

Lake County Grows Finest of Fruit

AN EXPERIENCED SUMMER LAKE MAN TALKS OF OUR FRUIT

Judging from Actual Results Says This County is Better FOR ALL KINDS OF FINE FRUIT Than Any Other Part of the Pacific Coast

Mr. John A. Foster, of Summer Lake, is in town in attendance at Court as a juror. The Examiner acknowledges a very interesting call from the gentleman. He is the one who favored this office with samples of luscious fruit, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, which were of the varieties known as the Bartlett pear and the Elberta peach. In this connection we must say that we have eaten those varieties grown in the South, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, and California, and for size and flavor we never saw their equal, which speaks well for Lake county fruit.

In conversation with the gentleman we found him to be a very successful and practical orchardist, having been born and raised in the Willamette valley, famous for its fruits and walnuts, where he lived until he attained manhood, and always thought that valley the finest in the world. Because of his experience there, and from his visits to other parts of the state, and also to Nevada and California, what he says as to the conditions and capabilities of Lake county as a fruit growing section carries the weight of authority.

His experience has demonstrated that this county is a better region for producing a fine quality of fruit than can be done in any part of the Willamette or Rogue river valleys, and is every bit as good as the Hood river country for apples, which is known the world over as the one place where the finest of apples on earth are produced, and one that commands the highest price in all markets wherever introduced. He doesn't say this from hearsay, but from actual knowledge of the other sections named, in comparison with actual conditions in Lake county.

He says that this county will yet be known as "The Second Hood River" so far as concerns the production of a superior apple, while for pears, peaches, plums, apricots, English Walnuts, and all small fruits, including strawberries, that this section is far ahead of Hood River, and is so generally acknowledged by those posted as to each section, while, freedom from pests of all sorts Lake county is superior even for production of apples to the Hood river country!

The home of Mr. Foster is on the west shore of Summer Lake, about midway from either end. The lake is about 20 miles long, and 4 or 5 miles in width. It has well-defined banks, and on the west is faced by the Rim Rock mountains, rising abruptly several hundred feet above the valley.

The belt of tillable land along the west shore varies from about a quarter of a mile wide at his home, which is about 300 yards from the shore, to about a mile and a half wide at either end. The holdings of the settlers run from 100 acres to 250 or more in extent. He has 320 acres, half of which is his homestead, and the only tract of land he ever owned, and another quarter which he acquired by purchase, every acre of which is first class fruit land. He has had numerous chances to sell, but in all his travels he never saw land that suited him better, and for that reason he is not disposed to part with it. The section is free from frost and so far has never failed to produce a big crop of the finest of fruits of every sort. This is the worst year he ever experienced in his 35 years residence on the place, and yet he secured a good crop of fine quality, and that, too, without a drop of water, other than what little rain fell during the growing season. On his place there is a wild plum thicket, on which there is a crop every year, something not altogether usual in this county, and this year he estimates that at least two and a half tons were grown, of the finest of wild plums, and which were gathered by settlers for miles around. All his trees, pears, peaches, plums, cherries and apples yielded a fine crop, from which he realized a nice sum of money, besides having a plentiful supply for his own use. While he speaks more particularly of his home section of the county, he is satisfied that fruit in other parts will do as well, and especially in such valleys as Goose Lake, Warner and Catlow valleys.

One of the most remarkable things he speaks of is the short time it takes

for fruit to produce after setting out. For instance, one 2-year old peach tree bore heavily that it bent, and there probably was at least 20 pounds of splendid fruit on the little tree. He says that pears and peaches frequently begin to bear in two years from setting. One Ox heart cherry tree that he set out a year ago last spring that began to bear this year. The fruit on these stripplings is fully as good as that produced on trees of more mature growth. His youngest bearing cherry trees that produced a full crop were about 5 years old and from a few trees he gathered this year about 200 gallons. Apples begin to produce a paying crop at from 3 to 5 years after setting, and will produce a full crop when 7 years of age.

Another wonderful thing about the peach growing possibilities of this county is the long life of the trees. In Georgia and Michigan and most of the peach growing localities, a tree is considered only good for two or three good crops, and is usually cut down at the sixth or seventh year. The rule usually being to plant apple trees, or some other tree, or set out anew other peach trees, between every other row in order to get the best possible use of the land. On the contrary in Lake county, Mr. Foster has peach trees that are 35 years old, which are still in full bearing, and the quality of fruit is as good as that grown on the same trees years ago. This fact can be said of no other peach growing region. Doesn't this fact alone demonstrate the superiority of Lake county over any other section for successful effort in that line?

Mr. Foster has not made any attempt as yet to grow a great amount of fruit, but instead has spent his time in experimenting with the different kinds and varieties in order to best determine what sort was best adapted to this section. In this way he has discovered that any kind or variety will thrive, and will yield a handsome profit to the owner. His orchard at present only comprises about an acre, but from its proceeds after using all he and his family wanted, he has made a good living from this small tract, in disposing of the balance, and any other man can do the same. He says that 5 acres put into the right kind of fruit and given proper care and attention, not only will make a man and his family a good living, but will also enable him to lay by a good sum of money each year. In support of this statement he says that this was the worst year he ever experienced since he came to this country, and yet his peach trees bore about a ton of splendid fruit, none better grown anywhere. Now that prospects are good for the early construction of a railroad, he is getting ready to set out 10 acres to fruit of different kinds and varieties next year, and adds that that will be enough to keep him busy and is enough for any man, and will make him rich in a few years.

His neighbors all have more or less fruit. His father, Mr. James Foster, who has a place near him, sold over \$450 worth of fruit this year from only 22 Elberta peach trees. We do not know the practice as to the number of trees planted to the acre here, but a gentleman from Michigan—not Missouri—informs us that in his state they plant from 140 to 160 peach trees to the acre. If this is so, then the yield per acre in Lake county would be from \$2,880 to \$3,200 per acre, at same ratio of yield as that obtained this year by Mr. Foster. That surely is going some—beats the printing business, and hasn't half the head worry. The old gentleman is setting out 7 acres of fruit this year of all kinds, which will make his orchard comprise 10 acres in all. Among the trees of this year's planting will be 100 trees of the splendid Winter Banana apple, said to be better variety than the famous Yellow Newton or Albermarle Pippin, which so far has held the palm the world over as the best apple.

His brother Fred, also owning a place near him, raised 10,000 pounds of splendid prunes this year, rich and sweet and large, and far superior to those grown in the Willamette valley or California. The entire crop was sold to his neighbors. None were dried, but canned or preserved. He has some Hungarian prunes that attain immense size, and also prunes of the Italian and Silver varieties. He con-

siders this a fine section for prune production, and believes the time is coming when it will develop into a great industry in this county.

In fruit growing, as in everything else, Mr. Foster says that success comes to those who take most care of their orchard, but he considers that here, even the most careless can not help making a fair success in the business, for the reason that there is less for the orchardist to contend with from the fact that there are no insect pests, no blight, no scale, no decay, no mildew, or any thing that tends to mar or impair the fruit, or to require the services of an expert to overcome or to combat. The bright sunny days and light winters we have here are a benefit, which produce a fruit that for color and appearance cannot be surpassed. We can raise everything that can be grown in the Willamette valley, and really of a better quality for the reasons above set forth. Another advantage that Lake county possesses is that irrigation is not at all necessary. His old trees have not had a drop of water on them other than the natural rainfall for over 15 years. If one cultivates the ground of his orchard thoroughly, no irrigation is required, even at the time of setting, although he usually waters his young trees in order to give them a vigorous start.

Another thing worthy of noting is that by choosing the right varieties he has been able to have a supply of apples on hand the entire year round. He has some early apples of the harvest variety followed by the Yellow Newton, and the Red Astrachan variety. The latter keep in his cellar until the summer varieties ripen. In this way since his trees came into bearing, he is never without apples at any time of the year.

The cost of apple trees for setting out is about 35 cents each in Salem or Albany, which is higher than charged in some localities, but trees that are acclimated and best suited to this region in this way are obtainable. He believes in addition to the varieties above named that the Winter Banana apple is an excellent sort to plant, and one that will prove specially valuable for this climate and altitude.

In speaking of the possibilities of the culture of English Walnuts, he said that his brother had some trees of that variety, that are doing fine. He was not at first aware of the kind of trees, as a former occupant of his farm had planted them. For that reason he had given them no care or attention, but had done so since he learned their identity, with the result that the present growth is tritely and while they have not produced any nuts yet he thinks they will do soon, as he has a lot of black walnuts on the place that bear heavily every year. In view of these facts he is of the opinion that English Walnuts will yet produce here as they are in the Willamette valley.

Another thing that thrives on Mr. Foster's farm is corn of all varieties. He had sweet corn on the place this year that was 8 feet tall, and yielding ears of a most excellent quality. He is thus assured that he can grow hogs at a profit, so soon as the railroad assures him a cheap and easy access to market. He also grows the finest of watermelons and all sorts of vegetables. He considers this county a veritable farmer's paradise.

The Examiner wishes to state here that Mr. Foster is no boomer, but instead is rather of a retiring nature, and not at all communitative. It was only by dint of questioning that we were able to elicit the above facts from him so fraught with good report of the fruit growing possibilities of Lake county, which is the result of his actual experience in that line, and we give it to our readers here and abroad as worthy of emulation.

The fact of his long residence in the Willamette valley, which he formerly considered without a peer anywhere, and which he now assures us very decidedly in point of climate, soil and production, is inferior to Lake county, is certainly an eye opener to the editor, a new-comer in this state and county, and will be conclusive evidence to those outside people now looking this way for new homes in this county that they are not making a mistake in choosing this fruitful land as the place of their future residence.

EARTHQUAKE AT SALT LAKE

The City of the Sains Gets a Severe Shaking
SALT LAKE CITY, October 13.—A rather severe shock of earthquake was recorded by the instruments at the University of Utah here last night. The first shock occurred at 10:22 p. m. and was violent for about twenty minutes. A secondary shock occurred an hour and a half later. From the fact that there were but a few preliminary waves, the shock is believed to have been close at hand. No damage has been reported.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION--REPORT OF SAME AND GRAND JURY

Circuit court for this county convened Monday for the regular October term with the following officers present:

Hon. Geo. Noland D. V. Kokyendall prosecuting attorney F. W. Payne clerk; A. Dent Sheriff; W. Cole court bailiff; F. M. Duke grand jury bailiff; R. W. Richardson court reporter.

The following persons were drawn as grand jurors: S. P. Vernon Walter Butler J. H. Tannehill, J. B. McNew, B. Heffer, C. Levy, M. Lauritzen, A. Hotchkiss S. P. Vernon was appointed foreman. The following named lawyers are in attendance: D. V. Kokyendall, H. J. Benson, K. M. Pa. 1, W. P. Seeds, Reno, Nev., W. J. Moore, L. F. Conn, W. Lair Thompson, J. D. Venator, W. C. Couter, T. J. Powell and J. M. Bachelder, Lakeview.

The following cases were disposed of Monday:

State vs. Fred Venator, Larceny, continued for term.

State vs. Sam Coubs, Larceny, same.

State vs. Wm. Humphrey, Larceny, same.

State vs. W. Ford, Assault with dangerous weapon, same.

State vs. John Doe et. al. Larceny, same.

State vs. Edward Laird, Larceny, same.

State vs. John Doe et. al. Malignantly killing animals belonging to others, same.

State vs. John Hoffman, larceny, same.

Action at Law.

O'Neil Bros vs. L. Vanderpool, Action for recovery of money, W. C. Couter, attorney for plaintiff, continued for term.

W. W. Brown vs. W. Z. Moss, replevin, continued for term. L. F. Conn, attorney for plaintiff.

W. H. Martin vs. W. B. Wilson, et. al. action to recover money. W. Lair Thompson, attorney for plaintiff Settled and dismissed.

Equity Cases

J. C. Donnelly & Co. vs. Chas. Barber et. al. foreclosure, settled and dismissed. J. M. Bachelder attorney for plaintiff.

Carumers Packing Co. vs. R. E. Hennesman et. al. foreclosure, settled and dismissed. J. D. Venator attorney for plaintiff.

Circuit Court continued Tuesday.

The case of Fitzgerald vs. Loftus, a "grab stake" case, was argued by W. Lair Thompson for the plaintiff and Juge W. P. Seeds for the defendant. Motion sustained except as to one point. 15 days given defendant to answer.

The Grand Jury made its report and was excused. The report is in this issue. No one was indicted. All jurors but one were excused for the term.

Wednesday

The case of Barber vs. Dent, a replevin case was argued by L. F. Conn for plaintiff, and W. Lair Thompson for defendant. This was a case involving the law of exemptions from attachment. The court decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Report of Grand Jury

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lake County

We, the Grand Jury of the above entitled Court, organized Oct. 19, 1908, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined all reports and charges of crime and public offenses, committed or done within the county, which have come to our knowledge.

We have examined the books, records, and offices of the various county officers, and the county jail, and find that the same are kept in an orderly and correct manner.

We especially desire to express our appreciation of the careful and business like management of the county court of this county in the construction of the court house now about completed.

We recommend that the present system of making bi-monthly examination of the books of all county officers by the county court be continued, and that a law be passed requiring such examination.

We recommend that an adding machine be purchased for the joint use of all county officers, and that a book typewriter be procured for the use of the county clerk.

Having performed the duties assigned to us, under the instructions of the court, we would respectfully ask that we be discharged.

Dated at Lakeview, Oregon this 20th day of October, 1908.
S. P. Vernon, foreman.

Rabbit Creek People all Busy at Improvement

John Cogburn, of the Pacific Land Co., who has been out in the Rabbit Creek, and North Warner Lake country, says things are moving along in good shape out there. All the settlers are busy getting ready to put in crops and are building houses and fences and clearing and breaking their land.

E. W. Eyanon is erecting a big barn, large enough to shelter 20 horses. He has a big wind mill, and a well drill coming in order to sink for artesian water. He also has brought in from Seattle a lot of seed grain, wheat, barley, rye, alfalfa, all of which are suitable for dryland farming. He will put in at least 40 acres of the different varieties this fall as an experiment. He so ad some wheat and barley last spring and it is coming up now, and looks fine. In addition to his other buildings, Mr. Eyanon has a complete blacksmith shop, and before he makes his final report next month will have improvements on his homestead that cost \$2,500. Mr. Eyanon is a stirring fellow and is the right sort to go into new region and demonstrate its worth.

Andrew Anderson is another gentleman who is located out there, and is in town. He is now putting up a house, and stables, and is clearing land of sage brush and getting ready to put in grain this fall. He is also going to plant fruit trees of all sorts, and also berries, and last, he will make the attempt to produce grapes. Others out there are also making necessary improvements and getting ready to demonstrate the worth of the country.

R. Boysdstun, a West Side dry land farmer, was a caller Saturday. He reports fair crops, especially of beets, turnips and similar vegetables. He also has some cabbage, and says

he would have had a big crop of potatoes had it not been for the early frost. But knowing that Jack Frost showed no favor in America this year, he will accept his harvest with good grace, and try again. Besides the high price of potatoes and dairy will afford him a living. He a good deal of a philosopher and disposed to look on the bright side of things.

A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS DRY LAND FARMER

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LAKEVIEW SCHOOL REPORT

On account of the crowded condition of the Primary Department, no more pupils will be admitted in the chart class.

Ten commandments we wish each pupil to observe.

Study to retain.

Learn to study alone.

Master each point as you go.

Study to express what you learn.

Study to assimilate what you read.

Be careful to use the "scraps of time."

Rest by a change of subject or position.

Concentration of mind is necessary to study.

To study well there must be order and comfort.

There must be regular and definite time for study.

Following is the report of the principal of the school for the month ending Oct. 9, 1908.

Number of days taught, 20; days attendance, 5001; days absence, 105; times tardy, 143; number enrolled on

register, boys 160, girls, 146, total 306; average daily attendance, 251; per cent of attendance 85; number of pupils neither tardy nor absent 160; number of visitors 8.

The enrollment of the school is 22 more than for the corresponding month last year, and the average daily attendance is 23 greater.

We urgently request parents to visit the school at any time. Your presence will encourage and stimulate the pupils to do better work. The interest in all departments of the school is good.

School Roll of Honor

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

High School: Emily Ayres, Cuba Amick, Ted McKee, Bartie Snyder, Walter Duffon, Mildred Rehart, Kate Dutton, Jessie Stickle, Mattie Leeshman, Grover Vernon, George Whorton, Henry Newell, Walter Dykeman, Hazel McKee, Margie Bernard, Helena O'Shea, Eola Loftus, Fred Cronmiller, James Bernard, Chester Dykeman.

Eighth Grade: Marshall Ayres, Mae Casebeer, Edith Chandler, Edgar Clark, Franklin Cloud, Kelton Gunther, Mae Green, Evan Hartin, Walter Leeshman, Thomas McCulley, Hazel McCulley, Marie McShane, Mary O'Shea, Katie Rehart, Lillie Smith, Elsie Studley, Lura Snyder, Agnes Tracy, Hugo Umbach, Earl Garrett, Dick Vernon, Susia Watson, Charles Barry.

Seventh Grade: William Arzner, Lucile Bailey, Mary Barry, Maybelle Boon, Willie Harvey, Winnie Harvey, Hazel Heryford, John Metzker, Shirley Metzker, Hobart Miller, Johnny

O'Shea, Mamie McCulley, Lena McKee, Esie Post, Verian Stickle, Verda Umbach, Lida Wilson.

Sixth Grade: Carl Tomningson, George Rhodes, Alfred McCool, Lee Heryford, Beryl Vernon, Emma Arzner, Beale Loftus, Opal Chandler, Gladys Chandler, Nora McCulley, Berth, Loftus George Wendel, Floyd Bernard, Mary Heryford, Dayne Lynch, Fred Snyder, Floyd Smith, Floyd Arthur.

Fifth Grade: Dola Garrett, Zona Watson, Bessie Spencer, Myrle Jaquish, Stephen Shellhammer, Paul Lovitts, Ruth Florence, Jecre Berry, Everett Lynch, Will Green, Ralph Barnes, Douglas Tracy, Earnest Phillips, Roy Benefel, Chester Arthur.

Fourth Grade: Minta Tatro, Vale Loftus, Wilda Boon, Vera Barnes, Hazel Bernard, Mabel Arzner, Han- nah Barry, Ida Schmidt, Ardene Charlton, Ross Hughes, Corda Wilson, Donnel Bailey, Virgil Stripplin.

Third Grade: Annie Lewis, Mattie McCulley, Alice Amsden, Clara

Spangenberg, Ella Laird, Dorris Spangenberg, Mildred Heryford, Florence Arthur, Pearl Harvey, Ruth Rehart, Veroneta Smith, Rodney Bernard, Jase Lewis, Thomas Hughes, Marvin Barnes, Willie Green, George Rehart, Willie McCulley.

Second Grade: Bell Jeff, Hildred Heryford, Louisa Hughes, Floy Hutchins, Annie Snyder, Mary Sanders, Sadie Wilson, Clemeth Neff, Floyd Reed Clinton Neff, Erosa Barnes, Freddie Bunting, Eldred Bailey, Eldon Brattain.

First Grade: Lee Chandler, Edith Spangenberg, Lella Hastings, Ada McCulley, Maggie Laird, Fay Green, Ruth Fisher, Clare Drenkel, Gladys Snyder, Ethel Rehart, Shirley Gilmore, Vinetta Smith, Edna Eccleston, May Neff, Lena Arzner, Vera Harris, Rota Reed, Charles Gowan, Ralph Heryford, Walter Harvey, Warner Harvey, Hillard Bailey, Leonard Roven Neil Schmidt, Oalvin Dent.

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