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CLIMATE.

Ours, especially west of the Cascade mountains, favors rapid growth, early and abundant bearing, and a reasonably long life of the tree. Some apple trees have borne good fruit here forty years, and a few forty-five years. We get a good crop in four years from the graft or bud, and in five years from the seed. This is due not only to the mild, moist air from the Pacific, but as much to the soils, highly charged with the decomposed alkaline and silicic elements of the basalts. These make strong stocks and branches and firmer tubes and cells for sap flow and chemical reagency. The texture of plant and fruit are alike robust, causing the charge to be sometimes made that the fibre is rather firm and coarse than delicate. But this latter quality can be modified by tillage and mulching.

The climate of Eastern Oregon and Washington is drier and the soil finer, and perhaps richer in fruit elements. It is certain that Wasco and Walla Walla counties equal the Willamette valley in the excellence and abundance of their fruits. Their trees take up more silica, and show a cleaner and more glossy bark, and stronger body and branch. The fruit is more highly colored in that clear air and bright sun, and more attractive and profitable to buyers.

LOCALITIES.

Many orchards have been set out in the low, flat, undrained meadow lands, which have been stunted and killed early in such a soggy soil, resting on an impervious strata of clay. A farmer in the Ochoco valley complained that his orchard died out, roots and all, although he had irrigated the white alkali soil until it had turned black and leached out a dark, caustic lye, such as his mother used to make soap in Vermont. He was told to set his next lot of young trees upon the stony hillside, and was warranted a good growth of prime fruit and long life to the trees. The basalt rocks decompose rapidly and add continual supplies of plant food, light and porous, which absorb the air, condense its invisible vapor, nourish stock and leaf, bud and fruit, and allow the excess to drain off in rills and springs below. Such gravelly, hilly spots, called useless, are among the surest and best for fruit culture. They cannot everywhere be found, but on our North Pacific coast they abound and wait for the wisdom and industry of man to cause them to "bud and bloom as the rose."

WINTER CHINOOK WINDS.

The nature of tree and vine in our temperate winter climate is to cast off foliage and arrest the flow of sap, protecting the tubes from freezing and bursting. In the tropics, where frosts seldom occur, the sap flows continually, giving orange bud, leaf, flower, green and ripe fruit all at the same time. They have seasons, but all seasons are often shown in one.

The tropic winds from the Pacific in winter are sometimes so warm that sap starts and fills stock and branch, twig and bud, leaf and flower like the opening spring on the southwest exposure. But trees on the northwestern hillside seldom show signs of swollen bud or leaf until the later and warmer spring days. A cold east wind is liable to blast and freeze bud and fruit, killing both and often the tree itself on a southeastern exposure.

Such losses have in late years occurred in Eastern Oregon and Washington, so that fruit raisers have not only lost their crops and plants, but have lost faith in the future of their orchards. The calamity has fallen upon localities hundred of miles apart, showing that the entire region, extending into Idaho and Montana, of 200,000 square miles, is liable to be involved in frequent if not annual failures.

PROTECTION.

The region in part west of the Cascade range is usually protected by rains, or fogs at such times, though not always.

I was found that the winter freeze in 1880-81 (that killed so many fruit trees east of the Cascades, on southern aspects) did not kill those on northern aspects. The ground was too cold for the sap to start.

The remedy to be sought in all cases is to keep the soil around the roots too cold for sap to start during a winter Chinook wind or a warm day.

First—The safest method is to set trees out on the north side of a hill or range, or north of groves or forests or buildings, where the sun's rays do not strike directly or early in the day. This is often a sufficient guard of tree and fruit.

Second—When frost, snow or ice are around the tree in winter cover the whole with a mulch of straw, leaves or chip earth, so that snow and ice will not melt soon. This will keep back the sap flow through the warm spell, and if there is much snow or ice it will put back the fruit and leaf buds till after the late spring frosts.

This plan has been tried in Michigan orchards with great success. It can be tried every winter in orchards east of the Cascades, and in many localities west of this range.

Third—If an orchardist determines to save his fruit, he can lay in a store of ice and mulch every valuable tree—peach, pear, plum, cherry or apple—with a layer of ice, and cover that with a heavy straw mulch, and thus the too early flow of sap will be prevented. The mulch also prevents early flow of sap.

MULCH.

The mulching serves three other valuable purposes. It should remain around the tree through spring and especially through the heats of summer, as the best condenser of the invisible vapor in the air. It is cool enough to condense dewdrops, which will gently trickle down among the roots and promote the rapid growth of the plant and fruit, while uncovered spots are dry and parched.

Second—It checks the growth of weeds and keeps a clean, unexhausted ground for the fruit trees.

Third—It decays annually and enriches the soil and thus secures healthy and abundant food for tree and fruit.

PRUNING.

This should be done in winter when no sap flows. Many Michigan orchardists trim in December, it is said, and they find it the best time to do it well, and to burn up all insect eggs and nests. The cuts can be covered with a wax, made of rosin and oil in equal parts. Pruning should be done by heading back the tree and thinning out the branches, that the few left shall grow out strong and horizontal. This will bring all insect pests within sight and within reach, of the poisonous spray with which you wish to shower and kill them. Every stock and branch and twig can thus be kept clean and healthy.

A tree thus trimmed down allows all the fruit to be hand-picked and assorted at once. Falls on the ground or mulch will not bruise. Defective fruit will not be allowed to grow and ripen. A tree occupying two rods square thus cultivated will pay a much larger annual per cent. on the investment than two or three trees uncared for on the same space.

OUR POSSIBLE FRUIT HARVESTS.

The past is proof that we have the climate and soil and the nurseries and orchards started to increase our exports of this food ten fold and even twenty fold within as many years. This will put millions of dollars into the hands of thousands of people who have only a few acres each of our prolific soil in this vigorous yet genial climate. Every man can dwell under his own vine and fig tree. Every child can learn lessons of industry, economy, self-reliance and enjoy a competence, while promoting also the common welfare.

G. H. ATKINSON.

MISINFORMATION REGARDING OREGON.

A traveling correspondent for an Oregon paper, while in the East, writes a word in regard to Oregon: "In our three trips across the continent within the past six months we find of all states in the Union, Oregon is the least known. The least advertised and the least spoken of, and it is embarrassing sometimes to be in conversation with parties and some one ask: 'How far is Oregon from St. Paul?' 'Is Oregon in California?' 'Is the Columbia river Oregon?' 'Are there any churches or schoolhouses in your country?' Has Sitting Bull made any more raids lately?' 'How do you protect yourselves against the Indians?' etc. etc. One feels that he is living in a foreign land, instead of under protection of the stars and stripes. Within the past six months the writer has been asked at least one thousand questions such as quoted. One young man asked the writer, a few days since: 'Do you see the same moon and stars in Oregon that we do here?' One newspaper in New York published an item that a man drove from Washington Territory to Elmira, N. Y., in forty days with one span of mustangs, making fifty miles a day for thirty days, and seventy-five miles a day for ten days. Such ignorance in regard to the distance between Elmira, N. Y., and Washington Territory ought to be shown by some one other than the editor of a newspaper having a circulation of 10,000 copies. The citizens of Oregon who desire to have our fair State known away from home should take steps at once to inform the world of her boundless resources. While at home one imagines that the Webfoot State is known far and near, but let him step beyond the shadow of the State line and he meet the man who is not familiar with Oregon as she is."

BALKY HORSES.—"Balky horses, you say?" remarked a talkative passenger, "yes I've had a little experience with them. They are no easy things to handle. It is a mighty hard work for a man to drive balky horses and be a Christian at the same time. I tried it years ago, and gave it up as a bad job. But, say, did you ever hear of a man having a horse balk on him in such a way as to make him laugh—to please him all over and make him right down happy? Well, sir, I did, and I was the man. He was a horse that I traded for—got rid of a spavined, blind-stagger nag that swop—and he was an awful balker. There wasn't no use doing anything with him—there was nothing to do but just sit down and wait for him to come around. It generally took two hours. One day I was driving him along and just as we got to the railroad track he balked. 'Here's a go,' says I to myself; 'what if a train would come. Then after a while I didn't care a cuss whether one come or not, and in about seventy-five minutes I was afraid one wouldn't come. I just ached to have a train come along. I prayed for one. Sure enough, pretty soon I saw one coming. It made me smile. When the engineer whistled for me to get off the track I laughed. And when she got a little closer, I climbed out the hind end of the buggy, leaned against the fence and prepared to enjoy the picnic. Oh, but it was sport! That balky horse had sworn he wouldn't go, but he went that time. He was distributed along the track there for twenty rods. And the old buggy and harness—it looked too comical. Never had such fun since I was a boy."

"Rather expensive fun, wasn't it?"

"Yes, for the railroad company. I sued 'em for $700, and the jury of farmers gave me $627,50. Oh, but it was fun!"

Why should the people of the U. S. pay 500 men in Louisiana $50,000,000 to grow sugar cane, or why should 500 men in Pennsylvania change the producer $150,000,000 per annum to manufacture iron. It is unjust in both cases, and the duty should be lowered. The men who raise wheat, corn, etc., who buy these articles at double their value, it will be remembered, seek their markets in foreign countries compete with any labor in the world, and pay immensely more for what they buy, at the same time that he pays more wages to his employes. The tax is exorbitant, and if the duty were reduced from 40 to 20 per cent. (17 per cent. is the entire cost of labor in manufactured articles) it would be equivalent to raising the purchasing power of a bushel of wheat to 75 cents. The farmer we think should get a part of what he makes. The home market promised the farmer has not come yet and the U. S. sends away more farm produce by a thousand per cent. than 25 years ago and is compelled to, and the manufacturers of the United States have not increased at as great a rate as before 1860.

IRVING M. SCOTT of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco is greatly delighted over his anticipated success in securing the contract for the construction of the new steel cruiser Charleston. His bid was $1,017,000. He says this money will be spent among the mechanics of the Pacific Coast. It also opens the way, Mr. Scott thinks, to future governmental work in this direction that cannot fail to benefit San Francisco and its immediate surroundings. Generally there is an expression of satisfaction about the Navy Department that the Union Works secured the job. The understanding there is that its plant is one of the best in the country, and as it is policy of the department to build up one such establishment on the Pacific Coast, the disposition there is to afford it every possible encouragement.

SOME visitors went into a store in Portland, Me., kept by a German woman, and called for whisky. She said that she could not sell any, and then whispered to one of them: "Yen you vants fiskey you must call for vine, and pinch mit von eye."

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SUPREME COURT.

THE RELATION OF THE WIFE'S PROPERTY TO THE HUSBAND'S DEBTS.

The supreme court, by Lord, chief justice, has rendered a decision in the case of Amos King vs. J. Fredrika Voos, a case appealed from Multnomah county, which will prove of interest to many creditors and debtors in Oregon. Following is a summary of the evidence in the case:

Jacob Voos, the husband, entered into several business ventures, all of which proved disastrous, and threw him into insolvency. His wife, Frederika Voos, then secured the restaurant privilege at the Occidental hotel in Portland, and undertook the business in her own name having bought the privilege with money which was her own. She then became proprietor, and was the party trusted in the business. Her husband then worked for her in the restaurant and claimed that he worked without compensation. His creditors claimed that his services were valuable to his wife, and contended that it would be fraud in law to allow her to retain the benefits of them, at least, in excess of the amount necessary to the support of his family.

The court held that in such case as the above the relation of employer and employe and principal and agent may exist between the husband and the wife without subjecting her interest in the business, or the acquisitions arising out of it, to the debts of the husband. But, further, that the husband could give his services to his wife without compensation. "Any device designed to cover the property or acquisitions of the husband debtor, or to conduct his business in the name of his wife, or some other member of the family, to defraud creditors, is a sham and a fraud which, when discovered, the law will not tolerate, but brand with the mark of its condemnation. But the mere fact that the husband gives his services to his wife in the conduct of her separate business is not, of itself, sufficient to vitiate it with fraud, or to make her interest in the business or the profits arising out of it chargeable with his debts. In Abbey vs. Dego, 44 N. Y., 343, it was held that a husband may work for his wife, in the management of the separate business or property, without any compensation, and that his creditors will not thereby acquire any rights against the wife or her property. Hunt, J., said: "In arguing this point, the appellant's counsel insists that the services, the time and talents of the husband are valuable, and he has no more right to give them to his wife, as against his creditors, than to give her his property to their prejudice. The one, he says, is as much their property as the other. The argument is entirely unsound. The property of a debtor * * belongs to his creditors. * * He must pay before he gives. No so with his talents and industry. Whether he has much or little, or nothing, his first duty is to support his family. * * * The application of a debtor's property is rightly directed to the payment of his debts. He cannot transport it to another country, transfer it to his friend, or conceal it from his creditor. Any or all of those things he may do with his industry. He is at liberty to transfer his person to a foreign land. He may bury his talent in the earth or he may give it to his wife or friend.'" * * And Earl, J., has said that the creditors of an insolvent have no claims upon his services. They cannot compel him to work and earn wages for their benefit, and hence he does not defraud them if he chooses to give away his services by working gratuitously for another. * *

The law gives the creditor no power over the volition of the debtor, but leaves the question as to whether the debtor shall labor in his own behalf or for another, to be decided by his own free choice. If he chooses to work for himself the acquisitions of the labor belong to him and the creditor, and the creditor may lay hold and apply them to the payment of debt. But if he chooses to give his labor to his wife, in the management of her separate property, the fruit of such labor is not his, and on principle the creditor cannot seize and appropriate it to the payment of his debt.

In conclusion the court said: Under the act of 1880 the wife is released of all 'civil disabilities,' except the right to vote (Sess. L, 1880), and her property is equally liable for the expenses of the family (Sess. L., 1879). Her rights to acquire property, to enjoy the fruits of her labor, or to hold and invest the profits arising from the successful management of her own trade or business can no longer be disputed. And when, by her industry, prudence and economy, and business foresight, she acquires property in the management of her separate business, it is her separate property, and not his, and cannot be liable for his debts."

HOW GOOD HORSES ARE RUINED.—In the New York *Mail and Express'* sporting column is the following: "In the season just gone by five of our two-year-olds won more than $100,000. In the same period 200 of our two-year-olds won less than $200,000; still these very same youngsters had great promise as yearlings, and much was expected of them. The repeated failure of so many well-bred youngsters raises the question whether it is wise to have so much two-year-old racing. The two-year-old stakes are so many and such that dozens of promising youngsters are ruined in the varied and hurried attempts to get them into condition for the trying contests, while many yearlings are ruined in health and spoiled in temper by repeated trials. Early in their two-year-old form they are trained down to the finest point for spring stakes. Some of them stand the preparation, some break down absolutely, and others lose strength and flesh and are thrown out of training. The death of the great colt, King Fox, was caused by over-preparation. The severe test he was put to in order to win the Great Eastern handicap killed him. Had he been spared, it is likely he would have proved the best three-year-old in America.

EASTERN OREGON MINES.—Mr. Plumley, an editor of Baker City, has been in Portland during the past week. In an interview with a reporter of the *Daily News* in regard to the mines of eastern Oregon, Mr. Plumley says: "They are looking splendid, a group of our mines, seven or eight in number, located at Cornucopia, were sold to a syndicate of Denver capitalists through Mr. Davidson of that city for $100,000. It is the intention to develop these mines and put in ample machinery to reduce the ores. The Denver men have undoubtedly secured a big thing, as the mines are rich and the ores comparatively easy of reduction. The Robert Emmett mine, a mile from Cornucopia, has been sold by Dr. Howard to a Denver capitalist for $6,000. This property is also being develop