

BOXES NOW SMALLER**STEWART AND FISHER TRACT YIELDS PROLIFICALLY**

Forty Pickers and Eleven Packers Employed Gathering Crop on Ten Acres.

The strawberry is now king and he can have no more fitting throne than in Dallas for this most delicious of all berries, and if perfection can be improved upon this year's berries seem a little better than usual. A visit to the Stewart and Fisher tracts, the largest near Dallas, enabled The Observer to collect some interesting facts. These growers have at present ten acres planted, mostly in Magoons, Oregon and Marshalls. The berries are planted between rows of trees in a cherry orchard, and will be grown there until the trees are ten years old. Although the market is slack again this year, in the hope that Dallas gets a canner by next year, they expect to increase their acreage by one-third. Of this they expect to plant ten acres to Clark's seedlings, for these, as every discerning housewife knows, are a small berry, blood-red to the center, uniform in size and superior in flavor. They are not extensively grown because their yield is only about half that of other berries, though they are somewhat higher in price.

Should late summer rains come at the right time there will be a good fall crop of berries. In the fall of 1912 there were \$100 worth of berries sold from this tract. By keeping the plants trimmed down 'till the early bearing season is passed and by cross pollination, they hope to originate a new fall bearing species which would be put under irrigation and thus assure a fall crop every year. The berries so far have mostly been sold through the Northwestern Fruit Shippers' Association. So heavy is the yield that this farm alone could probably supply the entire local market. To care for the ten acres requires one man to cultivate a plow, and five men with hoes. In harvesting the crops forty pickers and eleven packers are required. The largest day's picking thus far has been 124 crates.

The Dallas housewives probably have noticed with dismay that the boxes are smaller this year. This, we are informed, is not a conspiracy on the part of strawberry growers, but is a new government standard adopted since last year. Formerly the boxes were supposed to hold a pound, but as the government now requires them to hold a pint or a quart and the larger boxes are too large for such perishable berries, the smaller was

PANIC AT SEA.

—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

adopted. Given proper facilities for disposal of the crop, strawberry raising could become a great industry here, for the quantity and quality are unexcelled, failure is unknown and a shortage is very rare.

The Band Concert.

Following is the program for the band concert tomorrow evening: March, "Kali," Iula, by A. H. Thrall; Intermzzo, "The Borderland," M. Briglia; medley overture, "Hot Potatoes," Milt. H. Hall; an educated rag, "African 400," C. J. Roberts; Mazurka, "Birds of Spring," R. Williams; selection, "Il Trovatore," Verdi; characteristic march, "Chop Suey," C. R. Ackley.

Who Has Rooms to Rent?

Inquiries for rooms for Chautauqua week are being made and Secretary Miles requests that those persons having accommodations for guests notify him without delay.

Library Report for May.

Juvenile fiction books loaned, 289; juvenile non-fiction books loaned, 60; adult non-fiction books loaned, 98; adult fiction books loaned, 553; total, 1,000. Number of callers during the month, 2065. New borrowers' cards issued, 12.

C. J. Pugh near Falls City has finished the construction of a traction engine for plowing his loganberry field of 11 acres, and it works like a charm as a plow propeller. This is the second year since planting and he expects to manufacture 3,000 gallons of loganberry juice, all of which has already been contracted for delivery in season.

Joe Allen of Portland has bought the George Hegler chicken ranch of six acres near Falls City, and will engage in poultry raising on a larger scale.

"Uncle Tom" Coming.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," Mrs.

Stowe's historic play, will be presented in Dallas under tent on Saturday evening, May 13, by the Burk company, the largest of its kind in the country. Burk owns the cars in which the company and the paraphernalia is transported. The street parade is a feature.

Ice Delivery Soon to Begin.

The Dallas Ice Company is making preparations for a busy season. The company will on Monday night next put on a delivery automobile, serving people in all parts of the city. If you want ice apply at the company's office for a green card.

Team Goes to Sheridan.

Next Sunday the Dallas baseball tossers will go to Sheridan and try conclusions with the team at that place, it being a return game. Manager Sibley's colts will be accompanied thither by a number of real fans, who will assist, as rooters, in securing another scalp.

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