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FOREST HILL FRUIT FARM

THE RESULTS OF INTELLIGENT FRUIT FARMING.

Forest Hill Orchards Attracting Attention the Country Over—This Year's Crop.

What can be done in Nebraska by men of ability and intelligence, who go into business of commercial orcharding to make it win, is demonstrated by the proprietor of Forest Hill Fruit Farm in Richardson county. The Forest Hill Fruit Farm is located about fourteen miles northeast of Falls City and three and one-half miles from the Missouri river on what is known as the Missouri river bluffs. It is composed of 100 acres, seventy acres of which is in bearing apple trees of the following varieties: Wealthy, Jonathan, Grimes' Golden, Winesap, Ben Davis and Gano.

Mr. Henry C. Smith of Falls City bought this tract of land sixteen years ago for \$10 per acre for the purpose for which it is now used. Before engaging in the business of commercial orcharding, Mr. Smith visited fruit districts in a number of the adjoining states and talked with the leading fruit growers regarding soil, location, varieties, etc. He recognized this location as one of the best in the county, being central and near several of the county's best apple markets. The soil also seemed to be ideal as fruit and trees in general grew and did exceedingly well when given any chance at all.

The piece of ground selected by Mr. Smith was covered with timber, principally oak, and the ground was ideal for orchard planting, being rich in humus from the decaying leaves, twigs and roots, and in fine condition to catch and retain moisture. That his judgment in selecting this location was right has been proved by the bounteous crops harvested for the last three years, the tremendous crops maturing this season that already has the limbs of many of the trees bent almost to the breaking point, and the healthy and vigorous appearance of the trees.

When starting to develop this property Mr. Smith secured Mr. J. C. Wileman to move onto the place and take active charge of the work. It was rather discouraging for Mr. Wileman and his family for a few years as not many of the neighbors had faith in commercial fruit growing in Nebraska and instead of lending encouragement they were prone to criticize and laugh about the apple orchard on the hill. Mr. Wileman stuck, however, and is now a partner of Mr. Smith in one of the best paying propositions in Richardson county.

The timber was cut down and burned and the apple trees planted immediately. Planting was often done in the afternoon where heavy timber stood in the morning. The stumps were then gradually taken out as time permitted. Clean cultivation has been practiced in this orchard from the start, at first with cultivators and with a disk and harrow since the stumps have all been removed. At the time of the writer's visit to this orchard the space between the rows was perfectly clean and a fine soil mulch was being maintained to conserve the moisture.

Pruning and spraying, two essentials to successful orcharding, have been carefully looked after in this orchard. The trees have been carefully pruned from the start and thorough spraying with a large power sprayer has been practiced since the trees began to bear. From three to five applications are given each year, depending upon the amount of fungus and insects present. The fourth spraying this season was given the first week in August. At this time the fruit is almost perfectly free from fungus marks and a long search has to be made to find a single wormy apple.

Paying crops have been gathered from this orchard each of the past three seasons, and this year the crop is estimated at 20,000 bushels. The apples from this

one orchard when placed in barrels will fill forty freight cars that would make a train too heavy for one engine to pull out of the station at one time. Last season the fruit crop in southeast Nebraska was considered almost a failure, yet this orchard produced about fifteen carloads of fine fruit, which fact Mr. Smith attributes largely to the thoroughness of care which the orchard receives. Aside from this orchard Mr. Smith has two other orchards in Richardson county, one of thirty acres and one of fifty acres. These orchards are both younger than the Forest Hill orchard but are now bearing profitable crops. He estimates his peach crop in one of these orchards for this season at 1,000 bushels. The principal varieties of peaches grown are Champion, Salway, Hill's Chili, Elberta, and Russell.

The fruit from these orchards

BURLINGTON R. R.

The Burlington Recently Adds New Libraries to Library Car.

The Burlington railroad today is installing in its library cars, complete new libraries.

For some time past they have been making an exhaustive investigation of the question of libraries most suitable to the traveling public. About a year ago the road added books bearing titles selected by Dr. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, for his "five-foot shelf," and after having kept a careful record for several months of the extent these books were called for, it was determined the library was not particularly adapted to the desires of those who travel, as the books are made up of what is commonly known as "hard reading."

After an investigation extending

LIBRARY BOOKS.

Following Books Were Put in Circulation the Past Week.

- Adult.
- Essays—Shakespeare Character—Hazlitt.
 - Japan, An Interpretation—Hearn.
 - Extinct Animals—Lankester.
 - Law of Mental Medicine—Hudson.
 - Golden Thoughts—Fenelon.
 - Every Day Business For Women—Wilbur.
 - Poems—Rossetti.
 - Peter, Peter—Warner.
 - Somehow Good—DeMorgan.
 - Bishop of Cottontown—Moore.
 - Coeur d'Alene—Foote.
 - Dan Merrithew—Perry.
 - Phillippa at Halyon—Brown.
 - Peter Ibbetson—DeMauer.
- Juvenile.

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Christian Church Rally.

The services of the Christian Church will be conducted next Sunday, August 21, at the Park Auditorium. The thirty-fifth annual gathering of the Disciples of Christ in Falls City. The following program will be rendered:

- 9:45—Bible school. Let every member be present and help reach our aim of 200.
 - 11:00—Prayer by pastor. Subject, "Following Jesus."
 - 12:00—Communion service, led by the elders.
 - 12:30—Basket Dinner.
 - 3:00—Sermon, "Soldiers In Drill."
 - 4:00—Childrens' Hour.
 - 7:00—Y. P. S. C. E.
 - 8:00—Sermon, "The Great Commission."
- Fellowship will be delightful, bring us closer to Christ. Bring your family and well filled baskets and stay all day. Friends of the church are invited to attend these services.
- Next Sunday at City Park.

Y. M. C. A.

The first thing a young man naturally needs to do when he comes into a strange city is to find a place to eat and sleep, and then if he is not already employed, he begins to look about for a place to work. But if he is not used to the ways of a large city he may experience considerable difficulty in even finding a suitable place to live. The windows are full of signs of rooms to rent, and eating houses are numerous but as a self respecting man he is desirous of getting a decent place at rates which are not exorbitant. When he begins to look for employment the problem is even more difficult of solution.

What the young man needs is a friend; some one who will take a personal interest in him and has no desire to take advantage of him. The Young Men's Christian Association exists for just this purpose. For instance, it has a rooming list of several hundred rooms, all of which have been inspected by the secretaries. It is open to the use of young men, free of charge. One secretary gives his time assisting men in finding suitable employment, and while it is always unwise to come to the city without a position, can generally fit the job and the man together. But most important of all perhaps is the fact that the Association can help to take away that lonesome, homesick feeling, by helping the visitor to become acquainted with others who will make congenial friends.

The Omaha Young Men's Christian Association is located at 17th and Harney Street, on the Harney car line, which runs past the Union and Burlington stations. A cordial welcome always awaits the stranger and he soon comes to feel at home.

Tabernacle Meeting.

These meetings will begin on next Tuesday evening in the August Duechler grove, six miles east of Falls City.

Rev. Wolthausen of Holton, will have charge of these meetings. He will be assisted by Rev. M. C. Platzky, E. Boehringer, Geo. Schrenk and the pastors of the Falls City and Preston Evangelical churches.

Married.

Gottfried Burow and Miss Fay Porter of Table Rock were married at the Evangelical parsonage last Friday by Rev. J. R. Nanninga. The groom's mother and his brother and wife accompanied the couple to this city.

Samuel Arnold Dead.

Samuel Arnold who has resided in the north part of the city for fourteen years, was overcome by his afflictions and passed away Tuesday morning. Mr. Arnold has made a brave fight against the angel of death for several years but at last he gave up the unequal struggle and with Christian resignation welcomed the transition into the world beyond the sunset of life where all must go.

Mr. Arnold was one of the real pioneers of the eastern part of the county, having settled on a farm north of Rulo in 1864 which he opened up and cultivated and one year three months and his death. His farm cost \$500 at the time of the settlement but later on he was compelled to pay \$500 more to extinguish the half breed Indian title that some active young lawyer had unearthed.

Mr. Arnold was born in Ohio, April 21, 1839 and was seventy-two which was his age at the time of twenty-one days old. He was one of a family of eleven children of whom four brothers and one sister still survive.

About 1862 he was married to Miss Sarah Heater, and in 1864 he came to Nebraska with a colony, among whom were his father-in-law, Wm. Heater, and Samuel Houffnal.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, four of whom survives as follows: Elmer Arnold, who lives on the old homestead north of Rulo, Manhattan Arnold, operating a livery barn at Preston; Mrs. Ida Jones, wife of John R. Jones, living north of town and Miss Bessie Arnold of this city.

The funeral services were conducted from the German Evangelical church Thursday evening, and the services were conducted by Rev. Nanninga assisted by Rev. Bailey, and interment was made in Steele cemetery.

Primary News.

At the time of going to press the returns are still so scattering that it is not possible to give any really final figures.

It appears that both Burkett and Hayward have such a large majority that their nomination is more than assured. Aldrich is no doubt nominated as the republican candidate for governor and Shellenberger as the choice of the democrats. In the county only partial returns have been made up to this time and it would be more than useless to base any final conclusion upon them. It is rather remarkable that it is taking longer to get the complete count in the primary than in a regular election.

The New Primary Law.

No one presumes to argue that the new primary law is faultless. Nevertheless, it is a long step towards giving to the people proper representation. Its greatest defect lies in its lack of appreciation. People do not understand it. It is new, and many voters are not aware of its existence. The rank and file must be educated to an appreciation of the power it places in the hands of the people if rightly used. Only the uninformed and such as have political axes to grind are advocating its repeal. We sincerely trust that the intelligent voters of Nebraska will not permit themselves to be persuaded to vote for the repeal of this measure. Of course it is criticized and seriously objected to by political bosses, and for reasons on their part, since it is bound in time to break up the abominable practices of grafting politicians.

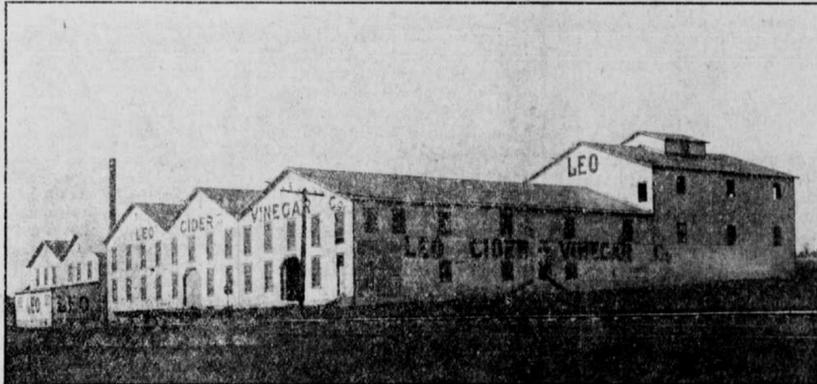
It Was A Fine Rain.

The rain which fell over Richardson county Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, is the heaviest fall of rain in this section for a long while. It will effectively bring out all the latent possibilities of the corn crop in this section. That the yield will far surpass expectations is beyond question. It will not be a bumper crop of course, nevertheless a fair yield is in sight.

Methodist Services.

Preaching services next Sunday at 10:30 and Sunday School at 11:30.

THE LEO CIDER AND VINEGAR FACTORY



In every section where commercial orcharding is carried on to any extent and where a considerable quantity of apples is grown there is always a great deal of fruit of inferior quality produced, and fit only for use in making cider and vinegar. The people of Falls City felt the need of a cider plant to work up the inferior fruit that would be a waste otherwise. In 1906 a company was organized under the name of "The Leo Cider and Vinegar Company." The first season this company used an old creamery building in which was a cider press and power to run it. The room and facilities were inadequate to handle the fruit brought in and the company began planning for a modern and up-to-date plant of ample proportions to take care of the business. As a result there is now in operation a plant covering about 38,000 square feet with switches laid to it from both the Burlington and Missouri Pacific railroads. Good machinery has been installed and this fall they expect to put in more presses as they have arranged shipping rates on apples in bulk for 100 miles around.

The business has been making a rapid growth. In 1906 6,000 barrels of cider were pressed, in 1908, 8,000 barrels and for 1910 the institution is prepared to handle 1,000,000 gallons of cider or about 300 carloads, and convert it into a first class article of cider vinegar. The plant expects to work up all apples from within a hauling distance of Falls City and ship in as many carloads as the surrounding territory will furnish. The plant has an abundance of power and the two large presses now installed have a capacity of 3,000 bushels of apples per day of ten hours. The apples are elevated by machinery from the pits in which the farmers dump them and from the cars shipped in to the grinders, thereby eliminating much hand labor.

The storage capacity of the tank is 500,000 gallons or about 145 carloads. During the busy season from twelve to twenty men are employed and a part of the help is retained the year through as the process of vinegar making is a continuous one. The fires never go out and the engines never stop after the generating process of fermentation is once started and when the storage tanks are full there will be enough material on hand to keep the plant busy the year around.

The margin of profit in this business is small, but by careful and efficient management, when the crop is sufficient to furnish fruit to keep the plant busy continually during the season, a fair profit is insured for the company, and for the farmer and fruit grower there is a snug profit from a product that would be a dead loss to them if not worked up in this way.—C. G. Marshall, Editor of The Nebraska Farmer.

is marketed in Indianapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, Council Bluffs, St. Joseph, and Kansas City. Buyers from all these points are usually on the ground and contract for the fruit before it is packed. There are also local dealers that buy and ship apples at almost every town in this section of the state. Buyers are partial to the sprayed fruit and usually pay a much better price for fruit from sprayed orchards than from unsprayed orchards.

Many other well managed and profitable orchards are located in this part of the state. In Richardson, Nemaha and Johnson counties practically all of the well located orchards that have had good care are producing good crops this season. Among these orchards good reports have been received from the following: The Barnard orchard at Table Rock, Weaver orchard at Falls City, Christy orchard at Nemaha, the Williams orchard at Tecumseh, Hesseltine orchard at Peru and the Swan orchard at Auburn.

Notice.

Mail to be dispatched on the night trains must be in the post-office by eight o'clock p. m. 34-3 t. G. J. CROOK, P. M.

over several months, during which we secured the opinions of literary critics, newspaper men, and a large number of people who travel extensively, it was decided to adopt a library composed mostly of up-to-date short stories of foremost American, English and foreign authors. Each of the thirty short story volumes contain stories by at least five prominent authors. To this selection is added standard works of fiction and some solid reading, including twelve volumes of Shakespeare and the Bible.

The books comprising the so-called "five-foot-shelf" will be removed and donated to a few public libraries along the line, where they will no doubt be found very useful.

Roosevelt's Letters.

With this week's issue The Tribune will begin a series of interesting and highly popular letters from Theodore Roosevelt. These letters are expected to continue indefinitely and will be one of the strong features of The Tribune. The fact that the president is just now making a tour of the west will add interest to the letters. You will not want to miss any of them.

- Book of Nature Myths—Holdbrook.
- Old Colony Days—Wade.
- Stories From Famous Ballads—Greenwood.
- Aunt May's Bird Book—Poynitz.
- European Hero Stories—Rappan.
- Six Girls and Bod—Taggart.
- School Team in Camp—Earl.
- Felicia's Friends—Gould.
- Children on the Top Floor—Rhoades.
- Randy's Summer—Brooks.
- We Win—Hamblen.
- Stories Children Love—Welsh.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned is the only merchant in Falls City entitled to use the name of Seff. My brother, A. W. Seff and myself have built up the business known as the Seff store by eighteen years of hard, and honest endeavor to treat our customers fairly. We have no interest in the business known as the Home Shoe Store. And Kohn & Lansky, who run that store have no interest of any kind in the Seff store. M. SEFF.