

EARLY ASPARAGUS, SAYS PIERCE

Can Become the World's Greatest Producer of this Popular Vegetable.

Ashtland, Ore., Dec. 15, 1908.
Editor Klamath Republican:

Dear Sir:—As many of our Klamath friends know the new policy of the Ashtland Preserving Company is to grow largely its own supplies, and to become exempt from the many uncertainties and annoyances of the past eight years.

We never had any difficulty in securing abundance of orders after the Ashtland brand canned goods were known a little, the real trouble has always been to secure the supplies to fill our orders, and yet Ashtland still remains the best town in Rogue River Valley to secure the best variety of fruits and vegetables, with all other conditions most favorable. To get regular supplies in every desirable line we have recently purchased a fine ranch near Ashtland which will be built up exclusively to supply this cannery, our main production from which will be tomatoes, asparagus, pumpkin, Bartlett pears, cherries of the Royal Ann, Bing and Lambert varieties, Thompson seedless grapes (by odds the best canning variety) and Concord grapes, the latter to supply the local demand for unfermented grape juice like the Welch brand, enough of each of the above to well supply the cannery. Our intention also is to install the first year in the tomato patches the Fresno system of frost protection which seems to be an assured success and practical wherever tried in Colorado, Utah and California. In addition to this main supply ranch, we are planting this winter at Ashtland enough Lawton blackberries and Hood River strawberries to fully supply the cannery with these two choice varieties. Further, we have in mind for straight cannery supply a 40-acre peach orchard in a practically frostless location, and where the past supply has been largely obtained to make the great reputation the Ashtland canned peach now enjoys, and this feature we believe will be realized soon, and perhaps with the same a moderate supply of apricots, which would make a splendid full line, entirely under our own control.

After the above explanation as to developments of our own home supply, we would now like to be the means of throwing some enthusiasm into our neighbors who inhabit the Klamath Basin, particularly the tile section, regarding asparagus. This we regard as a wide-open chance to develop perhaps the greatest resource you have, and where your lateness of spring and frequent frosts will have less bearing than on any high grade product you might be able to raise in that section, barring celery perhaps, which requires a great deal more work and expense to raise than does asparagus, and is only a one-year crop, while asparagus will bear for thirty years from the original planting, also being equally a fresh shipper or a canning product, while celery has only one outlet, and that mostly at a time of year when your snows may be deep and ground frozen solid.

There seems little question about your rich black peat lands being adapted to asparagus. The only question is, can you produce a good sized tender stalk, principally of the bleached or white variety, which is attained by ridging the soil over the crowns and cutting several inches below the ground. Also, light spring frosts would have less effect if cut below the ground. I do not think it is a material point with you if asparagus would be late, say in June, for by that time other Coast asparagus would be all off the market, other vegetables would still be in light supply, and a very fair demand for a good fresh asparagus would probably exist as late as August 1st. For canning, the late season would make no difference, and it is one product worth almost as much to a cannery as for fresh shipment and as I view the coast asparagus situation it will never be over-produced.

The reasons for this are plain to any observer—The East never has produced enough asparagus for fresh supply, and it is not within the range of possibilities that any part of the East will ever become a factor in asparagus canning. The Northwest, including the Willamette Valley, may in time produce a little surplus for canning, but not enough to in any degree affect the markets.

The islands and delta region of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers about Stockton, Cal., could possibly, under right conditions, produce enough asparagus to supply the United States markets, but their conditions are now the most hazardous, the production of asparagus dwindled down to a small percentage of what it was prior to the great floods of 1905 and 1907, and much of that fine land now going into one year crops like beans, celery, etc., which can be planted after the flood waters recede. To reclaim the district with

any degree of safety it is estimated would require a government expenditure ten times as great as will be spent in the entire Klamath Reclamation Project, and for a long time this district, the only great asparagus district, will be almost out of competition.

Further, when this great district was practically ruined after gaining a decided success, and after pioneering the asparagus canning business to an extent that made several brands as well known in Europe as in the United States, and the Stockton and Bouldin Island canned asparagus the most popular tinned product which ever went out of California, natural conditions forced almost an abandonment of this great industry with a demand for a round million cases a year already created in about ten years' try-out. The California pack of 1905, flood year, was almost nothing, in 1906 very little, in 1907 again ruined by floods, and I believe the 1908 pack amounts to less than 100,000 cases.

In 1901 or 1902 Richard Hickmott, the founder of this business, and always the leader, shipped a train load of 21 cars of canned asparagus to the East decked with advertising banners. In the winter of 1905 Mr. Hickmott was rated a millionaire, where only a few years before he was a poor man—all from asparagus. The 1905 and 1907 floods nearly ruined him, and he is now operating a small general cannery at Black Diamond, Cal., though he has a host of friends who hope he may again rise to his former position.

These being the facts, with the markets wide open, I can see a great chance, and it is by no means impossible, that the Klamath marshes can be made the real supply of the future. I shall take pleasure in assisting all intending growers of asparagus all I possibly can, and hope a few at least will test the possibilities the coming spring. I will also hold myself in readiness to install a canning plant at Klamath Falls as soon as even a moderate supply could be depended on, and to thoroughly handle the manufacturing end after any reasonable showing was made. I raised 8000 plants from seed two years ago and understand seedling culture well, and on orders could supply all that would be needed for the spring of 1910.

Ashtland Preserving Co. will plant up to twelve acres this winter and next, but this is merely incidental to our general canning business, and Rogue River Valley acreage in asparagus will never be of any consequence.

The writer is also in close touch with Mr. George A. Dorris, of Eugene, the largest and most successful asparagus grower in Oregon, who will be glad to render any service he can at the suggestion of the writer for we feel we are all working to a common end and have no fear of over-production or severe competition in this line.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. PIERCE,
Manager Ashtland Preserving Co.

◆◆◆◆◆ PINE GROVE NEWS. ◆◆◆◆◆

Messrs. Grimes and Brown took two loads of grain to the Falls Wednesday.

Misses Myrtle and Jessie Mills were visiting friends in the Falls last week. John Hibberts went to the Falls Thursday.

John Severs, who took up a homestead adjoining the J. S. Mills place, is building a house.

John Shepard was detained in the Falls Tuesday evening by being a member of the jury. He had Forrest Cunningham do his chores.

Mr. Mack and Mr. Icebiche are still butchering hogs. They butchered two Wednesday.

Mr. Burnett burned his sagebrush Saturday night.

Forrest Cunningham was lucky enough to kill fourteen ducks Wednesday.

Chas. Mack purchased a saddle Saturday.

Mr. Cunningham is hauling his winter's supply of straw from Harry Wilson's place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mills called on Mr. and Mrs. C. Harris Sunday.

◆◆◆◆◆ SOUTH BRANCH CANAL IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED. ◆◆◆◆◆

W. H. Mason was in Saturday from his camp near Merrill. He states that his contract with the government is about completed. Most of the crew have been let off and he has only kept a few men and teams to put the finishing touches on the job. The contract called for the construction of seven miles of ditch, 11 feet wide on the bottom and 32 feet on top. Mr. Mason says that if the cold weather had held off for a few days longer that the work would have been finished by this time. The government engineers have inspected the work and in a few spots the ditch will have to be lowered from two to three inches. This is slow work on account of the ground being frozen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FARMER

Agricultural College Offers a Winter Course of Lectures.

Winter courses of study will begin at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses.

A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins January 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from January 5 to 15; a course in dairying from January 18 to 27; a course in horticulture January 11 to February 20; a course in mechanic arts from January 11 to February 6; a course in household science and art from January 11 to February 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

Agricultural methods and practices are rapidly changing as a result of the great amount of hard, earnest work that is being done at the experiment stations of the country. A little discovery is sometimes worth millions of dollars, and the prosperous farmer is the first to put in practice new and better methods.

Alfalfa has added millions of dollars to the agricultural wealth of the country in the past few years, and this has been brought about largely by agricultural college men who investigated and proclaimed its possibilities.

A discovery of an agricultural college man made it possible to discover the robber cow and to put dairying on a profitable basis.

Improvement in seeds by selection or breeding has added immensely to the value of the field crops of the United States. A day at the winter course will show how it is done.

Today we would be without fruit in this country but for the discoveries that have been made as a result of long and expensive work at the agricultural colleges and experiment stations. Instead of being helpless against the ravages of insect pests the farmer is master of the situation, and we continue to eat fruit.

But for our better knowledge of animal diseases and their prevention, we would be unable to produce animal products at a profit.

The improvements that have been made in methods of soil treatment and animal breeding and feeding with a view to increased crop and animal production, have been revolutionary.

About a hundred million dollars has been added to the wealth of the nation annually through work at the experiment stations in developing the sugar beet industry.

And this is just the beginning. The work of improvement must go on, for the perpetuity of the nation depends largely upon the ability of our farmers to increase the productivity of the farms.

EFFORTS MADE TO PASS NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Efforts are being put forth by Representative Mondell of Wyoming to smooth the way for the passage at this session of Congress of his bill increasing the quantity of land that may be taken up for a homestead from 160 to 320 acres.

At present the bill is on the Speaker's table, where it was left at the last session. The Wyoming Representative is considering means to revive it. He is in daily consultation with members, hoping to obtain unanimous consent to allow the bill to be sent back to conference. In case he fails in his efforts, he proposes to move the House to send the bill back to conference.

An effort was made to prevail upon Representative Howland, who as a member of the committee on public lands led the fight against the bill, to withdraw his opposition, but he has manifested a disposition to stand firm.

OUT OF ORDER.

Champ Clark loves to tell of how in the heat of a debate Congressman Johnson of Indiana called an Illinois Representative a Jackass. The expression was unparliamentary, and in response Johnson said:

"While I withdraw the unfortunate word, Mr. Speaker, I must insist that the gentleman from Illinois is out of order."

"How am I out of order?" yelled the man from Illinois.

"Probably a veterinary surgeon could tell you," answered Johnson, and that was parliamentary enough to stay on the record.—Success.

Although the Kaiser's income is \$10,000,000 annually, his former magnificent scale of living has so exhausted his resources that he has been compelled to sell lands, castles and the Dusseldorf royal palace. It is said the Imperial family must practice rigid economy for an indefinite time.

◆◆◆◆◆ LONE PINE ITEMS. ◆◆◆◆◆

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bunnell, December 16, a girl.

There was a dance in the old school house Friday night. Roy Holt and Faye Robley furnished the music.

The government telephone crew are again boarding with Mrs. S. Booth.

The new school house was completed last Thursday. Service were held in it on Sunday, the 20th.

Roy Holt and Lloyd Low have gotten so they play "Over the Waves" together nicely.

Mrs. M. H. Beebe spent Thursday and Friday in Klamath Falls.

Joe Deryan is riding the range for his stray cattle.

Mrs. Ella Reive is in charge of the Xmas program, and everyone feels sure of a success.

Mrs. Manning is spending a few weeks with the Bunnells.

Mrs. Harry Booth is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Alma LaPrairie.

John Koontz is building an addition to his house.

Charlie Steeman is out taking up money for the purchase of a cemetery.

Mark Fern left Tuesday for his home near Medford.

Mrs. S. Booth, Mrs. Ella Robley and Faye Robley were visitors in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Carl Robley and Harry Booth moved the school property from the old school house to the new one Friday.

Faye Robley left Saturday for Ashtland.

Harry Lee is reported much worse with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Millie Stukel, of Merrill spent Saturday with Mrs. Harry Booth.

◆◆◆◆◆ TO DISPEL FOG WITH ELECTRICITY. ◆◆◆◆◆

LONDON.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the great electrical scientist, believes that he will be able shortly to rid the British Isles of one of the worst enemies of their prosperity—that variety of fog which from time to time ties up the entire activity of whole communities. The matter is of such great commercial importance, leaving out other considerations, that the Highways Committee of the Westminster City Council has decided to give the scientist every chance to prove the value of his discovery.

Sir Oliver's idea, upon which he has been working for some time, is to dispel fog banks by electrical discharges. Thus far he has conducted his experiments on a small scale, either in laboratory or under unfavorable conditions, and yet he has had such success that it is believed a great secret has been discovered. The Westminster Council has rented a large open space of ground near Grosvenor Canal, where, within a few weeks, an experiment will be carried out. It will cost \$10,000.

◆◆◆◆◆ DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. ◆◆◆◆◆

General Land Office, Washington, D. C., November 2, 1908. NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF PUBLIC LANDS TO SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY.

Notice is hereby given that the Acting Secretary of the Interior has vacated departmental order of withdrawal in so far as the same affects the withdrawal for irrigation purposes under the act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388), for use in connection with the Klamath Project, Oregon, of the following described lands in the State of Oregon, and by his authority such of said tracts as have not been heretofore finally restored and are not otherwise withdrawn, reserved, or appropriated, will be subject to settlement under the public land laws of the United States on and after February 2, 1909, but shall not be subject to entry, filing, or selection until March 4, 1909, at the United States land office at Lakeview, Oregon, warning being expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun after October 25, 1908, and prior to February 2, 1909, all such settlement or occupation being forbidden: Willamette Principal Meridian, T. 40 S., R. 9 E., S¹/₂ of Section 24.

FRED DENNETT, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

FRANK PIERCE, Acting Secretary of the Interior.

11-19-12-1

◆◆◆◆◆ NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL ACCOUNT. ◆◆◆◆◆

Notice is hereby given that Mont. E. Hutchison, administrator of the Estate of Annie Hutchison, deceased, has filed his final account of the administration of said estate with the clerk of the County Court of Klamath County, Oregon, and that said court has appointed the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, the 31st day of December, 1908, as the time for hearing of objections, if any there be, to such final account and the settlement thereof.

This notice is published by order of said County Court, made and entered in the records thereof the 24th day of November, 1908.

MONT. E. HUTCHISON, Administrator of the Estate of Annie Hutchison, deceased.

11-26-12-31

◆◆◆◆◆ SHOP AT SUMMERS. ◆◆◆◆◆

A blacksmith shop has been established at Summers. General work of all kinds promptly done. Horse-shoeing a specialty.

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VEGETABLES—Potatoes, cabbage, etc., wanted by the Monarch Mercantile Co. We pay CASH for them. Bring them to us. 11-12

◆◆◆◆◆ NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. ◆◆◆◆◆

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, November 25, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Oscar J. Streeter, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on Nov. 20, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application, No. 0846, for Lot 2, Sec. 24, Tp. 36 S., R. 7 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk Klamath Co., at his office at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 5th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: E. T. Shortt, Tom Staten, Fred R. Goeller, Walter Horton, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

J. N. WATSON, Register.

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◆◆◆◆◆ ADMINISTRATION NOTICE. ◆◆◆◆◆

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Rodney S. Bowen, deceased, that all persons having claims against the said estate present the same with the proper voucher within six months from the date of this publication of notice to said Administrator, at the Klamath County Bank, Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1908.

ALEX. MARTIN, JR., Administrator of the Estate of Rodney S. Bowen, deceased.

12-10-1-8.

◆◆◆◆◆ SUMMONS. ◆◆◆◆◆

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Klamath, Albert Shar, Plaintiff, vs. W. H. May, Defendant. Action at law to recover money.

To W. H. May, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the 24th day of December, 1908, that being the date of the last publication of this summons and the time within the defendant is required to answer as fixed by the order for publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$447.65.

and that the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 40, South of Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, Klamath County, Oregon, held under attachment in this action, be sold to satisfy the said sum of \$447.65 and interest thereon from the 24th day of August, 1908, and plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published in the Klamath Republican, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by order dated November 11th, 1908, made by the Hon. George Noland, Judge of the above entitled court, requiring summons to be published for six consecutive weeks beginning on the 12th day of November, 1908.

F. B. MILLS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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R. M. RICHARDSON

United States Commissioner

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