

**MONEY IN WALNUTS
SAYS G. W. PETERS**

Oregon grows the English walnut tree to perfection, and its cultivation will make farmers wealthy, according to Captain G. W. Peters, who has charge of the Prince walnut grove, near Dundee, in Yamhill county.

"We have 110 acres in English walnuts," he said today, "and trees that are nine years old bore two bushels of nuts each last season. They will continue to bear heavier yields each succeeding year, and there is no telling when a walnut tree reaches its maximum productivity. I know trees in the Old Country whose trunks are four to five feet in diameter and whose age can only be guessed at.

"The cultivation of the walnut tree will pay the farmer of Oregon from \$200 to \$300 an acre, and there is no fear of the market becoming glutted. At present the price is 15 to 16 cents a pound, and the world is after all that are produced.

"The tree requires less care than any other and the cost of planting is very small. I planted my walnut trees 40 feet apart, and the land between the rows can be used for other purposes. At eight years they begin to bear, and at nine their profit-making points begin to show.

"We obtained the most of our plants by growing them from nuts imported from France. Care must be taken in the selection of properly grafted stock, in order that best results may be obtained. The young trees cost about 25 cents each. At 25 trees to the acre, the original cost of obtaining stock would be \$6.25.

The English walnut grows to perfection in Oregon. No pests among it; no spraying is necessary, and the selection of the ground is even of secondary importance, though the soil should be well drained. You don't have to cultivate the land previous to planting. A large proportion of the Prince orchard was simply cleared of its big timber and the young trees planted among the big stumps. This is another great advantage in favor of walnut tree cultivation in the wooded districts of the Northwest, where thousands of acres now 'logged off' by the timber men can be rendered highly profitable without the expense of clearing necessary for the growth of grain, grasses and fruits."

Longevity of the Walnut Tree.

The ring budding mode has been employed by the French for centuries, and in the department of Isere, where almost all walnuts are grafted, are trees of Mayette, Franquette and Chaberte, grafted on French walnut root (Juglans Regia), for no other stock is used in that country for grafting purposes, that the oldest inhabitant cannot tell the age. These walnut trees, three to four feet in diameter, may be seen all over the southwest of France, worth a great deal of money for the wood. A gentleman from Oregon, who a year ago came to California to investigate the walnut, and who last summer went to France, right in the walnut district of Isere, to continue his investigations, wrote to me from Grenoble that he saw a tree there that bore 2,000 pounds of nuts that had been sold for \$240 for lumber; but it was, he added, 200 years old; and still we hear of some people in California claiming that newly originated varieties in this state are more long lived than French walnuts!

I quote from the Oregon gentleman's letter: "The trees in Isere are needed high, nine and ten feet, the ground being cultivated about 12 inches, and formerly they did not cultivate. The trees grow in a very grassy soil."

Gets Verdict for \$12,000.

Goldendale, Wash., May 25.—In the case of the Portland & Seattle Railroad Company vs. Mrs. Susan L. Warner, which was on trial for three days in the superior court, the jury on Saturday returned a verdict allowing Mrs. Warner \$12,000 for land taken as right of way and for damages to her farm. The land is located between White Salmon and Bingen. The case has attracted considerable attention.

A large number of landowners were called from White Salmon as witnesses, and a number of interested litigants took place between them and the railroad attorneys, who were disposed to ridicule the high values placed on the land and characterize them as boom prices.

Raspberries.

Mr. Fred Townsend, one of the large raspberry growers of Illinois gives some points on the care of this fruit that will be interesting to our Northwestern growers. He says:

I handle both the red and the black raspberries, and they do well here. I have several varieties of both kinds. The blackcaps are the most profitable for market berry, but both kinds do well with me. The disease called Anthracnose is the worst enemy of the blackcaps, but I have never seen any disease in the reds on my place and never had failure. I don't know of any raspberry plantation that is twelve years old, but I think with proper care they could be made profitable for that length of time. I have some that are seven or eight years old apparently as good as ever, but if they are let grow too thick the berries are not as large and not so easy to pick. I have found the best way for handling the red raspberry here is to have them in rows so as to cultivate with team same as corn, with about four or five feet between the rows and let them fill up in the row until about two feet wide, and by frequent cultivation suckers can be kept from between the rows. Blackcaps should be grown in hills about five or six feet between the rows and with about four feet between the hills. Cultivate the same as the reds.

Deadly Serpent Bites

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Pine Grove Grange.

On Saturday night, June 3, Pine Grove Grange, No. 356, held a very interesting session.

A full report was given by delegates returned from State Grange.

A committee of three was appointed to confer with a like committee from Frankton Grange on fourth of July celebration and given full power to act.

The plan to celebrate was discussed at length and all agreed that it must be done well. The public will be invited to bring well filled baskets and have a real old-fashioned picnic dinner our committee are: Mrs. Jarvis, J. Taylor and Edward Lage. We feel we have a good strong committee and we hope our brothers from Frankton will lose no time in putting out a like committee so work can go forward for our time is short and there is much to be done.

W. M. A. L. Mason, reported that W. L. Clara Waldo, and Deputy State Organizer F. M. Gill have promised to be here and address us. He also reported that the Mt. Hood R. R. Co. have promised a 50c round-trip rate to the end of their line if the committee decide to hold a picnic out there.

The subject of irrigating water in our public high-way was given a warming up and a committee appointed to investigate the law and report at our next meeting.

Our organization is supplying officers and members with badges. The second order is now in. Those who are not supplied should apply to the secretary. We would like to see all members supplied by the fourth of July.

After a few minutes recess for social talk and rest, our W. L., Mrs. Julia Hunt, gave us a short but pleasing program.

Song by Chorus, Decoration Ode; recitation, O'Grady's Ghost, by Mr. Jochimsen. His German dialect was fine. He was called back and told us all about his girl and ended by saying she was the "darndest girl I ever saw."

Mrs. Mason gave a short talk on her trip as delegate to the State Grange. She spoke briefly of the social features of the State Grange and of the royal reception tendered the Hood River delegates in giving us the State Grange for 1907 by a unanimous vote of the Grange and also a state office, also of the beautiful floor work given by the local Grange, and she would impress upon our members the necessity of practice so we will be able to entertain next year.

Next on the program was a song, "Way down in Louisiana," by Mrs. Blanche Wilson Shibley.

Next was Delegate A. I. Mason's report of the business work of the State Grange. His report told of much good work done by the State Grange. The most important measures considered at that meeting was the asking for a constitutional amendment giving us an imperative mandate law and the redistricting the state into single representative districts. Many other measures of much importance were considered at the State Grange and a better meeting was never held since its organization. We predict much good from the work done there.

Following this was a song by a quartette of mixed voices, "When the fields are white with daisies." The encore they were given showed this most beautiful song was appreciated and in answer they sang "Sweet Adeline."

Our meeting had an amusing incident and one that shows the Grange work is appreciated. Some one introduced a resolution asking for monthly meetings until October 1, but when the motion was voted upon a large majority wanted the Grange to meet at least twice a month. It seems as though we were into something we can't leave, it is a part of our social and educational life, and any attempt to make it farther between meetings is not very popular.

Choir sang "Merrily Ring," and the Grange closed in regular form to meet in two weeks.

May Weather.

D. N. Byerlee, local weather observer, reports the observation at Hood River for May as follows:

The weather has been for a great part of the month a little above the normal in temperature. The normal mean temperature for May is 56 degrees, while this year the mean temperature was 52.33 degrees. The normal mean maximum for May is 67 degrees, while the mean maximum this year was 67.67 degrees. The normal mean minimum, too, is lower, being 45 degrees, while the mean minimum for this year was 49 degrees.

The precipitation shows a plus, the normal precipitation for May being 1.25 inches, and we received 1.52 inches of rainfall.

There was a light frost on the 16th which did no damage that was noticeable. Altogether the month has been very favorable for all crops, including to berries, for had the weather been such as we are having now the output would have been cut very much of what it is now by reason of the berries ripening before attaining marketable size.

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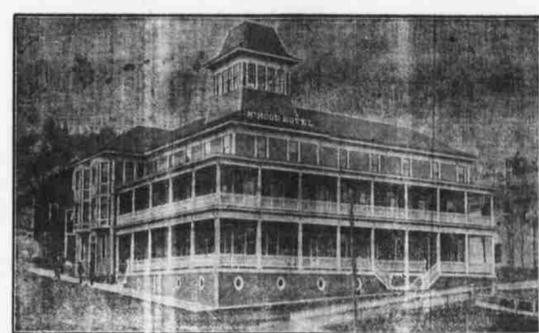


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