

THE ONION CROP IS A GOLD MINE

The Onion Farmer is a Rich Man, and Goes in for Fast Horses and Motorboats.

By Picking the Right Soil You Can Grow Onions as Luscious as Apples-- A Money Winner.



A MUCK SOIL ONION FARM IN THE NORTHERN BELT, NEAR PAINESVILLE, O.

Painesville, O., Aug. 31.—As soon as a stranger gets off the train here he detects a peculiar odor. Should he travel a few miles north, where Lake Erie breezes are unrestrained, the odor increases and becomes familiar. "Onions!"

On the narrow strip of land between the railroad and the lake beach there are more onions growing than in any other part of the country, and this week the onion harvest, one of the most peculiar of farm operations, is on with a splash.

This year's crop. Government reports show that this summer's crop will be about 4,500,000 bushels, and its value will be not much less than \$3,150,000. It is an average crop.

Onions require a "mucky" soil, or a sandy loam, and the "onion belt" is at its best from Dorado, O., east to Erie, Pa., the strip of lake bordering onion lands varying in width from 5 to 20 miles.

The onion raiser is lulled to sleep by the knowledge of large profits ahead and the familiar odor of his stock in trade.

"I never knew a man who raised onions to be unhealthy," said Wallace L. Baker, the world's biggest onion shipper here.

350 Acres Out. Mr. Baker this season is shipping several cars a day to big hotels and groceries in New York. He has 350 acres out, and they will bring him in at least \$60,000.

"Some people pretend they don't like onions, but you'll find that nine out of ten will eat an onion if they know nobody will smell it," he added.

"Nowadays, by picking the right soil, we can raise white onions that are as luscious as apples. No hot taste at all."

"There's a field of 'em," and he pointed out an expanse of waving onions that would yield, he said, about 400 bushels to the acre.

After the white onions are harvested, the red, or Wethersfield variety, are sent to market. Wagon after wagon comes into Painesville, Orrville, Unionville, Perry and Madison, where the crop is delivered to warehouses.

How They Are Cured. These buildings are to the onion crop what the grain elevator is to the wheat crop. Long rows of poultry netting run horizontally along the building. The onions are laid out on this wire where they retain their shape and are "cured." A blind man can locate one of these warehouses from a three-mile radius.

The onion farmer raises one crop a year and has no cares. His soil is the foundation of his wealth, because onions are successfully raised only on the soils peculiarly adapted for them.

The department of agriculture figures that the "commercial" onion-growing belt" starts in Massachusetts, extends through New York and Ohio into Illinois and Indiana, ending in Wisconsin and including a portion of Michigan.

Fine Residences. Homes of onion farmers in the northern belt look more like suburban residences of well-to-do city men. The onion grower is a peculiar sort of farmer—as peculiar as his crop is.

He has nothing much to do in the winter, so the northern Ohio growers are "going in" for fast horses. Every

home is flanked by a big barn—not for onions—and the streets of small towns are filled with handsome vehicles drawn by thoroughbred stock. When there is racing in the vicinity, towns in the "onion belt" are deserted.

Painesville people are proud of their onion supremacy. One of the most imposing homes in the city has a beautiful flower-bordered approach to the entrance. Geraniums of brilliant scarlet mark the path, and on either side of them are rows of seed onions, placed there both for utility and ornament. The seed will provide the crop of green onions in the spring; in fact, the onion-seed grower is quite as active as the onion raiser hereabouts.

A Winning Fight. With the western farmers it has been a continuous, though winning fight to get money out of the soil.

The onion grower has no such fight. He gets more money out of one acre than a wheat farmer gets out of ten, and has no winter worries.

That is why the region around here is prosperous and contented. The onion men got tired of saloons. They kicked the saloons out. They wanted parks, so they built them. Natural scenery and beautiful rivers abound in the "onion belt," so the onion farmers bought high-powered motorboats to ride in after the day's chores.

ONIONS A "GOLD MINE" BESIDE OTHER CROPS.

Table with 3 columns: Crop, Yield, Value. Rows include Corn, Wheat, Oats, Hay, and Onions.

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The Texas Crop. Laredo, Tex., Aug. 31.—The Toga onion has come into the limelight as the biggest rival of the Bermuda. It is raised on irrigated land along the Rio Grande near here.

Mexican ranchos raise them in the onion belt. The first Toga onion was raised eight years ago. Texans around here eat onions three times a day.

They have stuffed onions as a special dish, fried onions on toast for breakfast and baked onions at noon. The highest price of Toga onions this year was \$1.45 a bushel, considerably higher than the prevailing figure for northern onions.

ON WITH THE PLAY



Fritzi Scheff, the Austrian Beauty, Who Has Quit Grand Opera for the Musical Comedy.

Ladies' Tennis Tournament Today. A ladies' all-day tournament will be held at the St. John Tennis Club this morning, at 10.30 o'clock. The prizes for the tournament, which has been arranged by Miss Lydia Kimball and Miss Eva MacLaren, have been offered by Mrs. Harold E. Robinson and Miss F. M. White.

Typoid Fever Cases. The Board of Health has received reports of twenty cases of typhoid fever within the last fortnight and it is believed there are other cases which have not been brought to the attention of the authorities.

Urged by Vancouver retailers, it is understood the attorney general will shortly take proceedings against the wholesalers of British Columbia, under the law prohibiting conspiracies for the restraint of trade.

EDUCATIONAL. Rothesay Collegiate School, Rothesay, N. B. Michaelmas Term begins TUESDAY, September 14th.

MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE, SACKVILLE, N. B. 56th year commencing September 9. Massey-Treble School of Household Science.

University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B. Next Academic Year Begins September 30th. Fourteen County Scholarships of \$60 each.

ARMED AERIAL CROISERS THE NEW WARSHIP. When the Battleship of the Air is a Reality the Race for Marine Supremacy Will End Say Critics.

GERMANY ACTIVE PERFECTING PLANS. Berlin, Aug. 31.—The day on which Germany discovers an efficient type of aerial cruiser the naval rivalry between herself and England will cease.

Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S. The Next College Year Will Begin October 8th, 1909. The institution offers a course of four years, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Arts.

HALIFAX LADIES' COLLEGE AND Conservatory of Music. Residential School for Girls and Young Women. Complete Academic Course leading to matriculation in Dalhousie and McGill.

Horton Collegiate Academy. Affiliated with Acadia University—A Residential School Re-opens Sept. 1, 1909. Increased accommodations. Enlarged Class Rooms.

THE WHEAT CROP. New Orleans, La., Aug. 31.—Following the close on cotton futures market this afternoon Secretary Hester's annual crop statement was made public on the floor of the cotton exchange.

AUCTION SALES. Household Furniture. Carpets, Linoleum, Range, etc. BY AUCTION. I am instructed to sell at residence, 21 Stanie street, on FRIDAY, September 3rd, next, at 10 o'clock, a lot of household furniture.

TLC T. L. Coughlan AUCTIONEER. 70 Prince St. ST. JOHN, N. B. Clifton House Building. FOR SALE. One large oak refrigerator, built by Quinn of Montreal.

WANTED. A COOK. ALSO A MAN to act as guard. Good position for suitable persons. Married couple or single persons. Satisfactory wages. Apply to FRED MACDONALD, 2401 "Boys" Industrial Home, Croucheville.

LOST. A roll of money between King Street near German and South West. Liberal reward if returned to The Standard Office.

Professional. Dr. A. PIERCE CROCKET. Late Clinic Assistant, Royal Hospital, London, England. Practitioner of EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT. 50 King Square, St. John, N. B. Phone Main 1164.

HAZEN & RAYMOND, BARRISTERS-AT-LAW. 108 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B. H. H. PICKETT, B. C. L. Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, Etc.

Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S. The institution offers a course of four years, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Arts. The New Carnegie Science Building beautiful and finely equipped.

COAL. Now landing a sizes Scotch Anthracite Coal, Scotch Ill, Minudie, also Sydney Soft Coals. Prompt delivery. Tel. 42. JAMES S. MCGIVERN, Agent, 5 Mill St.

Bacon Breakfast Long Roll. Jellied Tongue. Cooked Hams. JOHN HOPKINS, 186 Union St. Phone 133. PANAMA HAS QUAKE. Panama, Aug. 30.—The Isthmian of Panama experienced an earthquake this morning, extending over a large extent of territory.

WOMAN WINS MUCH GOLD AS ALASKA MINER. Mrs. Laura Hill, One of the First Prospectors in the Icebound Territory--Wrecked and Nearly Starved.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—A frail, soft-spoken little woman, seemingly not strong enough even to face the hardships of a city yet whose indomitable spirit has carried her through dangers in Alaska that would make the strongest man hesitate, and who has faced them alone, too, is Mrs. Laura Hill, owner of the famous Legal Tender claim in the Yukon and one of the pioneer miners of the northern territory, who is now in Seattle.

Probably every old time mining man in the Yukon knows or has heard of Mrs. Hill, heard of her struggles, her successes and her failures, and has been willing and anxious to render her any assistance possible, although she has never asked it.

Better Adapted. "Some women have proved themselves better adapted in many ways for life in Alaska than men," said Mrs. Hill. "Many women have accumulated honest fortunes and the world has applauded them for it. Others, who went in with the first great rush for gold, suffered many inconveniences and hardships, but brought out fortunes that the world has never heard of, for these women are not hoasters."

"I will always be proud of the fact that I travelled over the Chilcotin pass and floated down the Yukon River long before the men were even thought of. I was prospecting from Dyea to Nome and, until 1903, won and lost several fortunes in placer mining. Since 1903, however, I have turned my attention to quartz mining."

Many Adventures. "Adventures? Yes, I guess I have had lots of adventures and narrow escapes. Anybody who has prospecting for years over mountains and glaciers, in canyons and by rivers in Alaska must meet with some adventures. For instance, my boat was wrecked on the Yukon once and we lost all our food but some flour and were obliged to live almost a week on bread made of flour and water and baked on a rock. Once I was chased out of my tent by a crazy man and had to run a quarter of a mile barefooted through snow and over the ice to the nearest cabin. I broke through the ice once on that trip and was taken from the water more dead than alive."

Travelled Many Miles. "I have travelled for miles and miles through deep forests, surrounded by bears and wolves, sleeping at night in the open air without tents or blankets, and not a soul within

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