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A RICH ORCHARD.

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From the Salem Pacific Homestead—
"Snowy Butte" orchard, owned by Olwell Bros., adjoins the city limits of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon. They had about \$40,000 in cash and good notes, and in 1889 purchased 300 acres of land for which they paid \$15,000 cash. One hundred and sixty acres were set to apples and winter pears—150 acres being set to apples. There were 5000 Spitzenbergs, 1500 Newtowns, 1500 Gravensteins, 1500 Ben Davis, 500 Winesaps, 100 Petite prunes, 500 Winter Nellies and 400 trees of Swar, Red Astrachans, Red Cheek Pippins and Bartlett's. The trees cost them \$40 per thousand and there were 12,000 trees in the orchard. The land is what might be called heavy, and is very dark. It was nine years before the trees came into bearing. Had the land been lighter they would have come into bearing two years earlier, but the trees would not have lasted so long. Between the rows of trees was grown corn and watermelons which, for the first three or four years, paid for caring for the orchard. The amount was decreased each year as the trees got larger and discontinued altogether after the fifth year.

The land requires constant cultivation until the middle of July, hence a crop requiring cultivation can just as well be grown for the first few years. One year sixty acres were devoted to watermelons.

When the land was purchased there were no buildings of any kind on it. Buildings had to be constructed, horses and machinery had to be purchased. When the trees came into bearing in 1897, of course there was only a small crop produced—about 2400 boxes; they had used up the entire \$40,000. This partial crop was sold f. o. b. the cars at Central Point for 90 cents per box. Since that the average crop has been 35 carloads, or 21,000 boxes, per year. Some years more and some years less. In 1898 they were offered 75 cents per box f. o. b. cars at Central Point for common varieties and \$1.10 for fancy grades and had they sold would have netted about \$8000. This was when they were just beginning to see "daylight" in the orchard business. They were then inexperienced in the marketing of fruits and held the crop thinking that prices would advance in late winter. Early in March they shipped the bulk of the crop to New York which reached there about five days after the fruit held in cold storage had been put upon the market and prices were away down. They would have been better off had they never harvested their fruit. Yet, as one of them remarked to the writer, "It was probably worth to us all it cost, as it taught us a lesson."

The net profits on the farm were for 1899, \$6000; 1900, \$12,000; and for 1901, \$20,000.

For the best care of a large bearing orchard it will cost per year from \$15 to \$25 per acre; this is for cultivation, spraying, pruning, thinning, etc. The cost for picking, packing, wrapping, etc.—that is from the tree to the car where the station or siding is near the orchard—is from 25 to 30 cents per box. The paper alone for one year's crop will cost about \$1000, boxes \$1800, and nails \$150. This will give some idea of the cost of a large commercial orchard. Pickers are paid \$1 per day and board. Picking season lasts for about three weeks and from 40 to 80 pickers are employed—50 being the average. The packing is done by girls. Employ about sixteen who are experienced. It takes about two years

to become an expert packer; some never can become expert in that line.

The apples are picked off the trees by hand, placed in what are called orchard boxes and hauled to the packing house on long racks with springs under them, 60 to 70 boxes being hauled at each load, and they are stacked up. The red varieties are run through a polisher and are assorted into two sizes. The polisher is made by fastening brushes on a wheel, there being a circular strip upon which brushes are also fastened, all being attached to springs. The wheel is revolved quite rapidly, the apples passing through between the bushes on the wheel and those attached to the circular strip which gives them a glossy appearance. The imperfect apples are set aside. The perfect apples are then wrapped in fruit paper, each piece having the advertisement of the orchard, and packed in standard boxes. The green-colored varieties are assorted, wrapped, and packed, but not polished.

A good packer under favorable conditions can wrap and pack from 40 to 50 boxes per day of eleven hours. Ordinarily they pack from 25 to 30 boxes. The boxes are lined with paper, a blue cardboard is placed between each layer and in top and bottom of the box. The art in filling a box is in building it up as each variety of apples is placed in differently.

Immediately after packing the apples are shipped in car load lots. Newtowns go to the English markets, Spitzenbergs to the large cities of the east, Ben Davis and Red Cheeked Pippins usually to the southern states, and some to Alaska. If any of the crop is held it is not advisable to pack until ready for shipment. Apples for the English market are billed to London but if, when they reach New York, the market in London is not what is desired the apples are put in cold storage at New York to await an advance in the London market. If there is a considerable amount the cost of cold storage is 5 cents per box per month.

Fruit that is sold in London is sold at auction at 9 a. m., and by reason of the difference in time a cablegram is sometimes received at 8:30 a. m. at Central Point announcing the price for which it was sold at 9 a. m. the same day.

The Olwell Bros. have built up a reputation for honesty of pack hence they sometimes sell ten thousand dollars' worth of fruit on a telegraphic order. The buyer knows that he will get just what he orders, and the seller knows that the buyer will be pleased.

When they begin hand pumps were used and the spraying of 160 acres became quite a problem especially when men refused to work when asked to operate the pumps. Finally they made a gasoline engine, which operated the pump and also the agitator, and placed it on a wagon. Three men with one machine will spray about 400 trees per day. The spraying is thoroughly done, every apple is covered, and the tree after it has been sprayed has the appearance of having been washed.

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A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The native runners postman of Natal are strikingly picturesque when on business bent. With their sandaled feet and headress of dried leaves, which rattle as they run, and a military greatcoat, underneath which is a garment called the mucetu, they travel for miles at a jog trot at four miles an hour and receive as payment \$5 a month.

Most men know that corn, less than any other of our cereal crops, depletes the fertility of the soil on which it is grown, yet not all know why this is. Corn to a greater extent than any other cereal is carbonaceous or fat producing, and as this carbon element is all derived from the sun and air the crop therefore draws lightly on the soil.

The study of curl leaf in Italian prunes is the subject of a trip on which Prof. Cordley, of the Oregon Experiment Station, has just started through Southern Oregon. He is to go as far south as Ashland. Much work on the disease has been done in the station laboratories, and it is hoped that ultimately the cause of the trouble may be discovered and a remedy applied.—Pacific Homestead.

The United States government is spending \$10,000,000 annually for the furtherance of agricultural interests. Every state in the United States has an experiment station for the investigation of agricultural problems. Agricultural colleges are teaching the "new science" of farming and it is proposed to establish a rustic kindergarten in every school by teaching "nature study" and primary agriculture to the little folks.—Pacific Homestead.

"Nothing new under the sun," said the preacher. Yet many people think that he did not foresee the bicycle. Nevertheless, Mr. Yang Yu, late Chinese minister to this country, declares that they used bicycles in the Flowery kingdom twenty centuries ago. He adds that their manufacturer was finally prohibited by the Emperor because the Chinese women rode so constantly that they neglected their families and domestic duties. This bit of satire indicates that Mr. Yang Yu has attained a very intelligent appreciation of occidental humor during his residence in this country.

What is stated to be the oldest ship in the world has recently been sold at Tenerife to be broken up. This is the Italian ship Anita, registered at the port of Genoa. The Anita, which resembled Christopher Columbus' ship, the Santa Marie, was built in Genoa in 1548, and effected her last voyage at the end of March, 1902, from Naples to Tenerife, five or six months ago. The Anita was of tremendously stout build, and had weathered countless storms and tornadoes all over the world, but it was also the slowest ship afloat, taking 205 days on one voyage from Baltimore to Rio de Janeiro.

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