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CHERRIES WILL BE CHERRIES AND BERRIES WILL BE BERRIES THIS YEAR

The California Cherry Crop Will Be Only About Sixty Per Cent of Normal, and the Demand Will Exceed the Supply--All the Fruits Produced in Salem District Will Be Needed--Some Damage in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

Cherries will be cherries this year. There is going to be a grand scramble for all the cherries grown this year in the Salem district. There will not be enough cherries.

how much is not yet known. The thermometer in that district a few nights ago went down to 27, and in some exposed places, as low as 23.

There has also been some damage to fruit from the same cause in the Yakima district.

All Our Fruit Needed All the fruits, both tree and bush fruits, and strawberries produced this year in the Salem district will be needed.

The loganberry crop on the old vines will be about one-third below a full crop, owing to the de-vitalized condition from bearing a full crop last year, and a long dry summer season and unusual periods of cold weather in the winter season.

ANOTHER CARAVAN WILL MOTOR WEST FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, THIS YEAR

This One Will Locate on Small Orchard Tracts Near Spokane, Starting from the Great Metropolis About the First of August--It is Suggested That the Salem District Take up the Matter of Securing One of The Caravans of Home Seekers from the Crowded Cities Who Want Room and Opportunities.

(By L. E. ("Bert") Warford, National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.)

It used to be a long hike from Brooklyn, N. Y., to Spokane, Wash., but not so today. A crowd of energetic Brooklyn folks have decided to give up city life with all its struggles in the crowded metropolitan district where all are partially, if not totally, dependent upon the other, and "motor west" in a caravan to locate on small, productive orchard tracts near Spokane.

The Spokane Chamber of Commerce is backing the general movement to encourage valley development and settlement, and have concluded arrangements with William D. Scott of Brooklyn, the leader of "Scott's Modern Caravan" of last year out to Buhl, Idaho, to organize and lead the party overland to the tracts located at Otis Orchards, on the Northern Pacific railroad, northeast of Spokane.

The land consists of several individual holdings, varying from 100 to 320 acres, with 400 acres from the Spokane Valley Land & Water company.

The prices for the land are \$250 to \$300 per acre, including permanent water rights from the Spokane canal for land partly developed.

The adjoining lands are highly developed and demonstrate adaptability to alfalfa, clover, corn, small and tree fruits, truck crops, dairying and poultry.

Those in charge of the novel venture hope to profit by the experience of the first or last year's caravan and make this one to Spokane, over the "open road and scenic route" a complete success.

The caravan will leave Brooklyn about August 1, and they expect to reach their future home the last week in October. One of the basic requirements is that each family must have a cash capital in bank of at least \$2000, an automobile, trailer, complete

with any known breed. Some facts about the trade in rabbit skins will be of interest in this connection. More skins of rabbits are collected and sold annually than of all other fur animals combined.

From the above it will be seen that our guess of 15 cents per pelts was not so far wrong after all.

and of the best walnut district. A single walnut tree in California has sold for \$3000, and the Oregon walnuts commanded a price of two cents a pound higher than the California walnuts in the markets last year.

The man on the small tract in the Salem district has the advantages of a mild climate; paved market roads; good school facilities; good and orderly neighborhood society.

All of the above is commended to the Salem Commercial club, and to similar organizations throughout the Willamette valley. Land may be had at reasonable prices here to accommodate not only one caravan such as is described above, but dozens and scores of them. The movement, once fairly started, might be extended to many of the big cities of the country, where there are thousands of people who are tired of the crowded conditions and would be glad to be shown where they may obtain land that will yield good returns for the labor performed upon it, and that will grow in value for many generations.

Warford Oregon Boy "Bert" Warford was an Oregon boy. He knows many Salem people. He has made good in many responsible positions. He knows the advantages of the Willamette valley for the kind of settlers that join these caravans, and in his present work he can be of great help in getting the attention of the proper people directed to this valley.

So the hunch is a very valuable one, and it should be followed up and worked out. The advertising value of these caravans is very great, too; attracting the attention of thousands who do not join the caravans but may come independently.

BROCCOLI CROP FOR NEXT YEAR

Some Timely Suggestions on Getting Plants Started, By Prof. Bouquet

(The following timely comments on getting the broccoli plants started are by Prof. A. G. Bouquet, of the department of vegetable gardening, Oregon Agricultural college, the article being printed in the May number of the Oregon Grower, the magazine of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association.)

Strong, well developed plants makes it possible for the grower to get a good start on his broccoli crop. If the stems are stout, the crowns vigorous and free from insects, and the root system has developed well in good soil, the plants should make a quick recovery from the shifting into the field.

In order to get plants such as the above, most growers seed thinly in drill rows 18 inches apart during early May. The aim is to have plants standing about 12-18 to the foot. Plants growing in crowded bunches will make neither good tops nor roots. They have not the power of quick recovery in the fields.

Plants must be watched for insects which may cause considerable check. Aphids should be controlled by dusting with nicotine sulphate or sprayed with Black-leaf. Maggots may infest seed beds in some areas. The department of entomology, O. A. C., recommends the use of corrosive sublimate solution, or the screening of the seed beds such as practiced by growers who successfully control maggots in eastern United States. For particulars address Prof. A. L. Lovett, department of entomology, O. A. C.

Watering the Plants Some growers have facilities for irrigating their seed beds. If plants are watered it should be infrequent, and thorough rather than frequent and light. Unirri-

gated plants are often more stucky, tougher, and stand drought better than the irrigated. A succulent green, sappy growth is to be avoided if irrigation is used. The latter is valuable, no doubt, in stimulating a better germination of seed and plant growth if there should be a drought through May and June during the plant growing season.

Several inquiries are received from time to time concerning the comparative effect of early and late seeding. Early seedings, namely those in April, usually result in larger plants going into the winter condition; later seedings, those in late May or early June, produce smaller plants in the winter which are not liable to make such large heads of broccoli the following spring. The earliness or lateness of the spring season determines the time of heading in either case. Usually the large plants in the early winter stand less cold temperatures than those which are smaller and usually better matured or toughened for the dormant period. Soil fertility and moisture will determine to a great extent what will be the size of the plants in the early winter.

Over 1,000 Acres in Valley There will be over 1000 acres of broccoli in the Willamette valley, in what the Pep and Progress editor is pleased to call the Salem district, next year, from present indications; from the seed sales.

With a full crop this ought to mean 500 cars, 500 crates to the car, and that would mean with fair prices, well up towards \$350,000 to be received by the growers next February, March and April.

With a good crop next year, the broccoli industry of the Salem district will be well on the way towards a million dollar annual crop.

LARGE EGGS ARE NOT BEST EGGS

Neither Are the Hens That Lay the Abnormal Eggs--The Best Hens

Of late several Salem district readers have reported abnormally large eggs, some asking for the cause and others out of curiosity asking for the dimensions of the largest egg of known record. Such question possesses little value to the practical man on the farm, though they may appeal to the fancier and student of bird life.

The Rural New Yorker, in its issue of April 8, gave an illustration of an abnormal egg which it says is one of the largest received. This specimen is the product of a S. C. R. I. Red hen, and measured 9 1/4 by 5 1/4 inches and weighed seven ounces. Some years ago they received a "soft" egg produced by a Black Minorca hen which was a trifle larger. The singular thing about the Rhode Island Red egg is that it finds that the larger number of abnormal eggs coming to its office this year are the product of Red hens. Usually abnormal eggs are imperfect, often being double-yolked, and the shells are rough and more or less corrugated. Being "off" in size and dimensions adds nothing to their commercial importance.

The Cottage Garden (an English publication) under date of 1853, gives an account of a Shang-hai (Cochin?) hen owned by Miss A. M. Gould which laid three eggs in 24 hours; two were hard, the third a soft one. The hen had previously laid 26 eggs in twenty-seven days, and after resting two days had begun to lay an egg each day. She was hatched in April and began to lay in December, but her owner did not at first count the eggs, as other hens were laying with her; but at the

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VALUE OF RABBIT PELTS NOT GREAT

But It Is Something, and There Are a Great Many Millions Used

Los Angeles Times: Some few weeks ago a correspondent wrote to the Farm and Tractor Section of The Times asking for information as to the commercial importance of rabbit culture as a source of meat supply and as to the possible returns from the pelts. In the reply printed some reference was made to the market for rabbit furs. In a bulletin on the subject just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, we learn that the demand for rabbit fur is such as to make it pay to save the pelts of domestic rabbits killed for food, but that raising rabbits for the fur alone would be unprofitable