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Feb. 24, 05.

Mr. F. G. McLench,
Fairgrounds, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., permit me to say that it is a very difficult matter for any one to advise another person what he should do, either with his land or with his buildings as very much of his success depends upon both, but I certainly would not advise you to put 200 acres into walnuts, or indeed any other one crop, but I would first experiment along the line, and see whether the soil is adapted for it. I would, therefore, suggest that you plant a few acres to Spitzenberg apples and also a few acres to walnuts, the trees for which you can obtain from Mr. J. B. Pilkington, of this city.

I will request Mr. Geo. Lamberson to mail to you some of our reports containing walnuts lectures, which I would advise you to read and study first before entering into it, and if there is then any further information you may desire, I shall be pleased to furnish it to you.

Yours very truly,

Director of Exhibits.