

RIVALS ROCKY FORD FOR CANTALOUPE

Idaho Produces a Melon Which Will Rank in Luscious Qualities with the Famous Product of the Colorado District.

PAYETTE VALLEY BOASTS OF ITS NOTED GEMS

This Is Only One of the Fruits for Which It Is Famous, However, Its Apples, Pears and Prunes Leading All Others.

BY HERBERT VANDERHOOF.

When the farmer from the middle West or the East visits the Payette valley of Idaho, he is apt to take with him a great deal of salt stories he hears of the wonderful yields that are obtained from irrigated lands. For this exclusively irrigated country, and if it were not for the water that is supplied from the irrigating ditches it would be a desert whose only crop would be the sagebrush.

As it is, the Payette valley has been fittingly called "the flower of irrigated Idaho." It is a veritable garden for almost its entire length, and except in those portions where the water has not yet been turned on there is no more fruitful section on earth. The famous delta of the Nils has always been accounted one of the richest agricultural sections of the earth, yet here in Idaho we have a district that is not afraid to invite comparison with that historic spot. While anything that can be grown in the states of the middle West can be grown in this section of Idaho, and with a yield per acre that affords a comparison as to the value of the fruit, it is especially famous. These are fruit and alfalfa. In fruit the Payette valley is not only famous, but it is also famed for its enormous yields.

There is good reason why this should be so, or rather a number of good reasons why this is the favored fruit belt of the country. The first of all is the sun. Any country where the sun will shine on an average of 300 days a year cannot fail to be a good fruit country, provided there is a sufficient water supply. There is never any doubt about the latter here. Although the rainfall is slight as not to be worthy of mention, the Payette river, which is the largest tributary of the Snake, has been made subservient to the good of man. Its source is far back in the mountains, where the snow in winter falls to a depth of forty feet and remains on the peaks until it becomes almost as solid as ice, and under the influence of the summer sun gradually melts and affords a constant supply of water. All that the farmer or fruit grower has to do is to turn it on his land at the time when it is needed, and bountiful nature does the rest.

No Place for Parasites. Another thing that contributes to the supremacy of the Payette valley is the absence of parasites that in moist climates frequently will unfit the most promising crop for the market. Here parasites are unknown. The altitude is 2,300 feet and parasites do not thrive in arid climates, such as this.

Rocky Ford, Colo., is famed for the delicious quality of the melons that it produces, and just so. For many years they have been the standard of excellence in cantaloupes, and they have brought the highest prices in the market. In the Payette valley, however, is now growing a cantaloupe that is the equal in every respect of the Rocky Ford and for which the demand has increased to such proportions that it has never yet been able to meet it. This cantaloupe has not invaded the Eastern states because the cities of the coast snap up everything that is offered, and even send their agents here to contract for the crop in advance. It is called the Netted Gem cantaloupe, and so great are the profits from its cultivation that a man with only ten or twenty acres can make an excellent living.

The experience of one farmer who lives about five miles from this town is worth relating. This year he had twenty acres in Netted Gems. Early in the spring he contracted his entire crop to a buyer for a Spokane firm and from this twenty acres he made a net profit of \$102 an acre, the goods being delivered to the railway at this town. For many years he and his neighbors have been raising them and gathering the crop in light, and the prices are spot cash on delivery. If this man had had 100 acres he could have disposed of them just as readily. As the new lands are taken up, however, and the cultivation of cantaloupes increases, this valley is going to obtain as wide a reputation for cantaloupes as Rocky Ford has.

But cantaloupes are only one of the varieties of fruit for which the Payette valley has acquired a reputation that is almost world wide. Its apples, pears and prunes are known in every market of the country, not only for their size and magnificent color, but also for their luscious flavor. These are factors that enable them to command the highest prices paid in the market. Its prunes are considered far superior to those of Oregon because of their higher saccharine qualities. Nectarines, apricots, plums and all small berries produce enormously in the Sunshine state.

Big Yields of Alfalfa

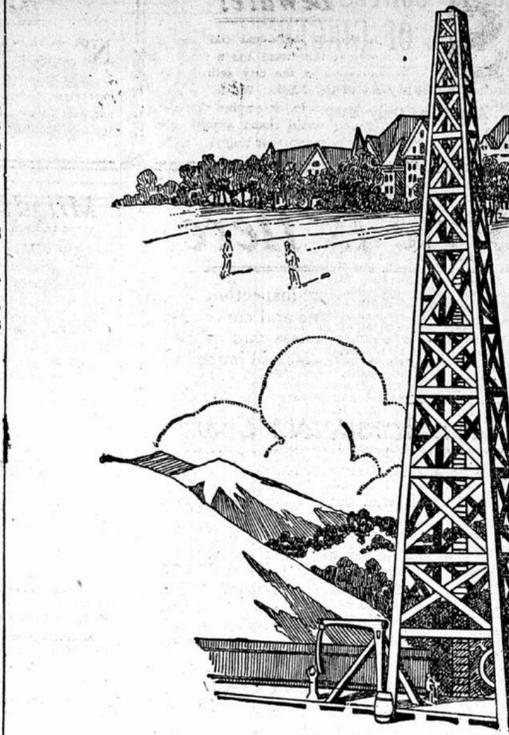
Alfalfa is one of the favorite crops in the valley. It is a crop that requires little labor and once planted will reproduce for years with abundant yields. There are plenty of farmers around here who average from 100 to 200 tons of alfalfa cuttings during the season, and it will sell readily for \$8 per ton. There is always a market for it in the winter months, when the cattle and sheep bring their herds down from the upper grazing lands to winter in the valleys. There have been years when alfalfa has brought as high as \$20 a ton, but that was when it was much scarcer than it is now.

The coming crop of the valley, however, is without doubt destined to be an important industry. Experiments that have been conducted by private interests and also by the United States government, show that the soil of the valley is especially adapted to best alfalfa and also that the best raised here contain a much larger percentage of saccharine matter than those grown in any other section of the Union. As a result plans have been formed for the erection of a large and to supply this at least 5,000 acres of alfalfa will be required. This is a crop that is productive of large profits to the farmer, and one in which he can calculate his profits to a certainty, as sugar beets are always contracted for before they are planted, and therefore the farmer knows exactly what he will receive for his crop.

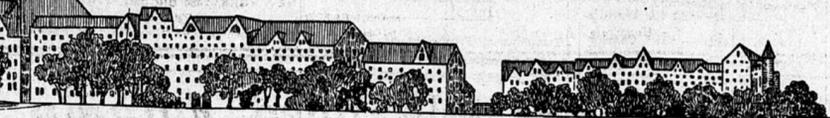
Rapid Growth of City

The coming of this factory will add an important industry to the resources of Payette and will give employment to a large number of hands. The city is growing rapidly, its population having doubled in the past two years. It now has a population of 3,000 souls and confidently expects to number 5,000 within two years. There are already a number of manufacturing industries located in the city, which is a substantial, solidly built one, and very picturesque in appearance. Its residence and business sections reflect the wealth that exists in the town. It is the commercial center for a large section of the country, and also the receiving and shipping point for the same territory. Ultimately it is destined to be a great lumber center, as there are hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest timber lands in the Union along the upper reaches of the Payette river, and plans are already under way for the erection of a big lumber mill here, to which the logs can be floated down.

No more striking instance can be found in the entire West of the benefits that



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THOUSANDS PERISH; NO GRIEF IS SHOWN

Chinese Accept Disastrous Hongkong Typhoon with Characteristic Indifference.

Manila, Sept. 19.—(3 p.m.)—Latest advices from Hongkong state that probably 3,000 lives were lost during the typhoon, and that the damage to property, public and private, will amount to millions of dollars.

Twelve ships were sunk, twenty-four were stranded, seven were damaged and one-half of the native craft in port were sunk. The shipping trade has been paralyzed, thru lack of lighters. The harbor is strewn with wreckage thrown upon the shore. Hundreds of Chinese boatmen and their families were saved by the bravery of the police and civilians, but several thousands of the Chinese water-dwellers must have perished, many within short distances of the shore.

Show No Grief

The losses in lives and property among the Chinese were appalling. Today the police stations in Hongkong are surrounded by Chinese identifying their dead. The families of the Hongkong boatmen live night and day on the sampans and thousands of these people are now homeless.

Observatory Blamed

Sir Matthew Nathan, governor of Hongkong and the authorities are doing everything possible to render assistance. Reports of fresh disasters are arriving every hour. Only a few Europeans are missing. No reports are on hand to show how the fishing fleets and the ships outside the harbor fared.

BAILEY FIRES MUD IN BRYAN BATTLE

Texas Senator Turns on Sullivan, Denying Affiliation with Trust.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Another chapter was added to the controversy between W. J. Bryan and Roger Sullivan, the democratic national committee man from Illinois, when Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas arrived in Washington. The Texas senator was dragged into the affair by Mr. Sullivan, who, it is alleged, said that if he was to be read out of the party for corporation affiliations, a like service should be performed by Mr. Bryan for Senator Bailey. Mr. Sullivan said further that Senator Bailey was in the employ of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, a subsidiary concern of the Standard Oil company.

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Senator Bailey said: "If Mr. Sullivan made the statement attributed to him, he has exhibited a reckless disregard for the truth, which renders him even less fit for membership on the democratic national committee than any circumstances which Mr. Bryan has yet mentioned against him. The Standard Oil company has no more interest in or connection with the Tennessee property than I have, and the attorney than Mr. Sullivan or the czar of Russia. I am not required to explain my professional employment in answer to such contemptible statements as that made by Mr. Sullivan."

"My employment in this instance, as well as in other instances, was such as any honorable lawyer is glad to accept, and my clients are entirely satisfied with the manner in which I have protected their interests."

REVOLT IN DOMINGO SERIOUS, HE REPORTS

Danger of Large Uprising Reported by Captain Southerland.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Captain Southerland, commanding the naval forces in Santo Domingo waters, has cabled the department that the situation in the island has become very acute and that a revolution of some proportion is possible.

The government has assembled 400 men of Monti Cristi which, together

TAFT, IN HAVANA, WADES RIGHT IN

U. S. Secretary Begins Efforts to Restore Peace in Little Republic.

Havana, Sept. 19.—President Roosevelt's peace representatives arrived upon the scene today and met personally President Palma and the members of his cabinet, as well as the official representatives of those in arms against the government, and got a rough general idea of the situation from both sides.

HASTINGS LUMBER YARD SOLD

ST. Paul Company Is Successor to R. C. Libbey.

HASTINGS, MINN.—R. C. Libbey has sold his lumber yard, office and large sheds in this city to the W. Adams Lumber company of St. Paul, which has taken possession of William J. Hastings as manager. It is proposed to increase the stock, and carry lime, cement and brick. Judge F. M. Crosby is holding a general term of court in Pine City.

The net used by Japanese fishermen for yellow-tell, bonito and tunny is sometimes several fathoms long. The seine nets are sometimes three miles long.

forward and kindly manner has already created a strong and favorable impression.

The business of finding a solution to the difficulty will be proceeded with directly and persistently to its conclusion.

Predictions of Peace. Predictions are already being made that the Cuban problem will be solved within a week, but on what basis is still a matter of conjecture. Secretary Taft himself reiterates that President Roosevelt's representatives are here with no policy except to insure peace in Cuba.

There are insistent rumors today that the uprising in Santiago province has been quelled. The cable service with Cienfuegos and Santiago has been restored. Changes reports no hostilities. The provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio are quiet.

MANISTIQUE, MICH.—What is undoubtedly the prize stalk of corn raised in the upper peninsula this season is one standing 13 feet 2 inches in height, grown on the farm of Godfrey Olson in Manistique township.

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There's a uniform lowness of price, very noticeable. It's a sale full of most unusual and extraordinary opportunities and is an exhibition of hundreds of special cut in price to remarkably low figures, throughout the entire store and many articles are priced specially for this sale. There are hundreds of special cut in price to remarkably low figures, throughout the entire store and many articles are priced specially for this sale. There are hundreds of special cut in price to remarkably low figures, throughout the entire store and many articles are priced specially for this sale.

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