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REFUGE FOR GAME BIRDS

M. J. McALLISTER FARM ON NEIL CREEK SO DEDICATED.

PHEASANTS ARE TURNED LOOSE

Game Warden Hubbard Received Shipment of These Beautiful Birds Wednesday for the McAllister Game Bird Preserves.

M. J. McAllister, who owns a 640-acre farm on Neil creek, has dedicated it to the state as a game bird preserve. Under the terms of the agreement Mr. McAllister binds himself to the state to neither hunt nor permit others to hunt on the place for the next five years. In consideration of this promise the state will stock the place with game birds, especially Chinese pheasants. Two dozen of these birds were received Wednesday from the state game warden and were met by Deputy Game Warden Hubbard, who took them at once to the McAllister farm and released them. There were also several of the same kind of birds released upon that place a few years ago.

The penalty for killing Chinese pheasants at any time of year is not less than \$25 for each bird killed, and may be more at the discretion of the court. Anyone shooting on the McAllister place will also be liable to the regular penalty for trespassing upon the property.

There are other places along Neil creek which it is expected will be dedicated as game bird refuges, and they will be stocked with quail and grouse, according to advices received from headquarters by Deputy Game Warden Hubbard. The pheasants received were raised upon the state game farm at Corvallis, Ore.

AN OHIO VIEW OF IT

Eastern Paper Writes on the Fruit-Growing Industry and Sees Successful Future.

Toledo Blade: One of the weekly periodicals which specialize in agriculture raises and discusses the question, "Will fruit-growing be overdone?"

Upon one side it observes the great profits picked up by orchardists in recent years and the consequent planting of new trees, the opening of new orchard lands, and the booming of sections which may or may not prove good at orchard growing. All this might tend to decrease prices, choke the market, for fruit is world-wide. It is not alone hazardous, as it is by nature, but a poor paying business as well.

Upon the other side, this periodical notes that the markets are widening daily, that old trees are grubbed out rapidly, that poor management has not yet been banished, and that, because of failures due to poor management and poor transportation and the wayward elements, the good managers and the lucky ones are getting prices indicative of an unsatisfactory demand.

Several tragedies have been recorded in the fruit-growing business which were outgrowths of ill-considered and unjustified booms. The farming history of Ohio chronicles not a few of these. But it strikes us that this present boom in fruit-growing, if activity and enterprise can be called that, differs widely from those older passions in specialized agriculture. The early booms developed largely out of the discovery that certain lands were peculiarly fitted to some form of fruit-growing, to localized demands and to advertising pure and simple. Today the market for fruit is world-wide. It is expanding constantly. Its measure has not been, and cannot be, taken. With that spur to enterprise alone, it would seem that there is little present need of orchardists to worry lest their industry be overdone.

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Sleep With the Head to the North.

Columbia University has been trying an experiment in regard to a theory that has long been in practice by certain old-fashioned folks, and that is, if people will be certain to turn the head of their bed to the north on retiring, they will sleep soundly and better than in any other direction. This may look silly and all that, but it is claimed that in numerous experiments which the above university has made it is clearly proven to the satisfaction of those having the matter in charge that the theory is correct. There is another old practice, which is to bury the dead with the head to the north. Just where all these practices come from has not yet been explained.

Banana Trust to Be Prosecuted.

Washington, Nov. 16.—For violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the department of justice here intends to file suit against the United Fruit Company in the near future. It is charged that the company has built up a country-wide distribution and resorted to unfair practices. The company has an authorized capital of \$35,000,000 and owns the entire capital stock of the Tropical Fruit Steamship Company, operating 18 steamers between the West Indies, South America and the United States. The government, it is said, intends to push the impending suits as fast as possible before President Taft goes out of office.

Celluloid Collar Burns.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—Wallace Haynes, a farmer, wears celluloid collars. He went into a barber shop, "Singe?" suggested the tonsorialist. "Sure." Puff! Bloom! went the collar. Haynes and the barber are in adjoining hospital cots.

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THEY HAD A HARD TRIP

H. L. Walthers Tells of Experiences in Trying to Cross Siskiyou Recently.

H. L. Walthers of Medford, district superintendent of the Oregon-California Electric Company, and Sidney Sprout of San Francisco, supervising engineer of the same company, were in the city Tuesday on their way from Medford to Yreka. Mr. Walthers, when asked why he was not traveling by auto, gave some of his experiences on his last trip from Yreka to Medford the last part of last month. He and Mrs. Walthers were just 24 hours making the trip. They found themselves two miles from Coolestin at dark. Leaving their machine by the roadside, they walked to Coolestin, only to find the hotel closed and no one there. They finally found the man who lived near there and watched the hotel and induced him to unlock the building. They built a fire, then rummaged the hotel commissary and succeeded in appeasing the pangs of hunger. Next day they secured a team to pull them down into the valley. They finally arrived home and Mr. Walthers has sworn off mountain motoring for 1912.

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LAND PRODUCTS SHOW

Ashland Exhibit Started Tuesday for Portland, to Be Put in Place.

The Pacific Northwest Land Products Show, to be held in Portland November 18-23, inclusive, promises to be one of the biggest displays that has ever been held in the west. Exhibits are expected from all over the Pacific northwest, and there will be keen competition for the many prizes offered.

The Ashland exhibit went forward Tuesday, and it will be supplemented by additions from Grants Pass. D. M. Lowe leaves for Portland on the 13th inst, where he will take charge of the displays from this locality and Grants Pass. The dry farming products exhibited at the recent District Fair here will be the chief attraction from Ashland, supplemented by the finest apples to be found in the Pope and Cook orchards, also field and garden seeds, and canned and dried fruits and vegetables forming a portion of the main exhibits from the Ashland View and Valleu View ranch properties three miles north of town.

The Southern Pacific Company is not only offering a handsome silver cup for the district making the best display of agricultural products grown along the lines of its system, but is also affording other incentives which will spur competition. Generous cash prizes are offered by the land show management, and Superintendent Low declares that the Ashland district is going after some of them.

The Commercial Club has gotten out a small folder relative to dry farming conditions hereabouts, enumerating the crops raised by these methods under actual experimentation on various tracts in this vicinity. This literature will not only be distributed at Portland under the auspices of the land show, but copies are available for general circulation, the folder having been arranged in convenient form as an ordinary letter enclosure.

Not a "Best Girl" Left in This Town.

Panther, W. Va., Nov. 15.—Cupid has done his work well in this town. With a population of 800 people, the town now stands without a marriageable woman between the ages of 13 and 40. A year ago there were 20 girls ranging above 16 years, who were open for proposals. The past year seems to have been remarkably productive of matrimonially inclined swains, as the marriageable list rapidly dwindled until the town is absolutely barren of a "best girl."

Of eligible young men the town has plenty. Many of the young beaux are in a quandary and have already begun to depopulate the town on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

SHORT IS LONG CHANCE

Bus Driver Finds Boss Is Short On Name Instead of Change, Says Portland Paper.

Oregonian: His name was short and to this circumstance is appended a short story.

He came in on a delayed train from Seattle yesterday morning and, without the slightest hesitancy or inquiry, took a seat in the automobile bus of the Hotel Oregon.

The bus runner came in to collect the fares. The man from Seattle made no move that indicated an intention of paying.

"Fare, please," said the runner. "I'm from Seattle. I'm Short," answered the stranger.

"Well, if your short, perhaps some of your friends will help you out."

Whereupon several passengers signified their willingness to help out a fellow traveler, declaring they had been there themselves.

"You don't understand," said the man, flushing. "I'm from the Seattle Hotel. I'm Short."

"No wonder you're short if you stopped in Seattle for any length of time," said one of the passengers. "I've been there."

"Well," said the runner, "if you haven't got the quarter, I can have it charged on your bill at the hotel."

When the Oregon was reached the runner told the clerk he was short one fare.

The man registered as "Al D. Short, Seattle," and was warmly welcomed by the clerk. He is manager of the Hotel Seattle, owned by Wright & Dickinson, who own the Oregon and Bowers hotels in Portland.

The bus runner is still short one fare.

Clara Morris Becomes Blind.

New York, Nov. 11.—Clara Morris, in her day the greatest emotional actress on the American stage, is totally and permanently blind. Such was the admission made last night at The Pines, 537 Riverside avenue, Yonkers, by the former stage favorite's husband, Frederick C. Harriott.

The specialists, who for more than a year have employed every resource of their craft to sustain her failing sight, said her power of vision had left her forever and was beyond hope of restoration. She is in her 66th year.

The condition of her health has made her a virtual invalid for several years. Her activities during this period have been entirely literary, and her unsparing use of her eyes in connection with the memoirs, novels and short stories she prepared for publication undoubtedly hastened the coming of the darkness she and her friends dreaded.

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