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IN THE APPLE WORLD

OLD APPLE TREE YARN SAID TO BE A FAKE

Paragraphs have recently been appearing in newspapers that a young apple tree is to be planted to replace the old apple tree under which Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, says the Wenatchee Republic. This apple tree legend survives the years and all attacks upon it. It is such a pleasing legend, blending poetry and tragedy, botany and arms, that people persist in believing it. These fruit tree legends—the Grant apple tree and the George Washington cherry tree—are a great deal harder than the fruit trees themselves, and live to a ripe age.

The apple tree story has very little fact to sustain it. Lee did not surrender under an apple tree, but in the parlor, on the right of the entrance of the house of Wilmer McLean, which set back in a big garden on the main street of the village of Appomattox, about one square from the courthouse. General Lee and his military secretary, Colonel Charles Marshall, entered the McLean house at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of April 9, 1865. General Grant was already there accompanied by Generals Sheridan, Ord, Ingalls, Rawlins, Seth Williams, John G. Barnard and Colonel Horace Porter, Orville E. Babcock, Ely S. Parker, Theodore S. Bowers, Frederick T. Dent and Adam Badeau.

The articles of surrender were agreed to, written and signed; the conference was concluded at 4 o'clock and at 4:30 Grant sent the dispatch to Secretary Stanton announcing the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia.

An apple tree and an apple orchard figure in the events leading up to the surrender, and it may take some of the bloom off the story to announce that April, 1865, was a backward month, and that at the time of the surrender there was not a leaf or a blossom on any trees around Appomattox Courthouse. The old orchard long ago disappeared and the village of Appomattox has very nearly disappeared. The courthouse was burned down something over fifteen years ago and a new one was built at Appomattox Station on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, three miles southwest of the surrender village. Nevertheless the Appomattox apple tree story blooms perennially.

PEAR SLUG DAMAGING WASHINGTON ORCHARDS

"The pear slug is doing some damage on the pear and plum trees in the Wenatchee Valley," says R. E. Trumble, professor of horticulture at the Wenatchee High School. He continues: "The pear slug is the worm stage, or the larva, of a sawfly. The sawfly punctures the top sides of the leaves and deposits the eggs which hatch into the slimy larva. These pear slugs eat the green from the upper sides of the leaves, leaving the transparent under skins of the leaves. The pear slug gets under its skin from the similarity to the common garden slug. The pear slug is large at one end and small at the other; it is dark, brownish or black and covered with slime. After the slug has eaten its fill from the leaves and is ready to pupate it goes from the tree into the ground and there pupates into a sawfly."

"The slug can be readily killed by dusting lime dust over them, as this dries up the slime and causes death. Zinc arsenate is the best poison to use if you spray for them—zinc arsenate, 2 pounds to 100 gallons of water kills them readily. Road dust if it is finely powdered, is quite effective when dusted over the slugs."

ROGUE RIVER TO HAVE BUMPER PEAR CROP

The Rogue River Valley will harvest this year the largest pear crop in its history, according to Professor O'Gara of the Oregon experiment station.

"Reports have reached my office in Medford," states Professor O'Gara, "that the pear crop in the Rogue River Valley suffered through non-pollination of the trees. These reports led me to make a careful inspection of each and every orchard in the valley. I find that compared with last year, when a large crop was harvested, this year's pear production will be about 120 per cent based on the 1910 production."

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SOAKING RAIN HELPS WENATCHEE APPLES

Growers of North Central Washington, fruit growers of the Wenatchee Valley in about equal measure with wheat growers of the Big Bend, have real cause for jubilation in today's fine drizzle of rain. The weather man has been kind. The rain came at the right time.

Had the downpour arrived a few days later some damage to the cherry crop might have resulted from the splitting of the ripe fruit, which is almost ready for picking all over the valley. As it happens, the cherries will not be hurt.

Apple trees, pear trees and garden truck will receive the local benefit. Wheat growers of the Big Bend, from whom are today arising fervent thanks for the welcome moisture, are not more grateful than are the fruit growers of the Wenatchee Valley for the material boost to their trees that has been June's gift.

Rain is not all unprecedented in this month in the Wenatchee Valley. To newcomer and to old resident alike the sight of a cloudy sky comes with a shock of surprise after the delightfully warm weather of most of this month and of May. With a moment's reflection, the old-timer recalls other years when June brought rain to the Wenatchee Valley, and always to the betterment of the fruit crop.—Republic

NEW \$36,000 BUILDING FOR O. A. C. EXPERIMENT WORK

Oregon's Agricultural College at Corvallis, will have the best facilities in the United States for horticultural research work when the new horticultural building, to cost \$36,000 is completed. Work has been started on the foundation.

In the future, the college will lay special emphasis on advanced work in the study of orchard problems, looking to the extermination of insect and fungus pests and seeking to adapt different varieties of fruits to the various soils and climates to be found in this state. The work is undertaken at present, but with additional facilities it is expected much more will be accomplished.

FALLBRIDGE THE NEW NORTH BANK TOWN

Fallbridge, the new town on the North Bank railroad was located and named by John F. Stevens, ex-president of the road, and is the junction of the Oregon Trunk, according to the Goldendale Sentinel. It now has a first-class hotel, a railroad Y. M. C. A. and depot and a round house and yards will be completed by September. It is nearly opposite Celilo Falls on the Oregon side, where Uncle Sam is digging a canal which will open up an immense territory to cheap water transportation.

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FRED DEITZ TELLS OF FALL OF RICHMOND

At the last regular meeting of Canby Post an interesting communication was read from Fred Deitz, written in 1865 to his brother and sister just before the fall of Richmond. The communication is as follows:
Letter From "The Front."

BATTERY L, 1st N. Y. A., April 11th, 1865.
DEAR SISTER AND BROTHER,—
My health is good as usual, and by the favor of Providence I have been permitted to escape safe and uninjured through the dreadful scenes of the past few weeks. I can hardly realize what we have passed through. It all seems like a dream. The activity and the excitement in this army for the last few weeks has kept us all very busy, consequently I have not been quite as homesome as when I last wrote. There has so much transpired within this command since last I wrote you, that I hardly know what to write about, or where to begin.

Battery L was transferred from the 8th to the 9th A. C. on the 28th, the day previous to the commencement of the move. We were assigned a position on their front, in some works formerly occupied by a battery known here as the "Petersburg Express."

The first night of our arrival I witnessed the dreadful and terrific bombardment of the rebel lines in front of the town. Our battery occupied a very conspicuous place. The pieces were in position on a hill or slight eminence, which enabled us to obtain a very good view of the rebel lines for a distance of nearly three miles. The night was exceedingly dark, which rendered the scene all the more grand and magnificent. For a period of about four hours, nearly three hundred pieces of artillery were belching forth their iron messengers of terror and death. The mortar practice was truly sublime. I never before witnessed anything half so magnificent. The semi-circle or curve described by the flight of every shell was distinctly visible by the light from the burning fuse. The air was actually filled with shrieking, screaming shot and bursting shell. I had retired for the night before the bombardment took place, but as soon as the first gun was fired I was called by the alarm guard. I believe I was unusually expeditious in the performing of my toilet.

Saturday night the bombardment was renewed, and continued throughout the night. About four o'clock in the morning our men made a charge upon the rebel works, and captured four of the strongest. At early daylight I received orders from General Kibball, chief of artillery, to take all the cannoniers from our guns and hasten with them to the captured forts, for the purpose of working the rebel guns which had been taken. The men all behaved splendidly, and passed over the open plain intervening between our works and the rebels on the double quick, and under a dreadful fire from artillery and musketry I entered three of the forts, but found the guns already manned by artillerists from other batteries. After resting a while, we ran the gauntlet a second time, and returned to our pieces and opened fire upon some rebel works in our immediate front.

Several of our gunners made some excellent shots. It was our design to attract the attention of some of the rebel batteries, and if possible draw their fire from the captured forts. But we did not succeed. All of their guns were brought to bear upon our gallant boys in the forts, and for about five hours they were subjected to a heavy fire, but still maintained possession of the works. With what joy we all beheld our starry flag floating above the captured works throughout that dreadful day, and in defiance of all the efforts of the enemy to capture or destroy them. All day long Sunday the battle raged, and with unabated fury. Away off towards the left we could see the smoke of battle, and hear the booming of cannon; and with joy we could perceive that it was growing perceptibly closer, until at last—just before dark—our men, after gaining fort after fort, had succeeded in swinging around towards the left, until they had gained a position directly in rear of the forces which were opposed to us, and who had throughout the day, fought with the most determined obstinacy. And here was a dilemma for the Rebels—Yanks in front, and Yanks in the rear. Fortunately for the "chivalry," night put an end to the dreadful and sanguinary struggle. During the day the Rebels made several attempts to retake their works, but they were repulsed and I believe the charge itself was only a feint, done to counteract any charge."

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