

ADVANTAGES OF ORGANIZATION.

REPRODUCED FROM OHIO FARMERS.

The rapid development and growth of fruit culture in our state in the past few years seems to require an organization or society for a special work and in compliance with this demand a few of our most enterprising fruit growers and citizens met in Sheridan about one year ago and organized what is now known as Adams Township Agricultural, Horticultural and Floral Society. This society, though young, now having only passed its first year of existence, has accomplished a commendable and valuable work in the interest of fruit culture that should inspire its members with a new zeal in its behalf and a determination to press forward in the good work, began turning neither to the right nor to the left until the highest pinnacle of success obtainable is reached.

The social advantages afforded by these meetings add largely to their enjoyment and value. Here ties of friendship are formed and hereto bound together by a mutual fellow feeling emanating from a common interest. Here an interchange of experiences of great value are freely given and words of cheer and encouragement are spoken that is hoped may result in a lasting pleasure and benefit to all. The first object of organization usually is to get improvement in our business for financial reasons, but I believe we ought not to think of this first. There are other and higher reasons for organizing and the financial results will surely follow. As a rule when a farmer is making money he will not think of organizing, but when the times get hard then he wants to do so, but finds others who buy of him have been perfecting their methods and organizations while the times were good and that he stands a poor chance with the crude and poorly managed business that he is able to set in operation. The first step is to do everything we do right, improve our method of cultivation and grow better products. If we would do this most of our troubles would disappear. The second stage should be the improvement of the transportation and market facilities. This may be done by careful and businesslike organization. To do this we must sink individuality, and work for the common good and not be antagonistic to each other.

We want to see more beauty and greater abundance in fruits about the farm house. We want to see more contentment and pleasure there. We urge the cultivation of flowers for the pleasure it affords, and the raising of more fruits and better gardens for the increased vigor and health such things impart.

I would recommend all farmers to grow more clover and cultivate fewer acres; look well to the fertility of the soil; give perfect cultivation before and after planting and thus intensify farming.

I would recommend everybody to eat more fruit, for fresh fruit is filled with the very essence of the life-giving principle.

It is nature's storehouse of the most beautiful and pleasant elements of the soil, and such as will impart renewed strength to the consumer. Fruits are beauty and vitality combined and condensed.

How much more of pleasure and happiness there is sure to be in the home that is surrounded by beautiful flowers and fresh, sweet fruits.

How superior, in every respect, is such a home in which to raise our children, compared with the barren home of the thoughtless farmer who gives no heed to the better and elevated style of living that comes of cultivating nature in her higher branches.

Twelve to 14 cents for good to strictly choice with close dickering all along the line; hard holding still manifested on the part of the growers and no inclination on the part of the

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buyers to meet demands, is about the situation at Puyallup. Dealers claim that sales above 13 cents are based on high contracts for strictly choice only and have nothing to do with market conditions. One dealer claims that 11 cents is the figure today. Very few hops have been moved, but are stored about town in the vacant warehouses.—Citizen.

THE MARKETS.

Following are jobbing quotations at Seattle:

EGGS—35@38c.

BUTTER—Washington creamery, 1 and 2 lb bricks, 28c; ranch butter, 21c.

CHEESE—Washington full cream, 10@11c; half skim, 7@8c.

POULTRY—Spring chickens, \$2.25@3 per doz; hens, 9@11c per lb.

POTATOES—Choice Yakimas, \$12; Puget Sound, \$9 per ton.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 40c@\$1.00 box; pears, 50@90c.

HAY—Eastern Washington timothy, \$12@13 per ton; Puget Sound, \$10; alfalfa, \$10.

WOOL—Northwest ranges, 10@12c.

HOPS—12@15c.

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