

NO "FLOOD OF APPLES"

EASTERN BUYER NOT ALARMED AT "OVERPRODUCTION" CRISIS.

Northwest Expects in Care and Management of Orchards and Quality of Fruit.

One important authority on apples gives no heed to the cry that production in the Northwest soon may be overdone. Sydney C. Miller, who is an extensive Northwest buyer, making headquarters in Chicago, sees on his horizon no flooding of the world market with Northwest apples for any period. Mr. Miller's visit to Portland this week, says the Portland Telegram, recalls the prophecy and words of optimism written in "The World of Today," wherein he reviews the Northwest fruit industry comprehensively this year, and assures producer and consumer that no alarm need be felt over the fact that the Northwest now has planted young apple trees which will multiply the present yield.

"We have come upon a time in our National life when the question of providing homes for our people is greater than ever before. The time is not far distant when it will become acute.

"Of late years the expansion of apple orchards has been phenomenal. To such an extent is this true that many have feared that the thing might be overdone. But of this overproduction of apples horticultural authorities seem to think there is little danger.

Northwest Expects.

"In the care and management of orchards the Northwest excels. No where else is there such attention and scientific cultivation given fruit, and from nowhere else comes such high quality, Newpines, Golden Beauty, Empire, Golden Grimes, Jonathan and McIntosh Red, and other apples, as from there. A considerable portion of these apples is exported to England while the balance finds market in the consumption centers of the cities east of the Rocky Mountains, on the Atlantic Coast, in the Southern States, and in many foreign ports.

"According to good authorities, the State of Washington has more than 200,000 acres in orchards, and the value of a full crop from these orchards, when in the bearing season, is \$125,000,000. In 1907-08 the Montana State Inspectors examined 1,500,000 fruit trees shipped into that state, and this is the smallest fruit-producing state in the Northwest. The value of the fruit crop in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in 1910 is said to be \$25,000,000. These results are obtained through a genial climate, rich soil, good water, long days and continued sunshine, cool nights, and above all, extreme care in picking and packing.

Crop Estimates.

"The crop of peaches, pears, prunes and apples in the great Northwest country for the season of 1910, is conservatively estimated from the most reliable sources at 25,000 carloads, of which 5,000 carloads are peaches, pears and prunes, the balance of 20,000 carloads consisting entirely of apples. Six hundred and thirty thousand apples constitute a carload, so that the season mentioned could market 12,600,000 boxes of apples, as nearly perfect as nature, sunshine and water can make them. The nurseries of the Northwest have been exhausted every spring and fall for the last five years, so great is the demand for fruit trees.

"In regard to the overproduction, it should be said that this is not a new question. Fifty years ago a wall was going up that the apple business would be overdone soon, and would cease to be profitable. At that time, more than one-tenth as many apples were raised for commercial purposes in the United States as are raised today. One hundred years ago apples were but little raised for commercial purposes.

By Trainloads.

"Now trainloads after trainloads move from the orchards to the great consuming centers, and for shipment across the Atlantic. The calamity howler may scare some people, but not the intelligent fruit grower.

"Modern improvements in transportation and refrigeration have revolutionized and developed to an extent undreamed of a few years ago the fruit industry of this great Northwest country. The apples we find on our table at breakfast during the winter months, the fancy fruit on sale in the great European and English trade centers, were picked and shipped the preceding fall from this, the banner apple country of the world—the Great Northwest."

Salary Threatened.

SALEM, June 20.—Initiative petitions providing that the State Printer shall be placed on flat salary as soon as the initiative law goes into effect probably will be launched next week. The new flat salary law passed by the Legislature does not go into effect until the end of the present incumbent's term. Should the initiative measure become a law, it would become effective immediately after the general election in November.

Some tests which have been made lately in the use of saccharin as an element in food products shows that when taken in an amount exceeding three-tenths of a grain a day it tends to injure the digestion. Saccharin is a distillate of coal tar and is 300 times as sweet as sugar. In view of the chemists' report it is likely that Secretary Wilson will put it on the prohibited list as deleterious and injurious to health.

Often during a season of heavy rainfall and humid atmosphere conditions the danger to the potato from blight is great. To head this off the vines should be sprayed when about seven or eight inches high with a bordeaux solution, to which arsenate of lead may be added at the rate of a pound to twenty gallons of solution to kill potato beet. If unfavorable weather conditions persist, a second spraying of the bordeaux should be given in an interval of ten days or two weeks.

In the exhilaration of what is commonly termed the "back to the land movement" it is merely doing them a kindred turn to dispossess any who may have had it of the idea that some sort of magic is going to make it possible for folks to take a distinguished success in agriculture or horticulture who have made it in several other lines to which they have turned their hands. Success in the two lines referred to comes as a result of a great deal of hard, persistent, painstaking work, coupled with an application of intelligence and practical wisdom in the management of things.



Some thoughtful men have hit on the idea of putting a light of glass chicken coops to make them more cheerful when the chicks have to be shut up on rainy days.

Rape, which belongs to the cabbage family, seldom seeds much north of southern Missouri, as it produces no seed the first season, while north of that latitude the root kills during the winter.

It is little short of cruel to give poultry that is confined no outdoor shelter from the heat of the summer sun. If there are no trees in the yard this shade may be had by sowing sunflowers, giving the young plants protection during the period when the poultry would be likely to destroy them.

The average yield of potatoes for the United States is about eighty-five bushels per acre, yet there are growers that average from 200 to 300 bushels per acre on a large acreage. It is these last named growers that find potatoes raising interesting and profitable. The eighty-five bushel chaps simply sink along on bare bones.

While a justice of the peace can tie a marital knot just as tight as a minister, it is conducive to more satisfaction in after years if dignity and meaning have been given to the marriage ceremony by having a dominie officiate. It will contribute not a little to the peace of mind of the bride and groom, and the father and mother were standing near when the fateful words were spoken.

It is enough of a trial for the hens to be shut up with green grass and having garden patches just through the fence without their being denied the pleasure of a capacious dust bath. This may contain a good quantity of road dust, some wood ashes and two or three pounds of powdered sulphur. A pint or two of kerosene thoroughly worked into the mixture will make it all the more effective as a louse and mite killer.

Perhaps no other fire of human experience is more likely to crack the veneer of etiquette, good breeding and supposed culture than the best growing out of a disposition of the chested in the more of a rich relative, deceased. Often folks that are classed as pretty respectable and well behaved will conduct themselves in such a manner on these occasions as to become the object of the bitterest kind of community reproach and criticism.

For a piece of land that is pretty foul with weeds and needs a rest from the production of exhaustive crop beans are an excellent crop. They may be planted as late as June 15, prior to which time the surface soil may be given a thorough working and most of the weed seeds destroyed. More than this, the beans, being a legume, are soil enrichers. The writer has found it a good plan to plant the beans with a corn planter and striding the rows, which puts the rows about twenty-two inches apart. Such a field may be cultivated almost with a single horse and a five or seven tooth adjustable cultivator.

There is a growing conviction, coupled with a justifiable warmth under the collar, on the part of the potato growers of the country that if ever the market was manipulated by the commission men and jobbers it has been since digging time last fall. Naturally it is to the interest of the middleman to buy at the lowest possible figures at the opening of the season in the fall, and it is plain that prices were battered down to the lowest notch through circulation of the report of a bumper crop of potatoes, a claim that the present situation does not seem to be bearing out. As a rule it is not advisable to hold for higher prices when a remunerative price can be got at digging time, but 20 to 25 cents can hardly be called such a price.

With land values gradually increasing, areas of wet and low land are being reclaimed. Many of these tracts are sour, and to put them into proper condition for growing crops application of lime is necessary. For light soils containing a small amount of humus ground limestone has been found to give most satisfactory results, while for heavy and very sour soils burned lime should be used. For quick results a combination of two parts of ground stone to one of the burned lime has been found good. The addition of lime seems to be especially beneficial to bay crops and wheat and to most of the garden crops except potatoes and strawberries. In buying lime the purity of the product, as well as the price, should be taken into account.

A decision that is bound to have far-reaching effect upon the forest conservation problem and along the line of giving definiteness to the heretofore quite hazy relation existing between national and state prerogatives was handed down by the supreme court of the United States a short time since. It held that the federal government without consent of the states affected may set aside vast areas of public lands and that when such reserves are created they are not subject to state fencing laws.

Notwithstanding the fact that we attribute so large a measure of the skill of birds to instinct, the fact seems to be pretty well established that both along the lines of nest building and song they are in a large degree imitative, learning the "how" by watching older birds of the same breed with which they are usually mated and by hearing their songs. It has been noted along a similar line that little chicks that are hatched in an incubator and that are not with a hen at all will not do one-quarter of the scratching that those which are hatched and brooded in the usual way and have seen examples of scratching set for them.

A York state orchardist reports a lot of this insect in clearing a road from his orchard using a two horse rake. It took one-fourth the time to do it that it would by hand.

Not the least of the good points that can be urged in favor of the silo is that it can be used to provide a succulent ration during the summer dry spell, when silage is bad and when the milk cows often fall considerably in their milk supply.

It is a pretty good rule to follow to cut out the trees about the house or trim the limbs up until the blue grass will get a foothold. Blue grass needs about so much sunshine to do well, and the folks in the house are the better for about the same amount.

Many are the drivers of horses who are likely to overlook the fact that harness repairs are cheaper than the services of a veterinarian or the labor involved in equine funerals. Added to this is the possibility that the driver may get his neck broken in the scrape, and need the services of an undertaker.

The putting of the lawn mower away when through using it and the rubbing of the hoe and wheel cultivators bright when through using them are largely matters of habit. It is well to remember that it is just about as easy to form the right habit along this line as to fall into the bad one of leaving the tools wherever one happens to get through using them.

There is good reason to believe that the cooling worm injury to apples this year in these sections where the crop was wiped out by frost last year will be greatly reduced owing to the fact that there were many few apples left on which the worms could find a harbor. It is another illustration of the old saw "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

Townpeople whose places are bordered with shade trees can do a real favor to the drivers perched on the tops of loads of hay or straw or other high loads by keeping the limbs which droop into the roadway trimmed up. It does not sweeten a fellow's temper to have a part of his cargo pulled off into the highway or to get a scratch or worse across the face from these overhanging limbs.

A new interest has been shown in irrigation in this country within the past few years, and in particular since the passage of the reclamation act by congress, yet irrigation as a practice of agriculture is as old as that of scratching the surface of the soil with a stick, the forerunner of the modern chilled steel plow. Mesopotamia, Egypt and sections of our own south west show the remains of irrigation systems hourly with age that hundreds of years ago lapsed into ruin and disuse.

While the sweet potatoes grown in the north do not develop the sweetness and quality of the New Jersey or more southern product, one can still raise a crop of fair quality, to a name which they are planted should be rich, light and mellow and should so lie as to receive as much warmth as possible from the sun, a slope to the south, with shelter of some kind to the north being preferable. While the practice is often followed of planting them on ridges this is not imperative if the soil is well drained and is kept thoroughly cultivated.

We watched a groceryman counting eggs into a shipping case the other day and called his attention to a number of cracked and broken white eggs that were badly smeared with mud or manure, due to the hens having inadequate nesting places. His reply was: "Yes, there's really no excuse for it. Those eggs are just as fresh and good as any that have been brought in, but the folks were careless. When they reach the consumer, however, they will go in as 'dicks,' which means that about 3 cents per dozen will be knocked off the price."

A stirring of the surface soil every few days, and particularly after a rain, will put a blanket of pelvish earth on the surface, and will keep the soil moist and loose in a condition the most favorable possible for the development of the growing plants. It is well to remember in this connection that the circulation of soil air is as essential to the growth of the root system as the moisture and that both are secured by keeping the surface soil properly stirred. It matters little relatively how rich soil is if the surface is allowed to bake. This locks both moisture and fertility up, and the growing crop suffers as a result.

The Iowa experiment station has been gathering data recently relative to the damage done by the wheat head army worm in several counties of the state. Two broods of the worm, the first feeding from late in May until well into July, and the second from the middle of August until frost. Measures which have been tried to reduce the pest show that early cutting of badly infested fields is a help; also keeping the grasses cut on the roadsides and in the fence corners and early fall plowing. Most effective of all as a preventive measure was found to be the pasturing of infested fields during the early fall. The damage done by the worm is largely in the seed head, its habit being to eat the seeds and drop the chaff. In some fields examined as high as 40 per cent of the timothy seed heads were found damaged.

The fear that is sometimes felt by the one just installing a silo that ensilage will not within a year may spoil does not seem to be justified in view of the experience of the Wisconsin station, where ensilage has been kept in excellent shape under proper conditions for a period of five or six years.

Time was when it was thought out of the question to separate little chicks any distance from a clucking old hen. Today literally tens of thousands of downy little fellows but a few days old are shipped by express from many big poultry centers and given the kindly and luxurious housing of a brooder on arriving at their destination.

Thanks to recent advances and activity on the part of the postal authorities, a whole lot of grafters who have been using the mails to subvert and defraud have been run to earth and in many cases have not only had to pay heavy fines, but many of them are now doing time in federal prisons. Let the good work go on. For there are still others who should be chased into the open.

The galvanized hencoop is on the market and has several features in its favor not possessed by the old "A" shaped and apple barrel coops of our fathers and grandfathers.

If there were no other reason for keeping grass and weeds out of the orchard it is well worth while simply as a means of protecting the tract from fire. We have seen more than one fine orchard seriously marred by the accidental burning of a cover of grass and weeds in the spring.

Those planning to do tiling—and a lot of fellows ought to be—would do well to send to their representative in congress or to the department of agriculture at Washington for farmers' bulletin No. 187, entitled "Drainage of Farm Lands." The bulletin takes up the subject in an interesting and practical manner.

Inbreeding undoubtedly tends to fix and emphasize certain desirable traits, marks or characteristics of poultry and domestic animals, and to secure these results may be in a measure justifiable, but it is always well to remember that while fitness and quality may be secured thus it is almost invariably at the cost of vigor.

An acre of good land used as a rape pasture for hogs is worth in pork production from \$18 to \$24 in one season. With this should be taken into account the fact that there is no harvest expense involved. If the soil keeps sufficiently moist rape may be sowed as late as June 1 with good results. Every hog raiser should have a patch.

The boys and girls should be encouraged to do to the extent of keeping tab on the young birds in the nest about the premises so as to know when to shut up the cat to keep her from killing the fledglings as they flutter to the ground in their first venture from the nest. Tens of thousands of young birds could be saved yearly were the boys and girls of the land to perform this simple service.

American women of the upper classes would enjoy a whole lot better health, besides being more happy and useful, if they spent less time playing bridge whist and attending plunk tens and a good deal more time in cross country work, studying birds and flowers and in personally doing some of the work in flower and vegetable gardens. Doing these things might not be aristocratic, but it would nevertheless be mighty sensible.

Give the dog a dinner of fluid extract of nuxvomica and twenty drops of fluid extract of ergot three times a day.

Street Assessment Notice.

To Minnie Mitchell.

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, has estimated the cost of the street improvement (sidewalk) on that part of Fifth street adjacent to the lot owned by you, situated in Block 18, Addition to Dallas, Oregon, as provided for in Ordinance No. 163 of said City, to be 20 cents per linear foot.

You are further notified that the City Council has mentioned will sit in the Council Chamber in said City on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1911, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of apportioning the cost of such improvement among the owners of each lot or part of lot or tract of land liable therefor in proportionate share of such cost.

That all owners and other persons in interest may attend at such place this is not imperative if the soil is well drained and is kept thoroughly cultivated.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, made on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1911. Witness my hand and the official seal of the said City of Dallas, Oregon, this 20th day of June, A. D. 1911.

CHAS. GREGORY, Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed Executors of the estate of Margaret D. Campbell, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and have qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned executors, at the office of Oscar Hayter, in the City of Dallas, in said County of Polk.

Dated and first published June 16, 1911.

HENRIETTA VAN GROSS, JAMES VAN GROSS, Executors of the Estate of Margaret D. Campbell, deceased.

Oscar Hayter, Attorney.

Registration of Land Title.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk.

In the matter of the application of Mary A. Rapp, a widow, to register her claim to the land described in the premises, to-wit: The South West quarter of Section 27; the South East quarter of Section 28; the North East quarter of Section 23, all in Township 5 South, Range 5 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, situated in Polk County, Oregon, and containing 400 acres of land, according to the following description, to-wit: All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned executors, at the office of Oscar Hayter, in the City of Dallas, in said County of Polk.

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The date for the poultry show of the Columbia River Association is to be December 4-5.

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