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WHAT CAN BE DONE.

On Willamette Valley Ranchers
by Diversified Farming.

As an illustration of what can be accomplished by combining swine and fruit raising on Willamette Valley soil, a story is taken from the Salem Statesman and given here, as it is full of interesting information for farmers generally:

The Wallace fruit farm, four miles from Salem, on the Polk county side, midway between the picturesque Polk county hills and the broad waters of the "Beautiful Willamette" is one of the ideal and delightful spots in all Oregon. The farm consists of several hundred acres of some of the best land in the world and a large percentage of it is in fruit trees. The only fruits grown for commercial purposes are apples and pears. Of course there are the usual by-products on this farm, the chief of which is hogs.

As has been said this farm is one of the most beautiful spots in the state. About half of it is the richest of river bottom land and will produce anything that will grow in the temperate zone. There is no finer garden land in the world. In fact, most of the land that is set to fruit trees is too valuable even for fruit. The other half of the farm consists of undulating hills and is ideal fruit land. On the hill land, the dwelling, a pretty bungalow, is situated. Just below the dwelling, and in the direction of the river, is a beautiful natural lake and there are patches of timber scattered about in different parts of the farm.

Most of the pears grown are of the Bartlett variety. This is the staple crop. The other and later varieties are the Buerre Claignau, the Buerre Bose, the Daches, the Comice and the Fall Butter.

Three hundred tons of Bartletts have already been saved this year. The average price per ton this year was \$16, but it is generally understood that about \$20 was paid for the product of this farm.

The later varieties of pears are already nearly picked, too, but most of the Comice crop is on the trees yet. The later varieties are not sold by the ton, as they do not go to the cannery, but by the box. The late varieties on the farm will yield about 3000 orchard boxes.

Only two varieties of apples are grown on the Wallace farm, the Spitzenburg and the Baldwin. There are a few red cheeked pippins grown for pollenizing purposes.

The apple picking has not begun yet, but it is estimated that there will be from 12,000 to 15,000 boxes in the crop and these will bring in the market considerably more than a dollar a box.

Although it has been generally considered that the barns and packing houses on this place were ample, it was ascertained this year that the crop could be moved with more facility if there was more room in the packing houses, and the management is having the packing house capacity more than doubled. These additions will be completed before the work of picking and packing apples begins.

Since the unfortunate death of the late Professor McElfresh, there has been no foreman on the farm, but the management has been vested in the hands of the administrator of the Wallace estate. However, the active work of managing the picking and packing the fruit is being ably looked after by Mr. E. C. Armstrong.

As has been before mentioned, one of the chief by-products is swine. No one on the farm knows how many hogs are on the place, but the woods are full of them. The place is literally alive with hogs. These animals are allowed to run all

over the place and live and fatten on the fruit that falls from the trees, and late in the Fall are grain fed for a short time, and then are sold to the slaughter houses. Thousands of dollars worth of hogs are sold from the place each year. It is one of the big things for the farm. The hogs are of good stock and are of the Poland China breed, and they thrive, although no one pays any attention to them.

Making a Good Run.

Misses Alda Metcalf and Anna French are making a neck-and-neck race in canvassing for subscriptions in Benton county, in order to win the free trip to the Jamestown Exposition next May. The proposition has been duly explained in former issues of the Gazette, viz.: That the girl securing the most subscriptions to the Pacific Northwest, published at Portland, will be taken to the exposition by the editor of that paper, free, along with a party including one girl from every other county in Oregon.

Farmers and business men are liberally supporting the two Corvallis workers and the Citizens' League is aiding them in every way possible.

Regarding the trip and the same contest in Albany, for Linn county, the Herald says:

Arrangements have been made through the Commercial Club of this city whereby Miss Gladys Shaw, daughter of Charles Shaw, will visit the Jamestown Exposition and many of the larger cities in the interest of Linn county. Miss Shaw will be taken by Philip S. Bates, of Portland, publisher of the Pacific Northwest. One young lady will probably be chosen from each county in the state, making the biggest aggregation of Oregon boosters ever east of the Rockies. The party wings over the Canadian Pacific down the Great Lakes, stopping at Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Albany, then by day boat down the Hudson from Albany to New York City, then on to Washington and the Jamestown fair, returning by way of Pittsburgh, Dayton, Chicago and St. Paul. In all the larger cities the young ladies will be interviewed by the Sunday papers on the resources of the various sections and a large amount of publicity will be obtained in this manner. Miss Shaw will obtain subscriptions for the Pacific Northwest throughout the country, and has no competition, which assures her the trip.

Former Corvallis Woman.

At the morning session of the W. C. T. U. little groups of women were scattered here and there discussing the much mooted question of the election of president, and up to the hour of 11 o'clock, when the voting began, the political atmosphere had the hazy hue that is to be seen about "headquarters" when a Governor is to be nominated.

The battle was short and decisive and with the counting of the ballots the ins were sweet and serene and the outs—well, they will remain out for another year, at least. Mrs. Lucy Paxon Addison was elected president for the third term; Mrs. Henrietta Brown, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. J. Share, treasurer; Miss Fannie E. Gotshall, assistant recording secretary; Miss Henkle, secretary for the "Y" and Mrs. Donaldson, secretary for the L. T. L.

Mrs. Addison made a gift of some lots at Yaquina Bay upon which to build a rest cottage for the W. C. T. U.—Oregonian. Mrs. Addison is well known in Corvallis.

With every 25-cent purchase at the Gem Cigar Store you receive a coupon entitling you to a chance on a beautiful Gold Watch, which is to be given away Oct. 29.

ON THE ISTHMUS.

R. C. Wygant of Lincoln County
Writes Letter.

Thinking a knowledge of the real state of affairs on the Isthmus might be of interest to yourself and readers, I volunteer the information to the best of my poor ability.

I left Newport on the morning of July 15 and sailed from New York on the 28th of July.

The ship left the pier at 3 p. m., and in a few minutes I had said goodbye to the Statue of Liberty and had seen my last of the States, for awhile, at least. We had a very pleasant voyage, it being stormy only one day, the third out. We passed Cape Maisi, Cuba, the 6th day out and arrived at Colon the seventh, docking at 7 a. m.

The first view you get of Colon from the water is very beautiful, a mass of corrugated iron and dobie walls with grass-thatched roofs and a background of palm, banana, plantain and coconut trees. But after you land this romantic scene changes to a horrible combination of stinks, smells and noises, and a dirty wretchedness that is disgusting and makes a fellow want to get out into the interior, where they can at least get a breath of pure air—even if it is warm.

Panama, on the other hand, is very picturesque and retains its beauty on closer inspection. Its beautiful harbor filled with quaint little native boats and American shipping, the small blue waves lapping the shores, hardly worthy of the name or dignity of breakers, and all surrounded with a beautiful fringe of tropical trees, giving an appearance of delightful, sleepy indolence. Back of this and the quaint old dobie-walled city rises Ancon Hill, sheer 650 feet from the surrounding plain and overlooking the canal for many miles. On the side of this is the Ancon Hospital, the largest and best of its kind in the world.

Eglin Had "Cramps."

George Eglin, formerly of Corvallis where he is well known, has become quite a successful detective and has had some queer experiences in his line of work, which is in connection with the anti-saloon league. His latest stunt is related in the Telegram, Saturday, as follows:

According to Attorney W. T. Vaughn, for the defense, G. F. Eglin, detective of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, was overzealous in his efforts to secure evidence to convict druggists F. J. Clarke, of Highland, and G. H. Hemstock, of University Park, of illegal liquor selling.

The case is being tried by a jury in Judge Gantenbein's court today. Attorney Vaughn says Eglin, when he set out to secure evidence against the druggists, went into one of the stores so disguised as to appear in dire distress. He was bent down and walked with considerable difficulty. He told the druggists that he had been seized with cramps, and was suffering terribly and besought the druggists to let him have a small bottle of blackberry brandy, saying that he had not had time to procure a prescription from a physician. He secured the liquor, and then, according to the attorney, enacted a similar scene in the other drugstore with the same result.

Deputy District Attorney H. B. Adams and E. S. J. McAllister represent the state in the case.

Found the Freshman Game.

A hazing stunt that for pure cussedness has not been equalled before in Corvallis, occurred Friday night. The victim was Clyde Starr, a new student from Bellefontaine, who was en route from

a League reception at the M. E. church to Alpha Hall, with his sister, Miss Claire, who rooms at the Hall. As the brother and sister entered the college grounds near the fountain a party of a dozen or fifteen students closed in about the couple and began nagging them, but no attention was vouchsafed by the freshman and his sister.

Finding this too slow, a hazy came up behind young Starr and pinioned his arms to his sides while another stepped in front of him and struck him in the face either with a club or fist, inflicting a gash and a severe bruise on nose and cheek. This was the limit, and young Starr drew back his foot and landed a blow square on the abdomen of his tormenter which doubled the latter up like a jackknife and sent him reeling backward. Finding the lad game the hazers fell back and Starr and his sister proceeded unmolested. It was too dark to recognize any of the "rubes," but it is high time that a stop was put to hazing operations at OAC.

If the presence of a lady is to be ignored and such brutality practiced by college men, who, of all young men have the best opportunity, by reason of association and environment, to be refined and chivalrous to women, what can be expected in future from the illiterate "lower class" of young men? If the college man does not set a worthy example he should, and if OAC does her duty she will see to it that such performances as that of Friday night are not repeated.

Price of Prunes.

The prune crop is one of considerable importance in Benton county and next to saving the crop the most important item is the matter of price. Taken altogether the crop in this county is thought to be somewhat shy of what it might be, in some instances it is known to be short of former years. Reviewing the prune situation in the East the New York Journal of Commerce of September 29s says:

Oregon Italians are cleaned up here, and according to reports from a number of sources the conditions on the Coast have been completely changed by the great damage done to the crop by recent rains. Packers are trying to cancel contracts and are withdrawing offerings. The last quotations were on a 2 cent f. o. b. basis for 40s and 1½ to 1¾ cents f. o. b. basis for smaller sizes.

The bare condition of the spot market and the near approach of the active consuming season creates a strong demand for new-crop prunes, on the way nearby, which can only be partially satisfied owing to the small quantity to arrive within the next week or two that is not already sold. As an illustration of the eagerness of buyers to get supplies it is reported that 7½ cents delivered in New York was paid yesterday for 40s to arrive next week. The Coast market is firm on the basis of 2½ cents f. o. b. for the four sizes of Santa Claras, in bags, and on a 2½-cent f. o. b. bag basis for outside prunes, with a premium on large sizes. While the latest advices from Bosnia and Serbia say that the outlook for the crops in those countries are good, with a prospect of a preponderance of large sizes at low prices, the export demand for California prunes, which has been a feature of the Coast situation for a month past continues. Among recent export sales was a block of 28,000 boxes to one English house.

She Is Dead.

A case entirely out of the ordinary and peculiarly pathetic is that of Mrs. F. M. Martin who died at the asylum at Salem a few days ago. Mr. Martin had bought the Tyler place on Beaver Creek, and a short time ago the



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couple went to Mt. Tabor to attend a campmeeting. Not because of religious frenzy at all, but through some constitutional trouble, evidently, Mrs. Martin became insane while at Portland, and it was necessary to take her to the asylum at Salem. She had been there only a few days until death relieved her sufferings, and the remains were taken East for interment. The couple had just become fairly settled on their ranch and were prepared to enjoy life, when death stepped in

and broke up the home by taking the wife.

Mrs. Martin was 65 years of age. With her husband she came to Corvallis last December from Nebraska and they purchased the ranch on Beaver for a home.

Mr. Martin is now in the East, having accompanied the remains on the journey to the old home where interment was made. He has the sympathy of all in this sad hour.

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