

Idaho Horticultural Society.

The Idaho State Horticultural Society was organized at Boise, January 24, 1895. The officers are as follows:

President, J. J. Toole, of Payette.

Vice President, Robert Schliecher, of Lewiston.

Secretary, Professor Robert Milliken, of Nampa.

Treasurer, I. P. Marcellus, of Boise.

Trustee, first district, M. J. Weisels, of Lewiston; second, V. D. Hannah, Weiser; third, to be filled.

The following is a copy of the constitution adopted:

"Article 1. This association shall be known as the Idaho State Horticultural Society.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be the advancement of the science and art of horticulture.

Article 3. Its membership shall consist of annual members paying a fee of \$1 each annually, of life members, paying a fee of \$10, and of honorary members, who shall be persons only of distinguished merit in horticulture

and shall be elected to membership by a vote of the society, provided, however, that ladies attending the meetings of the society shall be admitted to membership without fee and one duly accredited delegate from any district, county or local society, or fruit growers association shall be entitled to annual membership without payment of the usual fee. All annual or semi-annual memberships shall expire with the close of the annual or semi-annual meeting succeeding their enrollment.

Article 4. Its officers shall consist of a president, vice-president secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the society, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year or until their successors shall be chosen. They shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers, and shall be ex-officio members of the board of trustees, consisting of the above named officers, and three other members who shall be elected by ballot upon recommendations from the different districts at the annual meeting.

and their offices for the date of their term as hereinafter

provided. The state is hereby divided into three districts and one of the aforementioned trustees shall be elected from each of the three districts, as follows: The member elected from district No. 1, consisting of Kootenai, Shoshone, Latah, Nez Perce and Idaho counties, shall serve for one year. The member elected from district No. 2, consisting of Washington, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore, Owyhee and Cassia counties, shall serve for two years. The member elected from district No. 3, consisting of Logan, Alturas, Custer, Lemhi, Fremont, Bingham, Bannock, Bear Lake and Oneida counties shall serve for three years. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected a member to succeed the one whose term expires at that time. The board of trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in the offices provided for by this article of the constitution, and any officer so appointed shall hold his office until the next succeeding annual meeting, or until his successor is chosen by the society.

Article 5. The society shall hold an annual meeting in the month of January and a semi-annual meeting in the growing season of each year, at such place and on such date as the society or the board of trustees may direct.

Article 6. The secretary or the treasurer of this society shall have authority to appoint a deputy for their respective offices, who may, under the direction of their principal, and in his name, perform all of the duties pertaining to said offices, said principals being responsible for the official acts of said deputies.

Article 7. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-third vote of the members present."

It was decided the society should hold its annual meetings during the month of January each year and other meetings during the fruit growing season as often as may be deemed beneficial.

Payette was unanimously agreed upon as the place for the next meetings which will be held the third week in September.

There Is Money In This.

40 acres, ¼ mile from Caldwell postoffice, permanent water right. Good soil and excellent location for fruits, vegetable, dairy or poultry farm. Price \$600. See

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SOMETHING ABOUT A LIVE TOWN

In a Good Country. Caldwell and Canyon County Fill the Bill.

So many inquiries are coming to us regarding Caldwell and its surrounding country, that we have concluded to ask for a page in the GEM STATE RURAL in order to answer these inquiries, and at the same time, to give some general information about the town and tributary region.

CALDWELL.

The stirring young city is the county seat and commercial centre of Canyon county, which is one of the best counties to be found in the Pacific Northwest.

It is located near the Boise river and on the Oregon Short Line Railway, midway between Salt Lake and Portland, at an altitude of 2300 feet above sea level.

It has a population of about 1400 people, and is steadily growing. At the present time several brick business houses are being built, others are in contemplation, and numerous residences are also under way.

CLIMATE.

The climate is uniformly mild, cyclones, blizzards, sun-strokes and v. extremes of temperature being unknown. This is due to the modifying influence of surrounding mountains and the warm currents from the Pacific ocean.

The average mean temperature of the Boise Valley is about 51 degrees. The number of clear days in 1894 was 146, fair days 126 and of cloudy days 90. Average annual rainfall for 10 years, 13 inches. Thermometer seldom reaches zero in winter, and the summer heat is never sweltering and oppressive, besides the nights are uniformly cool. The city has always been and is now remarkably free from severe and fatal types of diseases.

RESOURCES.

The city is in the very heart of the great fruit, hop and farm belt of southwestern Idaho, and is also the trading and distributing point for one of the best mining and stock regions of the west. Some 50 miles to the south are the famous DeLamar and Silver City mining districts, for which Caldwell is largely the supply point, as it is for the new and most promising West View, or Willow creek mining district, 25 miles northeast, which can be reached by very easy grades only from Caldwell.

Rich and extensive deposits of placer gold are found tributary to the town along the Snake, Boise and Payetts rivers.

From 300,000 to 400,000 sheep graze on the ranges within reach

of the town, which make it the shipping point for from one and one-half to two million pounds of wool annually. Large horse and fat-cattle shipments aggregating many hundreds of car loads are also sent from here each year. Two of the leading pork packing houses of the state being located here, will afford a market for thousands of hogs annually, and the big fruit orchards that are being planted in every direction from the town, must make it an important fruit shipping point.

Fifty miles to the north begin the great timber regions of the state, which embrace thousands of square miles of pine and cedar forests, not excelled on the continent. Large quantities of this timber are utilized and shipped by the enterprising lumber dealers of Caldwell.

Extensive, but as yet little developed, coal lands are within a days drive of the town. With the advent of better transportation facilities, these will be fully opened up.

A COMMANDING LOCATION

The city has a commanding location, not only as a trade center and distributing point, but is an admirable sight for smelters and reduction works. A glance at the surrounding mineral regions will readily show this.

It is also so located with reference to topography and grades, as to reasonably assure the building through the town of both continental and branch or connecting lines of railway. Some of these are now being promoted with most encouraging prospects for success.

Fully one million acres of the richest kind of irrigable land lie in close proximity to Caldwell—Canyon county alone having nearly half a million acres that cannot be excelled for productiveness and general excellence. This too, is a general purpose soil. Nearly all of the farm crops known to the temperate zone, flourish on it, and the fruits like the apple, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, pear, plum, prune and the small fruits, are equally at home here. More than this, most of them grow to a perfection seldom found in other states.

The hop and sugar beet also find the very elements in the soil that not only insure productiveness, but crops of the highest quality.

IRRIGATION.

Canyon county is not only blessed with land and climate of unrivaled excellence, but she has a water supply for irrigation and domestic purposes, that must insure for her wealth and permanent prosperity. With ample water for irrigation, the liability to crop failure is reduced to the minimum. Canyon county commands water for this purpose from three great