

CRANBERRY CULTURE

A New and Promising Industry For The Coos Bay Country—Big Money Producer.

To realize \$1,500 off five acres in one year seems fabulous, yet that is what Mr. McFarland did with his cranberry farm up North Inlet, one of the tributaries to Coos Bay, during the year 1906. The sum was clear profit above all expenses.

It seems inevitable that this remunerative industry will become another one of the assets that unite to form the staple foundation upon which the Coos Bay country, with increasing vigorous rapidity, is daily growing into natural prominence as a commercial and industrial component of the great Pacific coast country.

Raising cranberries requires more than the sticking of the shoots in the ground. The first and most vital factor is the soil; the second is the climate; and the third is the care and attention. All of the factors are interdependent—the absence of one would render the other useless. Certain portions of the land adjoining Coos Bay are most favorably fitted for the industry and the climate is, of course, unequalled.

On Small Farm.

Mr. McFarland's farm is situated on the marsh land and comprises ten acres. Owing to the richness of the yield only five are utilized for cranberries. Unlike other soil products the berry requires but one planting; "then," as a party remarked, "it is good for the rest of a man's life."

The land must be flooded once a year and kept absolutely clear of weeds. It is also essential that the soil be covered with a layer of sand. The planting is done in the spring, and the crop is harvested in the fall, about November. The berries raised on Mr. McFarland's farm bring from \$3.25 to \$4.50 a bushel.

Heretofore Wisconsin has been reckoned one of the important cranberry states of the union, but the frequent frosts many times act as a fatal detriment to the successful harvesting of the crop. During Mr. McFarland's twenty years' experience in the Coos Bay country he has never lost a crop by frosts. This one feature places Coos Bay far in advance of Wisconsin.

Big Opportunity.

The opportunities for financial re-

turns with cranberries are probably unequalled elsewhere in this country. Only recently have people begun to realize this fact and at present there are eight or ten farmers around Coos Bay who are engaged in this industry.

There yet remain acres upon acres which may be cultivated and on which fortunes can be made if the proper attention is given. It is also said that the land can be purchased for from \$75 to \$150 an acre. It seems a sound investment when one can buy land and double on the purchase price the first year.

IMPROVING STREETS AT NORTH BEND

Large Force of Men and Teams at Work Now Doing the Grading.

There is a large force of men and teams at work in North Bend during the good weather doing street grading. Besides ten teams and about twenty men, there is a large steam scraper being used. The steam scraper takes out about three yards at a time and does a great amount of work in a day. The streets are not only being brought to grade, but a lot of low land near is being filled.

FUNERAL HELD.

Burial of Charles Ross Takes Place in Marshfield.

The funeral of the late Charles Ross was held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Marshfield Lutheran church. Rev. B. F. Bengtson conducted the services. Many friends were in attendance. The burial was at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Charles Ross was one of the old residents of North Inlet. He has lived in the county for thirty years and was well known. A wife and four children survive.



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