Hon. Glen S. Rasek, of Vancouver, has written a poem in honor of the old apple tree. I will now read from it: 'In 1826 on London's famous strand, On the eve of their departure for Oregon's distant land, Hudson's Bay officials sat in festive banquet room,

With wives and mothers dear, and sweethearts in their bloom. They drank long life to ladies bright, And to their lovers tall. While glasses clinked and laughter, light, Rang round the stately hall. 'Fair Kate unto her lover true Then blushing did say: 'These magic apple seeds take with you: When at dawn you sail away; And that they may be a sign That you will love me evermore, Pray plant these true love seeds of mine On Columbia's fertile shore.' 'And so Love's apple seeds were carried to this far western slope; And here they thrived and prospered beyond the lover's fondest hope; In far away Vancouver Port, to Indians' wondering eyes. A lovely apple tree soon flung green banners to the skies. Its offspring now are scattered wide O'er the broad Pacific Coast. Their luscious apples are our pride. The orchard queen, the poet's boast, Their choice fruit they are lending, With cool shade for you and me; While thousands we are sending To London o'er the sea. So now we bless the lady fair And bless her lover tall. Who planted here with tender care Sweet apples for us all.

"And now on the occasion of the meeting of this society in the beautiful and fertile Hood River Valley, known the world over for its luscious and unexcelled apples, I think it is entirely fitting that a souvenir from the oldest apple tree in the Pacific Northwest should be presented to this society."

AT NEW ELECTRIC

Today

H. B. Warner and Enid Markey in a thrilling Triangle drama of present day warfare, "Shell 43." In this drama of the invincible fighting units popularly designated as the secret service, Warner plays a trio-part of newspaper correspondent, German officer and English lieutenant, who in reality is an intrepid secret service officer in the employ of the British government. His identity is a mystery to all with whom he comes in contact, but his credentials are never questioned and thus he has the freedom of all the territory in the fighting zone. The big moment in the play arrives when he is forced to decide whether he is really a human being with a heart and red hot blood, or only a thinking machine without a conscience that is manipulated from military headquarters.

While this production is staged in the atmosphere of the war zone and the spectacular military element is predominant, the intermixture of human interest and love is heard above the intrigue and din of shot and shell. Also a two reel comedy, "Puppets."

Friday and Saturday
Ann Pennington, one of Paramount's daintiest stars, in "Susie Snowflake." There is something irresistibly appealing about the bewitching little heroine of this unique photoplay, and as Susie Miss Pennington has caught all the charm and piquancy of the little dancer who scandalizes her maidenly aunts and sets her home village agog when she brings her Broadway ideals into the community. But there is a lot of real character and unswerving loyalty in Susie, as she proves when she is put to the test. To make the interest of this Paramount picture complete, there is a lover—a real one—and another chap who hopes to win Susie's love through his money bags, and an old rascal who mistakes Susie for an unsophisticated little darling until she convinces him that it is emphatically otherwise. Also a dandy one reel comedy.

Sunday
One day only. Wilfred Lucas and Beanie Love in a personally guaranteed Triangle drama, "Hell to Pay Austin." Also a two reel Keystone, "His Winning Punch."

Monday
Christmas Special show Monday, Dec. 25.
Tuesday
Pauline Frederick in "The World's Great Snare." A thrilling and intense story by far exceeding any of Miss Frederick's former offerings. V. M. Kolstad at the organ.

Sound Man Studies Fruit Methods
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Thirty acres irrigation water under East Fork for Rent. R. W. Arens, n301

Buy Furniture for Christmas. E. A. Franz Co.

C. B. Compton Gets Verdict
The jury Friday night in the case of C. B. Compton vs. W. F. Wahrer, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, who sought recovery of \$19.50, expended according to the complaint in the repair of harness and a buggy damaged one night last summer when a horse being lincen by the plaintiff was frightened by the defendant turning on his automobile lights suddenly and caused to run away.

C. D. Nickelsen was counsel for plaintiff, while J. H. Hazlett represented Mr. Wahrer.

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We handle a full line of delicatessen and pastries. We also handle the Blue Ribbon Bakery's Bread.

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