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Mr. Nash on the Fruit Industry.

Editor LEADER:—My third letter brings me to the fruit "industries" of Lincoln county. But, stop! Is that a presently proper word?

Think of Hood River with its hundreds of orchards and car loads of apples and strawberries, covering the best markets in the United States and crossing the ocean to be served at Kings' tables. Call to mind the Rogue River Valley from Grants Pass to Ashland, that smiling paradise of fruit where certain profits follow the labor of the orchardist and a family lives in more than comfort on the products of 100 trees. Think of the long and narrow valley of the snake, shared between our own state and the sister state of Idaho, where irrigation reigns supreme and under it the former desert land yields apples big and rosy, lovely to the sight. Turn back to the wide Willamette Valley, only thirty miles away from us, where the moss-hung orchards of the pioneers are fast giving place to the clean cultivation and careful husbandry of today, grain farms yielding place to apple orchards hundreds of acres in extent. And this story does not exhaust the list. From Portland to Eugene, from the Coast Range to the Cascades orchards everywhere.

Is there one good reason why Lincoln county cannot in the near future join this sisterhood of development? Have these other regions any natural blessings that we lack? Have they climate? So have we—genial, moderate, equable. Have they special soils? The wonder is that in Oregon—Western Oregon in particular—every kind of soil grows good fruit. The volcanic character of Hood River does not overshadow the black valley soil of the Rogue River, and as good apples are shown from the red, foot hill, strong soil of the Valley counties. Here in Lincoln county we have variety with fertility in each, and one of the main requisites—good under drainage is general. Moreover, our hills, running generally east and west, give the northern exposure which saves our fruit from damage by late frosts.

So the fine fruit shown at the September fair came from no special district, but each precinct proved its orchard fitness.

And, where raw land in other districts named will cost from \$50 to \$150 an acre just as good, or better, land in Lincoln county is to be had for a third of the money. Why then is our county no where in the race today?

First, because the orchard is only a side show with us, not the first, last and only pursuit of our people. From this it follows that buyers don't and won't come here after the apples that we grow, because there are not enough of them to make it worth their while. An orchard of ten acres is a large one here, and does not compare very well with those of 50, 100, 200 or 300 acres in other districts.

But, second, because in Lincoln county we don't understand the modern science of orcharding, nor yet the modern art of packing and selling our products.

And, third, because each one of

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us "goes it alone," and there is no trade mark, or common standard for Lincoln county fruit, good as much of it is.

It follows that, as we practice it here, there is mighty little money in orcharding with us.

WALLIS NASH.

Nashville, Oregon.

Good Bye, Old Year.

Tonight at midnight we will step from the Old Year to the New, and we are reminded that after all our fears and apprehensions, to many of us, it has been a very kind year. To some, we know that the dark side has been turned, but after all, there is a gleam of sunshine for all if we but look for it. We would not forget that to look upon the homes of some of our readers since last New Years day, a shadow has fallen.

Other homes are like the empty nest that hang on the withered bough, desolate because the life and song went out with the birds. New homes have been made and old ones have been severed, but in our onward march, it is not well to stop and weigh the loads we carry. No life is all sunshine or all storm. If New Year brings prosperity, let us rejoice; if adversity let us be brave.

This is the day to swear off. Don't make so many resolutions this time, but make one or two good ones and stick to them.

Among the many things we are hoping the New Year will bring are: Better schools, better roads, our timber cruised, a ferry or bidge across the river to let the people of the south side into the county seat, the road to Siletz and other roads completed, more orchards planted, more and better dairy cows, more land cleared and put in grass, more people with means and hustle to make homes here, more houses in Toledo, better streets and sidewalks, cleaner streets and yards, more paint on our buildings, nicer yards, that flower park at the depot, the street leading from Hill street to the courthouse improved and beautified, more factories and mills operating, and many more things we might mention, for all or any of which we would be very thankful.

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U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon.
November 5th, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Emil Theodore Raddant, of Siletz, Oregon, who, on Jan. 20th, 1909, made Timber and Stone Application Serial No. 0509, for relg section 5, township 18 north, range 9 west, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Ira Wade, County Clerk, Lincoln County, at Toledo, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:
A. W. Morgan and E. M. Derrick, of Toledo, Oregon; George Hodges of Elk City, Oregon and Warren Hall of Siletz, Oregon.
ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

Notice to Hunters

After January 1 1910, an affidavit for a license to hunt or fish will not be required, but the applicant should send his age, height, weight, complexion, color of hair and color of eyes, at the time he makes application. The law provides that the affidavit should be filed, but a large number of the counties are not complying with this requirement of the law and therefore I have decided that I will not require such affidavit.

Dated December 22, 1909.

IRA WADE, County Clerk.

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