

HANDLING OF FRUIT CROPS.

Another Day's Discussion by the Convention of Growers.

Attention Given to the Subject of Marketing and Railroad Transportation.

The Fruit Growers' Convention assembled yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Edward Berwick of Monterey offered a resolution relating to the benefits to accrue from the construction of the Nicaragua Canal and asking our Senators and Representatives to work for the passage of a bill to that end; also directing the Secretary of the State Board of Horticulture to send a copy of the resolution to each United States Senator and Representative in Congress.

Mr. Filcher, for the committee on President Cooper's address, reported, recommending it to the careful consideration of the fruit growers of the State. The committee believed that the nature had produced the best remedy for insect pests; that injurious insects had been introduced from abroad and that the parasites which kept them in subjection abroad had been kept there.

The suggestion of President Cooper that the pest-destroying insects be imported was heartily indorsed. The report further suggested that the Legislature be asked for an appropriation of \$5,000 per annum, to be used by the Board of Horticulture in introducing parasitic insects and for \$5,000 per annum to assist the board in carrying on its work.

Many diseases were prevalent, the report said, concerning which little, if anything, was known, and it was suggested that the board familiarize itself with these, paying particular attention to root knot, pear blight and vine disease.

A discussion arose over the part of the report of committee recommending an appropriation by the Legislature. R. D. Stephens moved that the essay on insect pests be read before the adoption of the report, as he thought that in accordance with the suggestions made in the President's address, and would result in a fuller understanding of the question by the convention and a more full expression of the individual action of the members.

Messrs. Block, Johnston and Fowler favored immediate adoption of the report. The previous question was moved by Motheral and the report was adopted.

Motheral moved that the essay be read, but Berry opposed the motion, saying that the time set for reading it was Friday, and the subject was too large a one to be discussed under four days.

Points of order were raised by a number of members and the wish was expressed that the order of business as laid down be adhered to.

William Johnston introduced a resolution reciting that President-elect McKinley was about to select his cabinet officers, and this is a fruit producing State, and as horticulturists and agriculturists this convention recommend to him for appointment of the Ellwood Cooper as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and that the Secretary immediately forward a copy of the resolution to Mr. McKinley.

On motion of R. D. Stephens, the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Cooper was taken by surprise, and thanked the convention, saying he would speak on the subject later.

PEACH TREE BORDERS.

An essay on "Peach Tree Borders," by Alexander Crow, State Entomologist, was read by Secretary Leong. He said that several species of moths were very destructive to horticulturists, but in this species of Lepidoptera only the larvae did the mischief, by boring into the body of the tree. He gave a description of the moth, both male and female, and the manner of depositing the eggs near the base of the tree. An application of pine tar is now used with success upon the trunk by a number of horticulturists. This, supplemented by heavy pruning in winter and thinning in summer, preventing the tree from bearing too heavily, succeeds in saving many trees and restoring them to health. Care must be taken that the small borers are removed, otherwise they will continue to pierce the roots and the tree will be killed. He cautioned growers against the use of carbolic acid and dextrose, as liable to destroy the trees. Lime is more open to the action of the atmosphere and allows the bark to expand.

Besides the root borer, there is the twig borer, which only attacks the tips of the twigs, and the caterpillar leaves the twig as soon as the young growth starts. They can be destroyed by winter spraying. Several other pests were described and remedies given. Even the strawberry is not safe from insect ravages.

Berry of Tulare gave his experience with insect pests, and gave one piece of information with regard to the worms that attack corn. A little powdered tobacco sprinkled on the silk when it forms on the ear will kill them and prevent their doing any damage to the ear.

Motheral spoke of the trouble made by an insect that bores into the peach near the stem, and which he thought was the same as the twig borer. An application of lime sulphur and salt early in the season will head them off. The pest was imported from Europe, where it destroys the strawberries. It has taken up the habit of attacking peach trees since it became acclimated here. He gave a description of how the discovery was made that the solution would destroy San Jose scale and other insects. If the growers will use the solution on their trees in December they will not be troubled with twig borers or peach worms.

Berwick asked if dry sulphur would be as effectual for the strawberries as the solution, and Mr. Crow answered that in warm weather he thought it would possibly, but he would not like to say that it would. He relied on the solution, which should be applied in February or March.

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He wanted it called back from the committee and some action taken that would result in a report being printed before the Legislature convenes next month. He spoke of the condition of the market in that city at present. The Portuguese and other foreign fishermen organized an action before the Legislature and secured a law that gave them a free wharf for their use. That was the result of action and organization, and the fruit growers can do as much if they will organize and work properly. He moved that the subject be called back from the committee.

Motheral said he had formerly favored co-operation, but he had changed his mind and was opposed. You cannot make a farmer out of a merchant, or a merchant out of a farmer. The idea of eliminating the middleman is not practicable and will never work successfully. He had opposed co-operation in his own country, but he had succeeded in getting it. The consequence was that no goods were shipped on consignment and the buyers came and paid cash for the fruit. The farmers have the cash in their pockets and are happy, while the fruit that was consigned by other parties has been thrown on the market and is at a danger that it may bankrupt the men who bought and paid for the fruit, which is not wanted by the producers. When the middlemen came in they bid against each other and the farmer gets the best prices.

Mr. Winter thought the farmer was a fine specimen for the middleman to play on and to get rich on. He is sharper than the farmer and knows more about business and how to handle it. It is his interest to keep the farmer in the dark as to how things really are. The farmer must be educated. He has not sense enough to know his own good. He does not hang together with his fellows. Why can he not sell from his warehouse as well as from his door? The speaker told how want of unity had cost the Alameda growers several hundred thousand dollars.

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A Mr. Berg, who claimed that he had discovered a method of shipping fruit to the East without using ice, addressed the convention.

PRUNE CULTURE. Mr. Gordon of San Jose read an essay on "Prune Culture for Commercial Purposes."

He spoke of his paper read before a previous convention, four years ago, in which he advised all to keep out of the business who did not possess all the necessary qualifications to succeed and said that time had proved the wisdom of his advice. He read figures to prove his position. Less prune trees have been planted since that time and the fall in prices brought down by the planting of trees in unsuitable places, which produced inferior fruit, and the falling off in the importation of foreign prunes have wrought a great change.

The placing of inferior prunes on the market has forced the Santa Clara growers to adopt a trade mark for their production. There is one thing that the growers have to learn and that is, not to sell goods on consignment. It is better to sell goods for cash, f. o. b., and avoid all disputes and misunderstanding. Then you have the money in your pocket and no uncertainty as to prices to be obtained.

Prune your trees when young to give them good strong stocks and limbs. Prune them when old for the purpose of thinning them out, and it will pay you well.

Prunes have been found equal to barley as a feed for hogs, and produces far more pounds to the acre. Hogs fed on prunes and alfalfa will produce hams equal to the best Westphalia, and which bring the highest prices. The experiment of shipping prunes in sacks proved disastrous and they are now shipped in boxes. If put up in attractive shape in boxes, with known trade marks, they will do more to solve the question of over-production than any other one thing.

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Frank Wickwire has removed his hardware shop to 1114 Second St. K. and L. Alex. Holmes, Photo Studio, 1306 10th. Pasteur germ proof filter. 821 K.

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Rev. Lewis De Lew Fatally Attacked Yesterday.

The many friends of Rev. Lewis De Lew were shocked and pained yesterday morning when the sad news reached them of his death a few hours before.

Mr. De Lew was seemingly in his usual health when he retired on Wednesday night, but was suddenly and fatally attacked by illness about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and soon expired.

Mrs. De Lew was in San Francisco at the time visiting their daughter, Mrs. Henry Beamer, but there were other members of the family at home, and everything possible was done for Mr. De Lew's relief. Mrs. De Lew and Mrs. Beamer received the heart-breaking news of his death by telegraph in time to take the morning train for this city.

Deceased was but 51 years of age. For nearly two years past he has been rector of the Episcopal Church in Woodland, Yolo County, though the family home was in this city. After the departure of Rev. G. A. Ottmann he officiated on several occasions in St. Paul's Church here. He was a native of Holland, and was educated at Titch, Leyden and Oxford. He came to the United States in 1871, as a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, in which he served at Detroit, Mich., subsequently uniting with the Episcopal Church. His labors were confined to Michigan, Maryland, Oregon and California.

The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, 1922 H street.

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NEW TO-DAY. LECTURE ASSOCIATION TO-NIGHT. THE OPENING ENTERTAINMENT of the Lecture Association will be given by the Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartet of Chicago, at the Congregational Church TO-NIGHT. Season tickets, \$1. Are now on sale at the book store, and several drug stores, and will be sold at the door this evening.

GRAND COURSING MEETING. AGRICULTURAL PARK, SUNDAY, - - DECEMBER 6, 1896. Admission, 25c. Ladies free.

AUCTIONS. AUCTION SALE OF HARNESS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 10 o'clock a. m., at 415 J Street, will sell the harness of the Both stock of Harness, Whips, Robes and Blankets. Terms cash. BELL & CO., Auctioneers.

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WANTED. HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF ALL KINDS, Furniture, Carpets, Crockery, Stoves and in fact anything you may have to sell. Call on me and I will give you the highest cash price for same. Remember I will have our regular auction sales every Wednesday and Saturday at old stand, 927 K street. J. L. SAUNDERS, Auctioneer.

AN INFORMAL RECEPTION. Santa Claus will receive the children of Sacramento and their friends TO-MORROW, 7 a. m. to 10 p. m., at John Breuner's Store to see the most wonderful line of toys in town. GUESS WHAT IT IS—To-morrow we are going to place on special sale something for the little tots, the price to be only 10c. Watch this space to-morrow morning for the name of this fine article. John Breuner 604-606-608 K ST., SACRAMENTO

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