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## GINSENG GROWS IN CLACKAMAS

### Pioneer In Industry Is A. Fiske of Wilhoit Springs.

Mr. A. Fiske, of Wilhoit, is the pioneer Ginseng grower of Clackamas County. The recent article in the Courier relative to his experiments has attracted much attention, and at considerable expense we have secured an authoritative statement on the industry, which is illustrated. The possibilities are great.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, the Europeans first became cognizant of the immense regard in which Ginseng was held by the Chinese. Their continent was thoroughly searched for the plant, but was no success. Word regarding the value of Ginseng finally reached America, and the pioneers of civilization started to investigate the wild growths of our forests.

To Father Loftau, a French missionary to the Iroquois Indians, stationed near Montreal, Canada, who

would be accepted as cash for his bills to the exporter, and he accordingly notified the retailer.

In those days it was accepted the same as money. As the harvesting of the root continued, the supply decreased and became more and more difficult to find; in fact, to become successful and earn a living at this strange occupation required experience. Gradually, with the advance of civilization, the forests decreased and as Ginseng required shade for its development, the area of its habitat became more and more confined until even as far back as twenty-five years ago, the growth of wild Ginseng became much more scarce. During the year 1885, the supplies had become so limited and prices so advanced that the Ginseng enterprise aroused interest among a few scientific people of this country, and during this year

number, sometimes four or five, and from three to four inches long. Each bears five thin leaflets, occasionally three or seven, palmately arranged, two of them only an inch or two long, the remainder three or four inches, egg shaped in outline, with the broad end away from the stem, abruptly pointed and saw toothed. From the junction of the leaf stalks the stem is continued into an erect flower stalk from two to five inches long, bearing early in July a cluster of small yellowish green flowers.

These are soon followed by the fruit, which develops rapidly, remaining green until the last of July, when it begins to turn red, becoming scarlet late in August or in September, when it is fully ripe. The berries, which are edible and have the taste of the root, are of about the size and shape of navy beans, and each contains two seeds and sometimes three.

The part of the plant commercially important is the root. The root is from one-half an inch to an inch and a half thick and is marked by traverse wrinkles.

Ginseng begins to throw up its first shoots about May 1 (although it may be earlier or later, according to latitude and elevation), and by June the leaves have attained their full size. Roots or seeds may be planted either in the Fall or Spring.

**Medical Properties and Uses of Ginseng.**

The Chinese and Koreans place a high medical value upon it and indeed regard it as a panacea.



Interior View of Ohio Garden as it Appeared Last Fall.

### GRANGES TALK ON SPRAYING

Interesting Discussions of Fruit Lews Held By Warner Patrons.

Warner Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, held an interesting meeting Saturday at New Era, and the members discussed the merits of the spraying law. Mrs. Geo. Randall, Judge T. F. Ryan and County Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis argued for the preservation of the law and George Lazelle, assisted by other members, took the negative side of the question. There were quite a number of farmers present who appeared to be opposed to the law, but after hearing the arguments pro and con, and examining the display of fruit that had been sprayed compared with the fruit that had not received attention, many of them were converted over to the belief that the law is commendable.

During the afternoon a brief program was given, consisting of vocal solos by Miss Eva Smith, song by the Grange, recitation of Selma Frederick, original poem by Mr. Gardner and readings by Mr. McArthur and Miss Katie Frederick. Among the visitors present was T. R. A. Sellwood, of Milwaukie, who was the plaintiff in the suit against Fruit Commissioner Reid which was tried last week.

The Abernethy Grange, located at Parkplace, where they have a commodious hall and large dining-room adjoining, held a lively spirited session last Saturday, November 24th, which was instituted more particularly for profit. It has been the custom of some of the Clackamas County Granges to hold annual fairs, hence, rather than be outdone in that respect, the rapidly growing resourceful Grange mentioned gathered in their wares, ingeniously constructed fancy articles and tempting viands of cookery, offering them to the highest bidder for cash in hand. There were fifty or more persons present, a majority of whom were enthusiastic ladies of the vicinity, who were constantly on a whirl for business. The master of ceremonies was inaugurated auctioneer and nearly talked himself hoarse trying to induce the crowd to buy, but there was so much stir and social talk that only a few heard the racket; yet he sold the ingeniously constructed articles of ladies' make—pies, cake, honey, and other tempting things—to good advantage, all without the presence of the "turk" that no doubt was hunting for a new place to sit, to be followed up by the hunter for flesh and feathers to adorn the Thanksgiving tables of the Granger's home. They must have realized thirty or forty dollars, going home happy. Such social gatherings are food for the soul and a life giving pastime long to be remembered.

They affirm that it is a sovereign remedy for all weaknesses occasioned by excessive fatigue, either of body or mind, that it dissolves pituitous humors, that it cures weakness of the lungs and pleurisy, that it stops vomiting, that it strengthens the vital spirits and increases lymph in the blood, in short that it is good against dizziness of the head and dimness of sight, and that it prolongs life in old age.

Since the root has become scarce Americans begin to discover marked medicinal properties in cases of stomach troubles, debility, nervous disease and heart failure.

**Cultivation of Ginseng.**

The cultivation of Ginseng at the present time is receiving much attention and many people are much interested because there is a large income from it, and much more than in any other product that they can raise. It is now proven that it can be grown successfully, and the only question is: "Have I a small spot of ground and a small amount of money, and occasionally a spare hour or two that I can devote to the care of a Ginseng bed, which in a short time will multiply and bring me in a few hundred or a few thousand dollars?"

An acre of matured Ginseng is worth \$40,000. A small investment will multiply itself and amount to the above figure. There is such little labor in growing Ginseng that any farmer or gardener can raise it and not neglect any other part of his crop.

In starting a garden, first secure your nursery stock, then plant the bed wherever most suitable, for Ginseng is not at all choiceful in its soil, as it has been found growing on every variety of soil in the United States; suit your own convenience as to where to locate the bed. When a location is decided upon, make it as rich as you would for your garden vegetables. Lay it off in beds from

### THROWN 15 FEET.

E. W. Hornshub Injured By Explosion of Powder.

E. W. Hornshub, living nine miles from this city, was thrown 15 feet in the air Saturday morning while clearing a roadway. He is road commissioner, and, with two other men, was blasting stumps and rocks and had decided the blast was not going off—but it did. The other two were thrown eight feet. Mr. Hornshub's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hornshub, who reside on Madison and Ninth streets, received a letter, Monday, from a grand-daughter, stating he is not severely injured, only sore. The other two men were not hurt at all.

### CIRCUIT COURT IS ADJOURNED

Editor Dixon Scores a Point In Partnership Suit.

### FAMILIES ARE SEPARATED

Mrs. Jennie Straight Was Compelled to Make Fires While Her Noble Lord Sept.

After three weeks of a comparatively quiet session, Circuit Court was adjourned Saturday afternoon, and Judge McBride went to Hillsboro. There will be an adjourned session Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Attorneys were plentiful about the court house Saturday, securing closing orders and finishing up business. George W. Dixon, editor and published of the Canby Tribune, scored

a point Saturday, when, through the intercession of his attorneys, U'Ren & Schuebel, he was appointed receiver of the alleged co-partnership between himself and William M. Smith, who brought suit against Dixon, charging the latter with withholding \$250 that rightfully belonged to the plaintiff. Smith claims that he formed a partnership with Dixon in the real estate business, and that they effected the sale of a piece of saw timber belonging to James Skirving, and that Dixon secured a commission of \$500, which, under the agreement existing between them, should have been equally divided. Smith obtained a restraining order Saturday morning, enjoining the Bank of Oregon City from paying over to Dixon any sums held by the bank in Dixon's name, but this movement was upset by the appointment of Dixon as receiver. Under the last ruling of the court, the defendant is authorized to draw on the deposit in the bank, but must file a bond to protect the rights of the plaintiff. In the event of Mr. Smith winning his case, Mr. Dixon or his bondsmen must pay the money. Mr. Dixon, however, states that there never was a partnership existing between himself and the plaintiff, and that he simply allowed Smith to co-operate in making some sales, and on the sales where the plaintiff was a party, the commission was divided.

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### MR. SHINDLER VERY HOSTILE

Milwaukie's Mayor Is Sore Over Turn Down.

### WILL RUN INDEPENDENT

Denounces Those Who Are Opposed to Him In Bitter Language and Calls Hard Names.

Mayor William Shindler, of Milwaukie, is hostile. He is very warm and angry because he was not given a renomination for the office he now holds. Ike Mullan is the choice of the faithful by a majority of three votes. But Mr. Shindler, nothing daunted by his narrow escape from renomination, is going to run independent, even if he has to run alone. The election will be held next Monday and there will be great doings.

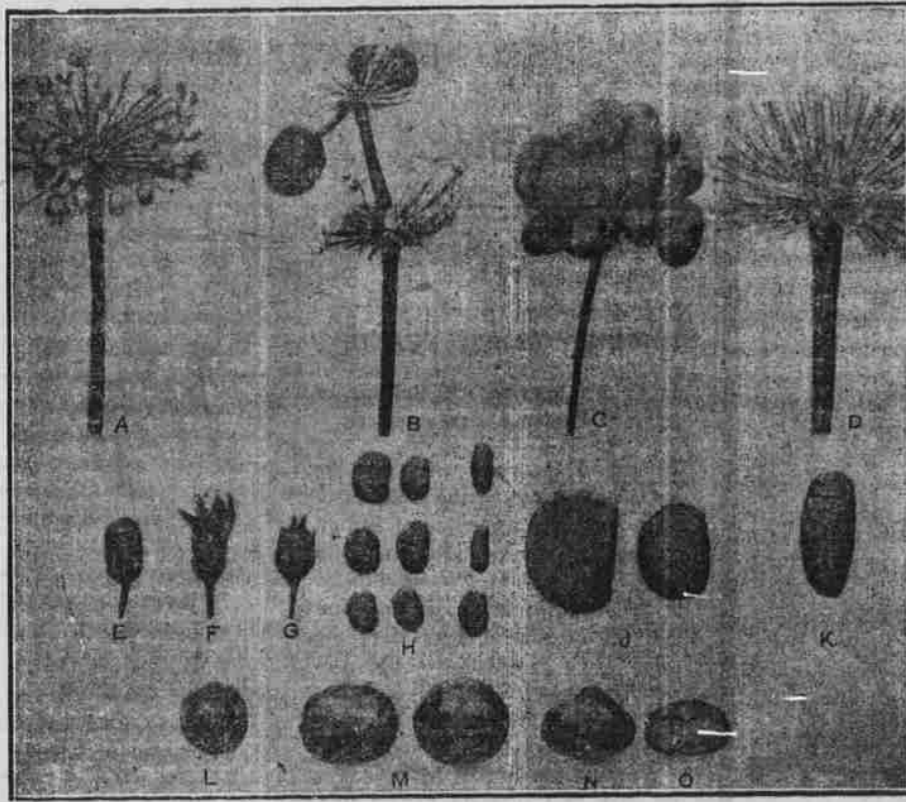
At the convention last Monday night Shindler denounced his opponents in these words:

"You are a pack of rascals and rats; that's what you are to throw me down the way you have tonight in this convention, after all that I have done for Milwaukie. I do you rascals. I shall run independent and I am going to be re-elected mayor of Milwaukie."

The mayor denounced ex-Marshall A. H. Dowling as the man who had defeated him in the convention, and Dowling peeled off his coat and made for the mayor, but a fight was prevented by the intercession of mutual friends. Attorney Ben Irwin said:

"This very hall was erected by the wages of shame. The money of the gambler has gone into this building, but we hope to drive the monster out of our midst."

The contest for the mayoralty next Monday will be fast and furious. The anti-gambling element is standing pat for Mr. Mullan and the other nominees on his ticket are: Dr. W. T. Houser and Grant Barker, councilmen; Fred Lehman, recorder; E. T. Elmer, treasurer; Edward Paetsch, marshal.



A, D.—Fruit Clusters in Different conditions, natural size. E, G.—Three conditions of the flower enlarged. H.—Seeds natural size. J, C.—Seeds enlarged. O.—Fresh berries, natural size. O.—A berry cut open to show seeds, natural size

was, like the most of the early Jesuit priests, a botanist, belongs the honor of discovering that Ginseng was indigenous to this continent. The information soon became general and the Indians were soon engaged in digging the roots and preparing them for export.

**In the United States.**

It was not until 1832 that the collection and exportation of Ginseng from the United States, reached a sufficiently appreciable size to be worthy of recognition as an industry, and from that date on, the government kept track of the amount of root transported.

In the beginning, the exporter offered a certain price per pound for Ginseng roots of good quality. The wholesaler, or jobber, in course of time, learned that Ginseng roots

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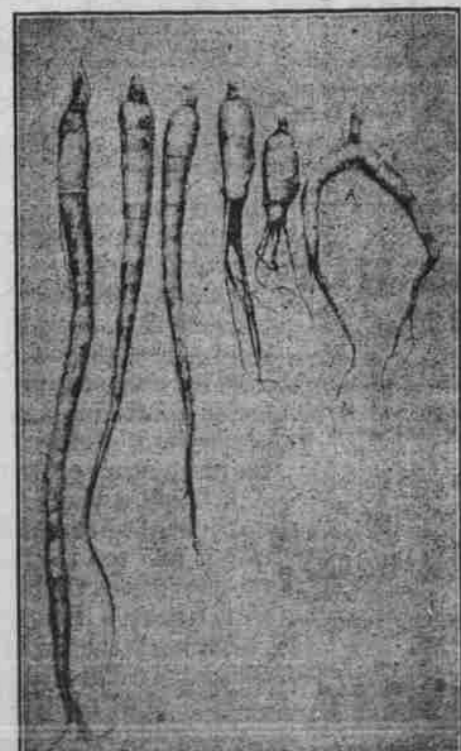
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Showing the Character of Roots the First Year, as they Appear in the Fall. Reduced in size.

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## "When Children dream-and-wake"



Down through the ages has come the golden spirit of Christmastide. — when hearts grow larger, and the fingers that necessity or habit has bent tightly over the pocketbook loosen involuntarily.

**CHRISTMASTIDE**—When children dream and wake—and, dreaming or waking, long for one tiny glimpse of that dear, little, old man with cheeks like red roasted apples, and eyes like stars, with a pack that holds all that is beautiful in this world of ours, with a heart that is tender enough and great enough to care for the child of the satin-world, and the starving, homeless, hopeless waif of the streets alike—dear, blessed, glorious old Santa Claus!

Its a work-a-day world; but to all of us comes a time when the scales drop from our eyes, when we realize that our ambition to earn, to surpass, to rule, is but a pitiful result of our feverish twentieth century training; that there is nothing more beautiful in the world than to bring the desire to bring happiness to other people.

Gifts at Christmas Time—gifts to our friends, and to those who have battled with the world's whirl and come out losers, If you give them, buy them carefully.

**We have many**—A whole Store full—This space holds but an announcement that we will have a larger and better assortment for Xmas shoppers than ever before. It's high time you were thinking of your purchases—we are preparing early for you. Each day adds many new and pretty novelties to offer as Xmas suggestions. Look for further announcements next week.

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