

RATLIFF CHOSEN TWENTIETH TIME

Will Serve Horticultural Society As Secretary During the Coming Year.

CROP REPORTS ARE MADE.

CORN OF THIS YEAR HAS GREAT FATTENING VALUE—PROSPECTS GOOD FOR BIG FRUIT CROP NEXT YEAR.

Officers were elected, reports were received from committees and considerable other business transacted by the Wayne County Horticultural society yesterday afternoon. It was the final meeting of the year. The attendance was large and the business was of unusual importance. It was reported that the corn of the past season was doubly equal in fattening value to that of a year ago. It was declared that the dry weather and short fruit crop of this year will tend to promote better returns next year.

Caleb King reported as chairman of the agricultural committee that conditions in this county are improving. He gave a general summary including wheat, corn, grasses and live stock. He declared that all things considered the farmers have enjoyed a very prosperous year. He called attention to the high prices for raw products that now are being paid to substantiate his statements.

Wheat Crop Prospects.

The condition of wheat indicates at the present time that the crop will be about 70 per cent of the average. The prospects of the grain are the poorest on black soil. This soil is nutritious but dries out quickly. The past fall has been remarkably free from rain and for this reason this kind of soil has not supplied the required amount of moisture to the wheat.

Owing to the lack of green food, the grass having been exhausted months ago, the live stock that now is being marketed in this county, is only of second rate quality. The long drought practically parched the ground and cattle had to be fed dry foods the same as in the mid-winter. The remarks of Mr. King were supplemented by those of other members of the society.

Good Fruit Prospects.

The dearth of fruit production last season and the long dry weather combined to produce strong woods that will be excellent advantage to the fruit crop of next season, according to the report of Nathan Garwood. The wood will be stronger and better to produce fruit. The sap will be of better quality, also. These facts make the prospects for a good fruit crop next year unusually good. It was unfortunate that the dry weather came just when the strawberries were "setting" explained Mr. Garwood. The runners of the plants failed to take root and spread out over as large an area as is customary. As a consequence the rows will be found very narrow next season and the plants massed together very compactly.

Other reports which proved of interest to the society members were read and discussed. The members agreed the organization has enjoyed a prosperous year, although the hand of death and misfortune has been felt.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Jesse Stevens, president; Thomas Elleman, vice president; W. S. Ratliff, secretary; Wallace Reynolds, corresponding secretary; T. E. Kenworthy, treasurer. It was the twentieth annual election of Walter Ratliff as secretary. This honor is quite remarkable.

Announcement was made that the new executive committee will meet two weeks from yesterday to prepare the annual program for the meetings. The committeemen assigned to select speakers will report at this time. The address of the president will be given at the next regular meeting of the society in January. The members of the committee are Mesdames Hannah Grave, Mary Dickinson, Essie Burgess, Eliza Stevens, Radna Runnels, Leonora Noble, Sylvia Wissler, Laura Kitson and Jennie Kuth; Messrs. W. Reynolds, Steven Kuth, Caleb King, Isaac Dougan, Nathan Garwood and Thomas Elleman. The president is a member ex officio.

FALLING TREE HITS GREENSFORK MAN

George Richardson Has Narrow Escape From Death.

Greensfork, Ind., Dec. 12.—On Saturday morning Jesse Horney and Geo. Richardson were cutting timber south of town. They sawed one tree and tapped back for it to fall, but in falling, the tree struck a stump and rebounded, striking Mr. Richardson, eyeing him to the ground. He was bruised, but no bones were broken. In a third Then Silence Fell, fighting earnestly they had argued can mangle him about the way in the pole world would be destroyed. After weary hours they had set their theories. Finally they had asked the opinion of Abe Hartley, who, among them had alone remained silent. Taking pipe from his mouth for one moment, he answered: "they will probably be talked to death." And in Telegraph.



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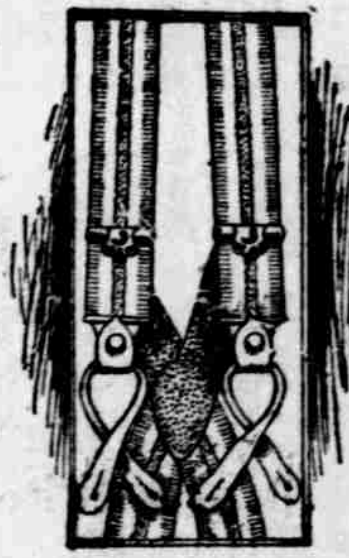
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