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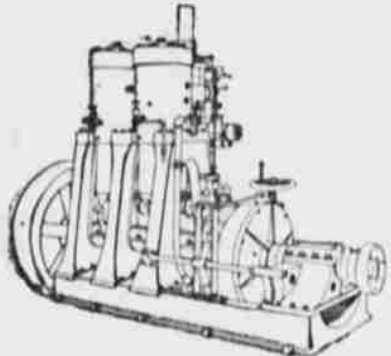
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CAN SUGAR BEETS GROW IN OREGON?

Reports Show That They Can Be Successfully Raised

GOOD INVESTMENT FOR MONEY

Farmers Must Work On Intelligent Lines and Produce Something Before Capital Will Take Any Chances.

The experiments being made in Oregon this year in the raising of sugar beets are attracting wide attention. From reports made in past years of results obtained, there is an abundance of evidence that Oregon can raise sugar beets which will contain the requisite amount of saccharine matter. Clatsop county is well adapted to sugar beet raising as other portions of the state, and will perhaps produce better results than many sections which have been pronounced successful sugar beet raisers.

There are many doubting Thomases in Astoria and Clatsop county, both on the sugar beet and flax-growing questions. They say that Clatsop county can raise beets galore, but that they will not contain enough saccharine matter to make their culture profitable. There are others, who have made practical tests on the rich tide lands of Clatsop, and they say that sugar beets and flax both can be grown to advantage and with profit here.

In an interview yesterday with Mr. Holtborn, who comes from Germany, which country in the year 1885 produced 1,300,000 tons of sugar, that gentleman said that, side by side, on the same lands, they raised sugar beets and flax in Germany. "When I first came to Oregon, years ago, I found all of the best land in the valley taken up. The soil and climate here are quite similar to those of Germany, but the farmers—we haven't any farmers in Oregon. The so-called ranchers in this state are too lazy to raise enough vegetables for their own table, or enough feed for their cattle. We all know that the supply of butter and eggs in this, the richest dairying country on earth, is proverbially short. It takes careful and intelligent cultivation to successfully grow sugar beets and flax. You can't throw a handful of seed on top of the ground and then loaf around the corner grocery store for a month or so, hunt up an old threshing machine in the corner of some field, and then return with the expectation of picking up a good crop. Our Oregon farmers, or ranchers, have been spoiled by the ease and small amount of labor with which a little wheat can be raised in this country, but as to systematic and scientific cultivation of the soil, and intelligent and in the developing of nature's wonderful resources, few of them know the first principles. The New England Yankee, who produces vegetables and grain upon the stony fields of his native mountains with one-tenth part of the advantages possessed by an Oregon farmer, would soon have a sugar beet factory grinding out wealth for him in Clatsop."

With its wonderful resources of climate and soil, there is no excuse for the United States importing every year four billion pounds of sugar. This country now produces one billion pounds of sugar, but might just as well have the employment of proper methods of cultivation, make all of its own sugar. Much less is there any excuse for Oregon buying foreign sugar. Let her farmers learn how to work a little, become acquainted with nature and the methods of utilizing her resources, and they will soon cease growling about hard times. During the last five years it has taken three-fourths of the money received in this country from exported wheat and flour to pay for imported sugar. For the past five years over one hundred millions of dollars per annum have been sent to foreign countries for sugar. Oregon pays out about one million dollars per annum for sugar, and her part in this general problem is to determine whether or not she can keep this amount within her boundaries. The question is one to be settled by a scientific and economic examination of the facts involved in production. It seems to be a certainty that this country will very soon stop that tremendous outgo of money by producing its sugar at home, and that from sugar beets. The world's consumption of sugar has increased 56 per cent in ten years, hence there is danger of short consumption. The consumption per capita in England is 75 pounds and 60 pounds in the United

States. The cheaper cost will, without question, increase consumption; therefore the important question for us to determine is this—can Oregon produce the sugar from beets as cheaply as California or other states. The careful analysis and investigation made by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis, under the direction of President H. D. Miller, and the exhaustive and comprehensive report upon the subject by Mr. G. W. Shaw, conclusively demonstrate that Oregon can successfully grow the beets and manufacture sugar. The document is worthy of the most careful study by every farmer and businessman in the community. From the maps published, Clatsop is found to be the sugar best bet. Prof. Wiley, of the United States agricultural department, says, in speaking of his analyses on sugar beets: "The samples from Oregon are uniformly rich in quality, and if they truly represent the capabilities of the state, there is certainly a bright future for the sugar beet industry on that part of the Pacific coast." At the present time there are three factories in operation in California, two in Nebraska, one in Utah, one in New Mexico, one in Wisconsin, and one in Canada. Let Clatsop have the first one in Oregon. There is plenty of capital to invest, but capitalists are very shy lately about where they put their money. Sugar is a good investment. Let the farmers wake up. Grow the beets and the flax, and capital will take care of the factories. It won't come, however, unless there is material to work upon. If you have to wait a year or two the beets make better and cheaper fodder for milk cows than turnips. Did you ever think of that?

WILL BE WELL RECEIVED.

Dailey's Comedians Are Certain of a Heartly Welcome.

When the curtain goes up on Monday night at Fisher's Opera House it will be to a crowded house. If indications are to be accepted as criteria, everybody seems to appreciate the efforts of Mr. Selig in securing this well known organization and succeeding in having the prices placed at reasonable figures. Lettie Williams, who heads the organization, has been starting throughout the West for several seasons and has just closed an eight months' run in San Francisco, where her parting reception was an ovation. The entire company has been carefully selected to fill the various roles in two of the brightest plays known to the American stage, and will doubtless prove a source of extreme pleasure. Manager Dailey, in addition to having a well-balanced party, carries all the necessary effects for his productions, and thereby gives entire satisfaction. Let Astoria do herself proud on Monday and Tuesday and she may be benefited by other deserving attractions. Prices are popular ones—50 and 75 cents—at which wholesome laughter is cheap.

Seat sale opens next Saturday morning at Griffin & Reed's book store.

MAINTAIN ALL THEIR POSITIONS

Greeks Still Have the Upper Hand in the Contest in Turkey.

THE EXCITEMENT IN ATHENS

Encouraging Message From Crown Prince Constantine—Citizens Praying for Success of their warriors.

Athens, April 21—6 p.m.—Prince Constantine, the crown prince and commander in chief of the Greek army, has just left here for the battlefield. The Turks today tried to capture the port of the Prophet Eil, on the road to Tymavo, but were repulsed. The last series of the Greek reserves has now been sent to the frontier. The bombardment of Prevesa, at the entrance to the Gulf of Arta, has been very heavy since early this morning. The Turkish garrison there has been completely isolated by the advance of the Greek troops. The report that the Greek fleet today bombarded Platamon, on the west shore of the Gulf of Salonica, is confirmed. The Greek fleet also bombarded the town of Lephotaria, adjoining Platamon. A powder magazine of the Turks at Platamon was exploded by a Greek shell, causing much damage and loss of life to the enemy.

FIGHTING AT DAMASI

Athens, April 21—7 p.m.—Fighting has been renewed at Damasi, which is being abandoned by the Greeks, and is being advanced by the Turks. The report that the Greeks have occupied the posts of L. Karla and Karata, which are strategically important, while the Greeks have advanced and occupied St. H. A dispatch from Arta says that the Turks have abandoned Strofina, beyond Filippadai, burning it. The bombardment of Prevesa continues with increasing damage to the forts. After bombarding Platamon, the squadron will proceed to Katerina.

CHEERING NEWS.

Athens, April 21—Midnight—Crown Prince Constantine telegraphed from Larissa, the headquarters of the Greek forces in Thessaly: "We have kept all our positions and the situation today is excellent. Every road by which the Turks can descend into the Thessalian plain has been seized by our troops. I cannot wire at greater length now. I am fighting myself; so is Prince Nicholas."

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Athens, April 21—Public suspense tonight is terrible, owing to the lack of definite news. The government has received telegrams from Larissa throughout the day urging prompt dispatch of reinforcements to that point, as the Greek troops are being exhausted by the constant Turkish attacks. All shops were closed today while prayers were being offered in the churches for the success of the Greek troops. Every nerve is being strained to send all available men to the front. The palace guard and gen' d'armee will go tomorrow. Volunteer bands are organizing everywhere throughout the country. In Thessaly the whole population is being armed and made ready.

SUPPRESSING DISPATCHES.

London, April 21.—Commenting upon the absence of definite news today from Elassona, the headquarters of the Turkish troops in Macedonia, the Daily Mail says it has received a private telegram from one of its correspondents on the scene of hostilities indicating that Edhim Pasha is suppressing all dispatches. This correspondent adds: "The whole situation appears changed by the tenacity with which the Greeks are holding Revina Pass, and they may possibly cut Edhim Pasha's position and cut him off from his supplies."

THE TURKS SURPRISED.

Constantinople, April 21.—The sitting of military commissions has been continued since yesterday at Yildiz kiosk. It is reported that Edhim Pasha has asked for 40,000 reinforcements, and that orders have been sent to Salonica to hasten the dispatch of reserves to the frontier. The mobilization of forty battalions has been decided upon and the enrollment of volunteers is being considered. The sturdy resistance offered by the Greeks was wholly unexpected, and the idea that the forces of Edhim Pasha would have a military promenade to Larissa has already been abandoned. Telegrams received by the ports from western provinces show that the Albanians

regulars are devastating the country in many localities. The local authorities are powerless to restrain them. An Imperial trade has been issued ordering the Turkish fleet to avoid battle and to remain under the protection of Constantinople.

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KENTUCKY STILL AT IT.

Frankfort, Ky., April 21.—Dr. Hunter finished writing his communication to the caucus called at his requisition for 8 o'clock tonight and then left with his wife on the 7:25 train for Washington. He came out boldly for DeBos this afternoon, and he had gotten all his friends at work for DeBos, but the latter and his friends were evidently worried that the doctor should have gone away before a successor to him was named. When the caucus met at 8 o'clock the roll was called, the clerk showing seventy present. A communication was then read from Hunter withdrawing from the race. Howard, of the DeBos-Hunter side, moved to proceed to the nomination of a senator. Morgan, of Holtside, counseled caution against and proposed a postponement for a few days, until they could all agree on some man. After a long wrangle the caucus adjourned.

NO MAIL TILL SATURDAY.

Portland, April 21.—The chamber of commerce tonight passed resolutions asking the Oregon delegation in congress to work for the abrogation of the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. The latest report from Huntington is that the water is still over the tracks in Bunt river canyon, making the O. R. & N. between Wathabee and Huntington still impassable. It has been found necessary to build pile bridges to take the place of the banks washed away. O. R. & N. officials expect to see the Eastern mail and passengers through next Saturday.

BAD WORK OF THE BROKERS.

Chicago, April 21.—More demoralization has been discovered in connection with the speculative commissions now being paid by the western roads. The report circulated the other day that Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific were paying commissions to ticket brokers in Denver has set the other roads to copy them not only in Denver but throughout the western territory. Of course the brokers are using the excessive commissions to cut the rates and the demoralization is becoming widespread. Present conditions are extremely critical.

FLOOD SUFFERERS COMPLAIN.

Washington, April 21.—A cry of deep distress has come to the war department from the Mississippi and a bitter protest against the efforts of the persons who are engaged in the distribution of the government relief fund to the flood sufferers with a request to carry on the work so as to avoid encouragement to idleness among the laborers.

MORE WRECKAGE SIGHTED.

San Francisco, April 21.—Those interested in the overdue coal ship Samaria are anxiously awaiting the return of the revenue cutter Rush, that left port some days ago to search for the missing vessel or wreckage thereof. Frequent sighting of drift by vessels plying between this port and Puget sound has given rise to the theory that not only was the Samaria lost at sea, but also one of the Puget sound Australian lumber fleet. Much of the wreckage reported adrift off Cape Flattery is new lumber. It is probable that the lumber craft was caught in the storm that undoubtedly sent the Samaria to the bottom, and lost her deck-load.

PASSED OVER THE VETO.

Portland, April 21.—The city council today passed over Mayor Pennoyer's veto the ordinance licensing nickel-in-the-slot machines. Twenty or thirty licenses were taken out at once and tonight the game is running full blast. Mayor Pennoyer has laid down his hand and says he will take no further steps to prevent what he regards as the worst form of gambling.

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