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Rules And Regulations Governing The Contest Are as Follows:

Announcement —This Piano and Popularities V will be conducted fairly and honestly on basis strictly with justice and fairness to all. These conditions, it will be an assured.	Renewals, 500 votes \$1.00	For the first thirty days the paper will run a 25-vote coupon which can be voted free for any lady contestant. Contest to run about 90 days. CONTEST WILL CLOSE MARCH 28, 1916. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved. If sufficient cause should occur. Ten days prior to closing contest the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box and take same to the bank, where the same will be in a place where voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.
Prize —The Capital Prize will be a \$400.00 Piano. Other valuable prizes to the amount of \$100.00 which are announced herewith.	Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes 1.00	The last ten days all voting must be done in a sealed box at the bank. If you do not wish anyone to know for whom you are voting, place your cash for subscription together with your coupon in a sealed envelope, which will be furnished you, and put same in ballot box. This will give every one a square deal. This Contest Will Close March 28, 1916
Candidates —Young ladies in this and vicinity are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes will receive the beautiful \$400.00 Obermeyer & Sons' Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with the contest, extending at the final night.	Back subscriptions, 400 votes 1.00	
Tie in Vote —Should any of the contestants receive an equal number of votes, a similar prize will be awarded.	5 years New or Renewal subscriptions, 5000 votes 5.00	
Vote Counted —Votes will be counted at the final night.	10 years New or Renewal subscriptions, 12,500 votes 10.00	
	20 years New or Renewal subscriptions, 30,000 votes 20.00	
	Instructions —Results to standing votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper or belonging to the immediate families of the merchants co-operating will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestants.	
	Notes , after being voted, cannot be transferred to another. Be sure to know for whom you are going to vote before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or anyone else will not give you any information on the subject. The key to the ballot box will be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.	

Non-winners who do not win one of the regular prizes will receive 10 per cent on all money they collect on subscription. Save your tickets; Begin now

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LUTHER BURBANK

The 7th of March having been set aside for observance in our public schools as Burbank day a brief sketch of his life and works might be of some interest at this time.

His early life was spent in a manufacturing plant in Mass. This was the trade his parents and relatives wished him to follow for he gave promise of an inventive genius and at one time did invent a labor saving device that was adopted and installed in his employer's shops. For this Mr. Burbank received a substantial raise in wages. But he was not satisfied with that life. The fields were ever beckoning to him. The woods and meadows and brooks and hills seemed to be ever calling him to them. Every book within his reach bearing upon plant life was read and absorbed by him. Harwood, in his "New Creations in Plant Life," says of him, "year by year as he grew into boyhood his love for all the beautiful things in the world around him steadily

grew and deepened. As soon as he was old enough to be placed in school he at once attracted the attention of his teachers by his love for study. The love for his school and the love for the flowers, the trees and the buds were always manifest. And in the ripe days of his prime one may see him turn with boyish eagerness from the discussion of some deep problem of human life to listen to the note of a lark in the sky."

So as the call of the freer and more congenial out of door life became more and more alluring to him he left the factory and engaged in market gardening and raising seeds in a small way, and while engaged in this work he developed the potato that now bears his name, and which, it is said, has added upwards of twenty-million dollars to the wealth of the world. Mr. Burbank said this new potato to a local seed man for \$150. Not long after this he started for California arriving there in 1875 with but little money and ten of his precious potatoes. Mr. Burbank like many another noted man has not attained success without passing through many hardships, privations and disappointments, and while his earlier life was made up in a greater part by incessant toil still the crucial test came after reaching his adopted state of California, and it was there, in that new country, among strangers that this wonderful character first felt the real pangs of hunger and at one time absolute want. At this time he had reached the age of twenty-one years. He sought work that he might accumulate enough capital to establish a nursery, but work was scarce and day after day he sought it in vain and in the meantime his slender savings dwindled. The new jobs that he secured only

partially supplied his wants although his living was very meager. He would visit the village market, gather up the refuse bones saved for dogs and get from them what meat he could. He finally found steady employment in a nursery but want and exposure had so weakened him that he was attacked by a fever and nearly died, but this seemed to be the turning point in his life. He arose from his sick bed greatly emaciated but still determined to succeed. The firm will had conquered all, and although he lost his position in the nursery he secured odd jobs and finally had a neat little bank account. A plot of ground was secured for a nursery near Santa Rosa which is now famous the world over. He prospered until the business brought him in about ten thousand dollars a year; but while the nursery business kept him very busy he had not lost sight of his main objective point, that of creating new plants and improving old ones and although his nursery brought him a handsome profit still he considered the time ripe for making the change and accordingly in 1893 he found himself free from the nursery and at liberty to devote his entire time to his chosen work, entering into it with a firm resolution and lofty purpose ready, willing and ripe for the harvest.

We have given you this account of Mr. Burbank's early struggles only in part, but enough as a lesson to show that the success with this man, as with many others, is the reward for constant application and incessant toil. If we aim to have the finest farm, the most productive orchard or a prize dairy herd, it cannot be attained in a day, a month or a single year, but only after years of devotion to that one thing,

and when we look back over Mr. Burbank's struggles we can better appreciate the things he has given to the world.

Mr. Burbank received no encouragement from his relatives and friends when he closed out his nursery business and entered into this new field, but their entreaties and criticisms were of no avail. He looked into the future with a keen vision of an unalterable purpose. In order to keep up expenses improved plants and new creations were sold as soon as he became convinced that they were a success, but were sold at a nominal price considering the time and money entering into their production and had it not been for the fact that the Carnegie Institute finally came to his rescue he would have undoubtedly been compelled to curtail his experiments. He receives from that source ten thousand dollars a year for ten years. One must consider that to carry on a work of this nature requires much outlay for there are many experiments going on at the same time, some of them to continue along for years. Experts are on the road in this country and foreign lands in search of new plants or a special form of plant for breeding purposes. However Mr. Burbank has had many annoying things to contend with besides those things incident to his work. For instance there was a period after he had attained quite a reputation when certain men were trying to filch his reputation as a plant breeder and published him as a fake. They would come from all parts of the country, professing friendship to gain access to the grounds that they might find proof to discredit him, but seeing was believing even to those who wished to be blind. One incident is noted where a minister invited Mr. Bur-

bank to listen to a sermon upon the things Mr. Burbank was doing and when he accepted the invitation the minister scored him unmercifully as a man who was working in direct opposition to the will of God in creating new forms of life which should only be created by God himself.

Mr. Burbank's aim is the improvement of old varieties of plant life, the merging of wild or degenerate types of plant life with tame or cultivated ones for improvement, and the creation of absolutely new forms of life unknown to the world before. This he does by breeding and selection.

Some of his leading creations are: The improved edible thornless cactus, a food for man and beast and a means for reclaiming the deserts of the world. It bears fruit that may be eaten raw or cooked and it is claimed is delicious either way. The primus-berry, the first recorded instance of the creation of a new species, and is the union of the raspberry and blackberry, and also the phenomenal berry created from the California dewberry and the Cuthbert raspberry; the plumcot, a union of the plum and the apricot; a plum with no pit and having the flavor of the Bartlett pear; many plums of great value; a walnut with the shell so thin that the birds could pick through and which had to be bred back to a shell of the right thickness; a walnut bred with the tannin absent from it; a tree which grows more rapidly than any other tree in the temperate zone; the Shasta daisy, a blossom five to seven inches in diameter and a cross between a wild field daisy, a Japanese and English daisy; a gladiolus of great enhanced beauty blossoming around their entire stem like a hyacinth instead of the old way,

on one side; a dahlia with its disagreeable odor driven out of it and instead given the odor of the magnolia blossom; a lily with the fragrance of the Parma violet; and a scentless verbena give the intensified fragrance of the trailing arbutus, a chestnut tree which bears nuts in eighteen months from seeding; fruit trees that will withstand freezing in bud and flower; a poppy so increased in size that it measures ten inches across its brilliant bloom; the white blackberry; pie-plant with leaves four feet across them; the pomato a cross between the potato and tomato and bearing fruit which grows along the stem something as does the potato seed ball but is a delicious fruit; blackberries without thorns. Besides these he has developed many kinds of grasses and grains.

When the author of the following story first presented it to the editors for their consideration with a view to publishing the same they hesitated long before they promised the necessary space. The author, although rather obscure may some day own a tombstone in the country church yard but we don't believe it will be because he in any way deserves it. It is our earnest desire that he turn to better things and raise hens in his mother's back yard. We take pleasure, however, in introducing to our readers I. W. Spillet, better known among his many friends as Will Spillet.

THE LONG TRAIL. By I. Will Spillet.

The wide spreading mantle of the night had settled down over mountain, valley and plain, hiding all in deep, unfathomable mystery out of which came no sound save for the wind in the treetops and the lapping of water on the narrow, shelving beach. The dense undergrowth of virgin forest came almost to the waters

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