

MONEY IN SEEDS—EASTERN DEALERS BUY CROP

Will Cultivate 100 Acres This Season to Supply Contracts Already Secured.

An industry that bodes well for the future of the Potlatch section has been receiving slight attention from the farmers of this district for several years, but it remained for W. W. Tracy, Jr., to bring the industry to successful fruition on a scale large enough to remove all question as to the success of this new enterprise—the production of vegetable and flower seeds.

Mr. Tracy has been in the seed business all his life and after investigating the soil ingredients and climatic conditions of different parts of the northwest he decided that Big Bear ridge, about five miles from Kendrick, affords a most promising field for his business. The two years he has already devoted to the carrying out of his work here have had the effect of removing all doubt as to the soundness of his conclusions.

Chief among the vegetable crops that will engage Mr. Tracy's attention the coming season will be beets, parsnips, turnips and onions, and he will have about 20 acres devoted to the growth of miscellaneous flower seeds. About 100 acres of all varieties of vegetables and flower seeds will be handled by Mr. Tracy the coming season. Mr. Tracy's crops are chiefly grown under contract with eastern seed firms. When in-

terviewed by a Gazette reporter he said:

"The seeds grown in this section have proven to be of exceedingly high vitality, being far superior in this respect to seeds usually obtained by eastern seedsmen from European sources.

"It requires special machinery for harvesting and cleaning vegetable and flower seeds, the major portion of such machinery being imported direct from Germany where seed growing has reached the highest stage of development."

Mr. Tracy employs from six to 18 people for different periods of each season. The harvesting of the seeds ranges from June 15 to October 15.

The yield of the different varieties of seeds ranges from 400 to 1200 pounds per acre, and the prices obtained range from 6 to 70 cents the pound, all kinds of garden and flower seeds now commanding higher prices throughout the world than ever before, as will be evidenced by a glance at seed catalogues.

Mr. Tracy's knowledge of seeds, gained from wide experience, has enlisted the highest confidence of many of the large seed firms of the eastern part of the United States, and this enables him to obtain very satisfactory prices for his entire output each season.

Correspondence

Big Bear Ridge

John Elliott was a ridge visitor this week.

The evening of the 14th a 10c Valentine party will be given at the home of Mrs. D. J. Ingles. A short program will be given and a Valentine box will be a principal feature of the evening. Lunch will also be served.

Lydia Blenden spent Sunday with Miss Whitcomb.

Joe Huffman is on the sick list again.

Powell McGraw says their cistern caved in and after putting in a week fixing it up it caved in the second time.

Word reached here that Mrs. Sibert, wife of Rev. Sibert, was taken to a hospital in Spokane Saturday to be operated on for cancer of the stomach.

Little Bear Ridge

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bovencamp and family and Mrs. John Benjamin and family were visiting at W. C. Kollenburn's Sunday.

Arlie Allen from Linden was visiting at the home of B. N. Emmett's Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Ole Olson of Kendrick has been visiting with Mrs. W. C. Kollenburn the past week.

Nels Moody was visiting at Mr. Erickson's last week.

Lynn Bailey was visiting at B. Emmett's Sunday.

A farewell party was given Monday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kollenburn and family, who will leave the ridge Thursday. A delicious luncheon was served at midnight.

A small crowd from here attended the social at the school house on the upper end of the ridge last Saturday night. They report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were visiting at L. A. Campbell's Sunday.

Edna Harris and May Bovencamp of Yellow Rose school each received 100 in a spelling test of 50 words last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were visiting at A. Arnot's Sunday.

Texas Ridge

Miss Grace Drury spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Hyltanus has been seriously ill this week.

Miss Russell of Moscow is spending a few days with her sister who is teaching on the ridge.

The infant child of Preston Osborn is slowly improving.

Mrs. Phil Peterson of Deary is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson.

Jim Miller and family were visiting Sunday at W. T. Fergersons.

Mrs. Elsie Clawson of Potlatch is visiting at the home of Geo. Drury.

Charley Dahlgreen has gone to

the Big Potlatch ridge to work for C. F. Byrnes.

Miss Anna Osborn left Monday for Montana where she will be united in marriage to Clyde Smith, formerly of Big Bear ridge.

Pine Creek Bench

Mrs. R. E. Metcalf visited with Mrs. D. J. Ingle Thursday.

Miss Hope Beekley spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mrs. John Sanberge.

R. E. Metcalf attended the public sale Thursday at the upper end of Big Bear ridge.

Martin Shey and family were dinner guests of Mrs. R. E. Metcalf Sunday.

American Ridge

Chas. Brocke of Spokane arrived on the ridge last Saturday to visit his parents.

Mr. Dowdy of Moscow has purchased the old Russell place and is moving on the same this week.

Elmer Rogers has moved onto the Wallace Benscotter place now owned by L. Keene.

R. F. Bigham and family visited last Sunday with R. H. Roseberry and family in Kendrick.

Mrs. Robert Bigham went to Moscow Wednesday.

R. W. Bigham is hauling some wood to Kendrick.

If a postoffice inspector was to make a trip of inspection over route 1, and see the condition of the roads and mail boxes and see the carrier wallowing through snow from 3 to 5 feet deep in getting into and out from the boxes, sometimes being required to get off his horse to get to a box, we believe that he would recommend that the route be discontinued. It is the duty of the road supervisor to keep the public road open. It is also the duty of each person who has a box to keep a good road into and out from his box to the main road, and in case they fail to do so the carrier may take their mail back to the office and leave it there until they do make a good road. While on this subject we want to call attention to one more fact. Boxes are required to be not less than 4 1-2 feet from the ground and placed on an arm so that the carrier can drive right under the box. We venture to say that there are not 6 boxes on the entire route that meets the requirements of the postoffice department. We have written this article with the hope that it will do some good and Rambler is personally responsible for the same. Some of these days the department will call on our carrier for a complete report of his route and then some on this ridge will wake up and realize what a great blessing the rural route and the poor despised carrier is to you, and we believe we know what is coming unless a change is made.

Rambler.

He Didn't See It

From the condition of the weather Sunday and Monday it was a very evident fact that Mr. Ground Hog did not see his shadow. One citizen of this town is reported as going up on the side of the hill where the sun always hits and sitting there all day to see the gentleman come forth to hunt for his shadow. He was reported as remarking in the evening that the fellow came out of his hole but went back with a broad smile on his face, as much as saying the farmers are going to get an early spring.

Silent Sale System

The Lincoln-McCrea people have this week started a new feature in their store. They are now running a silent auction sale. It will be to the interest of the people to visit this establishment and indulge in this sale. You will be able to buy some excellent articles at your own price. Go in and see what is the best you can do.

W. Wenzlaff and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Walter McCrea.

FEED IS SCARCE AND STOCK IS BEING MOVED

Supply in South Fork Country Exhausted--Prairie Ranchers Well Supplied With Hay.

Large numbers of cattle and horses have been brought to the prairie country near Grangeville for feed because of the shortage of hay in the South Fork country, but as far as known there has been no suffering among the stock in that part of the country. The prolonged snowstorm has necessitated feeding in all sections and the usual supply kept on hand by the stockmen of the South Fork country was insufficient to last the herds during the storm. The movement of the stock to the prairie section was commenced about ten days ago and all farmers who have straw stacks or hay are finding a good market for their

product. The stock of the Salmon river country is either kept at the ranches along the river or taken to the Snake river, where large quantities of hay are put up for the winter feeding. It is not believed that any of the stock has suffered up to the present time, but the feed supply in all sections must be nearly depleted and suffering will follow unless a break in the weather is experienced at an early date. The herds that are with in driving distance of the prairie country, however, can be cared for, as the low market price of hay and barley last fall left large quantities on the farmers' hands.

TROY I. O. O. F. TEAM VISIT LOCAL ORDER

Last Saturday evening was a very enjoyable one at the Fraternal temple. The Odd Fellows' team of Troy visited the local lodge and administered the first degree of the order to a new candidate and it was executed in first class manner. The Troy team is well drilled in their work. After the lodge closed the guests were invited into the banquet room where several of the lady Rebekahs had spread one of the finest meals that had been placed on a table in some time. The one thing that was

in prominence was a whole pig in the center of the table that had been roasted at the Hardison Hotel. The visitors and home people tried to see if they couldn't eat a whole hog in one evening and from the number that didn't eat any breakfast the next morning it was evident who had too much pig. After those present had partaken of all the good things to eat they returned to the lodge room where the remainder of the evening was spent in music, recitations and card playing.

J. W. Davis went to Moscow Wednesday.

Thos. Riley went to Moscow Sunday for a few days.

Mrs. Fruchtel was a visitor in Moscow this week.

C. G. and W. B. Compton went to Moscow Wednesday morning.

Hugh Jennings and family went to Juliaetta Monday for a short stay.

A. W. Bramer returned Monday to his home in Geyser, Montana.

Don't forget the Athletic club will hold its regular exhibition Friday evening, Feb. 7.

Mrs. J. A. Stout of Lewiston, spent a few days this week visiting her son C. S. Stout and family.

The beautiful evenings the past two weeks for sleighing has now begun to show on the driving teams.

The dance Tuesday evening was well attended and especially by the young people of Juliaetta.

Mrs. Bert Crow returned to her home in Moscow Monday after a short visit with her sister, Miss Louis Martin.

Amos Specker departed Monday for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he expects to remain for some time.

Mrs. S. E. Crow departed for California Monday where she will visit her children for some time.

O. H. Torgerson of Park, Idaho, was a visitor in this city the first of the week and also visited in Lewiston a day.

W. B. Compton of Dent, Idaho, visited a couple of days this week with his brother, C. G. Compton, of this place.

County Attorney Nesbett of Moscow was a business visitor in this city Saturday and from here he drove to Juliaetta.

Farmers in from the ridges Monday forenoon reported eight inches of snow added to what they already had.

Revs. Pinkham and Craig are holding meetings at the Fairfield school house on the Big Potlatch ridge.

The school play last Friday evening was very well attended. The pupils gave a very pleasant evenings entertainment.

Several of the young people of this place attended the dance in Juliaetta last Friday evening and they as a whole express themselves as being very royally entertained.

The Misses Mellisons came down from Moscow where they have been attending the University. They expect to return to their home in Everett, Wash.

Barber Stout has been renovating his shop and fixing it up in first class condition. He says he believes in having a nice cozy place for his customers to wait for him to hollow "next."

Byrne's mercantile store has undergone some marked changes during the past week. The management is getting things in shape for the coming spring business.

Jody Long says he has become an expert in the art of making head cheese. If you don't believe it come down and sample them.

Commissioner Woody went to Moscow Wednesday to attend a meeting of the board. Several items of importance will be taken up this session.

The stores of this little town are now receiving large shipments of goods for spring trade. It is to be remembered that you can always get anything in merchandise here at any time.

WILD ANIMALS REPORTED TO BE STARVING

It is reported that wild animals of the forest are coming to the clearing in search of food since the snow has become so deep. A wild cat is reported to be hovering around the chicken house of Dick Worsley of Cedar creek. The animal has killed several of the birds and one morning this week Dick came in contact with the fellow and both were glad to go their way. Five dead deer were found in one bunch by a near

by rancher, who stated that the appearance of the animals indicated that they had died of starvation. Another case reported is one that sounds, well, we will believe anything. A coyote was found in a snow drift this week where he had committed suicide. The animal had jumped from a little raise in the ground into a snow drift and buried his head and part of the body. Reports from different sections of the country say that quail are starving.

Band is Progressing

The Kendrick band is surely making great progress in the music world. There will be no worry on the minds of the Fourth of July committee this year as to where they will get their music for the celebration which is sure to be held here.

Conference Held

Rev. Andrew Warner of Walla Walla held the regular quarterly conference at the Methodist church in this city Tuesday forenoon. Several delegates from out of town points were present and a good meeting is reported.

Falls From Roof

J. A. Brookins, of Linden, while shoveling snow off the roof of his store building one day last week, slipped and fell to the ground, bruising him considerably and now rheumatism has settled in his body and he is in a serious condition.

The Women of Woodcraft will entertain the members and their families of the Woodman of the World next Wednesday evening at the Fraternal Temple. All members are requested to be present.

High School Debate

A debate was given at the school house for the public Friday evening by the High school. The question debated was "Resolved, that the Philippines should be given their independence." Stuart Compton and Lucile Grinolds debated on the affirmative and Johanna Hooker and Lee Craig on the negative. The debate was won by the negative.

Fair Meeting

A meeting of all Fair and other industrial organizations in the Inland Empire is hereby called to convene at Lewiston, Idaho, Saturday, Feb. 15, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of considering 1913 dates, policies and attractions. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend this meeting.—John E. Nickerson, Secretary.

Immigrant Social

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will give an Immigrant Social in the Fraternal Temple, February 14th. Come dressed as an immigrant.