

east," he promised that, when he got home, he would write out his experience. I put it into the following shape: "Had cash in hand, \$652.75; bought thirty-five acres of land, three miles from railway, for \$11 an acre; \$200 cash, balance on time; two years, at ten per cent. interest. The land was ready for cultivation, except six acres, timber and brush. I built a fair box house for \$215; team and harness cost \$260; paid \$150 down, and balance on time. Bought one cow and calf and two pigs, at a cost of \$56. After buying a little food, seed grain, garden seeds, etc., my money was almost gone. In the month of September, I worked thirteen days for a neighbor, for which he paid me \$30, half the amount in such things as I needed for my family table, a few chickens, fruit trees and a sheep. Balance of month, worked my own place, garden and fields, getting ready for the season of 1886. During the winter season, and up to April 1st, I worked eighty-six days, for which I received \$114.50. The balance of the time I was working about home. I then planted my crop, only reserving a six-acre pasture lot for my team and cow and sheep. After my own crop was in, took my team and worked for my neighbors, for which I received in all about \$25. After my own harvest, I worked away from home, and saved up about \$65 during the balance of the first year. Here is a recapitulation of that year:

Cash.....	\$652 75
Payment on Land.....	200 00
House.....	215 00
Team.....	150 00
Cow, Calf, Sheep, Pigs.....	56 00
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DEBTS.	\$621 00
On Land.....	\$185 00
Team.....	110 00
Interest.....	40 00
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	\$335 00

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Labor, Sept.....	\$ 30 00
" winter.....	114 50
" spring.....	25 00
" harvest.....	65 00
Crop in garden.....	9 80
Eggs.....	4 50
Butter.....	11 50
Oats, from eight acres.....	66 00
Wheat.....	93 00
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	\$419 30
In acct. paid debts.....	335 00
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Balance in hand.....	\$84 30

"During this year, I planted about one and a half acres of orchard, mixed fruits; I have small berries growing in every nook and corner, and I have increased such of my poultry and stock as my wife and boy can take care of during my absence from home."

In a close enterprise like this, care must, of course, be taken of trifles; everything being made to count. This case illustrates what can be done by an industrious, thrifty, small farmer. It can be done in a thousand places in southern, western and eastern Oregon. It is not a matter of geography. It is a matter of pluck, of grit, of self-denial on commencing. If a man lacks that—and so many new-comers do—it means their drawing back and going away from just such good results as we have presented. At the end of three or four years, when this man's orchard has commenced to bear, and his stock has increased, his poultry yard filled up, and the rate of yield of his soil increased under the influence of his methods of farming, he will, without any outside labor, during the last year of the four, from settlement, have an annual income of about \$500.00, everything all paid up, and his house and outbuildings greatly enlarged. Paying cash for what he buys at the store; giving of his substance toward the