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Among the Vegetables

With what implement did Adam till and subdue the earth in the Garden of Eden? Was he the original "Man with the Hoe?" According to the Biblical account, Adam did not contend with the weeds until his expulsion from Eden, but he had to dress and keep the garden. Even if weeds did not grow up and choke the young trees and herbs, under which head vegetables would come, yet the soil would need to be stirred. And as the plough and cultivator were not invented until some centuries afterwards, nor animals broken in for draft purposes, the work must have been done by hand, with some sort of a wooden spade, for there was no hint of any knowledge of metal work.

Then, did the fruit trees require pruning, and if so, how was this done? Or were they allowed to grow as they would? Probably they were, but would their fruit be as fine as the product of the carefully cultivated orchards of to-day? If the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were an apple, how would its fruit compare with the famed Hood River apples of Oregon?

There is something very attractive about gardening to most men, which is especially felt by those who are deprived of the chance. It is the survival, I suppose, of the primeval man in them, whose occupation it was, and there are few who do not find it as Lord Bacon said, "the purest of human pleasures."

Apparently Adam's stay in Eden was not very long, and then, at his departure, began that struggle with the soil, which every subsequent gardener has to wage in order to subdue it and render it productive. But it brings its own compensation, for fruits and vegetables never taste so sweet and finely flavored as those which have been watered with the sweat of brows and tilted with aching arms with swollen muscles. Yes, Adam on his return from a day's conflict with thorns and thistles would eat with keener relish of the herbs of his raising, than he did when everything was furnished ready for the mere picking. The curse laid on the ground for his sake was not unmitigated; it contained a hidden blessing which only required digging on Adam's part to discover.

And now, where man is forced to wrestle hard with the soil, his toil is correspondingly rewarded, in the superiority of his produce. In tropical or semi-tropical regions where little effort is required, the fruits are inferior, except perhaps in size, to those on which more care and attention have been expended. The grapes raised with artificial heat under glass and constantly watched and tended, have a bloom and flavor surpassing those ripened under the sunny skies of California.

Then, what satisfaction it is, after a good day's work, to see the rows of vegetables standing out bravely above the clear ground. Their growth becomes perceptible, and while it is true the expanding life is due to God, yet without the aid of man it would have remained dormant. So the gardener, as he watches his vegetables coming to perfection, can truly claim to be fellow worker with God.



THOS. F. RYAN

of Oregon City, announces that he will be candidate for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket, at the primary elections next spring.

The probable delay in the federal soldiers' bonus bill, will be disappointing to nearly everyone who wishes the right thing done by the soldier, and none will regret it more than President Harding and the Secretary of the Treasury, if it has to be. It must be recalled, however that finances are governed by certain fixed laws, and no country, no matter how wealthy, can fly in the face of these laws, without incurring financial disaster. Our national finances are in a most intricate tangle, and some straightening out is absolutely necessary before fresh obligations are assumed.

If President Harding is successful in bringing about a disarmament by the great powers, he will be entitled to the Nobel peace prize. In this connection, the *New York World* has issued figures showing that our law makers are about to impose upon us, with their preparedness program, a burden equal to the indemnity of thirty billion dollars which the allies put upon Germany.

The cause of education in Oregon has met a severe loss in the sudden death of J. H. Ackerman, President of the State Normal School at Mommouth. Prior to his appointment, he was four years Superintendent of the Schools in Multnomah county, and during his whole life, he has had a distinguished career as an educator.

An apology is due to some of our subscribers for the torn condition of their copies last week, but this was owing to unfamiliarity with our new press and also the brittleness of the paper. The situation last week while making the second run, was most trying for a time and we hope fervently it won't occur again.

Dr. C. E. Cline, the well known Methodist preacher and G. A. R. man, died suddenly Monday. He was a notable figure among his brethren of the cloth, old fashioned but virile in his theology and strenuous in action.

If Lloyd George can effect a peace with the Irish, and President Harding disarmament, these two gentlemen will stand out as the great peace makers of the century.

The Gladstone Chautauqua

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua, opened Tuesday afternoon. The program is fully up to the high record of former years, and those who attend will get a big return for their money. To spend the whole period attending the meetings and camping in the beautiful grounds, will make the best of a vacation. Harvey E. Cross, the County Judge, is the president of the association, which office, we believe, he has held a number of years, and deservedly so, for he has been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the Chautauqua.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
III.—NEW JERSEY



NEW JERSEY became the third state just six days after Pennsylvania had formally adopted the Constitution. This territory, which covers 8,224 square miles, originally was a part of the province of New Netherlands. In 1664, after the English conquest of New Netherlands, the duke of York sold the southern portion to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret. The latter had won some distinction as governor of the little island of Jersey in the English channel, and it was in his honor that the new province came to be called New Jersey. The eastern portion, that about Newark, was settled by Carteret and the territory to the southwest, where Burlington and Trenton now stand, fell to Berkeley. After a few years Berkeley sold his share to a party of Quakers and two distinct provinces were formed, called East and West Jersey. They were reunited, however, in 1702, and became a single province under the direct rule of the English crown.

New Jersey casts fourteen electoral votes for president. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Executors' Notice

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Clackamas County. In the matter of the Estate of Henry M. Looney, deceased:—
NOTICE is hereby given that the County Court of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, has appointed Elva M. Looney and Walter J. Looney, Executors of the Estate of Henry M. Looney, deceased, with the will annexed. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to either of said Executors at Estacada, Oregon, or to E. W. Bartlett attorney for said Estate at his office in Estacada, Oregon, properly verified within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
ELVA M. LOONEY,
WALTER T. LOONEY,
Executors of the Estate of Henry M. Looney, with the will annexed.
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