

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK

(Communicated.)
Letter No. 11.

On the platform of the R. R. station at Grant's Pass was a bundle of early Crawford peach trees—a bet- ter selection for early fruit of this variety cannot be named. Have we, along with everything else, to im- port our trees? Verily it behooves us to look at this matter closely. Sure- ly there should be enterprise enough to grow our own young trees with- out everlastingly sending out of the country for this, that and the other. The Late Crawford is good as a late variety, and among the clings, Cox's stands very high. We must expect a sharp competition from California in peaches and only by rigid econo- my, and paying close attention to the cultivation and marketing of the fruit, can success be expected. There will always be one opening though if it is taken hold of properly, and that is canning. Our next venture in the fruit line to look into is the grape. I say venture because it has not been fully demonstrated. Not that they cannot be raised, but the proper sorts, location, soil best adapted, experience and manner of cul- tivation. I find upon examination that less is known or rightly tried of the cultivation of the grape than any other class of fruit. Why this is so, I will leave to one better in- formed than myself to answer. With experience and good judgment I see no reason why grape raising cannot be made a remunerative indus- try. That there will be failures, discouragement and so forth, is very probable, but in spite of that, the result will be an increased acreage planted to vines. It has been said that this region is too frosty, season too short. If that is a fact, which I discredit, then we must confine our- selves to the hardy sorts only. As I said before, experience is the only school, even if a dear one, that can teach us the wisdom or folly of a trial. Nothing ventured nothing gained. That good sweet grapes are grown can not be disputed, but they fall far short of the California ones in size. Why is this? Per- haps the wide varieties are the kind that will succeed the best. If that could be demonstrated as a fact, then we need have no fear of want a market. Or perhaps something in our soils may excel in the grape by drying for raisins. If so, do not do as some growers in California have done lately and send off an inferior lot of stuff to New York. Portland imports thousands of pounds of As- paragus from San Francisco every year as it comes in several weeks earlier than that raised at home. Has it ever been tried here; if it has it has been to so little extent that if a person wanted any one would have to go without. It is easily raised, very palatable, and easy to dispose of at a profit anywhere. You will find canned asparagus on the shelves of the merchant at the county seat. That is what is called developing the country I suppose. So it is with Blackberries, Raspber- ries, Currants, not enough even to supply the home market small as it is, but the shortage can be made up from the neighboring counties and then there is the canned fruit from California and the East to fall back on anyway, so you see we are not so bad off as we might be. It is so much trouble to put up fruit care- fully in a clean and attractive man- ner, and it now, especially in warm weather. Got to lay it to something, let us say it is the climate; can't talk back, that is one comfort.

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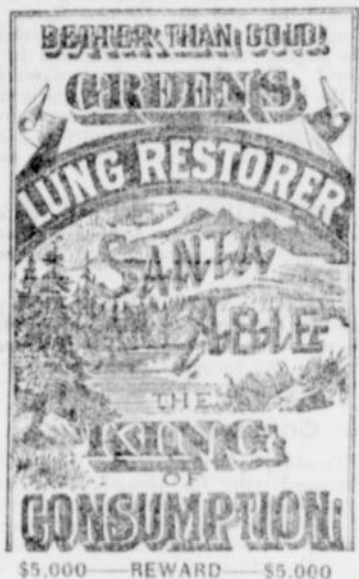


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