Alfalfa, A Money Making Crop In Mimbres Valley

By R. Bedichek, Deming, N. M.

A MAN who recently came to Deming from Lodi, Cal., has the following illuminating experience to relate concerning the profit in raising grapes in the Lodi district. He prefaced his statement with the remark that bearing vineyards in the district from which he came sell for the insignificant sum of $1000 per acre thereabout.

"A month before I came to Deming," he said, "I was talking with a friend on the street concerning a consignment of 2800 crates of grapes which I had recently shipped to commission men, but upon which I had not received returns. He thought I would get 50 cents per crate. I was not so optimistic. I asked him what he would give me. He mentioned 25 cents per crate. I told him he had made a trade. We walked into the bank, and he gave me a check for the 2800 crates at 25 cents per crate. He lost money on the deal. Three weeks later, I happened to be in Stump & Hinyard's grocery store in Deming, and I saw several crates of grapes with my brand on them, and, upon inquiring the price, found they were selling for $4.50 per crate."

"Who got the $4.25?" I asked.

"Commission men and transportation companies," he replied briefly.

"But," said I, "I thought you California fruit men had cooperative marketing associations which took care of you and saw to it that you received something like what your product is worth."

This evoked a remark that would not look well in print.

Cooperative Associations.

"They won't stand hitched to a cooperative association. I know a fruit man who was a member of a cooperative marketing association. One month he found that he could sell his stuff for a few cents a pound more than the association was paying. He shipped his entire output in the name of his brother, so as to secure the few cents a pound extra. This case is typical. It is next to impossible to get farmers and fruit growers to stand by an association. They had rather throw in with the hogs. A few years ago," he continued, "I was in the Fresno district, and they were grubbing out vineyards and selling the vines for wood. Since the 'raisin days' have been inaugurated, I believe the Fresno vineyards are paying better. A man is a fool," he concluded, "to raise produce that he must market within a few days or have the whole perish on his hands. He is simply giving the cold storage men, the commission sharks and the transportation companies a strangle hold on him."

Experience such as detailed by this gentleman from California disposes one to look favorably upon growing staple crops, such as alfalfa in the Mimbres valley. Alfalfa is not in any sense perishable. If the market is not right when it is cut, it may be baled and stored away for an indefinite time. If the market shows no disposition to get right, the farmer may buy stock and feed them, and then sell his alfalfa in the form of meat. He may feed milk cows, and sell his alfalfa in the form of milk and butter. Again, he may pasture hogs on the green alfalfa, and sell his alfalfa as pork.

Value of Alfalfa Meal.

One of the experimental stations of the state of Nebraska made a seven year feeding test to determine the value of alfalfa meal for hogs. The result of this test demonstrated that alfalfa meal, mixed half and half with Indian corn, makes a perfectly balanced ration, and that a pound of alfalfa meal went as far towards producing pork as a pound of Indian corn. With pork at seven cents, the test showed, alfalfa can be marketed by feeding it in this way for $50 per ton.

In short, the market for alfalfa is unlimited, and there is very little danger of the market being so manipulated as to deprive the farmer who raises it of a just return. Last season baled alfalfa sold in the field in the Mimbres valley for $14 per ton.

Roughly speaking, it costs in the neighborhood of $30 per acre per year to raise alfalfa in the Mimbres valley. This amount includes, of course, all items of expense, such as $4.24 per acre for water, where the lift does not exceed 50 feet, labor in irrigating per acre season $1.40; seeding alfalfa, $1 per acre per year (one seeding does 12 years and it costs $12 per acre to seed), $2.80 per acre per season for mowing and raking; $21 per acre per season for baling; $1.50 per acre per season as depreciation of pumping machinery. The gross yield of alfalfa in the Mimbres valley is seven tons to the acre. Marketing at $14 per ton, the alfalfa on one acre brings in $98 per acre per season. Deduct $30 per acre as expense of raising same, and the net return per acre per season is seen to be $68.

Well Managed Farm.

The farm from which the above figures were taken is exceptionally well managed, and probably the average farmer cannot make this much. But with any sort of care and management, the Mimbres valley farmer can count on netting $50 per acre on his alfalfa, when it can be marketed at $14 per ton. If the price is in excess of this, he nets more; if the price is less, he receives proportionately less. It may be stated, however, that only at one time in the history of Deming has alfalfa sold for as little as $10 per ton. Very much oftener it brings from $15 to $18 per ton.

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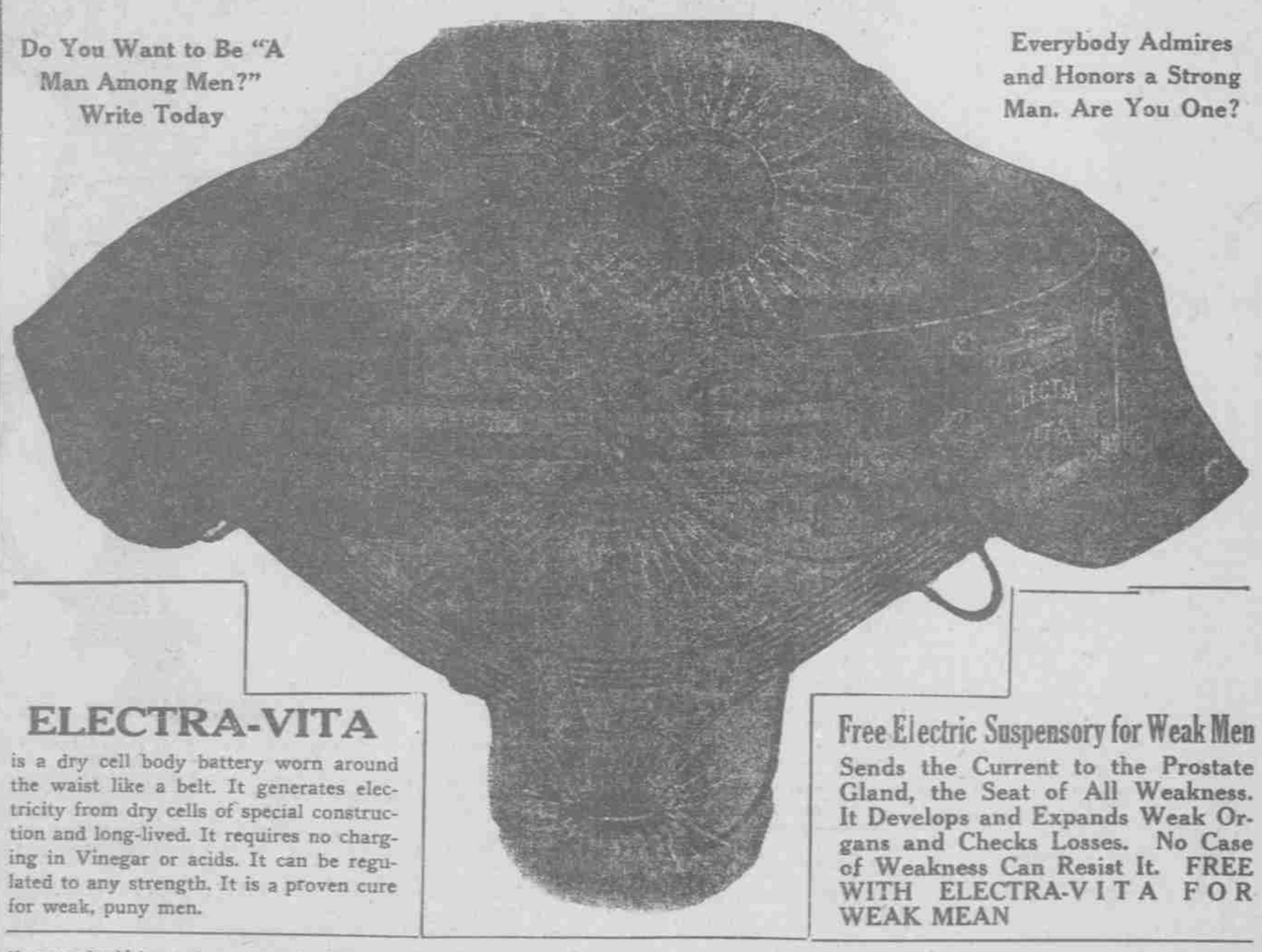

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DESERVES CHANCE AT TITLE, SAYS ANDREWS

Sporting Expert Fails to See Why American Champions Should Discriminate Against British Title-Holder. Hopes Kid Lavigne Will Not Try the Come-Back Act—Other Gossip.

(BY TOM S. ANDREWS)

Billy Marchant and Sid Smith, the British featherweight and bantamweight, respectively, who came over here for the express purpose of meeting Abe Attell and Johnny Coulon, have been somewhat disappointed. Smith was asked to show himself and he did. He met and defeated a boy in New York and repeated in Philadelphia, beating the bantamweight, Louisiane, in easy fashion, and the Kid is no slouch. Besides this, Smith had a bad knee which he injured coming over on the boat. Marchant met that tough lightweight in Philadelphia, Tommy Langdon, and gave him a severe lacing in six rounds. Marchant weighed 128 and Langdon 132. The people carried Billy on their shoulders. W. E. Ames, manager of the two boys, has issued repeated challenges to Coulon and Kilbane, but has had no response. These boys are champions in their classes in England and should be recognized as such here. Jimmy Coffroth, of San Francisco, has offered a purse for Johnny Kilbane and Marchant and also for Coulon and Smith, so it is up to the Americans to accept and have two real international matches.

Let Poor Kid Lavigne Alone.

The announcement that George (Kid) Lavigne, the one-time champion lightweight, intended re-entering the ring sounds pitiful. There was never a greater little fighter than Lavigne. He was not clever, but a fighter every inch of him. He did not care for a few pounds and fought men at 146 as readily as at 133, and he was one of the few fighters who ever made Joe Walcott back up. When Johnny Griffin the Braintree lad, and Solly Smith fought for the title at Roby, Ind., about 1891 or '92, I met Lavigne in Chicago. He was about all in financially and was beating his way to the Columbian club's arena at Roby. I helped the Kid at the time and saw him after the fight, and he said: "Gee, that was tough on Griffin, but I can whip Smith any time they put me in the ring against him." It was not long afterwards that Lavigne was champion lightweight. But as for getting back in the ring now—forget it. Poor Kid's last appearance in the ring was January 19, 1907, when he boxed Young Erne in Philadelphia and Erne practically scored a knockout in the sixth round, as the Kid was unable to even protect himself and was helpless on the ropes when the referee stopped it. Help the game fellow, but don't let him back into the ring.

No Wonder Tortorich Would Quit.

The New Orleans boxing fans are liable to lose a good sportsman and promoter of big boxing events. Dominick J. Tortorich, the leader of the Westside Athletic Club and Orleans club, has announced his intention of quitting the game for all time, unless the people associated with him succeed in getting him to change his mind. Mr. Tortorich has been promoting boxing shows and giving the boxers all the coin until he has become heartily sick of it. Big guarantees and bigger percentages have helped to disgust the man until he is ready to throw up the ghost. After working all the present season he has the satisfaction of paying a loss of over $2500. Writing from New Orleans regarding the affair, Mr. Tortorich says: "It is a bad game here. The boxers want to hog everything and it is impossible to make a cent. With all the big houses at the big club we did not make a cent to speak of and not enough by $2000 to cover the losses at the city club." Mr. Tortorich is one who knows when he has enough.

SECRET OF 26 YEARS HEREWITH GIVEN OUT

By W. A. Phelon.

"THERE aren't very many baseball secrets that must be faithfully kept until released by death," says Jimmy Ryan, the great old fielder of the Chicago team, "but once in a while something of the sort occurs—like, for example, the story of the baked ball and old John Brown. There was a mystery that was known to all the players of the old Chicago club, and yet I do not think it was ever told by any of us until good old John Brown had been laid away, and his passing had removed our obligation.

"It was near the finish of a great campaign—one of the hard struggles by which Chicago won so many flags—and every game counted most materially. Old John Brown, who was the treasurer of the club, was devoted to the team, and grew more and more worried as the final days drew near. We were falling off in batting; the strain had told upon us, and it began to look as if we would be overtaken in the stretch. 'The batting is all to the bad,' mourned old John, 'all to the bad. Boys, you've simply got to do some hitting. If you can't hit the way you are, things must be arranged so you can hit, anyhow.'

Dreamed the Great Idea.

"One night a great idea struck old John—in a dream, I think it was—and he got up, dressed, went to the ball park, and abstracted a case of a dozen balls. Then he flitted back home, opened the door of the oven in his kitchen, and put those balls in the oven. When morning came, old John examined those balls, and found that they were nowise changed in appearance—but in action—oh, my. He bounced an ordinary, untampered ball on the floor, and it sprung up perhaps five feet. He bounced one of the baked balls, subjected all night to a gentle heat, and it bounded to the ceiling. John Brown rewrapped the balls, put them back in their box so dextrously there wasn't a sign of any monkey business, and set sail for the ballyard.

Took the First Bat.

In those days, teams always liked to take first bat, on the idea that getting the first crack at the new white ball would mean a lot of early hits and extra runs. We took first bat—and old John heaved one of those baked balls into the field. Two minutes later, it was over the fence, driven there on a long home run, and old John chucked in another. Before the first inning ended, we had a comfortable lead, and we raised the margin right along. Whenever one of the enemy fouled a ball over the fence, John threw in a common, everyday leather. Whenever one of the Anson's men put one over, in came one of the baked balls. We won in a canter and the spirit and confidence which the boys gained through their great batting exhibition carried us through the next five games, and to our final victory.

"None of us knew about the baked balls until after the season ended, when old John confessed everything to us one jolly evening. He made us swear never to tell the story while he lived, and, to the best of my knowledge, none of us ever did. John lived several years after that absurd affair, but he sleeps in peace, and there is now no reason why the story shouldn't be revealed, and one of the oldtime mysteries explained. Twenty-six years ago! My, my, but that's a long time to keep a secret, isn't it?"

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TURN TO OUT DOORS FOR SPORTS NOW

Tennis and Track Occupying Athletic Minds and Bodies at "Y."

With the coming of spring the athletes of the "Y" are beginning to turn their attention to out-of-door sports. The "Y" tennis courts on Arizona street across from the high school are being put in condition for playing. This feature proved so popular last year that it is probable that an additional tennis court may be acquired by the association later on in the season.

Entries for the track team are being received at the "Y." While the main track event will be the Federation meet at Mesilla Park May 4, there will be a number of dual meets in El Paso before that date. In the Federation meet a gold medal is offered for the individual making the highest number of points in the meet, and for each event, a silver model is offered for the first prize, a bronze medal for the second, with a badge for third. The team winning the greatest number of points will be given a handsome metal shield mounted on an antique oak plaque.

FENNER AND FOSTER GLEAN VICTORIES

Bowling scores of last night and points follow:

Fenner team.				
Fenner	164	193	210	567
Foster	210	135	200	545
Woodbury	110	150	120	280
Carl	125	143	130	403
Eustace	92	92	92	276
Totals	711	713	760	2200
Ehler team.				
Ehler	160	160	128	448
Easter	167	162	161	490
Spinner	125	163	171	459
Eaton	134	134	134	402
Hilder	97	119	114	330
Totals	693	738	708	2139

Points won, Fenner, 3; Ehler, 1.
High game, Fenner, 210.
High total, Fenner, 567.
Strikeout, Foster, jr.

Foster team.				
Foster	189	188	183	560
Rogers	123	185	126	434
Robinson	100	100	100	300
Smith	123	123	123	369
Fruit	169	157	180	506
Totals	704	753	712	2169
Wilkinson team.				
Wilkinson	201	154	104	457
Hackett	161	174	169	504
Stein	119	138	101	358
Kohler	81	75	149	305
Bateman	174	174	174	522
Totals	736	715	697	2148

Points won, Foster, 3; Wilkinson, 1.
High game, Wilkinson, 201.
High total, Foster, 560.

JOHNNY BILLITER HAS NO TROUBLE BEATING MULDOON

Lansing, Mich, March 9.—Johnny Billiter, of Toledo, champion lightweight wrestler of the world, won from Young Muldoon, of Pittsburg, in straight falls here last night, the first in 16 minutes and the second in 12 minutes.

GLENN WINS FIRST HONORS IN ROPING

The Douglas, Ariz., Cowboy Makes Fleetest Time in Closing Event.

John Glenn, of Douglas, Ariz., won the championship medal and cash prize in the roping contest at Cowboy Park Friday. Joe Gardner, of Sierra Blanca, was second, and Alf Vivian, of Pecos, Texas, third. The contest Friday was limited to the 12 ropers having made the best time in the Wednesday and Thursday contests. Each man was given two steers to rope and tie. The contestants and the time made follow:

	1st Heat	2d Heat
John Glenn	:25 4-5	:21 3-5
William Hale	:38	:37
O. S. Coats	:42 1-5	Out
Joe Gardner	:37 2-5	:34
Ed Echols	No tie	No tie
Al Vivian	:46	:28 2-5
Sam Roberts	No tie	:57
Bud Parker	:49	No tie
Bert Weir	:34 2-5	:24 1-5
Geo. Weir	:27 3-5	:46 2-5
Henry Jones	:38 4-5	:31 2-5
Will Glenn	:24 1-5	:37
Clay McGonigal	1:41	:35

ANNOUNCE LEADERS IN CLASS EVENTS

In the competitive indoor meets being held at the "Y" the following are in the lead, in their respective classes, with the greatest number of points: Prep class, Edwin Widdas, 174 points; younger boys "B," W. Brockmoeler, 172 points; younger boys "A," Frank Scotten, 200 points; older boys, Will Race, 310 points; employed boys, R. Henn, 318 points; regulars, L. Lorenz, 248 points.

FORMER EL PASO BALL STAR ON HIS WAY TO JOIN TEAM.

Carl Flick, the shortstop of the last professional team El Paso had, was here Friday on his way to Chattanooga, Tenn., to play with that club during the league season.

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ATTELL TRIES TO COME-BACK TODAY

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Abe Attell, despite his beating at the hands of Johnny Kilbane, finds himself a 10 to 9 favorite in his bout with Tommy Murphy, of Harlem, to take place today, at 'Frisco over the 20 round route.

Both are old time fighters on the back slide and it seems today that the one who gets beaten will be the one who has slid back the furthest. Murphy is clever and has a punch, and of Attell nothing need be said.

From this angle it looks as though both will get through the 20 rounds safely, although Attell may be depended upon to put up a desperate effort to beat Murphy before that time, as it would regain a lot of the prestige which he lost in his fight with Kilbane.

The two have fought several ten round no decision bouts in New York and ought to have a pretty fair line on each other's ability. Each, of course, claims that he will score an easy victory.

Addie Wolgast yesterday accepted a cabled challenge from Hughie Mehegan, champion lightweight of Australian and an international battle will be forthcoming when Wolgast regains his full physical prowess, lost during his recent operation.

CIVIL SERVICE MEN PLAN TO ORGANIZE

Will Put Snappy Baseball Team Into the City Semi-Pro League.

Th civil service men have the baseball bee in their bonnets and are going to put a team in the city baseball league this summer. A meeting of representatives of the immigration, customs, reclamation and postoffice services was held Friday night to organize a baseball team. C. G. Gatley was elected temporary captain. Much baseball enthusiasm was shown and the men are going to start practice immediately. Those present at the meeting were: C. G. Gatley, Herbert F. Cole, Thomas L. Perrine, W. G. Harris, C. W. Siegmund, W. R. Collins, Louis O. Howell, F. H. Terrell, C. C. Ford, G. C. Wilmarth, D. Oldham, L. J. Perkins, R. D. Gould, Alex Wallis and E. A. Plowman.

TO PLAY FINAL SERIES IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL LEAGUE.

At the "Y" this afternoon the final series of basketball games in the Grammar Schools Athletic league are being played.

The results decide the possession of the two silver shields. San Jacinto has a cinch on the first prize, having a perfect percentage. Mesa comes second, having lost but two games the entire season, the Rustlers of the San Jacinto bunch being their only conquerors. The games this afternoon are being played between the San Jacinto and Lamar teams, and the Sunset and Mesa. This series is the one postponed during the federation meet.

CANADIAN POLO TEAM BEATEN BY SAN MATEO SLASHERS

San Diego, Cal., March 9.—By a score of 6 1-4 to 5 1-2, the San Mateo Slashers defeated the crack Canadian polo team here yesterday in the second round for the California cup. The line-up was:

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