

### ENGLISH WALNUTS MOST PROFITABLE CROP OF VALLEY

Many persons who have visited Rogue River valley this fall have made special inquiry as to the success attending English walnut "experiments" in southern Oregon. Some of these inquiries came from California, where the English walnut grows to perfection and has proven to be a very profitable product.

Those who understand the conditions necessary to English walnut production and who know anything about Rogue River valley conditions will tell the visitors that the production of the English walnut here has never been an experiment. In recent years only a few residents of this valley undertaken to raise English walnuts. The results in every case reported have been happily satisfactory. Those who have undertaken it find that there is no natural reason why the English walnut should not be produced here to perfection. There is no question about the market. So far it has never been satisfied.

#### No Longer Experiment

English walnut culture was an experiment in the Willamette valley by reason of the excessive rainfall and the general humidity on account of the frequent heavy fogs. But it is no longer an experiment there. The groves have matured in excellent condition and are producing, in abundant yield, a fine quality of walnuts for an eager market.

Not many English walnut trees have been planted in this valley, but those that have come into bearing are yielding a very fine quality of walnut and, for young trees, the yield has been an agreeable surprise. The Franquette is the chief variety tried here, although a few trees of the Mayette variety are beginning to bear. The quality in each case is par excellence. Those who have been watching these trees with some interest declare that they prove that the English walnut may become a very valuable crop here. A nut grove is much less troublesome than an orchard of any kind; much less liable to harm from radical weather conditions or ravage by pests; much more hardy than most fruit trees, and its product finds a much more steady and ready market.

#### No Losses in Shipment

No losses are sustained in shipment; the rates are cheaper because less expensive provision is necessary and much less loss attends the harvest of the crop. The nuts are easily graded and handled.

This paper predicts that the English walnut production of Rogue River valley will have a place in commercial reports in the future not far distant and that the owners of groves will be quite as partial to them as they may be of any other tree crop they may undertake to produce here for profit.

### DEMOCRATS TO HEAR SUFFRAGISTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—When the democratic national committee meets at Washington, Dec. 7, the chairman, William McCombs, will lay before it a request that the committee receive Miss Sara Bard Field and Miss Frances Jolliffe, who are bringing a petition from the Pacific coast, asking for an amendment to the national constitution granting votes to women.

The chairman informed the New York women that Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, also has asked for a hearing before the democratic committee, probably will be investigated by post-office inspectors later.

### FRENCH SEIZE JAPANESE VESSEL

PEKING, Nov. 16.—The French minister, A. B. Conty, was advised today that the Japanese steamship Iyo had been taken into Saigon bay, French Cochinchina, by a French cruiser, on suspicion of being engaged in carrying arms to mutineers in India.

#### MAYOR MITCHEL RECOVERS APPENDICITIS OPERATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The condition of Mayor Mitchel, who was operated upon yesterday for acute appendicitis, was reported satisfactory today.

### REMARKABLE CAREER OF ATHLETE ENDED ON BATTLEFIELD



John Prentiss Poe, hero of gridiron and battlefield, and pen sketches of his remarkable career.

BY BROWN HOLMES  
When officials of the British army sent word to the United States that Johnnie Poe, football star and soldier of fortune, was killed while fighting with the allies on the northern boundary of France, they wrote the last chapter in the story of the most remarkable life ever led by an athlete. Johnnie Poe was the first of a family of great football players to enter Princeton. He was captain of the Tiger team in 1892 and by a great run defeated Yale. Leaving college he entered a broker's office in New York, but the excitement of Wall Street did not satisfy him.

When the Spanish war broke out

he enlisted with the college troops and was a hero in the rush up San Juan hill. Then he enlisted for three years in the United States regular army and went to the Philippines as a lieutenant. Returning, he tried mining in Alaska, then in Arizona. He became a cowboy in Arizona and was prominent among the bandit chasers. He went to Central America and joined in the big revolution there. Later he joined the rebels in the Nicaragua-Honduras revolution, was taken as a spy and freed on the promise that he would leave the country.

Poe went to Mexico, where he took up mining. His mine was raided, he

protested and Mexican officials laughed at him. So he joined the rebels in the Madero revolution, and secured the promise of the rebel leaders to protect his mining interests. He was back in New York when the European war broke out. He hastened to Ireland, the home of his ancestors, the De la Poer family, and was placed in the Royal British artillery. When the Black Watch, as the Forty-Second Highlanders are known, needed experienced men to handle quick firing field pieces, he was transferred and it was while with the Black Watch that he was killed, Sept. 22, when the allies were making their big drive.

### RUMANIAN PREMIER ACCUSES POLITICIANS

BERLIN, Nov. 16 (by wireless to Sayville).—"According to a sensational statement attributed to Premier Bratianu of Rumania," says the Overseas News agency, "a small group of Rumanian politicians promised the entente powers, during the Rumanian government's negotiations with them, that Rumania would side with them in the war and that the government of Rumania would ultimately demand less of them than was being demanded at the time. 'M. Bratianu in the quoted interview stigmatized the members of this group as 'adventurers without conscience'. He announced that he possessed documents showing their 'treason to Rumania'. A Rumanian newspaper adds that Take Jonescu, former Rumanian minister of the interior, was one of the political group in question."

### EARL KITCHENER ARRIVES AT MUDROS

MILAN, Nov. 16.—Earl Kitchener, who has arrived at Mudros, is accompanied by the resident general of Egypt, according to a Saloniki dispatch to the Corriere Della Sera.

It has been assumed that during his trip to the east Lord Kitchener would visit Egypt and prepare its defense to resist a possible invasion by troops of Germany and her allies.

#### SEVENTY-TWO MILE GALE OFF THE OREGON COAST

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—A gale raged off the Oregon and southern Washington coast through the greater part of today, but up to a late hour no vessels had been reported in trouble. From a velocity of 72 miles an hour attained before noon, the wind calmed to twenty miles tonight. The sea was still very rough. The only damage reported on land was at Seaside, Ore., where the gale tore the glass front out of a store. Heavy rains were reported from points over the state.

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### REINSTATEMENT OF BURKITT ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Definite instructions went from the white house to the postoffice department today to reinstate George Burkitt as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., regardless of what other charges, in addition to that of criticizing the president for his engagement, were pending against him. The instructions sent to the postoffice department yesterday were that Burkitt should be reinstated if no other charges were pending against him. Today the question was taken up again and as a result orders were issued that he be reinstated unconditionally without further delay. Any other charges against Burkitt

### AMERICA SEEKING FACTS OF ANCONA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Naval officials today disclaimed any connection in the arrival of the battleship Kentucky at Progresso and the forcible searching of the American steamer Zenobia at that port by an armed party from a British cruiser. The investigation to determine whether the Zenobia was within the three-mile limit is still under way. British officials contend she was not. CHICAGO COVERED WITH TWO INCHES OF SNOW  
CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Chicago was covered with two inches of snow today, the first of the season.

### MEDFORD SHADE TREES NEED FIXING DECLARES EXPERT

"I regret to say that after making a brief survey of the trees in the city park and on the library grounds in Medford, I found at least 60 per cent in bad condition and in need of repair," states W. L. Alexander of Portland, landscape architect specializing in tree preservation, who is a visitor in the city. Continuing, he said:

"The library trees in particular require the services of a tree authority to keep the trees alive any length of time. A great number of these trees are entirely hollow, and this condition, together with a local trouble of grass root, owing to the tree only having on an average twenty inches of soil in which to grow before striking hardpan, renders the condition of the trees desperate.

"Medford is facing peculiar conditions, and conditions that call for a consistent line of attack. The only practical line of procedure is a thorough and perfect understanding of the trees, and fair co-operation with them as individuals in their battle with their natural enemy, fungus.

"Medford has a number of trees that are known to three authorities as 'female.' These trees are more susceptible to fungus attack than the more substantial ones of the same species, namely, the 'male.' These trees are throwing off the spore that will blow for miles, oftentimes until they find a broken or weakened tree, where they will attack and decay. The fungus that I have found more or less in all the oak trees of Medford, is known as Hydnum ermaecus, and is characterized by the hardness of the decayed wood. This decay, while dry, is one of the most rapid workers known to arboriculturists.

"Mistletoe is also a serious menace. When possible the infested limbs should be removed. Attempts to prune off the parasite, or even gouge out its roots, are not often successful.

"The shade trees of Medford, particularly the native oaks, need expert attention to keep alive and healthy."

#### ENGLISH GOVERNMENT AWAITS MEXICAN PAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador accompanied by Mr. Hobler, charge

of the British legation at Mexico City called at the state department today and discussed Mexican questions with Secretary Lansing. They were particularly interested in prospects of settlement of claims growing out of the American occupation of Vera Cruz. It is understood the date of recognition of the defacto government in Mexico by Great Britain and her allies will depend upon the nature of the report to be made to Secretary Lansing this week by Elisa Arredondo, just back from a conference with General Carranza.

The state department announced tonight that permission had been granted the defacto government to send former Villa soldiers who have been granted amnesty over American territory from Agua Prieta to Piedras Negras. Several trainloads of these soldiers already are being moved under the permit. A flying column of Villa forces has penetrated the state of Jalisco according to today's state department advices and there may be fighting soon also in the vicinity of the cities of Guadalajara and Colima.