

URGES PLANTING OF FRUIT TREES

EXPERT SAYS THEY WILL BEAR

Home Orchard Should Include Pears, Apples and the Small Fruits—Selection of Varieties is Important. Set Trees in the Spring.

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There is probably nothing that adds more to the home atmosphere of a farm than a few fruit trees and berry bushes. Still in going over the county we notice that many of the new homes that are being established are without fruits of any kind either those that come into bearing early or those that we must wait several years before receiving returns. Yet there are few places where with the proper care, hardy tree and bush fruits may not be grown. While they may not bear each year because of adverse climatic conditions, still they are ornamental and will give us fruit for home consumption occasionally, which means much where fruits are scarce. Still such small fruits as gooseberries and currants yield heavily each year while strawberries and raspberries also do well. So with these small fruits bearing practically every year and an occasional crop of hardier tree fruits there is no reason why each farmer should not have an abundance of fruit of one kind or other each year.

In planting a home orchard under our conditions, it is preferable, when so situated, to plant the trees on a north or northwest slope. Never set your trees on your lowest ground because of the added danger of frost. Always plant in your higher locations if they are so situated that you can give the trees proper care. This will give you less trouble with frost as the cold air naturally drains into the low places and your high places are so situated as to receive the benefit of any air currents that may be in motion and this also tends to prevent frost injury. In any case give

always as deep a soil as you can with the above principles in mind.

Set your apple trees not less than 30 feet apart each way; pears and other tree fruits 25 feet apart each way.

Under our conditions, the selection of varieties is an important matter and nothing but the hardier ones should be selected. Do not make the mistake of selecting some much talked of varieties that may grow as good a location as you possibly can as regards exposure, and require entirely different climatic conditions than exist here, for if you do you can at best expect but inferior fruit while in all probability, your trees will very seldom set fruit at all. This pertains also to the bush and small fruits.

With our altitude and cold winters it is advisable to set the trees in the spring; fall set trees are apt to be winter killed. In setting the trees, cut back the longer roots and others that have been broken off cut off with a sharp knife. Make the holes large enough to admit all the roots without their ends being bent upward. If you have a prevailing wind set the trees leaning slightly in that direction. Set the trees several inches deeper than they were when in the nursery rows. Cut off the tree about two feet above the ground. Always where possible secure one year old trees as they can much more readily be made to take the desired form than older trees.

Best Varieties to Select.

The selection of varieties is of much importance and often determines whether your planting will be a failure or success. Conditions as they exist over the greater part of this county call for hardy, northern grown, rather early varieties of apples. The Russian group fills these requirements quite well and include such varieties as the Astrachan, Yellow Transparent, Gravenstein. Other hardy varieties are Wealthy, McIntosh Red, Pawaukee and possibly Rome Beauty. This gives a succession of fruits from the earliest until winter. The crabs do well also. The Bartlett and Flemish Beauty have proven desirable varieties of pears. Of the peaches the early variety as Crawford and Triumph have given best results. The sour cherry is hardy and well adapted to our conditions. The Early Richmond and Large Montgomery are desirable varieties.

Of the bush fruits, Tamer and Red Antwerp are two good varieties of red raspberries. Cumberland is a black raspberry that will be found suitable to grow. Of the currants, both red and white do well. Red Cherry and Red Dutch and White Grapes and White Dutch are all doing splendidly

in the county. Of the gooseberries two varieties known to do well here are Downing and Oregon Champion.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, August 8, 1912.

To heirs of Margaret D. Hobbs, deceased, of No. 274 Stark St., Portland, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Harry Speer, who gives c-of E. E. Parker, Bend, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on August 8, 1912, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, entry No. ———, Serial No. 07515, made October 4, 1910, for SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 1, E 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 12, Township 16, S., Range 14, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Margaret D. Hobbs, deceased, died intestate, in the City of Portland, State of Oregon, on the 28th day of January, 1912, without issue; that she left a husband (George D. Hobbs), 45 years old, whose present place of residence is unknown; that on the 6th day of Feb., 1912, on the petition of Mary Dwyer, a sister to the said Margaret D. Hobbs, the County Court of Multnomah County, Oregon, appointed one S. F. Jeffrey, administrator of the estate of the said Margaret D. Hobbs, deceased.

Contestant further states that the said Margaret D. Hobbs, deceased, never established residence on said land; that she never improved or cultivated the same; that her heirs, whose address is unknown, have never resided on said land or improved or cultivated the same within six months after the death of said entrywoman or at any other time or at all.

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