

NOT SELL PEACHES LESS THAN 40c

Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers Association Established Minimum Price at Meeting Yesterday---But Little Change in Board of Directors Over That of Last Year

The stockholders of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers association in annual meeting yesterday in the commercial club rooms set the minimum price on peaches for the coming year at 40 cents per box and instructed the directors of the organization to sell their output with the above price as the minimum.

The meeting throughout was a harmonious one and every stockholder seemed to be satisfied with the record of the past year.

The question of marketing the peach crop met with lively discussion. The question of successfully handling the soft fruit has been the hardest problem for the association to solve. Only a few days means the difference between good fruit and rotten fruit, and in some cases it is only a question of a few hours between a good price and no price at all. It is therefore necessary that markets be established that every man may know that his fruit is sold. The association took upon itself the method of establishing the f. o. b. Wenatchee system instead of the consignment plan, accordingly the fruit will be sold as heretofore, f. o. b. Wenatchee. Some few weeks ago at a special meeting of the directors a committee was appointed to find out how much soft fruit the association would be required to handle. This is made necessary as it is imperative that the directors should know just how much of a crop of peaches it will be required to look after and to make the necessary arrangements before the season opens.

It is recognized, however, that the above action taken by the association yesterday is rather an early one and a meeting of the peach growers will be held later on, when it can be ascertained as to the extent of the crop.

Election of Directors.

The election of directors was held and the directors elected were: P. F. Holcomb, J. H. Blake, Wm. Turner, Wenatchee; Grant Paton and C. B. Clark, Cashmere; C. A. Leedy, Sunnyslope; Harry Shotwell, Monitor; E. T. Balch, Malaga; H. W. Otis, Peshastin.

Following was the vote for the directorate:

Holcomb	2428
Grant Paton	2366
C. B. Clark	2244
E. T. Balch	2211
Wm. Turner	2216
C. A. Leedy	1916
H. W. Otis	1473
Harry Shotwell	1426
C. E. Owens	1225
G. H. Farwell	935
C. A. Huston	527
C. H. Chapman	353
E. C. Long	327
Wm. Edmund	46

The newly elected board will meet in a few days to select a manager for the coming year.

Financial Exhibit.

Secretary Richardson submitted the following statement of resources and liabilities for the year ending December 31:

Bills receivable—notes on hand	\$ 4,530.15
Boxes	235.60
Customers ledger or growers' account	1,748.18
Cashmere accounts—general and cust.	1,459.08
General accounts—good	1,311.76
Cashmere inventory—mdse., spray, material and paper	1,871.16
Cash	2,022.09
Equipment and tools	584.60
Farmers Telephone & Tel. stock	200.00
Merchandise inventory Wenatchee	1,548.04
Merchandise inventory Malaga	187.90
Office fixtures	1,215.45
Paper inventory Wenatchee	1,100.00
Real estate, Wenatchee, Cashmere, Malaga	24,382.58
Total	\$42,396.54

LIABILITIES.

Bills payable	\$ 5,000.00
Mortgage acct., Cashmere	2,500.00
Consigned fruit acct.	2,388.46
General acct., J. O. Naslin	7.25
Working capital	32,500.83
Total	\$42,396.54

SEATTLE PEOPLE COMING

A. Z. WELLS SAYS SEATTLE WILL BE REPRESENTED ON DEDICATION DAY—ARCTIC CLUB EXTENDS COURTESIES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Wells returned last night from a week's stay in Seattle. Mr. Wells states that he talked with at least 50 prominent people of Seattle who state that they are going to be here at the dedication of the new commercial club. Most of them will be accompanied by their wives and will come in a special car. While in Seattle he was taken by a friend to the Arctic club for lunch. The officers of the club made it very pleasant for him and asked him to state to the members of the local club that the courtesies of that club are open to all members in good standing of the Wenatchee club. On the bulletin board in the Arctic club is the announcement of the dedication of the Wenatchee Commercial club and that organization will send a good representation here on February 11. Mr. Wells stated that it makes him, as a business man and pioneer of this city, feel good to visit the outside and hear the many complimentary expressions regarding Wenatchee.

Great Western Realty Co. Sells Lots.

The Great Western Realty company reports the sale of the George H. Perry place, on Poplar street, to Sam Fry, also the sale of three lots in the Wenatchee Bridge addition to Frank Hareen, of Ohio.

ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 14

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SECOND MONDAY IN FEBRUARY.

The annual meeting of the commercial club will occur on the second Monday in February, which is February 14. At this meeting there will be elected a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a board of seven directors. The commercial club greatly appreciates the work of Dr. D. W. King as president and it is likely that he will have no opposition to a reelection. He will not be at home from his visit to the east by the time this meeting is called but there is a very general sentiment in favor of his reelection.

IS BLINDED BY CAYENNE PEPPER

CHIEF CLERK OF HOTEL PORTLAND WAS THE VICTIM OF A DISCHARGED BELL BOY—YOUNG FIEND ESCAPED.

Portland, Feb. 1.—N. G. Thighen, chief clerk of the Hotel Portland, was the victim of a terrible assault today when Sterling Page, a discharged bell boy, threw half a pound of cayenne pepper in his face. The young fiend escaped and has not yet been captured by the police.

Thighen is suffering intense pain and was removed to a nearby drug store and his eyes treated until the pain was alleviated sufficiently to permit his removal to the office of his physician. It is believed his sight will not be destroyed.

William Cressell, the plumber, returned to Ephrata yesterday, where he is doing some work.

TELLS OF VICTORY IN COURT

WOOD RIVER WEEKLY TIMES GIVES THE ACCOUNT OF MRS. KETTLER'S SUIT FOR THE MINE.

The Wood River Weekly Times, printed at Halley, Idaho, has the following story of the legal victory of Mrs. Louis Kettler, who lives at 222 North D street, this city. Mrs. Kettler some time ago disposed of a portion of her interests in the Wenatchee Realty company, of this city, and considerable publicity has been given to the record of the litigation in which the mining property belonging to these parties has been involved. The newspaper account is as follows:

"Mrs. Kettler has won her suit against the owners of the independent group of mines for a portion of one of the claims of that group that is admitted to contain about 15 feet of the ore body developed by the locator, Charles Swanson, and his assigns, the Independence Mining company.

"This much is admitted by Harry J. Allen, who promoted the sale to the company, and who is heavily interested in the ownership of the property.

"The gross value of the ore developed is estimated all the way from one-half to one million dollars.

"But whatever the value, it will not be available to either claimant, as both are tied up by order of the court, and cannot ship any ore from the property until the ownership is finally adjudicated. The United States supreme court will probably be the tribunal that will finally decide the questions at issue. The case may, therefore, drag along in the courts for years. In the meantime we here must be content to see this magnificent property remain unexploited, to the detriment of community and owners alike.

"Notwithstanding this the people of Halley feel like congratulating Mrs. Kettler upon the well-nigh hopeless fight that she made for her rights despite the advice of her best friends. And that fight having been successful they would wish her to enjoy the fruits of her victory without having to withstand the annoyance and expense attendant upon years of contention.

"This is not the first time that Mrs. Kettler has won a fight against great odds. At times—in her water suit, for instance—even her legal counsel advised her to cease litigating, and be content with what she could get without a suit. But she persisted and won her contentions in every case.

"Mrs. Kettler came here twenty-six years ago in the heyday of her youth. She is therefore middle-aged. If the independence is kept in the courts for many years she may not, in the course of things human, live to enjoy the ease that greater wealth might bring her. But her many friends here and elsewhere will wish that she may at least be freed from all further necessity to forcibly uphold her rights and be thus enabled to enjoy her remaining days in peace."

PARIS IS SLOWLY RECOVERING

Paris, Feb. 1.—The Seine fell steadily today at the rate of three-fourths of an inch an hour. Streets which had been closed to traffic in many instances were reopened and in the heart of the city things have resumed more nearly normal appearances. More tramways are in operation as sections of the Subway. It is estimated that more than a quarter of a million persons are affected by floods. The freezing temperature adds misery to the unfortunate. Attempts to resume railroad service before the electrical signal system is restored resulted in a dozen train collisions.

GOVERNMENT TO OWN MAIL CARS

REPRESENTATIVE CAREY WOULD EQUIP COUNTY WITH NATIONALLY OWNED CARS BY 1915—PROTECTION TO SERVICE.

Washington, Feb. 1.—To protect the lives of government postal employees on trains and prevent the loss of mail by fire, Representative Carey of Montana is in favor of the government buying its own mail cars and contracting with the railroads for their hauling. He has introduced a bill which authorizes the postmaster general to proceed with the work of contracting for these cars, put them in use as rapidly as possible and have all railroads fully equipped with them in 1915.

MORTON BUILDING ON ORONDO

ANOTHER THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING FOR ORONDO—ARCHITECT HOWARD E. GRAY HAS PLANS.

Architect Howard E. Gray has the plans for a three-story and basement brick building to be built on Orondo avenue, across the alley from the Reading Room.

The building is to be 25x120, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$22,000.

W. E. Morton, the owner, has not announced any special plans for the occupancy of the building except that it will be for general office purposes.

Railroad Work at Brewster.

The railroad construction at this point is progressing very rapidly. A number of men are engaged in the rock work west of town under Tom Bridges and they are making excellent headway. The big dirt fill is getting along nicely and the big steam shovel can be heard early and late, loading the cars which are hauled to the edge of the bank and dumped on the cement culvert north of town.—Brewster Herald.

TURNED POWER ON TODAY

THE ENTIAT LIGHT & POWER COMPANY IS READY ON SCHEDULE TIME TO DELIVER POWER TO THE CITY

The Entiat Light & Power company is ready on schedule time to deliver power to the city of Wenatchee.

City Engineer Ward accompanied A. E. Wieland to Entiat yesterday and inspected the power plant. Mr. Ward will give a favorable report to the city council tonight.

At present the company is furnishing power to the cannery, city pumping plant and wireless station. The power has been developed heretofore at the cannery power plant, but the Entiat current has been substituted.

The original stipulation was that the power should be delivered on January 1st, 1910, but the company was obliged to take advantage of the strike clause in its agreement with the city, on account of the failure of the railroads to deliver construction and installation supplies on time. As the council did not meet on the Tuesday prior to New Year's day the Entiat company's representative appeared before the council on January 5th and asked for an extension of time to the first of February. The extension was granted and tonight the company will put its report before the council and ask for the franchise.

ANOTHER GREAT MINE DISASTER

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE FOR DEDICATORY SERVICES ANNOUNCED SECURING GOV. HAY AND JUDGE BURKE.

The various committees having in charge the dedicatory services for the new commercial club met last night in the offices of Ira D. Edwards. The plans for the entertainment of the evening and also plans for disposing of the tickets were discussed. Wednesday morning bright and early the town will be divided into districts by the committee and carefully canvassed. It is thought that there will be no difficulty at all in disposing of fully 500 tickets for February 11. The program as arranged for the evening consists of:

Reception.
Address of welcome by Mayor J. A. Gellatly.

Presentation of building by the building committee.

Acceptance of building on behalf of the officers and members by Vice President A. C. Dallach.

Address—Gov. M. E. Hay.
Address—Judge Burke.

Grand ball.

Refreshments.

At the meeting some fears were expressed lest Wenatchee's public did not fully understand the object and purport of the exercises, the opinion having been voiced that the affair was a sort of exclusive function, and meant only for a favored few, as it were; but such is not the fact. The committee, speaking in behalf of the club, desires to have it understood that the exercises incident to the opening and dedication of its new home, are entirely public. The lot upon which the building stands was acquired through a public spirited source, in fact, the club itself is a public spirited community; its furniture will emanate from a like source, in fact, the club itself is a product of true public-spiritedness; so that it follows that the exercises will inure to the entertainment of this same beneficent public. It is an affair not only of the city of Wenatchee, but of the entire Wenatchee valley—a public function; a affair, the affair of every resident of this broad community.

As recited in previous issues of the Daily World, Gov. M. E. Hay and a number of state officials of illustrious note have accepted invitations to be present; a delegation of Seattle boosters as well as a goodly representation from the Arctic club will be here on this occasion of merriment.

Now, in order that any erroneous impressions regarding the exclusiveness and privateness of the dedicatory exercises may be dispelled, it was decided that a canvas be made of the business section of the city to ascertain as near as may be, the number who not only expect to but will attend, and for the further purpose of offering every opportunity to the public to be present there. To this end the following committee was appointed, and will make their round up tomorrow: Messrs. Ansel Griggs, Walter M. Olive, Frank C. Lemon, J. A. Scaman, H. E. Hardesty and C. A. Harlin. These gentlemen will be armed with plenty of tickets, and have been instructed to "never take no for an answer." It is hoped that every man, woman and child will participate in the festivities and help make the 11th not only a gala day but one to be ever remembered in the history of this growing metropolis.

In the event that the committee should, in the course of its strenuous work, overlook a single individual, an invitation is extended to every resident of the entire Wenatchee valley to come and make merry; and application to any member of the committee or to any member of the commercial club will be all that is necessary to assist in the procurement of credentials of admission.

Died.

George W. Russ, of Minden, Neb., uncle of D. L. Garner, died at the residence of his nephew today, at 12:30. Mr. Russ had just arrived from the east a few days ago to take charge of some property that he bought here last fall. Bright's disease was the cause of death. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Primero, Colorado the Scene of the Death of Seventy-nine Miners as a Result of Explosion---Twenty-eight Victims Hauled to the Surface—Difficult to Reach Dead

NEW METAL WORKS PLANT

FISKE & GILLETTE ADD TIN AND SHEET METAL WORKS TO PLUMBING DEPARTMENT—JAS. ROBERSON IN COMPANY.

The well known plumbing firm of Fiske & Gillette has been enlarged in order to include James Roberson, formerly with the Ferguson sheet metal works.

Fiske & Gillette will continue alone in their plumbing business partnership, but have formed a second company including Mr. Roberson for the purpose of manufacturing and selling galvanized cornice and flume pipe, tin roofing, hot-air furnaces, etc.

Both companies will conduct their business from the Fiske & Gillette salesrooms in the Gehr block, 123 Wenatchee Avenue North.

The plumbing stock will be increased in order to give customers the same opportunities for purchasing up to date plumbing supplies that is to be had in the larger cities.

Fiske & Gillette have a record for satisfactory work and have recently installed the plumbing in the high school, Russell building, commercial club and comfort station. Also they have installed the heating plants in the World building and in the Russell-Plough building.

All of the firm members are well known in Wenatchee, having been here for several years.

POST OFFICE SITE WANTED

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR LOCATION FOR POSTOFFICE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

Some time in January, at the suggestion of Postmaster L. M. Hull, a committee for the commercial club was appointed to secure a location for the postoffice for the next five years. The present quarters are inadequate to the needs of a postoffice for a city the size of Wenatchee. The committee was appointed consisting of John F. Webber, Conrad Rose, G. H. Ellis, Jr., A. Z. Wells and E. M. Tupper. The committee has not yet determined as yet upon a recommendation but already has several sites in contemplation and it is likely that something will be agreed upon before the next general meeting of the commercial club. The government has a lease on the present quarters for another year but the owners of the building would be very willing to throw up the lease, as the rental is very low.

THREE KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

PARTY GIVEN BY DENVER MAN IN HONOR OF FIANCEE ENDS IN DEATH OF THREE LAST NIGHT—MAYER CRAZED.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 1.—James A. Baker of New York, Miss Virgil Cain and Mrs. William J. Keating, both of Denver, were killed in an automobile accident last night. They were the guests of Morris Mayer, who had arranged a party in honor of Miss Cain, his fiancée. He was driving at terrific speed when the accident happened. Mayer was thrown clear of his machine and when found several hours later was wandering in a demented condition. Russell Talbot, also of the party, was seriously injured.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Twenty-eight victims of yesterday's explosion in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company of this place have been removed to the surface and it is believed more than 50 are yet to be brought out. The total number of deaths, based on the number of safety lamps not turned in, is 79. The rescuers worked all night, being relieved from time to time by fresh crews. The finding of Donacio Vergen alive has caused renewed energy to be put in the search but it is hardly believed possible that there can be any others who escaped death. It may be days before most of the victims can be reached.

ATTEMPTED N. P. WRECK

TACOMA-PORTLAND PASSENGER TRAIN LAST NIGHT THROWN ONTO BLIND SWITCH AT CHEHALIS.

Tacoma, Feb. 1, 1910.—What appears to be a deliberate attempt to wreck the Northern Pacific passenger train running from Tacoma to Portland occurred last night at Chehalis. The engine ran into an open switch and collided with a string of construction cars occupied by a bridge crew. Only the fact of the train proceeding slowly to the station prevented a disastrous wreck. As was, three of the train crew were hurt. The switches had been thrown for the siding, the lock and switch light removed.

May Abandon Daily Mail Delivery.

Advices from the Entiat are to the effect that there is a possibility of the daily mail service between Entiat and Brief being abandoned. Recently the carrier who has handled the mail for the past year put in a bid for the coming year at \$936. The department has written that it is too high and offered but \$720. There is no one in the Entiat valley who will handle it on the offer of the government and without the proper representations are made to the department it is feared that the daily service will be abandoned. The people in the Entiat valley are very apprehensive on this matter.

Settling Up Geary Estate.

The Geary estate will soon be settled up. The people of this city will remember the tragic taking away of this entire family. The father died of heart disease, the mother and child of blood poisoning. The estate consists of four lots on the corner of Mission and Kittitas valued at approximately \$3,000. John A. Gellatly was appointed administrator on behalf of the heirs of Mr. Geary, whose brother and sister live in the east. Sam Summer, of this city, is attorney for the heirs and this property will be sold at an administrator's sale in the course of a few weeks.

Gets Three Squares Every Day.

The World thought it was publishing a news item yesterday when it stated that Eddie Cramblotte got three "squares" on Saturday. Cramblotte stated to the World today that he gets three "squares" every day of his life, but that what he did get was ten straight "squares." For the benefit of those who do not know the bowling game an explanation is in order, that ten "squares" are much harder to get than three "squares," but Cramblotte broke all records by getting a total of thirteen squares and squares in one day. The match game that was to have been played between the Maxwells and Clerks last night was postponed until tonight. Louis Shreve got the Daily prize with a score of 223.