

C. OF COMMERCE TO TANGLE WITH ORCHARD PROBLEM

The directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce met yesterday at luncheon at the Hotel Medford and transacted a mass of detailed business incident to the membership expansion campaign which resulted in placing new problems before the organization because of the large increase of members.

An election of directors was ordered and this will take place as soon as the clerical work connected with the preparation of same can be completed.

An amendment to the by-laws was ordered submitted to the members at the annual meeting whereby the annual dues will be reduced from \$25 to \$12.50.

The resignation of Benj. C. Sheldon as a director was accepted and as the time for the election is so close at hand the board did not appoint anyone to fill his place.

The payment of an attorney fee for the preparation of the protest against the reopening of the Medford Rate Case as requested by the California Public Service Commission was allowed. The reopening of this case was denied and the reduced rates will go into effect on the 24th of April.

Pre-campaign complaints by orchardists that no effort was being made by the chamber to attract people here for the purpose of developing the orchard possibilities and that nothing was being done toward helping the orchardists to solve their marketing problem were given consideration and it was decided that as soon as convenient for the orchardists the board will meet with them and discuss their difficulties in an endeavor to find a solution for same.

While the directors were in session the application for membership of Jesse Winburn of Ashland was handed to them which brought up the total number of members to 643.