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THE LORD REIGNETH—"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth." 1 Chron. 16:31.

KEEP UP THIS WORK

Under the direction of the committee on agriculture of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, organized work was done last year in extending the walnut and filbert acreage of the Salem district, and with good results—

And this work should be continued.

In filbert growing, the Salem district has what amounts to a franchise—in common with only the rest of the Willamette valley and parts of western Washington and northern California and a little district in Virginia—

What amounts to a franchise extending over the whole of the North American continent, the sections named being the only ones on this continent adapted to the growing of filberts on a commercial scale.

In the case of English walnuts, the districts named have only the competition of the southern part of California, which is at a disadvantage, owing to the higher prices of land, the necessity for irrigation, and the fact that extremely hot weather there in ripening time is apt to melt the oil in the kernels of the nuts and render them more or less rancid; lowering the quality.

Therefore filbert and walnut growing can scarcely be overdone in our district—

Especially in view of a prediction of Herbert Hoover during his visit to the northwest last summer, made in connection with urging the importance of pushing power and reclamation projects—

Predicting that in the course of a few years the United States will be obliged to look to new food supplies by extending productive land areas and increasing the productivity of land now under cultivation; because of our progressive increase of population, through immigration and natural growth.

In a measure, nut crops come from the air. They will in time vastly increase our food supplies; to a greater extent than can be done in any other way, from a like acreage.

Walnut and filbert trees put out now in the Salem district will be bearing great crops in time to aid in supplying the deficiencies predicted by Mr. Hoover.

Viewed from this light, it is a duty we owe to our generation and the generations to come, to keep up the organized work for extending the acreage for our district in filbert and walnut trees—

Besides, there is promise of certain and comparatively large profit in the growing of these tree fruits; especially in schemes of farm operations including poultry and swine and live stock breeding, and other lines.

So let's keep on keeping on, in increasing our walnut and filbert acreage.

AN EXPANDING DREAM

If one keeps tab on the constantly increasing new things that are being done by machinery, there are scarcely any limits to what one may imagine for the hum of industry in the Willamette valley when all the water powers running to waste down the sides of the Cascades and the Coast Range, and through all the vales between are harnessed hydro-electrically, and when all our idle and slacker acres are put to full use—

Supporting teeming millions of people.

Take the recent development in the line of portable electric tools, which are in effect small electric motors with a small gear on one end of the armature shaft, tool stocks and tools directly geared to the motor. At the start off they were made only as hammers and drills, but recently other types have been added, such as screw drivers, wrenches and similar small tools—

But so marked has been the adoption of these handy time and labor savers that over 500,000 are now in use and practically every large manufacturing establishment in this country has at least one.

No odd job is beyond the capacity of the electric portable tool, and a great many customary manufacturing operations can be discharged by them more economically, expeditiously and with greater ease than standard machine tools. Nor is their use limited to one or a few industries; but is essential to almost every industry in reducing production costs. They drill, saw, polish, grind, plane, mill, tap and ream metal, stone or wood, cut cloth, drive screws, studs and nuts, brush and clean.

And in fact the uses of portable, electric tools are almost legion.

President Coolidge is in favor of the United States entering the world court, with the senate reservations. So are the rest of the people of the United States, and a large part of them with or without the reservations. Then what are we waiting for?

It is our duty, privilege and to our profit to keep up our organized work to extend our walnut and filbert acreage.

If we have got to vote on the matter of the keeping of the band concerts, at the special election to be called to decide the question of municipal ownership of the water

works, all right. It will carry, hands down. But it should not be hooked up on the ballot with any other proposition. Let each proposition be voted on separately, each on its merits.

Roberta Risks It

CHAPTER 23

Roberta met him at the door with anxious inquiries.

"I told you to go to bed," he said.

"I know but I couldn't. What happened?"

"Nothing except that those blamed dogs raised the fence of a row before I got anywhere near the fence."

She dropped dejectedly into a chair. "I don't believe we can do it. She's so well guarded. It's all been for nothing."

"Rats! You're tired out. What you need is sleep and plenty of it. Lots of people have escaped from a darn sight tighter places than Birchwood, all by themselves. And with us to help—"

"But she doesn't know we're here."

"She will, I started something tonight."

"From the top of the hill. Listen. Twinkling, he whistled the hopeful refrain, and Roberta smiled with her memory of the words. Then she sighed and shook her head.

"Clever, Peter; but I'm afraid she won't understand."

"She will, if I do it every night. She's bound to catch the idea in time, if we don't get her some other way first. Her little trouble is that somebody else might catch it, too. Still, we have to take some chances. You haven't thought of anything she'd recognize you by, have you?"

"Nothing that would do any good. We did have a secret alphabet when she was about twelve, and used to write each other notes in it."

"Bully."

"We used to read it like print, but I'm not sure I could remember it now, and probably she's forgotten it, too. Besides, we couldn't get a note to her."

"We might. You never can tell. Let's write one or two, anyhow, so we'll be ready if the chance comes."

Not having provided themselves with stationery, he brought her some wrapping paper from the kitchen and bade her write down her alphabet while he changed to dry clothing, forgetting in the zest of the game his adjurations regarding her rest.

At first she could remember only that she had originally evolved a code from algebraic characters supplemented by similar arbitrary signs culled from the back pages of a dictionary, and that the symbol of equality had been used to separate the words. But by the time Piggy came downstairs again, arrayed in the habiliments of his normal station in life, she had recalled most of it, and impelled by his urgency, finally filled in the remaining letters. Looking over her shoulder, this is what he saw:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
x e b c () x - n d 2 3 4 x
p q r s t u v w x y z
o l t u v a f g s 5

"Three cheers!" He reached into his pocket for a notebook.

"What good will that do you?" she asked as he began copying the characters.

"Dunné. Might come in handy. Now let's write her some notes. If one doesn't get through, another may. Better use torn bits of this brown paper, so if anybody else finds 'em they'll look like scraps of something. You write: 'Here waiting chance. Listen for whistle. Show light.' I'll write 'Night whistle signal. Answer with light.' Sign 'em both R.' After experimenting a little, he added: That sign between the words is a give-away. Show's it's code. Better split 'em into several lines. I'll show you."

Having written his message, he looked at it, grinning. "It will take some thinking to decode that. 'Goly! this cipher's a pippin! It's so darn arbitrary. Look.' He handed her a scrap of paper bearing the following legend:

4-v-g
x-uv2x-u-)
4x2-4u
gx1-g-v
x-2-)
xu-2

"That'll keep G. A. guessing awhile."

Roberta laughed. "It does look cryptic. If only she remembers it—and we can get it to her."

"Sure we'll get it to her."

He placed the notes carefully in his bill-fold, and considerably after midnight, cheered by his confidence Roberta went to bed and to sleep.

The next morning, winning from his lame muscles, Piggy visited the village store in a heavy downpour, to make inquiries about obtaining an automobile license. He learned that application should be made to the sheriff at the lower village, officially entitled Fitzwilliam Depot, a smaller settlement hugging the railway tracks—Fitzwilliam proper, like many New England hamlets, being situated some distance from the station. When he returned to the house for the car, he said to Roberta with a chuckle:

"We've got to watch our step. They asked me at the store who was sick over here."

"Sick? Why?"

"Some woman looked out last night and saw a light in this house as late as twelve o'clock, and it's all over the village. They thought somebody must be dying. I told 'em you suffered from insomnia and sometimes sat up all night reading, but it's a good tip. When things begin to pop, we'll douse the lights. I may drive over to Keene after I see about this license, and scout around a little. Perhaps I'll meet up with my friend Cody. Back when I get here."

(To be continued.)

Bits For Breakfast

Some rain yesterday—

But this is our rainy season—

And we have a lot of sunshine in our rainy season, too, any old timer can assure our new comers.

Let's have a continuation and rejuvenation of the campaign for filberts and walnuts on every farm with land suitable for these trees. And few of our farms are deficient in this respect.

Democracy: A land that throws an ecstatic fit when royalty comes visiting.

There's just as much horse sense as ever. It's still in possession of the horses.

The oyster season reminds us that gambling must be a very old device. Surely the first man would not have eaten a raw oyster except on a bet.

"Don't become pessimistic. The girl of today knows what life is about, and, for that reason, she is better prepared to live and lead a happier and more wholesome life."

Major Julia Stinson, U. S. A. Nurse.

It isn't at all glorious to die defending your rights, if the other driver is a road hog.

Automobiles are safe, highways are safe, and driving practices must be made safe. It is neither fair nor is it necessary that careless drivers should drive others off the highway, to which and on which everyone has an equal right.

ELIVERING ON THE DAD BUSINESS

FRANK H. CHELEY

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