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WALLA WALLA FRUIT GROWERS.

The Fruit Growers' Association of Walla Walla county held a meeting last week and nominated H. C. Chew for inspector.

Dr. Blalock delivered an address in which he stated that spraying as now performed was a signal failure as far as destroying the codlin moth was concerned; that fruit growers in the Walla Walla valley had been spraying for years, but that the deadly insect had gained ground and was continuing to do so rapidly, causing an immense monetary loss to the orchardists of Walla Walla each year. In short, he contended that the codlin moth could not be exterminated by spraying. He said that it had been brought to his attention that in Germany a bird known as the Kohle Meisen for years had been harbored for the single purpose of destroying this apple worm, and that it was a creditable fact that in the region where this bird abounded the codlin moth was unknown. Travelers from this country recently sojourning in Germany, who interested themselves in these matters, had informed him of this notable fact. He mentioned a prominent Idaho fruit grower who was jubilant over the result. Dr. Blalock stated further that a resident of the city of Walla Walla who was supplied with transportation had proffered his services to make the trip to investigate fully regarding the habits of the Kohle Meisen and whether the absence of the codlin moth in certain regions where the bird abounds could be attributed to this fact. All this party desired was the small amount of his expenses. He advocated strongly that the fruit growers of the county think seriously of this matter and if a special emissary could not be sent to Germany, that communication be opened up with parties there to ascertain the truth of his remarks and the cost of importing several hundred of these birds, if the facts were found to be as represented.

A great deal of discussion was created by Dr. Blalock's remarks. Finally Dr. Blalock, by vote of the association, was requested to communicate with correspondents in Germany in regard to the Kohle Meisen, and if what is developed tends to show that the presence of the birds in a district rids the fruit of this dangerous pest, the Walla Walla valley soon will become the home of a large importation of the feathered codlin destroyers.

The following officers of the association were elected for one year: President, J. W. Foster; vice president, W. S. Offner; secretary, C. L. Whitney; treasurer, John Thoenney. Hereafter the association will meet twice a month at the city hall.

WHATCOM COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS.

The Whatcom County Horticultural Society met at the city hall of Whatcom on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The collection of fruit comprised apples, pears, also butter-nuts and chestnuts, with a fair showing of vegetables. The apples which attracted the most attention and were particularly noticeable were some very fine specimens of the Alexander, Dutch Mignon, American Golden and English Russets, all of which were perfect of their kind and would be a credit to an ysection of the state. There were also some new varieties which elicited comment and discussion.

The meeting was called to order by President Samuel Bass. An address was given by the state commissioner of horticulture, J. E. Baker, in which the necessity of complete county

organization was dwelt upon, and at its close a discussion upon the subject followed, in which the information was brought forward that the county contained, in round numbers, 1,000 acres set in orchard and small fruits; that the cost to the county in the appointment of an inspector, as asked for by the society, the nomination for which has been duly made, would not exceed \$300 per year. It was unanimously held that this sum was inconsiderable when it was shown that danger was at hand to the fruit growers of the county, in the lack of a proper officer to enforce the law.

The following resolution was offered by Hon. Charles E. Cline:

"That the members of the Whatcom County Horticultural Society urge upon the county commissioners the pressing necessity of the immediate appointment of a fruit inspector, in accordance with the law of 1897," which was unanimously adopted.

The treatment of scale insects was discussed, various members agreeing that the application of the "lime, lye, sulphur and salt" mixture was effectual, even with the much dreaded San Jose scale, but that the spraying must be enforced by a duly qualified county inspector to prevent the spread of the pest, which is so easily communicated from orchard to orchard by birds and insects, to which the scale in its larval condition attaches itself.

In the discussion regarding the black spot or rot of the bark of apple trees, Mr. J. Ware recounted that he had tried the method of slitting the bark, through the affected part, up and down the tree, and had found such treatment beneficial; healing followed the incisions, new bark formed, covering or nearly covering the part affected by the disease. The point was made that the incisions should be made as early as possible after the presence of the disease had made itself manifest, all of which was regarded as valuable information.

Beside the above mentioned, those taking part in the debate were D. C. Jenkins, A. Hansen, J. F. Norton, William Stewart, J. McMullen, Alex Campbell, J. J. Eden, Thomas Slade and other prominent citizens.

The Whatcom County Horticultural Society is of several years' standing, the present officers being: Samuel Bass, president; F. B. Graves, vice president; Andrew Smith, secretary.

Early during last summer, at a called meeting of the society, a nomination was made for county fruit inspector, who has never been appointed by the board of county commissioners as the law provides. For this reason the fruit growers feel themselves aggrieved in not having their interests more fully recognized, the door being left wide open for the spread of insect and other injurious pests in the failure to appoint an inspector in accordance with the horticultural law now in effect.

A correspondent from Vineland, in Lewiston valley, suggests that the "climate cure," that is, the dry, sunny climate of the arid valleys east of the Cascade mountains, is much better as a preventive remedy for the diseases of prunes and other fruits, than all the washes and sprayings that must be used in the humid climate of the west coast orchards.

Thomas Warwick will plant 5,000 apple trees in the spring near Tekoa, Wash., consisting principally of the Newton, Ben Davis and Wealthy varieties. He will also plant about 500 pear trees.