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TOMATO GROWING.

A Well-Known Farmer Writes an Interesting Letter on the Subject.

As the time draws near for contracting with the canneries, the question uppermost in the thoughts of all interested, relates to the contracted price, per ton, to be paid for tomatoes. In view of the changed conditions, we persume, it will be conceded, the price should be largely in excess of that paid last season. The same class of goods that were quoted in June at 67½ per dozen are now selling at $1.20 per dozen, with a strong upward tendency. This is an advance of nearly 100 per cent. in 6 months. There is, moreover, but a light stock of last season's pack, either in the hands of the packers or the wholesale grocers and, nothwithstanding the high prices that have prevailed, there seems to have been no decrease in the consumption of this popular table vegetable. There can be no reason then, to assume, that the present satisfactory quotations will not be more than sustained during the coming season.

The growers, in this county last year, who were under contract with the packers, sold their crops for prices ranging from $5.00 to $6.00 per ton, while those not under contract received in the open market, from $15 to $30 00 per ton. The enormous profits suggested by these figures, and which were realized by the packer, at the expense of the grower, need no further comment. Notwithstanding this great disparity in the division of profits, and the consequent pecuniary loss involved, it should be remembered, to the credit of the growers of this county, that, with rare exceptions they stood by their contract, whether verbal or written, and have thus shown themselves entitled to fair treatment at the hands of the packer.

As a matter of fact, it is wholly impossible to grow tomatoes at a profit for $6.00 per ton. It is a crop that requires the best soil, the highest state of fertility, close and skillful attention, heavy and expensive work in gathering and hauling and, even under favorable circumstances, is the most uncertain of all the crops grown by farmers. A heavy yield one year is almost invariably followed by light and unsatisfactory crops for several years thereafter. The real profit in this business, cannot be found by assuming, as a basis, the highest number of tons, per acre that can be grown under exceptionally favorable conditions, but the average crop, for a given number of seasons, that is actually produced.

On this basis, the most experienced growers will agree, that such an average crop will not exceed three and a-half, or possibly four tons to the acre, the net profits on which would be far below that which could be realized from corn, at present quotations. Whatever the price finally determined upon, it should be the result of the joint action of the grower and packer and should not be left to the arbitrary will of the latter. The power of fixing the price rests with the grower and he is now especially in a position, where he can decline to contract, at any price, and yet grow tomatoes with a fair prospect of selling in the open market, or turn his attention to other vegetable crops, that pay equally as well. He should not, however, use this power abitrarily, in exacting unreasonable terms.

The canning house is a useful institution and deserves public encouragement and support. It gives employment to labor and affords the farmer a nearby and certain market for his perishable products, when the prices do not justify shipment to the cities. In order to determine upon a price, that shall fairly divide the profits between the two, the growers, in this county, should organize and co-operate, as they do elsewhere, and, by an interchange of views and experience, reach a conclusion as will be acceptable to both. The action of the farmers of Bridgeton, N. J., recently reported in the local columns of your excellent journal, is worthy of the serious consideration of our local growers. After mature deliberation, they concluded, that this crop can not be profitably grown for less than $8.00 per ton.

In view of the large profits reaped by the packers the past season, the high prices at which tomatoes are now selling and the almost certain prospect of a still further advance, arising from their scarcity, we believe, that the amount asked cannot be regarded as ureasonable. Even at this rate a bushel would cost the packer only 21¼ cents, certainly not an exorbitant price for this palatable and health-giving vegetable. COR.

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For Boston, without change, 10.50 a.m. week days and 8.05 p. m. daily.

For Sea Girt, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Long Branch, 8 20, 11.02 a. m., 3.30 & 4.00 p. m, week-days.

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New Wagons.—Mr. David Kendall, carrier of rural free delivery route No. 1, from Chestertown has provided himself with a new mail wagon built especially for the purpose. It is entirely closed with sliding glass doors, pigeon hole departments for assorting mail and every convenience for the carrier's comfort and to facilitate the handling of mail Mr. Kendall bought the wagon in South Bend, Ind.

Fox Hunting—The past week has been enjoyed by Kent's fox hunters. Last Tuesday a fox ran into a trunk at Willow Botton, was smoked out by W. D. Carter and made a fine run. Messrs. J. B Hossinger, Harry Nichols and the Hepbron boys lead the van.

Kent county hunters have some fine hounds but never did they have such a funeral as here quoted from West Chester. The dispatch says: "A solemn dog funeral took place today on the Charles Mather Brandywine Meadow Stock Farm, near Lenape, the deceased canine being Gallopin, an old foxhound of the purest type and a sort of Nestor of the English kennels at that place.

The casket was of handsome walnut, artistically made, with silver trimmings and satin lined. The body lay in state all the morning in a room of the farm house, where scores of Gallopin's human friends and fellow-members of the kennels viewed the remains with as much decorum and respect as if he had been a prince.

The funeral car, draped in black, was drawn by four horses, each led by an attendant, while close following came Gallopin's bereaved master, mounted upon his favorite hunting horse. Next in order were six blooded horses, each led by an attendant in full livery. The coat-of-arms of the chase was carried by "Chef" Hughes, and following came Huntsman Kilbride and 60 of the "near relatives and friends" of the deceased, all looking as sad and solemn as it was possible for dogs to look.

The cortege slowly moved to near Lenape, where the waiting grave yawned to receive the remains of the dog patriarch, and as the casket was lowered the huntsman chanted a dirge and the dogs chorused a requiem peculiar to English hounds only.

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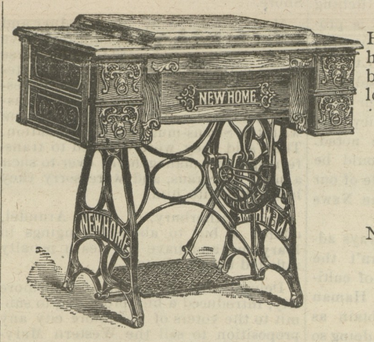

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