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## THE WALNUT IDEA.

Willamette Valley Farmers Interested in Their Culture.

A gentleman of this city, who has an abiding faith in possibilities of English walnut culture in the Willamette Valley, has requested that we reprint the following which appeared in the Oregonian recently:

A correspondent writing from Monmouth, says the farmers of that vicinity have become interested in the matter of walnut growing and would like information in regard to its culture. His letter follows:

"Within the past year or so much interest has manifested itself in this vicinity regarding the growth and culture of walnut. There are some bearing trees here now, but the source whence they were procured is not certain. Quite extensive orchards of these nuts are being planned, but there is a lack of information as to the best time to plant, culture, and, most of all, as to the most reliable place to secure good trees.

"Some are planting trees of the English nuts, while others say that the only good nuts are from the trees from France. It is claimed also that the grafted tree is more preferable to the one grown from the nut itself, as they are more rugged, etc. This locality has been visited by men from California, who are in this work, and they say without a doubt that the soil and general conditions here are admirable for this line of work. Several are considering the advisability of dividing their farms into small tracts for the culture of this nut.

"While we hesitate to ask your valuable space and time, yet we are sure you will confer a great favor if you will give a clear statement of the most reliable places to buy, the best variety and all additional information you may deem of interest. It has been suggested that our Consul in France could be of great help in this matter."

Walnut-growing has become quite an industry in several parts of Oregon, particularly in the Willamette Valley, and it is believed the trees will do as well here as in California. They do not thrive as well east of the Cascades, owing to the cold winters. There is but little difference, except in name, between the English, French, Italian and Chilean walnuts. The best nuts sold here come from France and are from grafted trees. They are worth about 75 cents a pound three or four times as high as the ordinary walnut of commerce. Nuts bought in grocery stores cannot be counted on to produce satisfactorily.

W. J. Talman, of the Portland Seed Company, who is an authority on walnut-growing, says:

"It has now been demonstrated beyond a doubt that this is the ideal home of English walnut. In most every instance where we find a tree of bearing age it produces good crops of nuts. Of course we find nuts of many varieties coming from the trees grown from store nuts, and seedlings of degenerated nuts, but among them some distinct varieties which are known to our markets, many nuts of good size and excellent quality. In all cases they are well filled, and the meat of the most delicious flavor, proving that all we have to do is to plant varieties of the right sort. Many of our most progressive farmers and business men foresee the great future of the walnut throughout the Northwest, hence many trees are being planted. Many are becoming rich in California. Why should we stand back when our country will produce nuts equal or better than any grown in the world, in our fertile valleys, and over our rolling hills where timber

and trees of all kinds thrive with our mild climate.

We advise those of good size known to be of prolific bearers and nuts of the greatest commercial value. We have known in some instances of trees bearing one bushel at six years. However, we claim that on good soil and proper care trees can be made to bear one bushel at seven years, which at the present market price, 14 cents an average of 35 pounds per bushel, would bring \$4.00 per tree. Being planted 30 feet apart, making about 50 trees per acre, would bring \$245 an acre, and from that on the production will increase very rapidly; the trees will live many generations.

"Walnut trees should be set out when they are yearlings in order that the main tap root may be removed from the ground, which is an essential point in the success of the growth and also the bearing qualities of the trees. Nature provides this tree with a tap root that it could go deep into the earth, thereby gathering plenty of moisture. In some instances trees fail to bear bloom profusely. Seeing trees in full bloom and failing to bear, some are under the impression that they were caught by frost which we find by investigation is not true, except in a very few cases. We learn that the fault lies in the imperfection or rather no pollination or stimulate bud or male blossom appears, matured and dropped off four weeks before the female blossom or pistillate buds, which produce the fruit, made their appearance, hence the tree is not fertilized and fails to bear. All of our most prolific bearers are those that the female and male blossoms appear about the same time, hence the fertilization occurs, and the trees will bear heavy crops of nuts. We wish to make one more suggestion, that is, walnut trees will do well among other trees where there is a vacancy. Vegetables, berries and other like crops can be raised among the trees for the first few years, thereby giving your trees cultivation and receiving in return some compensation for your labor. From a commercial standpoint these nut-bearing trees are not only valuable for their fruit, but also for their wood. Everybody is familiar with walnut furniture, and costly at that, particularly what is known as French walnut veneering."

## Game Warden's Report.

Game Warden J. W. Baker's annual report shows that 17,000 of the inhabitants of Oregon are hunters, not taking into consideration the farmers who hunt over their own lands and are, therefore, not required to pay the yearly tax of \$1.

Fees received amounted to \$17,421, some of which came from nonresident hunters, who paid \$10 for the privilege of killing wild game in the state; \$166.40 was collected as fines for killing without a license.

The game warden expended \$7263.25, leaving a balance of \$10,325.15. This will be available at once for deputies as soon as necessary. From the general appropriation fund, the warden received \$1662.78 for salary and traveling expenses and \$2499.88 was used for salaries and expenses of deputy wardens, making a total expenditure for the year of \$11,421.91 for the protection and propagation of game.

Violations of the law have been less frequent this year than for some time, but justices of the peace are not inclined to impose severe penalties.

Eighty-four persons were convicted and fined for violation of the game laws, the fines averaging \$15.

Calling cards—popular styles in cards and type—at the Gazette office.

## ON THE ROCKS.

Heavy Gales on the Pacific Does Damage.

From various points of the coast comes dispatches telling of loss of life and property as a result of the recent heavy gales. Last Friday the following dispatch was sent out from Bandon, Oregon:

Grinding in the treacherous rocks of the north jetty the schooner Advance of San Francisco, lies tonight at the mercy of a maddened sea, while the crew slings to the rigging and spectators on shore are powerless to offer assistance. Heavy seas are continually breaking over the vessel, and the fate of the crew lies with the staunchness of the ship. Should the sea moderate it will be an easy matter to rescue the imperiled men, but if the storm continues or increases they face almost certain death.

Early in the afternoon the Advance was seen creeping close in shore, apparently seeking shelter from the gale. She came too close to the treacherous rocks of the north jetty, and was swept upon them by the violent waves.

Heavy seas are running, and it has been impossible to aid the stricken ship in any way, and the waves rushing over the decks have penned the crew below out of reach of their force.

It seems impossible for the schooner long to withstand the pounding of the waves and the people are waiting anxiously for a calmer sea to permit some attempt at rescuing the imprisoned men.

Another dispatch comes from Victoria, B. C., dated December 28, and is as follows:

Bereft of clergy though with solemnity, the bodies of three victims of the wrecked British bark Pass of Melfort, were buried today in the little graveyard at Ucluelet, a village a few miles distant from the scene of the disaster which involves the lives of 26 men and one woman. The villagers all gathered at the cemetery and knelt in prayer while the interment took place.

The wreck of the Pass of Melfort, badly broken, is submerged about 50 yards from the shore, with two spars anchored to it, buoying the location. An Indian is said to have seen the ill-fated ship firing rockets just before she foundered.

The Indians just before dawn Tuesday morning heard reports and rushed out of their lodges, but not hearing other reports, they returned. One states he saw rockets, which is probably correct, as a small box marked rockets was washed ashore. The Indians went to Ucluelet settlement, where the settlers were informed that a wreck had occurred and both white men and Indians returned to the scene of the wreck.

The steel bark had gone on the reef to the eastward of Amphitrite Point, about 60 yards from the shore, and the wreckage was washed ashore in a small bay, 20 yards wide with steep jagged rocks at the mouth on both sides and fully exposed to the terrific southwest gale which still swept monstrous seas onto the rocks. The sea rushes into the bay as though in a tide race and while the settlers were searching among the wreckage they saw two bodies, both of which were recovered with boothooks found among the wreckage. Two other bodies which were beating against the rocks could not be recovered, but it is reported that they have since come ashore. It is considered impossible for a man to land alive, so rocky is the vicinity where the wreck occurred.

On the rocks a handkerchief and collar were found with the name "A. S. Laurie" and a handkerchief and socks marked with the name "Wormell." Two of the bodies recovered and

buried are described as follows:

Height, 5 feet, 6 inches, light hair, sandy moustache, Stars and Stripes tattooed on right arm with circle on flag and date 1878.

Height, 5 feet 10 inches, heavy build, age about 30, dark hair and Union Jack on right arm.

The first body found was still bleeding from cuts in the head showing death had occurred but a short time before. It is believed that the Captain's wife was among those lost in the wreck, for among the miscellaneous wreckage washed ashore is a woman's gray coat trimmed with red cord. Scraps of a log book with the inscription, "John Houston, master; Donald Cameron, mate," were also found. Three of the ship's boats were washed ashore.

The search for the bodies of the victims is being continued.

## Jerry from Kerry.

Patten and Perry's High-Class Comedy, "Jerry from Kerry." A cyclone of fun is blowing this way. It beats any circus. So many of our town theatre goers have done nothing else but talk about its coming on. Patten and Perry and a big company of jolly maidens, funny comedians, graceful buckwing dances, up-to-date specialties, bright, catchy music, everything clean, clever and refined, three long acts, constant laughter, brimful of jolly frolic, music and original comedy. Two and a half hours of solid humor; everything goes with a dash, snap and sparkle, not a dull moment in it. The pretty girls with handsome faces and shapely figures, neatly costumed, will be a surprising feature seen in "Jerry from Kerry."

Fun for the boys, laughter for the girls. Bring the children, also grandma and grandpa, let the whole family see this attraction. This company also carry their own Superior Concert Band and Orchestra. Watch for Street Parade—at 4 p. m. Wednesday, January 3rd. Prices 75, 50, 35 and 25 cents.

## Got Wrong Trunk.

What to do with the "duds" she has fallen heir to is pretty certain to worry a certain young lady ere long. The key to what we are suggesting is furnished by a dispatch sent from Corvallis to Portland, Saturday, as follows:

When Miss Dellie Howard, who left this town Thursday night, reaches her destination at Imperial, Cal., today and opens her trunk she will find it filled with football suits, shinguards, noseguards, headgear and other paraphernalia players wear at a football game. Two trunks that looked alike were at the station when she arrived with her friends. Amid the goodbyes and good wishes, she claimed and the baggage man checked the wrong trunk. The Agricultural College team was compelled to play in overalls in their game with the Albany High School, in Jefferson.

## FOR OUR DEAREST

silverware we ask no more than you would expect to pay for far inferior goods. We want you to feel able to afford the best, whether it be for your table, side-board or dressing case. So we make a specialty of fine silverware moderately priced. We have sets and single pieces. Standard and special patterns. Every piece is fully warranted to wear for years. We shall be very glad to have you look at the collection any time.

Albert J. Metzger  
JEWELER

Occidental Building, - - - Corvallis



## THE CITY MEAT MARKET

has moved into the brick building—Berman's old stand—and will be pleased to serve all our old customers and many new ones with all kinds of

## Fresh and Cured Meats, Lard & Sausage

Call and see us; we will treat you right. Goods delivered in all parts of the city promptly and satisfactory.

## CADY, SCHWINGLER & CO.

We run our own delivery wagon

## The GEM CIGAR STORE

All first-class cigars and tobacco; whist and pool rooms. Every customer treated like a prince.

JACK MILNE

Four doors north of postoffice  
Ind. Phone 130.

Now that the holiday rush is over we have time to do your repair work with neatness and despatch.

## Fine Watch Work a Specialty

The diamond ring drawing will come off Jan. 6, 1906. A ticket with each dollar's worth purchased until that time. Everything desired in the jewelry line is carried by us.

Eyes tested free and glasses fitted properly in a most up-to-date manner.

E. W. S. PRATT, Jeweler and Optician.

## JANUARY 2, 1906

A special class in Eclectic Shorthand will commence a rapid course with two to three recitations a day so as to complete the course

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with a speed of 100 to 150 words a minute. Eclectic is easy to learn, none as easy to read and none so rapid.

## We want thirty students

to enter this class not later than January 2, and we will make 20 per cent. discount to those who enroll December 21; commence any time thereafter. Let us talk it over at once.

## Corvallis Business College

L. E. RICHARDSON, President

## We will be busy

invoicing this week and next, but not too busy to show you a complete line of furniture and house furnishings. Have you seen that Columbia Brussels carpet we are selling? It is admired by everybody—nothing like it in town. It is absolutely the cheapest and best carpet ever sold in Corvallis. We are headquarters for Rugs, Rockers, Mirrors, Pictures, etc. We want your trade and will treat you right. If, in your dealing with us you are in any way dissatisfied, let us know and we will cheerfully adjust the matter to your satisfaction. Come in the next ten days and talk with

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