

FOUGHT FARMING BATTLE ALONE.

Went Into Wilderness and Made a Ten Strike.

OLE MARTIN'S HEROIC STORY

Miles From Any Human Being, He Broke the Land With a Hand Cultivator, and Won With His Nerve and Brains—Ole's Experience With Potato Growing.

This is the story of a farmer who won because he had nerve and understanding enough to sit down on his land and fight it out to a finish, a farmer who had never heard of the word discouragement and whose only definition of failure was that it meant "try again a little harder;" also it is the tale of a man who farmed as much with his head as he did with his hands, and he did an enormous amount of work with those latter.

His name—not that it matters particularly—is Ole Martin, and six years ago he drifted into these United States from Sweden, where he had been farming in rocky and exhausted land for fifteen years. Six months after his arrival at New York he was in Alaska, and six months after that he had a few acres of land on the Kenai peninsula. Then he began to farm. There were no neighbors—not then, at least, for it was not until later that a taciturn Scot sat down a short distance away and began to farm on his own account.

Had No Dogs or Horses:
The location was three and a half miles north of the new town of Seward, and there was no railroad; also there were no horses and at first not even a dog, so supplies had to be "packed" in. A man who has never carried sixty to a hundred pounds on his back over rough, unbroken country can only imagine that. Ground had to be broken and cleared. Then it had to be prepared for sowing, and the old methods of Sweden and the United States even were useless. Martin began with potatoes and failed. His results were watery caricatures of the potato of commerce. He had got his seeds from Seattle, and he tried again and failed again. Then he began to farm with his head. He proceeded to educate his potatoes and teach them to grow respectably. This could only be done by growing and re-planting. Soon he had real potatoes and began to sell them.

Cultivation was a problem, for without tools it was difficult. Martin solved this problem, however, in his own patient way. He built himself a hand machine and pushed it himself with prodigious labor. Later, when he had secured a dog team, he broke them to haul the cultivator. It was a severe task, for he was alone. There was no hired man—just Ole himself and the dogs.

Decided on Garden Truck.
Finding himself so close to a growing community, Martin saw that in garden produce there would be a market, and he set to put some seven acres under cultivation. In nearly all his work he had trouble with his seeds. Those from the States would not grow well in a soil where there were 140 inches of rainfall in a year, and so he had to educate his turnips, his cauliflower, carrots, cabbages and the rest to grow in damp soil.

The government maintains experiment stations, but these were and are too few; also they are only experiment stations, and the real work must be done by the real farmer. Martin went through it all, and he built his log house, barn and outbuildings. He cuts his hay—tons of it—by hand and ricks it alone. He finds time for flowers, and these are his amusements. He built an incubator and is raising chickens and is housing them in a log house equipped with a stove. Every bit of work on the place—every last tap—has been done by this farmer single handed. He has combined the work of the experiment stations and the farm, and to him is due the success of farming on the Kenai. Now the railroad has come to him, and he can ship his products in to Seward, even across the sound to Cordova and Valdez, and he is well to do.

Fought Twenty Hours a Day.
But the trials and the fight of those early days, when he was wrestling twenty hours of a summer day and eight hours of a winter twilight with a rough, semiarctic country, pushing a clumsy, homemade cultivator by hand and smiling cheerfully, will not soon fade, nor will the days when eighteen hours of yellow sunlight brought the seeds rushing to the surface and matured them in five weeks. Those were the moments when he saw the things the future held. And he's not going to sell out and go back to Sweden. He's going to stick on the job. It's his home now, and he sees the time in ten years—no, five—when he will have farmer neighbors all about him and the rich soil will be working for the men who can conquer it.

Up in the Tanana valley and in the Copper river and the Sustina, too, farmers are following the track of Ole Martin, the man who farmed and made it go through—alone.

Not In the Game.
If you've an enemy to slay,
Whom you would like to disappear,
Just take him on a hunting trip
And then mistake him for a deer.
—Boston Herald.

Scrambled Wisdom.
"That young Skimmer is awfully right. He knows a little of everything. You'll like him."
"No; I don't care for those hashed mentalities."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Real Need.
The fireless cooker's a great thing—
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J. C. Smock, of Sherwood, Accepted on Case

BIG CASE STARTED TUESDAY

N. L. Wiley, of Rex, Excused by Defense Attorney

The Binger Hermann trial opened Monday, and, Tuesday, at 3:55 a jury was selected. Washington County is represented in the jury box in the person of J. C. Smock, of Sherwood, and who is well known to all the eastern portion of the county. N. L. Wiley, of Rex, was excused by the attorneys of the defense, and was included in the seven who were peremptorily challenged. Green Hale, formerly of Hillsboro, and now residing in Portland, was excused by Mr. Heney, who is conducting the trial for the government. It is expected that the case will consume several days time, and if a verdict is reached by the end of next week, the case will be much more speedy than the usual land fraud cases.

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Cash for fur. Twenty per cent higher than last year. Leave fur at Corwin's Hardware Store, or my residence, first house over the Electric bridge, west of town. Oak Park depot, 5 cent fare from Hillsboro. 414 Charles Eames.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chris O finger to Gus ave Kaufman, 10 a J H Reid d l c, and 2 lots in Beaverton..... \$100
Felix Verhoeven to Nancy D Smith, blk 6 Knob Hill, Forest Grove..... 1000
Pauline Shogren to F W Emerson, 50x120 ft blk 4 Naylor's ad Forest Grove..... 300
C. L. Perry to Rosa Wikberg, 40 acres sec 6 t 1 s r 4 w..... 900
Effie R Arms to J F Richter, 12 50 a Archibald Ball donation..... 2800
B M Gules to Kurtil Broe, part of lots 7 and 8 blk 22 Hillsboro..... 4000
Catherine Hyland to James F Baldwin, 50x100 feet blk 15 F Grove..... 850
Martha Phillips to Jane Bernard, 10 a Wm McLann donation..... 1500
Chas Ashpole to Julia A Schmidt, 40 a near Middleton..... 5000
Lorenzo Jean to C M Schaffer, 4 1/2 a Ralph Wilcox donation..... 3000
Wm Middlestadt to Celestine Deinger, 20 a Spencer's Homestead..... 400
A W Smith to Theodore Young, 2 1/2 a North Tigardville..... 10
Walter Hannan to John T Lucas, 4 a at Buxton..... 400
Maryje Zlozewski to J H Coughlin, 10 a Sol Richardson donation..... 10
J C Snyder to J M Moad, 0.75 acre at Scholls..... 500
Aug Lovgren to Everett Crockett, 17 1/2 a Scoggin Valley..... 100
Fred and Ed Colfelt to J C Wangman, 25x100 ft in Tualatin..... 100
Oregon Nursery Co to Leon Girard, lot 2 blk 6 Oree co..... 150
G B Hartman to W H Schultz, 150 a Geo H Smith donation..... 6500
Frank Pineout to Ida F Burtis, 50 a sec 16 t 3 n r 4 w..... 300
H Anderson et al to Jno Ballard, tr lot 3 blk 33 Forest Grove..... 1
Jacob Koenig to Christian Koenig, 42 a C J Merrill donation..... 2400
Minnie Richards to C J Baldwin, 3 lots blk 4 Reedville..... 25
Herman Metzger to S H Graves, 50x100 ft Metzger Acre Tracts..... 250
J T McMillan to Hannah Hardy, 3 05 a t 2 s r 1 w..... 2000
C A White to Bryden, Reed & Stewart, 150 a sec 30 t 3 n r 3 w..... 100
J J Hartley to Carl Berggren et al, 91.91 a Anderson Smith donation..... 10,000
Jno Skoglund to C W Dale, 16 1/2 a sec 2 Orange Hall donation..... 4500
Chas Geiberger to J G Turner, 10 45 a sec 15 t 2 s r 1 w..... 10
C Heim to S M Chapman, 62 a Wm McLann donation..... 8000
Jno Elliott to H W Zimmerman, 80 a sec 6 t 2 n r 2 w..... 10

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Paul Tews, of North Hillsboro, was out after the coon family, the other day, and caught four in one tree. Paul says the catch was made early before the rest of the delegation arrived. He thinks that they evidently were out to discuss the merits of "assembly" against the direct primary system.

Mrs. Myrtle Whitmore, of Beaverton, died last Friday. She was aged 23 years. Mrs. Whitmore was operated on for appendicitis three weeks ago. She died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hoover.

The next dance at Hillsboro Hall will be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 15. Toelle's orchestra. These dances are growing more and more in popularity. Tickets, \$1 Ladies free.

Joseph Bellish and Miss Rose M. Feldt, daughter of Wm. Feldt, were united in marriage, Tuesday January 11, 1910, at the court parlors in Hillsboro, Or., Judge J. W. Goodin officiating.

Born, to the wife of Victor Wisner, of The Dalles, Ore., January 4, 1910, a son. Mrs. Wisner was formerly Miss Florence Bidwell, of this city.

Frederick D. Gardner and Miss Ina Merle Shanshan were married at the home of Mrs. S. E. Gardner, Forest Grove, January 9, 1910. Rev. Stivers officiating.

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