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THE WALNUT—THE FOOD OF THE GODS

The walnut is a very old tree. It is older than the hills. It was before they were.

The testimony from the glacial drift in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois shows that forests containing the walnut grew throughout that vast section and were buried during the Age of Ice.

So, throughout the great Mississippi valley it grew thousands of years before the pyramids rose on the banks of the Nile, or the mythical deity for whom it was named—Jove—Jupiter—had his origin in the fables of men.

Walnut trees grew in Palestine when Solomon was King.

It was known to the Romans as the royal nut and Jove's nut—hence its scientific name: Juglans; from Jovis glans—the nut of Jove or Jupiter.

The Anglo-Saxon derivative signified "foreign nut," coming from the continent. The supply coming to America through England, we get the term, English walnut.

The walnut tree attains great age.

Only its heart wood grows old.

The life line is yearly renewed in every tree, and it is just as young in the tree that has withstood the storms of centuries as in the sapling of a single year.

The living tree is always young.

In France (Gaul) it was called Gaul nut and possibly the name walnut is an English corruption.

In days of old in Germany there was a custom that it would be well for us to heed. No young farmer could marry until he had grown a stated number of walnut trees. Think of the benefit such a custom would eventually yield.

A walnut tree estimated to be a thousand years old in the Crimea near Balaklava bears annually from eighty thousand to a hundred thousand nuts; a ton or more.

Italians in America remember trees in their native villages in their home land six hundred years or more old, bearing bumper annual crops.

Senator Louis Lachmund, in his contribution in this issue of The Statesman, tells of a walnut tree 600 years old in the Vatican at Rome.

An English walnut tree on the Morris Estate on Manhattan Island bore choice nuts for more than a century. George Washington made his headquarters at the Morris mansion after his escape from the British on Long Island and doubtless ate of the nuts of that tree; for it bore two cart loads annually. It stood till 1895; giving way to the encroaching building operations of the great metropolis.

In California one large walnut tree has been sold for three thousand dollars.

Two noted trees in that State have each borne as high as seven hundred pounds of nuts in a single year.

The average yield for ten years from one large tree grafted fifteen years before has been 394 pounds.

From the above, and from reading the contributed articles in this Salem Slogan issue of The Statesman, the reader may form some estimate of the intrinsic value of a large walnut orchard—properly put out and cared for—in the coming years. It will commence bearing the sixth year and increase rapidly thereafter.

Comfort, shade, beauty and value are created; and while walking beneath the ever spreading branches the spirit drinks from the fount of perennial youth.

The consumption of walnuts is increasing in this country and all over the world. In millions of homes nuts are taking the place partly or entirely of meats, and the users are the healthier for the change.

The range of dishes in which walnuts are used is as wide as that in which wheat flour is employed.

It was well named when called "The food of the Gods," the King of nuts.

The analysis of the walnut is: Water, 2.8; proteins, 16.7; fat, 64.4; carbohydrates, 14.8; ash, 1.3. It is a real food.

S. H. Van Trump, Marion county fruit inspector, has a suggestion in his contribution to this Salem Slogan issue that should be heeded by every boy in every home having a black walnut tree, or a seedling of any variety. If heeded, it will mean vast added wealth to this county.

Mr. Van Trump says that, including the worthless English seedlings and American blacks, there are over 10,000 walnut trees in Marion county that should be grafted to improved varieties at the earliest possible date.

Be sure to read what he says—and what all the writers in this issue say.

If it makes a walnut fan of you, all the better—for you and the country.

Some of these black walnut trees referred to by Mr. Van Trump are very large. By grafting, these can be made over into trees that will yield crops of nuts that will pay very high interest on the investment; into trees that will be worth as much as three thousand dollars each.

Such a resource should not be wasted one day longer than necessary.

And there should be a memorial line of Franquette and Mayette walnut trees of pure strain grafted into California blacks or Eastern blacks lining each side of the Pacific Highway, from the Washington to the California line; a living and everlasting memorial to the men who fell and fled and fought and suffered and served in the war for world democracy.

The blessed shade of such an avenue would suggest to coming generations the gratitude of this great commonwealth to her brave and unselfish sons and daughters who gave themselves in full devotion to humanity's highest cause and call.

And the profits would, if applied to that purpose, keep every service-man and woman and all their children and children's children from dire want in future years.

Oregon is the best walnut country in the world.

Our State has now about 10,000 acres devoted to walnuts.

Marion county has over 1000 acres, exclusive of the town and city trees and the scattering ones on the farms.

Polk county has over 500 acres.

The acreage in this section will be and ought to be speedily doubled; and then multiplied many times; and every walnut tree now

of little or no value ought to be brought into full use, by grafting, which can be done, as the reader will readily conclude.

The walnut for wealth; the walnut for health, and the walnut for happiness of this and future generations.

Long life it will have, with half a show, without the wishing.

Now, turn to the Slogan, and be sure that it is a true Slogan.

The Statesman would be pleased to print in convenient form for reading the above article, and to furnish copies to every public school in Marion and Polk counties—free of cost; for the good it would accomplish in showing to the boys and girls the value of the walnut brought down to date through the expensive experiments of past generations, until the path has been made clear for them, leading to a most profitable, pleasurable and useful industry in which they should take a moving part.

There is no such thing as an off year in politics any more.

That coal strike would have been much more popular in July.

We ought to be able to get out of the trenches at the Crillon, Paris, by Christmas.

England fears that the United States will not accept the mandatory of Armenia. Same here.

It is reported that in Ventura county, Cal., thieves entered a place and stole \$70,000 worth of liquor. That must have been at least three gallons.

There is so much criticism concerning the management of the great war that about the only redeeming feature is the fact that it was won.

The Democrats are going to try to raise ten million dollars to elect a successor to Woodrow Wilson. And it will cost the country more than that if they succeed.

Congress will guarantee the railroads of the country against losses after the lines have been restored to their owners following January 1. No relief meant a crash. The roads have been dragged into a frightful plight by government control and they must be assisted.

MYSTERY OF POETRY.

Yesterday we read a poem by Gabriele d'Annunzio and perhaps Providence in its infinite wisdom knows what it's about in keeping him busy at something else.—Ohio State Journal.

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Banks to Have Advance Notice About Holidays

Because of the flood of inquiries received from banks of the state asking if Armistice day were to be observed as a legal holiday, and because specially proclaimed legal holidays are of particular interest to the banks, Governor Olcott announces that hereafter, with the cooperation of Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, he will notify the banks in advance when holidays are to be proclaimed. Upon being advised by the executive office the superintendent of banks will notify each bank in the state.

"Legal holidays will not be declared by me only upon those occasions which I consider to be of great importance," said the governor. "However, I have discovered that after designating Armistice day, November 11, as a holiday, regardless that

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Lest We Forget.

Editor Statesman: Armistice day can never be forgotten by any American or by the whole world. It has a more important meaning than the Fourth of July to all of the boys in the service. It was a day we were fighting for—a day that meant the Huns laid down their arms to one—the American.

Notwithstanding the honor and respect we should show the flag on Armistice day—there are always some who forget.

In this forgetfulness they show disloyalty. Certain merchants opened their stores for business; why should they give a whoop for Armistice day—they lost nothing because of the war—and they don't want to lose anything on the day that Americans want to honor and respect the flag that won the war, for all people—including these merchants.

It, however, would be the proper thing to turn over all proceeds to the Red Cross or other such work, of the business, that should close on such days as Sunday or the Fourth of July or Christmas.

Back from the service.

P. S.—Lest we forget, those who will never come back.

Injured Workers Tardy in Reporting Accidents

Delay by injured workmen, attending physicians and employers in making their reports to the industrial accident commission is one handicap the commission finds itself up against in expediting payments to men receiving benefits of the workmen's compensation act.

"A study made by the commission in connection with efforts to expedite the payment of compensation to injured workmen developed the fact that workmen in the majority of cases do not forward their reports of accidents to the commission in Salem until after reports have been received from the attending physi-



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cians and the employers," said Chairman W. A. Marshall of the commission.

"In 641 cases coming before the commission last week, it was found that on the average the surgeon sent in his report 12 days after the accident, that 16 days elapsed before the employer reported, and that the report was not received from the injured workman until a lapse of over 21 days from the date of the accident."

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PLEA MADE FOR INDIAN YOUTH

Rev. Red Fox Skihushu of Toppenish Appeals to Governor Olcott

A plea for donations toward the establishment of a mission for the biblical training of Indian boys and girls of the Northwest has reached Governor Olcott from Rev. Red Fox Skihushu of the American Indian Christian Tepee mission at Toppenish, Wash.

"We are making an appeal to our leading American citizens of our native country in behalf of the American Indian children of the Northwest," says the letter. "We are establishing a non-denominational mission for biblical training of our Indian boys and girls of the north-

west, and also that they may have such a home with true Christian training and influence while attending public school.

"We are making a drive for financial help to enlarge our mission funds and budget, to be able to carry out this work, a worthy cause. Many pleas and appeals for help you are receiving, I know, but none I am sure has been from the aboriginal American."

"The welfare and uplift of these Indian children depends on the sup-

port and help given by those who are interested in these little Americans."

Nunn and Benson Going to Louisville Meeting

S. Benson of Portland, chairman of the state highway commission, and Herbert Nunn, highway engineer, will attend a convention of state highway officials which will be held at Louisville, Ky., December 9, 10 and 11. Commissioner R. A. Booth also may attend.

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