

WHEN MELONS ARE RIPE.

Some Tests Which You Can Try Next Year.

Muskmelons or cantaloupes are at their best only when ripened in the natural way on good, healthy vines. I do not think a melon ripened any other way can be either wholesome or healthful, yet I presume a great many are eaten that are not ripened that way, says a writer in Farm and Home. At least we see hundreds of crates in the markets obviously picked green with stems hanging to them like pig tails. A muskmelon picked with its stem attached has not ripened properly and never will.

A genuine ripe muskmelon is one that has left the vine perfectly free from the stem, and it should leave at the least pluck or pull. A muskmelon picked in any other way is not ripe. We cannot tell a ripe watermelon until it is plucked or cut open. It is simply a matter of judgment. Even experienced growers are deceived sometimes, especially when they first begin to ripen. There are two or three signs to judge by when we expect them to be ripe. Some think that when the first curl or tendril next the melon is dead is a good sign. Varieties differ in this respect. Others contend that when they crack with little pressure they are ripe. This is not a good process to use if the melons are to be shipped or kept a few days.

The best sign is by the sound. If the melon, when tapped with thumb or hand, gives a dull thud-like sound it is ripe. As the darkies say: "If dey goes co-plunk dey's ripe, but if dey does co-plank dey's aint." The other signs may or may not then be in evidence, but they usually are. The stem of the watermelon retains its hold as firmly when ripe as at any other time.

SMALL FRUITS AND SHRUBS.

A Simple Matter to Propagate Them If Done Right.

I find it a very simple matter to propagate my own grape vines, currants, gooseberries and most ornamental shrubs. If the work is properly done these plants can readily be propagated by means of cuttings made late in the fall after the leaves are off, writes a correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer, but preferably before cold weather comes on.

In selecting wood for the purpose I obtain only that which has well ripened and matured during the preceding summer, discarding all soft or immature parts. I make the cuttings about ten inches long and cut the base of each squarely just below a bud, so the bud is retained at the lower end. I tie them up in bundles of convenient size, about 100 in a bundle, having their butts, or basal ends, all one way, well shaken down so as to stand level on a table. I then pack them in fresh, moist sawdust and keep them through the winter in a cellar.

Upon the approach of spring, as early as the soil can be worked, and before the buds have begun to grow, I plant the cuttings in good garden soil. I make the rows about four feet apart, to admit of easy cultivation. Set the cuttings very firmly in the ground, so as to leave no air spaces about them, and set deep enough so that only the uppermost bud is above the ground. They are then given clean cultivation and hoed to keep down weeds during the summer, when an excellent growth of plants is secured.

HOME-MADE SPUD FOR WEEDS.

Made Out of a Piece of Wagon Tire and a Fork Handle.

Take a piece of narrow wagon tire about one foot long to a blacksmith



Home-Made Spud for Weeds.

and have him sharpen one end and drill two holes in the other as shown in illustration, then, with small bolts, fasten it to a fork handle. This makes a very useful tool for eradicating weeds.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN NOTES.

A variety of fruit may do well in one locality and not in another.

The less perishable a fruit the more likely is the market for it to be steady, as it can be sent from one part of the country to another and even to foreign nations.

Cultivation of the orchards and vineyards should have ceased some time ago. Late cultivation induces late growth. The season's growth should be pretty well hardened up by this time.

Give the alfalfa every show possible in the orchard. Let the fall growth lie on the ground, and then after the ground dries in the spring burn the coat of dead vines. Alfalfa is the great money maker on any farms.

Morning glory is becoming a mighty mean pest in some orchards. One orchard near California, Mo., is nearly choked out by the pest. The plants have an enormous root growth and consume fertility that had better go to the crops.

New Kuklux In Kentucky.

Night Riders of the "Black Patch," Bound by Awful Oath, Devastate Thirty-two Counties of Two States In Ruthless War Against Tobacco Trust.

The Night Riders of Kentucky and Tennessee is the name of a secret and desperate and daring clan that has struck awe to the hearts of the people of thirty counties in the fairest portion of the fair southland, furnished a thrilling topic of conversation for southerners everywhere and drawn the attention of the nation.

In open defiance of the commands of governors, the orders of judges, the warnings of newspapers, the admonition of the society to which its members are alleged to belong and the adverse public sentiment in the section where it flourishes this clan has continued its depredations and work of destruction unharmed, undaunted and practically unmolested. Coming whence no one knows, doing its work with martial precision and dispatch, it leaves no clue, open or veiled, for the most vigilant and valorous officers to find whither it went, when it will strike again or where.

Not since the days of the reconstruction period has such an organization existed, rivaling in every feature, of

ing little city of Hopkinsville, in Christian county, Ky., captured the police department, stopped traffic on two great railway systems and applied the torch to three enormous warehouses filled with tobacco, among which was one belonging to John C. Latham, a New York banker and owner of the largest tobacco warehouse in western Kentucky. The invaders then completely riddled with bullets the offices of a newspaper belonging to the mayor of the town, who through his paper had condemned their acts of lawlessness. The loss in the raid was estimated at in round numbers \$200,000. State Fire Marshal Ayres hurried to the scene and made one arrest, the accused man having little trouble in establishing an indisputable alibi and being released.

Close on the Hopkinsville invasion and while the court was still investigating that depredation 300 of the marauders descended on Russellville, another Kentucky town, about thirty miles from Hopkinsville as the crow flies. Pursuing their regular methods,



BURNING OF THE RUSSELLVILLE TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

ten surpassing, the terrible work of the Kuklux Klan, with its membership a hundredfold more desperate. An unexpected, mysterious, mythical force strikes swiftly under the cover of darkness and is away, leaving only the presence of a burned and charred ruin of once proud tobacco factories and warehouses to attest to its presence. Human life is not worth a feather's weight where reckless persons venture from their residences during a raid and refuse to immediately obey a command of unquestionable meaning to return.

That to the death compact exists between its members there is every reason to believe.

For the origin of this terrible organization we must look to the war between the planters of the "black patch" of Kentucky and Tennessee, the "dark tobacco district," and the American Tobacco company, the so called tobacco trust. The trust had succeeded in so dominating the dark tobacco district that it was able to get all the product at its own prices.

On Sept. 24, in the year 1904, a thousand men formed the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective association and pledged themselves to hold their staple for living prices. The move was contagious, and other similar organizations sprang into existence until their total membership controlled 90 per cent of all the tobacco raised. Fair prices were demanded, and for awhile apparently willingly given, but such a rich plum was not to be snatched by the action of a "handful of ignorant planters" without a stubborn fight. Prices which otherwise would have been considered enormous were offered to individual farmers who had pledged themselves to sell as a body in the endeavor to rend asunder the solid and determined phalanx of disgraced planters. The offers were at first refused, but later some planters yielded to the blandishments and the money of the trust.

It was to prevent secessions from the planters' pool that the Night Riders were organized, though the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective association is not openly charged with responsibility for the Night Riders' acts. Any planter who sells his product below the price set by the planters' pool becomes an immediate object of the Night Riders' vengeance, and newspapers and individuals who dare to criticize Night Riders are not less severely dealt with. Recently the Night Riders have grown bolder and more desperate than ever and from attacks on isolated tobacco farms have turned to concerted assaults on large towns which have incurred their enmity. Not long ago a band of dread Night Riders in numbers of between two and three hundred swooped down on the flourish-

ing riders completely surrounded the place, located guards at points of vantage and proceeded to carry out their intention of destroying two large "trust" factories. The electric lights were turned off, the telephone offices, two in number, were seized, the raiders courteously and politely but firmly telling the young women in charge that no harm would come to them so long as they did not touch the switchboards. Members of the fire department were intercepted on their way to extinguish the burning warehouses ignited by riders and turned back. People who left their residences to ascertain the cause of the excitement received orders to return. A passenger train about to enter the place was flagged just outside the city limits and its engine driver commanded to make no use of his whistle while passing through the town and no harm would come to him, his crew or passengers. No personal violence was offered the citizens who respected instructions to remain in their homes while the work of destruction was being carried on, but three men who came out into the streets were shot. Three buildings adjacent to the warehouses were also consumed by flames, the entire loss totaling something over \$100,000 in buildings and tobacco.

After the work of destruction had been completed the riders met in one of the principal streets, counted their number, fired a parting volley into the air and, as usual, vanished into the folds of the darkness of night.

On the night of Jan. 23 a band of fifty masked Night Riders took possession of the Arcadia hotel at Dawson Springs, Ky., and after terrifying the guests by "shooting up" the place took John Heath, an independent tobacco buyer, who was a guest, to a river near by and upon threats of a "ducking" made him promise not to sell any more tobacco.

Heath finally found his way back to the hotel, and the masked raiders disappeared.

Governor Augustus E. Wilson, the new chief of the commonwealth of Kentucky, has not only offered large rewards for the apprehension of the riders, but a large bonus for information which will lead to the arrest of any one of the clan, promising at the same time the protection of the militia of the state to the informant. Governor Wilson has sent troops into the towns touched by the riders' ruthless hands to prevent a recurrence of the offense.

Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee has been equally active to prevent these outbreaks within the Volunteer State, and his efforts have been in the main successful. Tennessee has been free from activity on their part for many months and bids fair to continue so.

RECORD BREAKERS WON

White Caps Defeated in an Eleven Inning Game Sunday

The Record Breakers and the White Caps, a new team containing a few old players, met in an interesting game at the local ball grounds Sunday afternoon, the former winning the game by a score of 5 to 4.

The game, when simmered down, was plainly a pitchers' battle. Ploof for the Record Breakers striking out twenty and Smith for the White Caps fanning fourteen men. Ploof allowed but one hit, but Smith was found for three, two by Gravel and one by Ploof. Roth made the hit for the White Caps.

The White Caps made their first run in the second inning, when Lukan, who was passed, stole second and then scored on a wild throw. In the fifth inning two more runs were brought in for the White Caps; these by A. Smith and Johnson, both of whom arrived safely on first, and were advanced one base each on Leo Smith's sacrifice, and scored on errors.

The Record Breakers made their first run in the sixth, when Berg, through good work, reached third and then came home on a pass ball. The White Caps got their last run in the first half of the seventh inning, A. Smith bringing in the run. The Record Breakers, however, braced up in their half of this inning, and before they could be checked by the White Caps had scored three runs, tying the score at 4 to 4. Hogle was the first man up, but was unable to make first. Gravel, O'Shea and Billstein, the next three men up, found very little trouble in reaching first and later scoring. Berg and Ploof helped them along, but were unable to score themselves.

The game was then a battle royal between the two pitchers, Ploof striking out ten men out of twelve up during the next four innings of the eleven inning game. In the eighth inning Smith fanned two, in the ninth, one. The Record Breakers broke the tie in the eleventh inning, however, when Hogle made first, stole second, at the same time getting the ball in the back of the head, was advanced to third on a one-base hit by Gravel, and scored on a safe one by O'Shea, making the score 5 to 4 in favor of the Record Breakers.

White Caps—Johnson c, Smith p, Roth 1b, Ward 2b, A. Smith ss, Loskiel 3b, Lukel lf, Wheelock cf, Gatchel rf, Record Breakers—Berg c, Ploof p, Billstein 1b, Kerich 2b, Hogle ss, Meyers 3r, Mack-Halseth lf, O'Shea cf, Gravel rf.

LOCALS LOSE TO BRAINERD.

The ball game played on the grounds at the cedar yards Sunday afternoon between the North Stars and the Little Falls teams was one of the fastest and cleanest games played this year, says the Brainerd Dispatch. That it was fast is seen by the score of 2 to 0 in favor of the Brainerd team. It was also clean throughout, not only as to errors but as to jangling and quarreling. The Little Falls boys were good ball players but were unable to connect with Shepherd's quick curves, only making one hit off him. He struck out 13 men allowing but one hit, and Little Falls never saw third base during the contest. The Brainerd batters found Newman, the Little Falls pitcher, but were unable to get more than two hits off him, while he struck out but one man. There were but two errors made by each team.

Manager Koop, of the North Stars, speaks very highly of the Little Falls team, not only as ball players but as a fine bunch of young fellows, all of whom are perfect gentlemen. Mr. Koop had two special police on the grounds to prevent any repetition of the disgraceful affair of the Sunday previous but their services were not needed.

That our boys could not have had their batting eye must be true, as in the game played here a couple of weeks ago, the same pitcher was batted all over the lot. The Brainerd aggregation was also strengthened a great deal with players from Staples and Medley. According to the report of the home team two hits were made on each side. The locals, although feeling that they should have won, are not downcast, and are doing some good work this week. They will go up against the strong St. Cloud team Sunday to play off the "rubber", each having won a game, and expect to win.

ATTORNEY GETS GOOD SHARE OF BIG VERDICT.

Last Friday the case of J. C. Nethaway vs. H. C. Farmer, both of Stillwater, in which plaintiff claimed a lien for \$15,000 for services in the long-litigated case of H. C. Farmer vs. The Stillwater Water Power company, was decided in Stillwater by Judge P. H. Stollberg. In his decision the judge says that Nethaway is entitled to \$11,500 for his services and has a lien on the stock and cash turned over to Farmer by the water company. The court gives the water company and Mr. Farmer five days' time in which to turn over to the clerk of the district court the stock and cash, and directs the clerk to turn over to Nethaway the \$9,500 cash, and so much of the stock will be sold in the regular way as is needed to satisfy the balance of Nethaway's lien. This decision terminated a sensational litigation, which has attracted wide attention.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The librarian's report of the Carnegie library for July has been made as follows:

Books purchased.....	25
Books worn out.....	6
Books donated.....	2
New readers registered.....	21
Books issued.....	817
Days open for issue of books.....	13
Average daily circulation.....	66
Largest daily circulation.....	99
Smallest daily circulation.....	22
Percentage of fiction issued.....	91
Fines on overdue books.....	\$2.35
Visitors to reading rooms.....	300
Sunday readers.....	60

—Cora E. Tanner, Librarian.

CONTRIBUTED TO JAG LAW FUND.

Besides the liquor licenses allowed at a meeting of the city council Thursday evening of last week, which were mentioned in last week's issue of the Herald, the council allowed an order in the sum of \$270 as the amount due the state for the inebriate fund through the operation of the "Jag" law which has recently been declared constitutional by the supreme court. The law demands two per cent of the liquor licenses issued all over the state to go into the inebriate fund, which will be used to conduct an inebriates' hospital for the state. This amount is the first to be turned into this fund by the city.

At this meeting Mrs. Chas. Robbins was given the job of washing the city towels, thereby earning the amount necessary to pay house-rent. She had asked that the city pay her rent as she was greatly in need.

COST \$10 FOR TWO LOGS.

Jos. Knuth, who conducts a farm just outside the city, was caught, red-handed, by Harold Lewis, secretary of the Brown-Burt logging company, in the act of cutting up some cedar logs last Friday, which he had taken from the river. Mr. Lewis acquainted the man with the crime he was committing, for which he would be held liable. The farmer pleaded with him, however, and was finally let off by paying \$10.00 for the two logs he had cut up already, providing he put the others back in the water. This he gladly did.

Miss Lillian Berg has accepted a position with the Merchants State Bank.

Warren Gibson, of the First National bank force, is taking a vacation this week.

Forest Cary was unable to take up his duties at the Folsom Music store on account of illness the first of the week.

Inger Johnson and Frank Gannon, who have been working with Phil S. Randall near Royalton, returned home Monday.

Miss Marie Larson of the St. Paul store clerk force is on a vacation, and went to Becker Monday for a visit with relatives.

Sunday's storm knocked out a large number of telephones, both on the West and East side, also affected the electric lights in the north end of town.

Rev. Geo. E. Platt is taking a month's vacation at Ward Springs. There will be no services in the Episcopal church, of which he is rector, during this month.

Misses Katherine Billstein and Lizzie Valentine of the Golden Rule store are on a vacation, and left Sunday with Mrs. John Valentine for a visit with friends and relatives in Cross Plains, Wis.

Dr. F. H. Thompson of St. Louis, who recently bought some land on Lake Alexander, on which he has erected a fine cottage, visited here Monday on business. He expresses himself as very well pleased with his summer resort.

A large number of girl friends were entertained Monday afternoon at a party given in honor of Miss Genevieve Seal by her host, Miss Lucile Butler, at her home, corner of Broadway and Sixth street northeast. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, at the close of which refreshments were served.

The East side juvenile team defeated the West side juvenile team by a score of 24 to 19 on the East side ball grounds Sunday afternoon. Mattie Newman and Wimmer composed the battery for the winning team, and Tholen and Fearing for the other team.

A very successful ice cream social was given Thursday evening of last week at the new park on First street northeast by the ladies of the Civic league. The attendance was large, and the league netted about \$40. The band gave some very good selections, which were very much appreciated.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members Re-appointed to Offices Held During Past Year

At a meeting of the board of education held Saturday morning, at the First National bank, at which all members, with the exception of T. C. Gorton, were present, the board organized with Dr. O. C. Trace as president; L. E. Richard, secretary, at a salary of \$75 per month; and John Wetzel, treasurer, on bonds in the sum of \$20,000. F. W. Lyons, T. C. Gordon and I. L. Warren were appointed a purchasing committee. The regular monthly meeting of the board will be held at 8 p. m. the first Thursday of each month at the high school. The present janitors at the different school buildings were re-hired by the month at the same salary as during the past school year. The city schools will be opened on Monday, September 7.

Bills allowed:
Scientific Am. Compiling department, cyclopaedia.....\$104.00
Geo. Johnson..... 20.80
J. J. Gross, teller at election... 1.50
L. D. Brown teller at election... 1.50
M. Denis, hardware..... 9.38
H. B. Tuttle, supplies..... .65
Chas. H. Brown, candles..... 1.15
John Hinder, cement walk..... 30.00
L. E. Water, Power company, light..... 1.00

FOUND LONG LOST LUMBER WAGON.

Lanesboro Leader: Mayor Ward was pleasantly surprised the other day when one of his constituents called around to thank the mayor for inducing him to clean up his premises, in common with everybody in Lanesboro. While cutting down the weeds he discovered a very good lumber wagon that had been lost for several years. We hear of two or three threshing machine outfits that have been found in the same manner, and one man found his barn.

Norris & Rowe's circus will be in Brainerd August 12th.

The residence lately vacated by the family of Chas. Moglein is now occupied by the family of Leo Smith.

Good positions are awaiting all competent bookkeepers and stenographers. You should attend Mankato Commercial College, the greatest school in the country. Send for catalogue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tanner, Mrs. L. D. Brown and Tom Medley, Miss Fannie Foster, and J. K. Martin came in from an outing at Ward Springs and Birch lake Monday.

Miss Gertrude Taylor resigned her position at the Transcript office the latter part of last week, and is succeeded by Miss Josie Plettl.

Dr. E. E. Hall and family have moved to the new residence on Seventh street northeast, which he recently purchased from Henry Goulet.

A number of the little friends of Margaret and Ella Shaw were invited to the Shaw home on Second street southeast, last Friday afternoon where they helped celebrate the first anniversary of Ella's birth. The little ones enjoyed themselves immensely.

N. Friessinger on Saturday bought fifteen acres of land located in the southern edge of the city of the city limits from the Maj. Morrill estate. He is thinking of dividing it in small tracts, and rent it out for gardening purposes.

An accident occurred to Nick Adams' cement-mixer last Friday, causing a day's delay in the work on the walks in front of the A. K. Hall block. The main cog wheel broke, but he went to Minneapolis and got another.

Mrs. O. Mannerel and Mrs. Ramsburg of Minneapolis, were the guests of honor at a picnic at Maple Island given last Friday evening, at which between twenty-five and thirty friends were in attendance. A tug-of-war between the fats and the leans was one of the amusements. A very good time was had by all.

D. K. Harting went to Pine River last Friday and returned Saturday with the remains of Alonzo Barnhart, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnhart, who died of diphtheria on February 29, while the family was on a visit there, and at which place the body had been buried. The remains were interred in Oakland cemetery Monday afternoon.

According to a paper of Malta, Montana Fred C. Tanner, a brother of E. S. Tanner, who has a ranch on Alkalai creek, was recently united in marriage at that place to Miss Agnes Baker of Cass Lake, Minn. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. The wedded couple have gone to housekeeping on Mr. Tanner's farm.

Southwest Darling

Aug. 4.—Haying and harvest are in full blast.

Our young men are going West to the harvest fields.

Miss Esther Hanson will leave this week for Goodue county for a visit with relatives.

Walter Johnson left today for the eastern states for a ten days' visit with relatives.

Emil Taberman writes from Otisville that he has not done much but travel. He wishes to be remembered to all the Darling girls.

John Thelander has lost his dog. The farmers here won't have any dogs pretty soon. Frank Rendahl lost a fine cow Sunday.

J. B. Webb, boom master for the Miss. & Rum River Boom company, came up from Minneapolis Tuesday on a business trip.

James Brown, the five Misses Brown, Ethel, Thelma, Gertrude, Mary and Myrtle, and Miss Winnie McDonald were passengers for Jenkins Tuesday, where they visited this week with friends and relatives.