

FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION.

St. George Gardeners' Club Hall, 10 o'clock a.m., Sat., Aug. 29, 1896. According to notice delegates from various towns and settlements met at the Hall, with fine spread of fruit covering the table.

On motion, L. S. Hemmenway was called to the chair—W. H. Branch elected secretary and Henry Eyring chaplain.

Convention opened by prayer. J. E. Johnson briefly stated the object of the convention, to be for the advancement of fruit growing, to compare fruits and experience, and organize a Rocky Mountain fruit growers' society.

On motion of J. E. Johnson, Resolved; We organize such a society—whereupon J. E. Johnson, W. H. Branch, J. W. Oakley, W. E. Dodge and A. Jackson were appointed a committee to report constitution and by-laws for the government of such association.

W. H. Crawford, John Moody and Joseph Birch, were appointed a committee to report permanent officers for this convention.

Fruit was then examined and discussed.

Recess until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock p.m. Committee on organization reported—President J. E. Johnson, vice-president W. E. Dodge, secretary W. H. Branch, Chaplain H. Eyring.

Report accepted and approved. Committee on constitution and by-laws reported the following:

CONSTITUTION:

1st. This society shall be known as the Rocky Mountain Pomological Society, whose aim shall be, advancement and improvement, in introducing, propagating and producing, all the most choice and useful fruits.

2nd. The officers of said Society shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice-Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Corresponding Secretaries, as the Society may decide to elect.

3rd. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take his place. The Secretary shall keep record of all proceedings and discussions of the Society, the Treasurer shall collect and disburse the funds of the association according to vote of the Society.

4th. By affirmation vote of a majority at any meeting any citizen of this Territory, or States and Territories adjoining, may become a member of this Society by paying the regular membership fee, and otherwise conforming to the rules and regulations of this Society; but no member shall be entitled to any advantages arising from membership, until the annual fee is paid.

5th. The Society shall meet at such time and place as may be decided upon, at the last previous meeting, and the President or vice President, of the place indicated, shall make provisions for said meeting.

6th. An annual convention shall be held at time and place agreed upon at the last previous convention, at which, the officers of the Society shall be elected, exhibition of fruits made and discussed, and new fruits named.

BY-LAWS.

1. A member may be expelled for lack of interest in the subject of Pomology.

2. Membership fees shall be used for incidental expenses.

3. Assessments may be made for importations of rare or valuable trees, vines and cuttings.

4. The Society shall procure a good Pomological library at the earliest practical period.

5. New fruits and those of doubtful identity to be brought forward to the meetings, that their merits may be discussed.

6. The Corresponding Secretary shall open correspondence with the various prominent pomological associations on this Continent, asking reciprocal favors, and journals of discussions, etc.

7. Annual membership fee \$1.00. Life membership fee \$10.00.

Which was re-read, amended, and passed by articles and sections—and passed unanimously.

Thirty names were then given for membership. It was then resolved that we proceed to the election of officers by ballot, which was carried out to effect, and resulted in the election of:

J. E. Johnson, President.

L. S. Hemmenway, Vice Pres.

W. H. Branch, Secretary.

Henry Eyring, Treasurer.

W. H. Crawford, Cor. Sec'y.

And the following Vice Presidents for the various towns and cities were elected viva voce:

For St. Thomas, James Leathard; St. Joseph, Thomas Day; Santa Clara, E. Bunker; Washington, Geo. A. Baker; El Paso, E. K. Fuller; Toquerville, John Nebeker; Virgin, E. J. Neple; Kanab, Rockville, A. P. Winsor; Springdale, A. L. Siler; Dunsmuir, E. J. Neple; Kanab, B. P. Roan; Bellevue, J. H. Johnson; Hamouy, W. D. Pace; Cedar City, J. M. Higbee; Parowan, C. C. Pendleton; Panguitch, C. C. King; Minersville, H. Rolins; Meadow Creek, B. P. Stevens; Nephi, B. P. Stevens; Spring Lake Villa, B. P. Johnson; Payson, J. Springville, E. Whiting; Provo, Peter Stubbs; Battle Creek, H. Walker; American Fork, B. P. Harrington; Lehi, B. P. Evans; Willow Creek, J. Rolins; Cottonwood, S. Richards; Salt Lake City, Geo. B. Wallace.

Other cities and towns wishing Vice-Presidents are requested to report to next Convention.

Resolved; that the first local meeting be held at this Hall on Saturday, Sep. 12, prox.

Resolved; that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Gardeners' Club, for the use of their comfortable Hall.

Fruits were now more thoroughly examined, tested and discussed.

The show was very creditable and extensive and will be described elsewhere.

At 6 o'clock, on motion, Resolved; to adjourn to meet at this place on the first Saturday in September, 1896, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

J. E. JOHNSON, Pres't.

W. H. Branch, Sec'y.

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