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**AN ACRE OR TWO OF PEARS.**

A good illustration in what young pear orchards will yield when properly cared for is shown by the returns from the Hillcrest orchard.

In Bartletts, 440 7-year-old trees, covering 5.86 acres, yielded 1489 boxes, or 3.38 boxes per tree, or 253.92 boxes per acre, which netted an average per box of \$1.93 or a net return of \$490.40 per acre. All expenses did not exceed \$50 an acre, leaving a profit of \$440 per acre.

In Howells, 342 7-year-old trees, covering 4.56 acres, yielded 1393 boxes, 4.07 boxes to the tree, 305.48 boxes to the acre. The average net returns were \$2.35 per box, or \$3273.55, at the rate of \$717.88 per acre. The cost per acre is estimated by the owner at \$50, making the net profit \$667.88 per acre.

What an old pear orchard will do is shown by the yield of the Buckeye orchard, near Talent, owned by W. G. Estep. From eight acres of Bartletts, Mr. Estep grossed in New York and Chicago, \$10,750, or \$7000 net, a profit of \$850 an acre.

Fred Hopkins' Snowy Butte orchard at Central Point is also an example of what pears will do in the Rogue River valley. From 16 1-2 acres, \$2000 worth of Bartletts and fall butter pears were marketed, and \$15,000 worth of Winter Nelis pears sold, a total of \$17,000 for 16 1-2 acres or over \$1000 an acre.

When complete, records from the Burrell, Bear Creek, Gore and other orchards will be found to exceed even these figures, each having pear orchards whose net yield approximates \$1500 an acre.

As not over 2000 acres of the 50,000 acres planted around Medford are in bearing, and as this fractional bearing acreage is in most instances paying all expenses for caring for the entire planted acreage and in addition making money for the owner, the above figures offer a suggestion of what the profits to local fruitgrowers will be within a few years, but to realize the fullest returns, fruitmen must co-operate in all the essential details of the business. Uniform pack and systematic marketing are as essential to the pear and apple industry as to the citrus fruit industry of California.

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**EVOLUTION IN NATURE OF CROPS**

**West and East May Reverse Their Places in Regard to Growing of Products.**

(William E. Curtis.)  
 MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 29.—An extraordinary evolution is going on in the business of farming; or, perhaps, it would be more accurate to call it a readjustment of crops, and it would not be surprising if the people of the United States, within a few years, became dependent upon the farmers of New England, New York and other eastern states for their beef, mutton and poultry, and upon the farmers of the west for their fruits, breadstuffs and pork. Land is becoming so valuable out west that range cattle are unprofitable. They cost more than they come to, and that is no doubt the principal reason for the advance in the price of beef. The great ranches are being cut up into small farms and sowed to grain, vegetables and alfalfa. The so-called abandoned farms of New Hampshire and other parts of New England and New York state, however, are capable of raising plenty of the best kind of stock and will produce plenty of hay, alfalfa and corn, which are the best forage, both for dairy and beef cattle. These farms will also produce sheep both for mutton and wool at a less cost than most of the ranches in the far west, and the convenience of city markets gives them a great advantage, although, so far as markets are concerned, the demand for all kinds of farm produce is quite as great and the prices for vegetables, eggs, poultry, butter and other staples are higher out here than they are in New England.

That seems strange, but as you know, it has always been the rule for ranchmen with 5000 cattle to use condensed milk, and the planter of 10,000 acres of corn to buy his cornmeal and bacon. That rule still applies throughout the West pretty generally. The owners of the magical orchards I have been writing about pay 35 and 40 cents a dozen for eggs, 40 and 50 cents a pound for butter, 25 and 30 cents a pound for chickens and corresponding prices for potatoes and other vegetables, which one would think they would raise themselves. All farm products in this land of ideal farming command as high prices at the village stores as as they bring at the fashionable markets in New York and Boston. I have been solemnly assured that regular shipments of cold storage eggs and poultry and butter are made every winter from Kansas and Nebraska to the farming communities on the Pacific coast. This seems absurd but similar conditions prevail in the cotton belt of the gulf states, in the sugar and rice districts of Louisiana, and to a certain degree in the corn belt of Illinois and Iowa, and for similar reasons.

A man who is making \$600 or \$700 an acre by growing fruit is not inclined to putter around a chicken coop. It is too much trouble and he explains that he does not keep chickens and cows because if he did he would have to raise food for them, and hire a man to take care of them, and keep up his place during the whole year; whereas he can go to the grocery whenever he wants eggs, or butter or poultry, condensed cream that comes in tins is just as good as that which is skimmed from the milk can in the dairy; there is no bother about chicken diseases or sick cows, and when the fruit is picked and the orchards are harrowed, the farmer can shut up his house and go east for the winter.

This is not the only explanation of the reason for refusing to do diversified farming, but it illustrates the independence of the "one crop" farmer. Nearly all the large orchard men remain on their places only during the fruit season. They come in the spring and they go in the fall and they simply camp out in the meantime.

That is not a good thing for the country, but I do not see how you are going to help it.

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**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**  
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FOR SALE—Cheap, solid black walnut bureau and commode; walnut leather covered settee and chair; walnut wardrobe; walnut upholstered chairs; oak dining chairs and rockers; kitchen cabinet; table, refrigerator; tubs, boiler, irons, Granite cooking utensils, crocks and gallon jars, bowls and pitchers, iron bed, mattress and springs. 213 S. Central avenue. 177

FOR SALE—Last chance for lot at P. & E. junction. See Eastman today. 173

FOR SALE—Some good young work mules. Inquire at People's meat market. F. S. Miller. 177

FOR SALE—Full blood Scotch coolie, male, tan color, full white collar, feet and front. 213 S. Central avenue. 177

FOR SALE—Simplex shopping bags, Duplex shopping bags, Triplex shopping bags. Sub-agents wanted. 213 S. Central ave. 177

WANTED—4 men for trip to Lakeview by team; fare each, going, \$20, round trip \$27. Paul De Ana, corner Central ave. and Main 177

If you knew as much about the Cadillac as is known by those who own them, it would be "A Cadillac for yours." 173

All Marriages Are Love Marriages.  
 "Was it a love marriage, do you think?"  
 "Certainly. All marriages are love marriages."  
 "Isn't that rather a sweeping statement?"  
 "Not at all. There is a love of adventure, you know; love of luxury, love of advertising and various other kinds of love. There is no need of going into details when one speaks of a love marriage."—Chicago Post.

As to Luck.  
 "I wonder if anybody's as unlucky as I am," crumbled the first pessimist.  
 "I never have any luck at all."  
 "Huh!" snorted the other. "You're lucky. It's better to never have any luck at all than to be always having bad luck like me."—Philadelphia Press

The Average.  
 "Pa, what's an average man?"  
 "One who thinks his employer's business would be run a good deal better if he could have more to say in the matter himself."

Always Picking.  
 An amusing story is told of the answer given by a London waltz to a Salvation Army captain. The zealous officer had asked the boy what work he did to provide him with food, etc., and the reply was, "I pick strawberries in the summer, I pick hops in the autumn, I pick pockets in the winter, and oakum for the rest of the year."

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