

Horticulture

BEST WESTSIDE APPLES

C. C. McCallom, Chico, Kitsap Co., Wash., writes as follows: "Will you kindly let me know what variety of late apples you would recommend growing here for the Seattle market. My ranch is situated on the east shore of Wild Cat lake. Trees will be set on land sloping to the west and north west. Also do you think there would be any money in Logan berries? It is three miles from here to Chico and it takes about three hours by boat from there to Seattle."

My judgment is that the King, very commonly called King of Thompkins County, would be one apple to grow there. This apple does better on Puget Sound than it does in my orchards east of the Cascade range. The King is an apple of high quality, it is large, bears well and sells well. The Northern Spy is another apple that does well in the Sound country. It is slow in coming into bearing but once it attains its bearing age, it is a prolific bearer. It is high in quality and will pay. To wait something like ten years for this superb apple to come into bearing is very trying but once it reaches the bearing age it is a valuable asset. I would plant the Hubbardston, very commonly called Hubbardston's Nonsuch. It is one of the apples very well adapted to the Sound country. I would plant the Yellow Belle flower. I have seen as fine specimens of this variety raised on the Sound as ever I have seen anywhere. I would recommend the Gravenstein as a good and profitable apple for Kitsap county, or for any other part of the country west of the Cascades. The Gravenstein is classed as a fall apple and with us east of the mountains that is its season but on the west side it keeps well into the winter. It is as fine a cooking apple as can be found. I would certainly include it in my list if were situated

where Mr. McCallom is. I would recommend Mr. McCallom to inquire among his neighbors as to the apples that do best and sell best with them. That is always a good rule to follow in any locality.

The Logan berry will certainly do well in Kitsap county but how much danger there is of over supplying the market, is a matter upon which I am not able to speak with confidence.

By the way the whole question of profitable fruit growing in the Sound country will be pretty thoroughly threshed out in our next issue when I answer a very important letter just to hand from E. G. Francis, Shelton, Wash. I have no space to treat the matter as fully as it should be in this issue. There are some hard nuts to crack in Mr. Francis' letter and I trust that all fruit growers in this part of the state will read what I have to say.

Annual Meeting of the State Dairymen's Association.

Better and cheaper butter will be the paramount topic of the eighteenth annual convention of the Washington State Dairymen's Association, which convenes at Lynden, Whatcom county, December 21, 22 and 23.

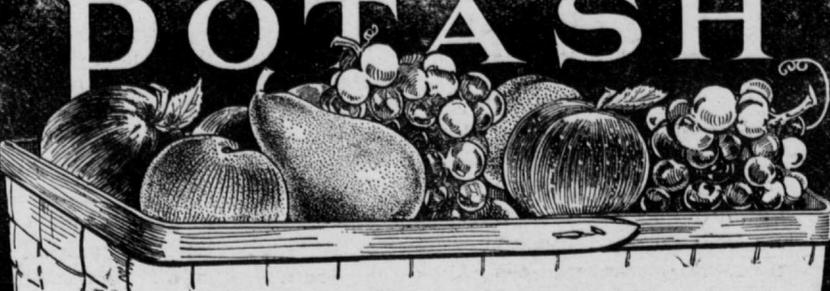
For the last three years the price of butter has been steadily advancing, until oleomargarine and other substitutes are coming into general use.

The solution, government experts say, is to raise the standard of dairy cattle so that each cow shall produce more butter.

GOVERNMENT EXPERT COMING

For the purpose of educating the dairymen of Washington into raising a better grade of dairy cattle, A. W. Langdon, president of the State Dairymen's Association made a personal trip to Washington to obtain the services of B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture. While in the state Mr. Rawl will devote considerable time to the organization of cow-testing associ-

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ations.

The associations, which have met with success in the Eastern states, consist of a number of neighboring farmers, who engage an inspector who makes weekly tests of their milk and recommends such changes in feeding and breeding as the result of the tests warrant.

The convention will also take up the framing of such necessary legislation as will protect the farmer and consumer from bovine tuberculosis.

Dr. F. E. Smith, chief meat inspector of Seattle, will kill four cows afflicted with tuberculosis, and will give a post mortem demonstration.

PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION

The programme follows:

December 21—President's address; "Should Our Boys and Girls Have a College Education?" Frank Field, Snohomish; "Dairying Doesn't Pay," E. E. Flood, Spokane; "Can Dairying Be Made to Pay?" A. W. Langdon; "How to Make Dairying Pay," B. C. Crabtree, Lynden; "City Milk Supply" with illustrations, Gus Henderson, chief milk inspector Seattle.

December 22—"Forage plants" Prof. W. H. Lawrence, Puyallup; "Hogs as an Adjunct to Dairying," Donald McInnis, Dungeness; "Bovine Tuberculosis," Dr. F. E. Smith, Seattle; "Agriculture in Elementary Grades," President E. A. Bryan, state college, Pullman; address, B. H. Rawls, Washington, D. C.; "The Relation of the Creamery and the Condensary," E. Hazelton, Monroe; "Lynden Cow Census," G. S. Henderson.

December 23—"The Dairy Cow," W. D. Foster, Pullman; "Feeding for Records" A. Stone Redmond.; "Cow Testing Association" Otto Tamm Enumclaw; "Breeding Up a Dairy Herd" D. C. Dillworth Spokane.; election of officers.

Valuable Book for Sportsmen.

We have just received a copy of "Game Laws and Guide Directory for 1910," a book of ready reference for sportsmen, issued by the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.

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