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## CELERY GROWING FROM STANDPOINT OF OUR HIGHEST COLLEGE AUTHORITY

Oregon Has Unusually Favorable Conditions for Growing Excellent Celery—There Are a Good Many Problems and Duties All Along the Way However, in Finding Profitable Markets for the High Quality Celery Produced Here—An Expanding Market

Oregon has unusually favorable conditions for growing excellent celery, and while the industry of producing and shipping has not yet reached the proportion of some other states, yet the business is growing and the crop is finding greater outlets and wider recognition each year. The high quality is largely responsible for this condition. The trade has been well satisfied with the character of the Oregon product and this results inevitably in an increasing market.

Climatic conditions must be right to produce celery of the best flavor and quality, nuttiness and sweetness. The lack of extremes of temperatures, and the long, cool and moist fall weather are conducive to the formation within the plant of the things that go to make up what is known as the quality of which we have spoken.

The next factor that influences quality and size of the celery is the soil. There are many thousands of acres in the state of Oregon capable of growing fine celery, but the acreage should not expand in such a way as to increase it ahead of the possibilities of satisfactory marketing. Certain kinds of soil seem to produce the best results such as the organic types of land—the beaverdam or drained lake soils, also rich bottom sandy loams that often sub-irrigate. Celery of very fine quality is often grown on clay loam land that is rich and well drained but this type of soil is harder to handle under irrigation than the other types.

The soil type, too, has a very definite bearing on the size, quality and "stand up" ability of the plant that is necessary if the crop is to be shipped any distance. You often hear celery men talk about a certain fine celery being large and well blanched but they may say also that it does not "stand up" as it should and therefore loses a lot of its value.

The varieties important. Good seed strains have a great deal to do with the uniformity and quality of the crop. A high grade seed strain has good inherent characters that make each plant look and act like the other, having unusual vigor and freedom of growth. A good celery grower usually has several different seed strains growing on the farm at one time, seeking to compare their relative values as to locate the best strain for the bulk of crop the following year. There is a lot of grief tied up for the grower if his seed strain is wrong. Many firms make a practice of celery seed growing and breeding as a specialty in which case it is advisable to tie up to these people for one's supply of seed.

Strains and varieties change in popularity more or less as the years go by and a few years ago the variety Golden Plume was hailed as one of the best that had been recently put out, but it would seem from the behavior of this sort in some fields last year that the advance notices have not been entirely fulfilled. The best bet in planting at the present time seems to lie in getting a good strain of Golden Self Blanching for the main crop with the Golden Plume being grown to some extent for earlier use.

Treating for Disease. Treating celery plants for prevention from disease is one of the greatest features in growing the crop. One can get the best seed obtainable, have excellent ground and fertilized heavily, with fine plants set out and yet lose part or all of the crop due to the ravages of the blight. This disease is an exceedingly dangerous one and

all we have to do is to plant this vegetable and give it good care, etc., and then it will be received with open arms by the trade. Not so. The crop must have to make its way in spite of competition on the basis of the superior appearance, quality, size, and color. Oregon had a lot of good publicity over her celery when she swept the board clean at Louisville, Ky., a year or so ago and the crops that have been sold in outside markets during the past few years have added to her reputation. This must be maintained to a high standard, for it is only on the basis of high quality that the business will continue to thrive and increase in volume.

More farm gardens should have some of this vegetable growing with the other crops that are raised. There is nothing more satisfactory in the home garden than to go out and bring in some nice well blanched bunches that have the freshness and flavor that comes from eating a product soon after it is harvested under the favorable growing conditions that Oregon has both in soil and climate. You must give this vegetable, however, some of the best land on the place if you are to grow good stuff, for it is an exacting crop in more ways than one.

A. G. B. BOUQUET, Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 18, 1926.

(Prof. Bouquet is at the head of the department of vegetable gardening at the Oregon Agricultural college. He is our highest authority in this field.—Ed.)

### Must Fertilize, Too

Fertilization of the ground has a lot to do with the growing of celery that is of the best size, good grade, and "stand up" ability. There is a lot of potash in the celery crop and while it looks in the field like a bunch of leaves yet the plant removes a considerable amount of the potash element from the soil. It has usually been considered a profitable investment by those farming celery on the muck and peat lands to apply potash and superphosphate to the soil when it was being prepared in the spring. Manure is indispensable on land that is not unusually rich in nitrogen, and the manure question is becoming an increasingly difficult one. The growers in some sections have been using sheep manure supplemented by commercial fertilizer which is seemingly giving good results. One instance came to my personal attention last year where the grower was having a peculiar trouble rarely seen. No live or organic was to be found causing the trouble and after considerable investigation it was found that the grower had been using barnyard manure quite heavily each year on the same land for many seasons with no other fertilizers in the way of potash or phosphoric acid. The soil was in an unbalanced condition having an oversupply of nitrogen and thus the plants were in such a condition as to be exceedingly brittle which later developed into a cracking of the stem and the collapse and browning of them almost from one end to the other. This was rather an unusual case but showed the dangers of overdoing the nitrogen end of the fertilization and overlooking the other necessary elements.

### Want Attractive Celery

Good, well blanched and neatly tied celery is always an attraction on any local or home market. The writer had a few hundred dozen the past year that was of very good quality well washed and ribbon tied, as well as being suitably graded, and it sold with no effort. The people are quick to appreciate first class quality of this vegetable, and that is the reason that Oregon celery is being more widely consumed in markets outside of the state. There is a lot of celery being grown elsewhere than in Oregon, and no one should be deceived that

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## FALLS CITY MAN WHO SERVED UNDER GRANT, LOGAN AND SHERMAN PASSES

The General and Personal News of Falls City for the Past Week Gathered by a Faithful Reporter—The Famous Falls City Roquefort Cheese Gains in Favor—Poultry Breeder is Forging Ahead

John S. Hart was born May 21, 1841, in Carl county, Ohio, and passed away in Falls City Oregon, January 14, 1926, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. J. Grant. When he was between 13 and 14 years of age the family moved to Illinois, where they remained until 1855.

John S. Hart and Minerva J. Neal were married in Illinois, near the town of Fairfield, in 1848. Eight children blessed this marriage, and all survive their parents. They are: J. N. Hart, an attorney of Portland, Oregon; S. W. Hart, a farmer, who lives near Philomath, Oregon; Mrs. Florence Grant and Mrs. Loretta Starr, of Falls City, Oregon; Mrs. E. S. Rich of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. J. C. Turner, of Kelso, Washington; Mrs. Clarence Foster and Mrs. Lloyd Hyde, both of whom live near Corvallis, Oregon. Twenty-six grandchildren and seven great-grand children also survive, one grandson having passed away a few years ago.

Besides his children Mr. Hart is survived by two brothers, Julius Hart, of Medford, Oregon, and William M. Hart, who lives in Geff, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart came to Polk county, from Illinois with their family, and resided near Dallas for some time, later moving to a farm near Philomath, which was their home for about twenty years, until Mrs. Hart's death two years ago the 22nd of February, when he came to Falls City, and had made his home with his daughters here.

John S. Hart was a man of sterling worth and character, having high standards of religion and never shirking his obligations to his church, his country or whatever community in which he resided. He became a member of the Christian church more than fifty years ago, serving as elder of the church and always taking an active part in the church and Sunday school affairs, being superintendent of the Sunday school at Bridgeport for a long time. He had served as a justice of the peace in Illinois.

At the beginning of the Civil war, Mr. Hart, true to his conviction, and not shirking responsibility, enlisted in Co. M 5th Illinois cavalry, serving in all three years, one month and a day, and seeing active service under Grant, Logan and Sherman. He served through many engagements, being present at the surrender of Vicksburg.

John S. Hart was a man of lovable disposition, endearing himself to all with whom he associated, and beloved of children and grandchildren. During his last illness he was patient in suffering, thoughtful of others, and looking forward to being reunited with his beloved wife, from whom the separation of the two years since her death was the first.

Funeral services were held in

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Corvallis, Oregon, Saturday, Jan. 16th, at Bovee's undertaking parlors, with interment at the Philomath cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his wife. Rev. A. H. Dodd, a friend of many years, conducted the services; reading as the lesson the Nineteenth Psalm, which was the favorite of Mr. Hart, and which he had recited to the family shortly before falling asleep in his final rest.

All eight of his children were present at the services, as well as many of the grandchildren, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork."

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Eighty-five years is a goodly span of life, and when a man has lived the years full of usefulness as had this man we can say, "he has fought the good fight, his race is run."

"The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the Spirit to God Who gave it."

Ships Carload of Pears Last week the Falls City Canning company made a straight car load shipment of Bartlett pears, consigned to H. M. Reid & Co., wholesale grocers of Waterloo, Iowa. It is not unusual for pooled cars to be consigned to one wholesaler, but this is a good sized order to go from one small cannery to one firm of jobbers.

The sales of stock on hand so far are very gratifying, as only about a carload and a half remain to be shipped out, and it is expected to have entire stocks cleaned up, by the time the fiscal year of the cannery ends.

Lodge Officers Installed District Deputy President Mary V. Adams, assisted by Jessie Moyer, deputy district marshal, last Wednesday night installed the following officers: Past Grand, Lizzie Treat; N. G. Nellie Mack; V. G. Vina Leverich; warden, Nellie Sears; conductress, Hene Ward;

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Following the ceremonies all adjourned to the banquet room, where the past officers had provided a delicious luncheon. This was enjoyed by the members and guests, with Mary V. Adams, district deputy president, acting as toastmistress, with a jolly hour spent around the table.

The past grand, Lizzie Treat, was presented with a past grand's pin from the lodge.

The incoming officers of the I. O. O. F. were installed at the first regular meeting in January by District Deputy Grand Master, A. G. Adams, as follows:

N. G., G. D. Mott; V. G., D. C. Ward; secretary, A. G. Adams; treasurer, George Tice; warden, James S. Baker; conductor, James L. Shadle; I. G., Clarence Lee; O. G., G. G. Treat; R. S. N. G., Earl Hawk; L. S. N. G., Ralph Thresher; R. S. V. G., Randolph Butler; L. S. V. G., Irvin Touseley; R. S. S., Claude See; L. S. S., J. E. Leverich.

Both organizations are enjoying splendid meetings, with good attendance, and everyone takes pleasure in their new and enlarged quarters over the A. A. & E. A. Muck store, where they have ample lounging rooms, as well as banquet and preparation rooms, with a splendid lodge room. The two organizations have the entire upper floor of this building leased.

Basketball Last Friday night the girls' and boys' teams both journey to Monmouth for return games with Monmouth high teams. The girls' game was played first, being a hard contest with a final score of eleven to fifteen in favor of Falls City.

The boys' game resulted in a score of eighteen to sixteen in favor of Falls City. This was a well contested game in which both teams showed their mettle.

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Wilbur Rowe of the Oregon Normal school was referee.

This coming Friday Falls City goes to Independence for the first of a two series of games. The Independence boys' team has beaten the Perrydale team in the county league games, this being the only game that Independence has played in the schedule. As Falls City has defeated Perrydale in two games, the outcome of Friday night is being watched with much interest. And with confidence in our team by the "fans" in Falls City. The Falls City team is in

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