

EXPERIMENTS SHOW WALNUTS PROFITABLE CROP IN THE VALLEY

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An article in this paper some days ago about the adaptability of certain varieties of the English walnut to the conditions of the soil and climate of Rogue River valley has elicited much information concerning the success of those who have tried them. Chief among these varieties are the Franquette and Mayette walnuts, both of which have done exceedingly well in every instance of which record is obtainable. Many persons set out the walnut trees as an ornamental shade growth among the lawn greenery and in every instance a surprise awaited the owner of the tree in the form of a crop of nuts, some bearing a few in the fourth year, more in the fifth and a very considerable yield in the sixth. Another agreeable surprise was found in the excellence of the quality of the yield.

Attorney W. E. Phipps of this city is among those who set out the Mayette variety of walnuts for the shade they would afford. His trees, of which he planted six, surprised him last year with a few nuts. They were then four years old. This year they bore several pounds of as fine walnuts as this writer has ever seen. In fact, they are larger than any specimen of that variety found anywhere in his experience. A number of them are on exhibition at the Commercial club. They are clean and of attractive shape. Mr. Phipps says they are very easily hulled, the cool autumn weather causing the hull to split and partially separate itself from the nut.

Cultivate the Trees

The tree growth is very vigorous and the wood of fine fiber. The trees are as large at five years in this valley as the common paper-shell walnut in California is at seven.

Mr. Phipps has four trees in his lawn and two in a cultivated garden. The latter are, of course, the more thrifty, and in due time will produce much the greater yield. The walnut tree responds to cultivation, as any other plant will. So far, he has pruned his trees a little, but otherwise they have been left to their natural tendencies. He is pleased, be sure, at the promise of an abundance of delicious Mayette nuts for home use.

Very few insect pests trouble the walnut, either in tree or bud; but occasionally the effect of the work of a fly or a worm is observed. In that case the proper thing to do is to spray the trees with lime-sulphur just before the spring growth starts. This will materially increase the yield also. Another spraying with Bordeaux mixture when the nuts are about the size of a pea will settle the affair with the pests. This treatment has been known to increase the yield on a medium-sized tree fifteen pounds. The cost of the treatment is about 70 cents a tree. Thus, deducting the cost from the value of the extra yield, the grower has a profit of \$3 left for the care bestowed.

A Dependable Crop

I would rather trust a walnut grove of ten acres in this valley (after the trees have matured) for good profit than ten acres of apples under the same conditions. The expense of cultivation is about the same. The expense of harvest is less. The expense of grading is less. The loss from pests is much less. The growth of the tree is more certain. It suffers less from variable weather conditions, in either the Franquette or the Mayette variety, the bloom period coming safely after the usual frost season in this valley. The cost of hulling the crop is more than offset by the absence of loss in storage or shipment. The market is more dependable, fluctuation in prices being nominal. There is always an eager market at home for the product—that is, a domestic market.

Altogether, those looking for a stable crop of great value in the Rogue River valley soil and climate should not overlook the walnut.

WESTERN RAILROAD RATE CASE ARGUED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Oral arguments were heard today before the Interstate Commerce commission by representatives of carriers and shippers interested in the proposed freight rate advances on western railroads. The increases proposed are apart from those included in the so-called western advance rate case, which recently was disposed of by the commission. Increases now are proposed on several score commodities.

EXISTING CLUBS SHOULD ASSIST HOME INDUSTRIES

"Speaking of the organization of a 'home market club,'" said a business woman, "why not put the importance of the matter before the several clubs of the city already existing and pledged to the task of home improvement. Your Commercial club ought to be a powerful body for work of that kind. The women's Greater Medford club is another that ought to wield a potent influence in a matter of that nature. Those engaged in civic betterment work would find it a large and profitable field for effective service. All of these clubs and there are others—should find special interest and delight in promoting such an enterprise. It is the very basis of all of these clubs—this advancement of local interests."

"I would prefer to see that done than to undertake to help to spring a new organization on the public and expect to arouse instant activity in its membership. Those other clubs are already in the harness for just such work as will promote home interests; and how better can they do that than by way of encouraging the legitimate development of resources and business. Thus we could get more money out of the advantages of which we are prone to boast and, if that money were devoted to enlarging our opportunities at home, by increasing the value of our several properties, by adding to our own home comforts, instead of sending it away to benefit the homes of other people who have the business energy and enterprise to produce for us the things which we can produce better at home, isn't that helping to make a greater and better Medford?"

"The Mail Tribune has laid the ax at the very root of the cause of our distress at this time,—such distress, I mean, as comes inevitably from sending all the money we can make away to others more thrifty and leaving ourselves 'broke'—when it complains that we are blamably indifferent to our most vital interests when we neglect to offer a home market for the products of those who are willing to invest thousands of dollars in manufacturing enterprises in this city and vicinity and make use of our raw materials. Every person actuated by a medium of civic pride and loyalty to home should engage willingly and valiantly in this work, for its results will prove to be the very life of our proposed greater Medford. And we'll never have a greater Medford until we do that very thing."

"The Medford roller mills proprietor employed women solicitors to make a house-to-house canvass of the city to plead with our women to give his brands of most excellent flour a trial. The Rogue River Valley Canning company will presently do that, also. It is an excellent business move; but isn't it strange that such a thing has to be done in a community of intelligent people?"

"These mills and factories and creameries consume the farmers' output of grain and fruits and vegetables, encouraging them to raise more of them and to improve their quality, giving them a handy, local market for what they produce. Ought we to neglect for a moment the important duty of encouraging these commercial and industrial enterprises by refusing the use their products? Why should we prefer to import our flour and butter, our canned fruits and vegetables? It is folly. It is suicidal perverseness. It is almost criminal to cut our own business throats in this manner."

"Urge the clubs already organized for business to take this matter up at once. See how many loyal members they have. The present situation here ought to be a strong impelling force."

SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE AND COLOR IN HAIR

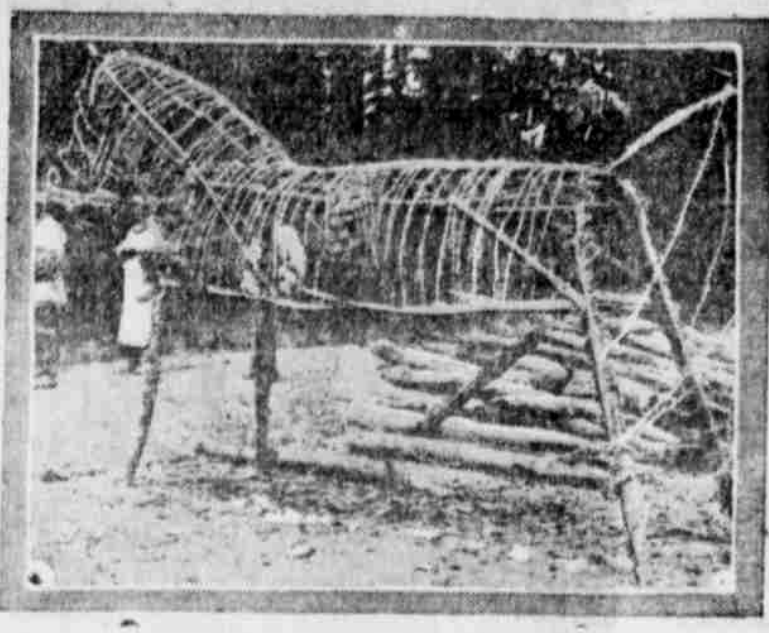
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You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost overnight if you'll get a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old, famous Sage Tea Recipe are sold annually, says a well-known druggist here, because it dyes the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray, becoming faded, dry, straggly and thin have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful—all dandruff gone, scalp itching and falling hair stops.

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A MODERN HORSE OF TROY



The picture shows a dummy horse made of barbed wire, which was captured from a German trench.

BLISS PROMOTED TO BE MAJOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff, with the probability of succeeding Major General Scott as chief of staff upon the latter's retirement in 1917.

SCHOOLMASTERS CLUB MEETS AT JACKSONVILLE

A meeting of the Schoolmasters' club will be held at Jacksonville, November 20. This is the first gathering of the year. Program: Opening address, Superintendent George A. Briscoe, Ashland. Address, "Supervision of Pupils to and From School," Principal P. H. Dalley, Medford. Followed by general discussion. Address, "Some Standards of Excellence in Teaching," Superintendent V. Meldor Hills, Medford. Followed by general discussion. Address by Prof. Joseph Shaffer of the University of Oregon. Business meeting.

WILLAMETT ERATE HEARING HELD TODAY

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Examiner Ulysses Butler began a three-day series of hearings in the federal building today first taking up an application by Willamette valley merchants for a flat rate of ten cents per 100 pounds on all goods that take transcontinental terminal rates to Portland, this ten cent arbitrary to supplant the local rates prevailing out of Portland to Albany, Salem, Corvallis and points north. The most important hearing of the series is scheduled for tomorrow, when the Willamette valley lumber case will be taken up. Portland mills are seeking to set aside rates applying from Willamette valley points to Interior California points alleging that the existing differential effectually shuts out Portland lumber from the interior territory.

RIFLES FOR RUSSIAN ARMY COST \$26,000,000

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 19.—A contract for the manufacture of \$26,000,000 worth of rifles for the Russian army has been practically closed by Cleveland capitalists and New York munitions brokers, according to an announcement made today at the office of Charles A. Otis, financier. Mr. Otis, who has just returned from New York, has asked for bids from a number of Cleveland manufacturers for the making of rifle parts and a new company is also to be formed, it was announced.

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NOVELIST TAKES POISON IN COURT ON LOSING CASE

LONDON, Nov. 19.—"My Lord, I told you you were trying a woman for her life. I have taken enough poison to kill five people," was the dramatic exclamation made by the well known novelist, Miss Anne Sley Kenealy, as she threw upon the floor a bottle, the contents of which she had just swallowed on hearing the court pronouncement judgment against her.

Miss Kenealy immediately collapsed and was carried unconscious to the emergency ward of the court house. Later she was removed to the hospital, where the doctors believe she has a chance to recover.

Miss Kenealy's suit, which has been before the court for some days, was a claim for damages against a wholesale book distributing firm for alleged false and malicious statements defamatory of her book. The defendants refused to circulate the book as they alleged it contained a libel on a fashionable West End dressmaker whose premises were described as a gambling den.

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