

Western Oregon is Suitable for Nut Orchard.

Why nut raising is not more generally practiced is one of the things not easily accounted for, when one considers the high prices which nearly all varieties bring in the market, says the Farm Sentinel. What other crop can the farmer raise that has so many advantages to offset the small amount of labor and care required, as nuts. They need little care after being properly planted, compared to what fruit trees or other crops do, and their product is less perishable than almost any other article the farmer can raise.

The principal objection to planting nut trees seems to be the length of time one must wait before they will bring in returns. But this is greatly exaggerated in the popular mind. Many varieties of nut trees bear as early as do fruit trees. The care given them, too, has much to do with their early bearing. Even our common native varieties may be induced to bear earlier than is their wont by cutting back and otherwise giving them proper care.

The Japanese chestnut bears in three or four years. The tree is small, growing to only about half the height of our native tree, and they are very productive. The nuts are of enormous size, being from four to six times as large as the American nut, but not so sweet and fine in quality. They were first introduced into this country about 1876, and there are now several varieties, differing somewhat in size, earliness, etc. Some of the earliest have sold for as high as \$15 per bushel in the large cities.

Another early bearing nut is the Japanese walnut, which comes into bearing nearly as soon as the foregoing. There are two forms of this nut, the oblong (Sieboldi) and the heart shaped (Cordiformis), the latter being considered the best for market.

The English walnut, or Maderia nut, has been grown successfully in this country as far north as Lockport, N. Y., by being raised from seed grown in this country, but a little further south. By planting each crop of nuts a little farther north the locality where they were grown it is probable that in time a stock may be produced hardy enough to withstand any climate. A dwarf variety of the English walnut is now offered, which is a decided advantage where land can not be spared for large trees. These commence bearing quite young and are prolific.

The French, or Spanish chestnut, while not quite so sweet as our native variety, is two or three times as large, and bears in about seven years from the planting of the nut.

Another nut which brings a good price is the filbert, of which there are two distinct sorts offered in the catalogues; the common, large, round ones with which we are all so familiar, and an oblong variety, called the Kentish Cob filbert. The filbert is perfectly hardy, and is so small as to be called a bush rather than a tree.

Of course, if young trees can be obtained and be well cared for at the start, a crop may be had much earlier than from the nuts. If the trees are to be raised from seed select the finest specimens obtainable (you are planting for a lifetime and want the best) place in a box of sand as soon as gathered and leave out of doors until spring so that the frost may crack the hard shell; in the spring plant out in the ground.

Cultivation of the ground, while not absolutely essential, is to be recommended to give the young trees a good start, with no danger of being stunted; and a good mulch is desirable for several years. When well established nut trees will take care of themselves better than any other crop one can raise, and every year adds to their value and productiveness.

I have here considered only the value of the nuts and have said nothing as to the worth of the trees in other respects, such as for shade, shelter, timber, etc.

The New Army Rifle.

It is stated that during our campaign in Cuba there were no less than half a dozen different kinds of rifles represented in the American army of invasion, says the Scientific American. The fact that two entirely different types—the Krag-Jorgenson and old Springfield rifle—constituted the main armament of our troops, the former being used by the regulars and the latter by the volunteers, was in itself a sufficient handicap to place our troops at a serious disadvantage, particularly when it is born in mind that the weight, range, and rapidity of fire of the two weapons were widely different. Hence, it is encouraging to learn that the government has definitely decided to adopt a new army rifle. The new weapon is a most excellent piece, greatly excelling the best of existing military rifles on every point of

comparison. It is shorter (only 24 inches long in the barrel), lighter, has greater velocity, greater energy both at the muzzle and at the longer ranges, than the Krag-Jorgenson, the celebrated Mauser, or the very excellent German military rifle. The new Springfield rifle is to be supplied to the regular army just as fast as it can be turned out from the government arsenal, which if working at its capacity of 200 rifles a day, could supply our army of 60,000 men in about one year's time. The Krag-Jorgenson rifle of the regulars are to be passed on to the National Guard, and they will carry them until the regular army has been supplied with the new rifle in their turn. The advantages of arming the National Guard as well as the regulars with the same pattern of rifle, especially when it is such a magnificent weapon as this, are obvious.

The Tender Passion.

"I want a copy of 'The Tender Passion,'" said the girl with pink cheeks and blue eyes, to C. B. Cannon at the book counter.

"'The Tender Passion,' certainly," he replied, smiling, but at the same time scouring his memory for some clue that would help him locate the book. Into the Publishers' Index, catalogues, pamphlets and announcements he dove—but no such title was there.

"'The Tender Passion,' I believe you wanted," he said with his most affable smile.

"Yes I think that is the name," the girl with the pink cheeks and blue eyes replied. "It's by Ethel Watts."

"Oh!" said the man of books, "certainly!"—and when he returned beaming from the shelves he bore in his hand "True Love," by Edith Wyatt.

Probate Order.

C. Schmidt, guardian of Charles Smith, a minor, authorized to sell at public auction, the following real property belonging to his ward: Lots 1, 2 and 3, of sec 9, tp 13s, r 11 west, containing 150.15 acres.

Daniel Garrison appointed admr., and Edgar Bone, N. A. Fosteer and H. A. Collins appraisers of the estate of Hannah Garrison, deceased.

Wm. H. and Ernest Koepke filed their final account as executors of the estate of Fritz Koepke, deceased. Final settlement of same set for Sept. 7, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

G. W. Dimmick, J. D. Hamilton and H. T. McClallen appointed appraisers of the estate of Dixie M. Judy, a minor.

John H. Shupe filed his final account as admr. of the estate of Jane Patterson, deceased, and Sept. 7, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. fixed as day and time for final hearing of same.

The farmers around Pendleton are holding their wheat at 70 cents per bushel.

The Hawaiian Islands now want independence and to be placed on the same footing as Cuba.

Seattle was invaded on Tuesday morning by thugs who entered the Boulevard hotel, and at the muzzle of guns robbed the guests.

All the Roman Catholic Cardinals are now in Rome, and the log rolling and rail splitting going on is equal to a Tammany gathering to nominate a Mayor for New York.

A score of political dead ducks met in Denver, on Monday, to organize a new political party on the reform order. The chief members of the organization are from the late populist party.

The Reliance has been officially designated by the New York City Yacht Club to defend the cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's boat Shamrock III. The contest bids fair to be very exciting and close.

Dispatches received say that 18 Bulgarian officers have left Sofia for Salonica for the purpose of renewing the dynamite outrages. Several of them are supposed to have already arrived here. The population is anxious.

In the Wall Street flurry and bull and bear fight, Harriman won and the Southern Pacific stock came out on top. It was an effort made to cripple the Southern Pacific railroad in the interest of other lines, and the measure failed.

John D. Long, United States Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt, died Tuesday morning at Dunbar, Scotland, where he had been visiting friends. His death was the result of an accidental fall which occurred yesterday. In the dark Mr. Long missed his footing and fell from steps of the house where he was stopping, fracturing his skull. He was touring Scotland, preparatory to returning to the United States. Mr. Long, whose home was in St. Augustine, Fla., was appointed Consul-General at Cairo in October, 1900. He was 57 years old.

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