

FRUIT-GROWERS IN COUNCIL.

Meeting of the State Horticultural Society Yesterday.

Orchardists Discuss Various Matters of Interest to Their Calling.

The regular Sacramento meeting of the State Horticultural Society was held in the Capitol building yesterday, with Secretary B. M. Lelong in the chair.

The attendance at the morning session was not large, though a number of representative fruit-growers were present.

President Lelong announced the first thing on the programme was making exhibits at the State Fair.

For the past eight years, he said, the majority of the money offered for premiums on exhibits had been offered for county and individual exhibits.

Mr. Smith stated that the State Horticultural Society had been asked to increase the premiums for county exhibits, but that the idea was falling into disfavor.

Robert Williamson of Sacramento agreed with Mr. Smith that premiums for county exhibits should be abolished.

The association should increase the premium fund at least \$1,000, and if it could be raised to \$3,000 it would be all the better.

At 12 o'clock a recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

It was found upon reassembling in the afternoon that neither of the gentlemen who were to have read papers were present.

G. W. Hinkley, for the Winters District, reported a short crop of all varieties of fruit, but good in quality.

Senator B. F. Langford, for the Lodi District, said that aside from the grape crop, which was injured by the frost, the prospect for fruit of all kinds was better than ever before.

Senator Langford said there were varieties of peaches which never curled, and that locality had much to do with it.

No further business coming before it, the meeting adjourned to meet the second Friday in July at 10:30 a. m.

THE WATERWORKS BOILERS.

Petition to Set Aside the Risdon Company's Contract.

City Trustees to Appear on Next Wednesday and Explain Their Action.

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"That petitioner herein fully performed all conditions on his part necessary to be performed in order to have his bid or proposal considered by the said respondents, and stated fully all matters required to be stated therein as intended and required by said notice for sealed proposals."

"That the said bid of petitioner for the sum of \$6,215 for the furnishing and erection of said three water-tube steam boilers of 100-horse power each was the lowest bid for the furnishing and erection of said boilers was that of the Risdon Iron and Locomotive Works for the sum of \$6,400."

"The said bids were opened on the 1st day of June, 1896, as required by law, and the matter of awarding the contract was continued until the 8th day of June, 1896, at which time the said respondents did choose the water-tube steam boilers, furnished by the furnishing and erection of the Risdon Iron and Locomotive Works for the sum of \$6,400, although the bid of petitioner herein was lower than the said bid by the sum of \$185."

"Petitioner avers that it was the duty of the said respondents, under the law, to award the said contract to the lowest bidder who had complied with the notice for sealed proposals, and that as it was determined not to have four round tubular boilers of seventy-five-horse power each, furnished by and erected, it was under the law, of said respondents, if any award was made at all, to award the said contract to said petitioner for the furnishing and erection of said boilers for the said sum of \$6,215, it being the lowest bidder for the same."

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