

FARM & GARDEN

MUSKMELON VARIETIES.

Results of a Test—Several kinds illustrated and described. Farmers and the general public appear to be taking a great interest in muskmelons. Very apropos, therefore, is Professor Rane's report of his experimental work with this fruit at the New Hampshire station. Of 96 varieties tested a number are illustrated:



VARIETIES OF MUSKMELONS.

- 61. Netted Nutmeg. Fairly productive, dark green; flavor, sweet; flesh, green.
62. Large Black Pig. Many vines, few fruit; flesh, green; size, 8 by 12 inches.
63. Anne Arundel. Flesh, green; size, 6 by 8 1/2 inches.
64. Atlantic City. Dark background, netted and ribbed; flesh, green; medium productiveness; size, 6 by 10 inches.
65. Improved Jenny. A typical dark green Hackensack, 5 1/2 inches in diameter, lightish green; flesh of fair quality.
66. Acme. Dark green, 4 by 4 1/2 inches; flesh, green; productive.
67. Citron. Dark green, all sizes, productive, rather late; flesh, salmon.
68. Ward's Nectar. Dark, 3 1/2 inches in diameter, fairly productive, but few ripened; flesh, green.
69. McCotter's Pride. Large vines, fruit irregular, orange red flesh, not very productive, late last season.
70. Shippers' Delight. Vines small, but productive, fruit 3 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches, good quality; flesh, green.
71. Ivy Green. Medium size, yellow flesh, skin light color, good quality, not very productive last season.
73. Golden Eagle. Size, 5 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches; shallow ribbed, heavily netted.
74. Arlington Nutmeg. Size, 8 by 8 1/2 inches; deep ribbed, netted; flesh, pale yellow.
75. Honey Drop. Dark green, smooth ribbed; size, 5 1/2 by 6 inches; resembles orange somewhat; flesh, yellow to salmon, good quality.
76. Cusshah. Nine to 11 inches long by 2 1/2 to 3 inches broad, darkish in grooves; flesh, green; a good melon.
77. Bismah. Smooth, grayish melon, 4 1/2 by 5 inches. Too late for market.
78. Hero of Lookout. Very late to mature. Size, 4 1/2 by 6 inches.
79. Conqueror of Europe. But two fruit matured. Size, 6 by 7 inches; dark green.
80. Noted Gem. Small, green fleshed, ripens early and is very productive.
81. Queen of All. Flesh, salmon; ripens rather late.
82. Nectar of Angela. Size, 7 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches; yellow when ripe; flesh, pale yellow; flavor, not very sweet.



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- 83. No. 555. Round, smooth, netted, dark green. Too late.
84. Superior. Size, 4 by 5 inches; dark green; flesh, green; productive, but late.
85. True Jenny Lind. Small Gem type. Flesh, green, fine flavor. Prolific and early. A very desirable variety.
86. Giant Chicago Market. Size, 6 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches; green flesh. Medium in productiveness, but rather late.
87. Improved Canteloupe. Size, 7 1/2 by 12 inches. Flavor much like Long Yellow. Fairly prolific.
88. Oval Netted Gem. Small Gem type, 4 by 5 inches, elongated, netted, prolific and desirable.
89. Southern Beauty. Size, 6 1/2 by 8 inches; dark green, netted and shallow ribbed, good flavor, green flesh, not very productive.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, June 30.

General Chaffee's force in China consists of 6000 to 8000. Kruger is at Machadoburg with \$25,000,000 in gold.

The Elder arrived in Portland today. There are fully 30,000 people and a fleet of two dozen vessels was lying off shore. Three murders took place while the Elder was in port, and one passenger blew his brains out because gold was scarce.

General Stahl of the German my, who has been making investigations under orders in the Orient, believes the conflict with China will be a long and bloody one. To relieve a stomach trouble, Mrs. Mary Beannon, of Santa Ana, Calif., fasted 47 days. Her weight of 153 pounds was reduced 50 pounds.

The St. Louis strike caused a loss of \$25,000,000. The 30,000 men of the Building Trades Council of New York will strike against reduction in wages of 10 per cent. The 10-hour labor law will be enforced in France. In Nottingham, England, a good frame knitter now earns \$7.89 per week. The 1400 labor unions of New York state have a membership of 238,000; in March, 20 per cent of them were unemployed. Carpenters in Denver get 41 cents per hour. 16 England, 144,026 children under 14 years of age work from 72 to 87 hours per week. The American Federation of Labor has 940 organizers in the field.

The quicksilver mines recently discovered in New South Wales are the richest in the world and will lower the price of that metal. Last year Great Britain drank more whiskey than in any other year, 1 gallon per head. Deaths from alcoholism increased among men 82 per cent; among women, 145 per cent.

In the Blue Mountains, Eastern Oregon, a soap mine is being worked. Five 20,000-ton freight steamers are being built for trade between the Pacific coast and China and Japan ports.

According to the London Daily Mail, the Boer army in the field never numbered over 20,000, but as it does not appear to have had, at any time, a commander-in-chief whom all must obey, the fighting column only numbered 10,000, which went wherever danger was greatest. The rest fought occasionally, but were most of the time in the laager, smoking.

The battleship Oregon ran ashore in a fog off Hoo Kie Island, in the Miltan group, 50 miles north of the Fiji.

At Canton, Li Tung Chung has cut off the heads of 139 pirates and boxers. Lord Wolsey stated, in a London interview, that China has every requisite, in wealth no less than in men, for overrunning the world.

Boer emissaries stirred up the rebellion of the Ashantes against the British on the west coast of Africa.

Sunday, July 1. The Chicago clearmakers will end the striking New York clearmakers \$1400 per week.

In the Rainy Lake region, Ontario, there is great danger that 3000 Indians will go on the war path.

Probing the possibility of army contractors and heating the machinery of the hospital service in South Africa, will, for a brief season, busy the mind of the patriotic Englishman.

The Russian government has ordered the mobilization of the whole army. At Tien Tsin are 16,000 allied troops. On the 15th, the war department will cease distributing rations among the Porto Ricans, who have been lazily relying on Uncle Sam's charity.

Yesterday afternoon, a fire which started in a lot of cotton bales under a pier at Hoboken, N. J., burned three ocean steamers lying in the Hudson river, a dozen or more smaller craft, docks and piers valued at several millions, and the buildings along the street facing them. The loss of the North-German Lloyd Steamship Co. alone is placed at \$10,000,000. It is impossible to state how many people were drowned or burned to death; it is estimated at between 150 and 600.

The closing down of iron, steel, and tin-plate mills and glassworks at Pittsburgh, Pa., has thrown over 108,000 men out of work. A new wage scale must be arranged.

The people around Newberg have signed contracts binding them to grow beets on 5100 acres and an \$800,000 sugar-beet factory will be built on the banks of the Willamette.

The foreign legations at Peking are unharmed.

To Admiral Geo. C. Remy has been assigned the command of the powerful American fleet in Chinese waters.

A prominent diplomat at Berlin, who has been long in China, expresses the opinion that neither war nor missionaries can make any marked impression on the hoary empire, but that we must leave it to commerce and time to carry our civilization to China.

At Astoria, Chinook salmon of twenty pounds or over, bring 8 cents a pound.

In the forks of the Santiam 7000 acres of flax are being raised.

Washington's wheat crop is estimated at 39,000,000 bushels.

With lion-land scrip, the Northern Pacific Railroad octopus is gobbling up valuable tracts of Pacific coast timber land.

Monday, July 2.

Ex-Governor Hill of New York is at Lincoln, Neb., visiting W. J. Bryan.

The number of would-be candidates for Bryan's running mate is several dozens. Sixteen-to-one will no doubt be in the platform, as no backward step will be taken on the silver question.

Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Peking, has been killed, but the fate of the other 800 foreigners at the capital has not been ascertained.

Vice-Admiral Aliexeff, commander-in-chief of Russian forces in the East, has taken supreme command of Russian troops lauded at Tien Tsin, 6000 men.

George Frohman returned to Caldwell, Idaho, with 73 pounds of gold, which he had received at Fifty-Mile River, on the Dawson trail, for 88 head of cattle.

At Dublin, 25,000 children who did not march in honor of the hated English

queen, were given a treat. They carried Boer and French flags and cheered for Kruger.

The Japanese government has prohibited emigration to the United States, though the population of Japan needs an outlet.

Miner's wages in the mining district of Idaho are \$3 to \$3.50 per day.

It is learned at Choo Foo by runner from Peking that the foreign legations are besieged and provisions nearly exhausted. The Chinese authorities may be threatened with destruction of the graves of the imperial family to protect the ministers.

At Walla Walla, Sunday afternoon, O. A. Martin, a young man of 21, shot and killed Miss Leah Cohen with a revolver and then turned the weapon on himself with equally fatal effect.

Lung Lu, Chinese commander-in-chief at Peking, has urgently asked the foreigners to speed their forces to Peking. It is said the empress and eunuchs have been imprisoned and Prince Tuan and his force of Boxers are in control.

Three tons of gold, valued at \$1,000,000, were brought by two steamers from the Klondike to Seattle.

Tuesday, July 3.

Europe expects the news of a triumphal tragedy. The 1-gallions are surrounded by a mob armed with rifles and cannon. Most of the legation buildings have been burned down.

All the Chinese provinces south of the Yellow River, whose provinces are on friendly terms with the foreign countries, have formed an independent state with Nankin as capital.

The London Daily News estimates that Japan is allowed to use a large army to quell the Chinese rebellion.

Commander McCalla, of the Newark, at Tien Tsin, estimates 50,000 soldiers will be needed to relieve the foreign ministers at Peking.

One-third of the twenty millions called for by the bishops of the M. B. churches a 20th century thank offering has been collected.

The wall paper trust has dissolved; it could not endure the competitive strain.

Lord Roberts is credited with thinking that three months must elapse in South Africa before civilians can be permitted to resume business. June 20th, the British shelled a Boer entrenched force near Amersfort, Transvaal. They have captured the Boer General Snyman.

Near Boma, Africa, the Belgian soldiers exterminated a village of natives, by acts of revolting cruelty, because they would not work without pay.

Five German warships have sailed for China. In a speech to the departing troops, Emperor Wilhelm said the German flag would be placed triumphantly on Peking's walls with those of the other powers. It is believed the emperor will demand a Chinese province for the murder of Ambassador von Ketteler, as he seized some territory in payment for the killing of two German missionaries. The army sent to China numbers 25,000.

Wednesday, July 4.

The London papers admit, since the international forces in China were too weak, that Admiral Kempff was right in protesting against the attack on the Taku forts on the ground that it would throw the Chinese government into the hands of the Boxers.

England has had enough of war for the present and would be glad if the Chinese storm would settle.

In Manchuria, Russia is defending her 1200 miles of railroad against attacks of the Boxers.

Fourteen thousand allied troops, with 80 field and machine guns, have proceeded from Taku and are capturing arsenals, blowing up forts and shelling Chinese mobs.

George's Weekly, of Denver, Colorado, predicts that within 90 days a financial crisis will occur in Wall street, and advises local bankers to take their deposits from New York banks and bring them home. The reason why is: Industrial trust stock, much of it water) are decimated because manufacturers are confronted by over-production, for merchants will not buy from them. The loan produced by the war with Spain has spent itself and we must carry the heritage of debt. The manufacturing centers (not the producing west) are going to get the worst of it, as there is no show for them to dispose of their enormous stock of surplus goods, not to mention the fabulous amount of speculative stocks.

The gold bonds held by the Rothschilds alone amount to more than all the gold in the known world.

The relief of the foreigners at Peking is impossible. Between Tien Tsin and Peking are 140,000 imperial troops and 90,000 are marching on Tien Tsin, which may be evacuated pending the arrival of a fully equipped army.

At Tacoma, at 8:30 this morning, an excursion car on a trolley line, containing 104 passengers, jumped a bridge over a gulch 100 feet deep and was dashed into the depth. About 50 men, women and children were killed and 60 injured. The car was too heavily loaded and when it struck the curve over the gulch shot across the track. The motorman, evidently, lost control of the car, which was one of the big box-like affairs, in going down the grade.

Thursday, July 5.

No nominations were made at Kansas City on the 4th.

A Berlin dispatch states that the contents of the powers is shaky, especially between Russia and Japan, and Russia and England, respectively. Japan wants assurance she will not be duped again by Russia.

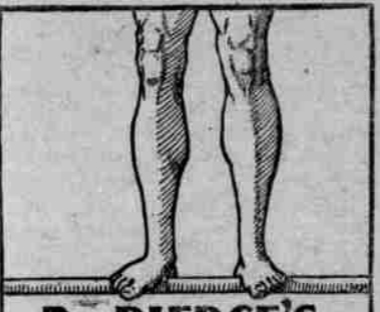
A Shanghai dispatch states that the legations at Peking have been burned and all the foreigners killed.

The auditorium at Kansas City in which the democratic convention is being held will hold twenty-two thousand five hundred people.

The Chinese empress has issued more edicts against the foreign devils.

Literature most bitter in its expression of hatred against foreigners, whom it accuses of most awful crimes, is being scattered throughout the Chinese empire.

The allies have twenty thousand soldiers at Taku and Tien Tsin.



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According to a Shanghai dispatch, military men estimate that it will take an army of five hundred thousand men two years to conquer northern China. Japan is not equal to the task. Tien Tsin, which the allies captured June 30, is a city of one million people. The explosion of an oil tank at Parkersburg, W. V., killed nine men and wounded a number of children.

MARKET REPORTS.

PORTLAND. (Corrected on Thursday.)

Flour—Best \$3.10@3.25; Graham \$2.85.

Wheat—Walla Walla 5 1/2@5.00; valley 5 1/2@5.00; bluestem 5.00.

Oats—White 36@37; gray 33@34.

Barley—Feed \$14; brewing \$17.18.

Millstuffs—Bran \$12; middlings \$19; shorts \$15; chop \$14.

Hay—Timothy \$9@11; clover, 7@8; Oregon wild \$7.

Butter—Fancy creamery 30 and 35c; store, 22 and 25.

Eggs—15 1/2c and 16.

Poultry—Mixed chickens \$3.00@4.50; hens \$4.00@5; springs \$2.63 25; geese, \$5@6; ducks \$5@7; live turkeys 12 1/2@13 1/2; dressed, 14@16c.

Cheese—Full cream 12 1/2c per pound; Young America 14c.

Potatoes—50 and 70 cents per sack. Vegetables—Beets \$1; turnips 90c per sack; garlic 7c per lb; cabbage 1.50 @2.00 per 100 pounds; cauliflower 70c per dozen; parsnips 75c per sack; celery 70@75c per dozen; asparagus 6@7c; peas 3@4c per pound.

Dried fruit—Apples evaporated 7@8; sun-dried sacks or boxes 4@5c; pears sun and evaporated 5@6c; pitless plums 4@5 1/2c; Italian prunes 3@5c; extra silver choice 5@8.

OREGON CITY. (Corrected on Thursday.)

Wheat, wagon, 52.

Oats, 32.

Potatoes, 50 and 60 cents per sack.

Eggs, 15 1/2c per dozen.

Butter, 25c per roll.

Onions, red, 8c to \$1.00 per sack; yellow, \$1 to \$1.25.

Dried apples, 5 to 6c per pound.

Dried prunes—Italians, 4c; petite and German, 3c.

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