

RICH STORY TOLD BY BRACE RANCH

Man Takes Old Orchard Near
The Dalles and Hard Work
Brings Fortune.

YIELD GIVES BIG PROFIT

Seven of 55 Acres Bring in Total
of \$4915 in Year—Poultry
Raising Is Valuable Ad-
junct to Horticulture.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
THE DALLES, Or., April 5.—(Staff
Correspondent.)—Perhaps the first
land planted to any crop near
The Dalles was along the Mill Creek Bot-
tom, in or adjacent to the town. And
many of the finest fruit farms in the
county, if not in the state, are on those
bottom lands.

But so much has been recently writ-
ten about these places that I am going
to single out one of them and attempt
to show what can be done, what has
been done, on a comparatively, or sup-
posedly, worthless tract. And even
at that, I am not going to bring out
very much that is new, for the orchard
I will write about has been given much
publicity during the last few months.
But the career of the owner, F. O.
Brace, is exceptionally attractive to
me, for it shows so plainly, so clearly,
what perseverance, industry and intel-
ligence can do in this section that I
do not think it can be too much talked
about or written about.

The ranch in question is north of
The Dalles about six miles, a trifle less.
It lies mostly in the Mill Creek Bot-
tom, and it is of the same character
of soil as many other places up and
down that stream.

Just who originally took up the land,
I do not know. But it is not material.
It is known, however, that an orchard
of about seven acres was set out on
the place about the year 1870, perhaps a
year or two earlier.

Tract Is Unpromising.

To any person who has seen one of
Oregon's run-down, fungus-growth,
gnarled and twisted orchards, and
existing a few years ago—and as I am
ashamed to say, some still exist—I need
only say that this was among the most
unpromising of any in this section
when, in the fall of 1894, Mr. Brace,
then living in Hood River, came upon
the scene. The entire tract consisted
of 187 acres, and he purchased it for
the sum of \$200, which means a small
trifle over \$27 an acre.

But let me go back and say a word
about Mr. Brace. He was at that time
about 45 years old. He was a native
of Iowa, but had drifted west, first
to Dakota, later to the State of Wash-
ington, and thence to Hood River,
where he bought a small place, which
he owned when he visited The Dalles
in December, 1904.

However, this letter would not be
anything like a true record of Mr.
Brace's success unless I said a trifle
more about his step in Dakota, for
there he met, wooed and won a wife,
a companion, a helpmeet who has had
as much to do with the success of the
Brace orchards as Mr. Brace himself.
Mrs. Brace was not at home when I
visited the place today, but it was
not necessary for me to meet her to
judge the sort of woman she is—the
way in which her husband conceded
that she had been the chief factor in
the making of the Brace fortune, the
aspect of the home, the furnishings of
the house, the thousand and one little
trifles of the interior and exterior
showing the sensible, home-loving
touch of a wife and motherly hand,
the guiding brain of a cultured and
well-balanced, womanly woman.

Much Done in Six Years.

But of this home I will say more
later. I wish first to tell briefly of
what has been done during the last six
years with that, usually, worthless
tract which the Braces undertook to rehabili-
tate.

Every blessed tree had to be practi-
cally "maimed" and removed, and
they were then nearly 20 years old,
gnarled, twisted, stunted, unproduc-
tive. Some were beyond saving, many
could only be used for firewood. The
roots, all had to be hacked and pruned
and sprayed almost beyond belief. But
he persevered, got the land in perfect
shape, did everything that a man could
do, and gradually brought that
old orchard up to be one of the most
productive in this vicinity.

That is the story in outline, for
it would be impossible to get down
to the details. Mr. Brace is too modest
to give them if he could, he could not
if he would, for he has up to a short
time ago been one of the incessant toll
and self-denial. His holidays were
few, his "funks" infrequent—every
day was a day of quality good. So do
not take it as an average year, do not
base your hopes on equaling it every
year with a like number of trees or on
a like acreage. But I think it only fair
to say that at some date not far in the
future, when the young trees come into
bearing, when he has worked out his
poultry problem, when he has thor-
oughly utilized all of the acreage,
the profits of the place will be—there, I
was going to make a statement that
would sound like fiction to those who
do not fully understand what can be
done on 55 acres of the best land in
the world, where climatic conditions
are ideal. So I will pass that phase
of the matter up by saying that Mr.
Brace's 1910 profits were not by any
means as satisfactory to him, for he
has had much more of the land to
bring into a state of production.

Last Year Prosperous.

Last year was his most prosperous on
the place. Indeed, he says it was an
exceptional season. The yield was good,
the prices good, quality good. So do
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I say "net" I mean that he was at no
expense save the picking and hauling
to town, except on the cantaloupes. All
of the other stuff was sorted, packed
and cases furnished by the buyers.
Perhaps it would thus be fair to deduct
about \$150 for picking and hauling.

Fortune in Prospect.

That is practically the story of the
yield from a little over seven acres of
the 55 he still has, so you can see how
much has been done by it. I said that
before many years the place will pro-
duce—well, a small fortune each year!
I mention something about the
Brace dwelling. Just let me say that it
has about all of the city improvements.
It is lighted by his own gas plant, the
water is from his own "water works,"
the supply being brought by gravity
from a huge spring on an adjacent hill.
The house cost, Mr. Brace told me,
about \$2000. It is commodious, has
hot and cold water throughout, a fine
bathroom with a huge porcelain tub,
and the furnishings and fittings, as
said before, accustom a "healthy" purse
and a cultivated taste.

I hope there will be room for the pic-
ture of the house with this article. But
the picture does not show the loveliness
of the surroundings, as it is em-
bedded in a wealth of cherry and apple
blossoms almost beyond belief.
The packing house and other build-
ings are commodious, and in the garage
is a fine automobile, for the Braces are
past the horse and buggy stage. They
are on "Easy street," on the sunny side
at that. They are not plutocrats, not
even "rich," as the word goes; but their
place could be sold almost any day for
"which would be almost like giving
it away," said Mr. Brace. And it would.
A place that will pay nearly
\$1000 a year from seven of its 55 acres
and practically yield a living besides
from its poultry, cows and pigs, to say
nothing of its garden, fruits and her-
ries, is surely worth far above that
figure.

Picture Not Mentioned.

And I am sending another picture
which Mr. Brace says he has not dared
to mention previously, fearing that
people would not believe the tale. It is
the picture of one of the "rebuilt" 25-
year-old apple trees, a Spitzenberg,
which Mr. Brace says produced fruit
last year which netted, save the pick-
ing and hauling, \$651. Do not scoff, for
the story is true. And remember the
price received for the fruit was not
what you might call the top notch by
any means. Only \$1.80 per box up to
125 to the box, \$1.50 for the smaller
size.

It would not be fair to close this let-
ter without stepping away from the
fruit business and going into the
poultry business, for Mr. Brace has be-
come a "chicken crank." He has for a
number of years gained a good revenue
from poultry, and his stock has done so
well that he has now about 350 laying
hens, the varieties being Buff Leghorns
and Barred Rocks.

He has recently erected about as
complete a brooder-house as I ever saw.
Its size is 12 by 50 feet, of good con-
struction, doubly lined with felt paper.
It is steam heated, of the most ap-
proved design, and has a capacity of
5000 chicks—and there are 1700 in it
now. He has also two incubator-houses,
each with 340 eggs incubating. He ex-
pects to have 5000 chicks in the brooder
by May 10.

State Will Benefit.

And I wonder if this latest exploit of
Mr. Brace's will not be of greater value
to Oregon than the building up of his
orchard. It is a fact that our state is
behind in poultry culture, far behind.
And it is a good omen when intelligent
men like Mr. Brace take the business
up along scientific and progressive lines.
So we ought to call upon those who
can be taken up by so many people as the
raising of chickens, the production of
eggs. And the person with a few square
feet of ground and a half dozen chick-
ens ought to be even more successful,
fowl for fowl, than the large stock-
owners.

So we ought to hail with delight, and
carefully watch, the advent of Mr. Brace
into the great army of poultry and egg
producers.
This poultry plant will, I feel sure,
be one of the show places for the peo-
ple of The Dalles, for it is quite a sight
to see even the 1700 little woodies he
has in the brooders now, and when the
other 3000 or 4000 are added to them a
view of them will be worth while.
And it is considerable of a sight to
see the eggs gathered on such a ranch.
The "output" was about 20 dozen yester-
day. That is "some eggs."

NORMAL SCHOOL IS TOPIC

Monmouth Citizens Want to Know Its Relation to City Classes.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
A mass meeting of citizens of Mon-
mouth was held Monday to discuss the
relation of the public schools of this
city to the State Normal School, and to
urge building of a down-to-date
public school here.

A petition, signed by 51, was pre-
sented. In explaining this petition, W.
A. Wood, of the School Board, said it
was the intention of the board to refer
building of a modern school to the
citizens of the city. J. H. Hawley,
J. B. V. Butler, Dr. D. N. McInturf and
President Ackerman took an active
part in the meeting. Mr. Ackerman
said:

"Each scholar enrolled in the Ore-
gon State Normal School must sign a
statement that he or she is there for
no other purpose than to learn to be
a teacher. The Board of Regents of
the Normal School passed a resolution
that no scholar could enter the Normal
School as a student until he or she
had finished the eighth grade in the
public school. Now, it was not the
intention of the board to antagonize
the citizens of the City of Monmouth,
but this resolution was absolutely nec-
essary for the regents to be able to
provide for the students of the Normal
School. It is the duty of the citizens
of Monmouth to meet the requirements
of the state in this respect."

It is understood that a public school
here will be used as the training school
for the normal. At the election next
Saturday the question of whether \$20-
000 will be appropriated for that pur-
pose will be voted upon.

Tax Commission Inspects Roads.

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 5.—(Spe-
cial.)—T. D. Rockwell, G. Parish and
J. E. Frost, members of Washington
State Tax Commission, are in Chehalis
County today on a trip of inspection
for the purpose of taxing the property
of the Oregon & Washington and
Northern Pacific railroads. The mem-
bers were interviewed by County As-
sessor F. E. Jones, who made a plea
for a high assessment on equipment in
Chehalis County.

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VOTE IS ASSAILED

Attorneys Argue That Seattle
Recall Is Illegal.

ACCUSED LAWYER ACTS

H. S. Frye Charged With Aiding Es-
cape of Saloonman Contends That
Call for Election Was Made
Contrary to Charter.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—
An attack on the validity of the re-
cent Seattle recall election was made
this afternoon by attorneys for Herbert
S. Frye, who is accused of facilitating
and effecting the escape of Clarence
Gerald, February 7 last, while Gerald
was in the custody of Deputy Sheriff
Griffith. Gerald was accused of sell-
ing liquor on election day. Frye, as
an attorney, advised Gerald that the
Sheriff's office had no power to make
the arrest except on a warrant, and
Gerald, acting upon this advice, re-
fused to accompany Deputy Sheriff
Griffith to the County Jail.

Call Illegal, Is Argument.

Frye is represented in court by
Frank B. Hammond as principal coun-
sel, assisted by H. C. Gill, Hugh C.
Caldwell, chief Prosecuting Attorney,
appeared for the state.
Attorney Hammond contended first
that any evidence on the part of the
state was immaterial because, he said,
February 7 was not a general election
day because it had not been called le-
gally.

The defense brought to the attention
of the court the fact that the recall
election was called by resolution, and
not by ordinance, which is contrary to
the express provision of the city char-
ter.

Validity Is Assailed.

The second argument against the re-
call was that the record does not show
that the recent amendments were en-
acted validly, it being contended that
the recall was not then a part of the
act. For that reason, it was argued,
the proceeding being brought in the
name of the State of Washington, the
court cannot take any for the validity
of such recall amendment to the city
charter.

PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK

Willamette Association of Congre-
gational Churches to Meet.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 5.—(Spe-
cial.)—The Congregational Church here
is making arrangements for the fif-
teenth annual meeting of the West
Willamette Association of Congrega-
tional churches, which will meet in
Forest Grove April 11 and 12, inclu-
sive.

Rev. H. L. Bates, who has charge of
the programme, will mail them out the
first of the week. On the list of speak-
ers are George Padock, pastor of the
Episcopal church, and the Rev. J. H.
Ferguson, who has recently accepted
the chair of biblical literature at Al-
bany College; L. D. Mickle, of Hillsdale,
and Rev. H. G. Adams, of Gaston.

HAY'S APPOINTMENTS LOST

Senate Apparently Confirmed Only
Four Out of Thirty.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—
The Senate of the 1911 Legislature
adjourned evidently without confirm-
ing any of the recess appointments of
Governor Hay, which included 30
men. For the last two days a search
through the Senate records has failed
to find the confirmation of any of the
appointments. H. T. Jones, of the board of control,
M. F. Backus, of the University regents
and J. H. Jones, of the board of regis-
trars, who were the only ones found
of the remainder of the list.

\$425,000 PAID TO REDS

Indians on Victoria Waterfront Give
Reserve for Cash.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 5.—The
British Columbia government today as-
sembled the Songhees band of Indians on
the reserve on the waterfront opposite
the City of Victoria and paid over to
the heads of the tribe a large sum of
money. A total of \$425,000 for the
surrender of the reserve. The govern-
ment also supplies a new reserve on
the city of Victoria, whether the Indians
will move at once.
The city has been endeavoring to ac-
quire the removal of the Indians for near-
ly 30 years.

George D. Hassall Is Dead.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 5.—(Spe-
cial.)—A telegraphic message received
here Saturday from San Jose, Cal., an-
nounced the death of George D. Hassall,
who recently left for Southern
California in search of health. Mr. Has-
sall was stricken with a severe cold at
the beginning of this year. The ail-
ment grew worse and he was soon suf-
fering from quick consumption. On the
advice of physicians he sought a warm-
er climate. He spent a month at Los
Angeles and then returned up the coast
as far as San Jose, where he had rela-
tives. Mrs. Hassall and their small
baby had recently joined him there.
The deceased was 34 years of age and
came to Hood River in 1909 from South
Dakota.

Better Rates May Be Secured.

SALEM, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
Representative Hawley at the request
of business men of Southern Oregon and
of Salem, has been co-operating with
their representatives in hearings before
the Interstate Commerce Commission
at Washington, D. C., and advices
received from him today indicate that
their contention for better freight rates
for Oregon points will be probably suc-
cessful. Edward M. Cousin, a rate
expert, was sent by the merchants to
conduct the hearings in behalf of the in-
terested parties.

Wholesalers to Have Branch Here.

SALEM, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
Because of the heavy freight rates in
the Willamette Valley, H. S. Gile, of
H. S. Gile & Co., the largest wholesale
firm in the valley, has decided to open
a business on the East Side in Port-
land, under the name of the H. S. Gile
Grocery Company. Associated with
him are W. T. Jenks, president, and W.
J. Souder, vice-president. Mr. Gile is



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golf is an ideal all year
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feeling which naturally follows
the playing of this or any other
outdoor game, there is nothing
quite so good as a glass of that
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Pabst exclusive eight-day prob-
cess and the skill of the Pabst
workers trained in the Pabst
plant for generations, make
Pabst Blue Ribbon rich in
actual food values and of a
quality so high that it has won
the prizes of the world.

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Sanitarium Head Quits

Walter Pierce Succeeds Dr. W. T.
Phy at Hot Lake.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
A change of management occurred at
Hot Lake Sanitarium yesterday, when
Dr. W. T. Phy retired from the manage-
ment of the institution and ex-State
Senator Walter Pierce took that po-
sition.

Dr. Phy left last evening for Spo-
kane, where he has decided to locate
permanently. At present, it is not
known what physician will take his
place in the medical and surgical work
at the lake, but the management of the
institution, which has also been one of
Dr. Phy's duties, has been assumed by
Mr. Pierce.

There has been no announcement
made yet as to any change in the pol-
icy of the sanitarium under the new
management. Dr. Phy took charge
when the place was started and \$500-
000 has now been expended.

\$10,000 REFUND NOW DUE

Southern Pacific Calls in Freight
Bills at Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
The Southern Pacific Company today
issued a call in this city for the freight
bills on which refunds are due after
lowering of rates on shipments be-
tween this city and Portland. The re-
funds cover the period between the
time the State Railroad Commission or-
dered the lower tariff into effect and
the upholding of that order by the
Federal Court.

To expedite the work the bills will
be forwarded to San Francisco and
paid from that office. It is estimated
that \$10,000 is due shippers in this city.
The period covered is from October to
February.

Bristol Sawmill Busy.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 5.—
The Swan-Hamann Lumber company is
disputing and lumber products from
its mill at Bristol at the rate of three
carloads a day. Teams and teamsters
are no longer needed to carry products
of the mill but are kept at the station
as a three-mile flume from the Burdoin
timber section to the North Bank Road
is completed. Forty men are employed.

White Salmon's Larder Emptied.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 5.—
(Special.)—That White Salmon is feeling
the influx of travelers from the East was
evidenced here Saturday. A bakery had
to close its doors to patrons; the leading
restaurant had to shut down because of
an empty pantry, and a meat market
was sold out, although slaughtering is
double that of a month ago.

Idaho Cadets to Camp.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow.
The annual encampment of the cadets of the University
of Idaho will begin next Monday, and
will continue until Saturday. The en-
campment will be held at Lewiston,
where it was held last year. The cadets
will be under the command of Lieutenant
Cathro, U. S. A., the university com-
mandant.

Plan to Protect Josephine Caves.

SALEM, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—At
the request of C. B. Watson, of Ashland, Or.,
Representative Hawley has requested the
Secretary of Agriculture to suggest a
proper bill to make effective the plan
to develop and protect the Josephine
County caves, which have been set aside
as a National monument. One of the
acts of careless people and other ad-
dicted to vandalism, many of the beauties
of these marble halls have been defaced.

STORE OPENS AT 9 O'CLOCK

The Closing Out SALE of the Tull & Gibbs Store

Is being taken advantage of by wise buyers from far
and near. The entire stock is being sacrificed for dis-
posal by July first, at which time the firm of Tull &
Gibbs will retire from business in Portland.

—It's the greatest money-saving event that the people
of Portland and the Northwest have ever known.

—Opportunities of a lifetime in Furniture, Carpets,
Rugs, Draperies, Bedding, Stoves and Ranges, Crockery,
etc., and Women's, Misses' and Children's Ready-to-
Wear Apparel.

Credit Will Be Extended to Homefurnishers

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Morrison at Seventh

right to open several streets in the northeastern part of that city after litigation in the Circuit Court of U. S. District Court to enjoin County extending over a period of al-

most three years. Judge Galloway de-
cided in favor of the city in two al-
literations by the city to join the
city from opening the streets.

BOSTON SAMPLE SHOE STORE

JUST DOWN 131 4th St. NO
A FEW COR. ALDER ELEVATOR
STEPS ENTRANCE NEXT TO
5 1/2 Cents Store TO WAIT FOR
Open Saturday Evenings

SHOES YOU LIKE TO BUY
AT PRICES YOU LIKE TO PAY

Men's and Women's
3 1/2 to 6 1/2
\$2.50
ALL SIZES WORTH \$2.90
CASH
SHOES ALL SIZES

Tons of Powder Used in Clearing.

HUBBARD, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—
Indicative of the large amount of
slight powder used in this vicinity for
clearing lands for orchard purposes, a
two-ton load of that high explosive,
hailed by six horses, passed through
Lipman, Wolfe & Company, two miles
west of here.

Rural Free Delivery Satisfies.

WOODLAND, Wash., April 5.—(Spe-
cial.)—The first rural free delivery
route to be established in this vicinity
was instituted on the first of the pre-
sent month and embraces the hills to
the north and northeast of town and
although only three days in operation,
it is in good running order and is proving
a great benefit to the residents of the
territory served.

20-Mile Plank Road Ordered.

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 5.—(Spe-
cial.)—County Commissioners yesterday
ordered the Auditor to call for bids for
the completion of a plank roadway 20
miles long from Montesano City to Lake
Quinn at a cost of \$50,000.

Brownsville Wins Street Fight.

ALBANY, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—
The City of Brownsville today won the

Woman's Complexion Need Never Grow Old