



Fairgrounds Oregon

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Dear Sir

I am somewhat interested
the stories of the great profits to be
made & the future income in the
culture of English Walnuts in
the Willamette Valley. I am
the owner of some 200 acres
of Land thought to be well
suited to the growing of the
Tree. good loose deep well
drained land and not liable
to frosts or heavy winds would
be most excellent for Apples

Pears or Cherries = This land is
now worth say \$50 per acre,
as it is well located to market
by rail & River, mail & school

If set to good well selected
varieties of Walnuts and
properly cared for - for ~~six~~
years what in your
estimation would the 200
acres be worth per acre
as a good money investment.

Or as you are old in experience
what would you advise me
to do with the land to make
it the most profitable as
an investment

The land is 9 miles north
of Salem on West side of the
River and never will be
valuable for (town lots) it is
fine hay & grain & Cloverland
but if there is $\frac{1}{4}$ as much in
Walnuts as some of these
enthusiasts from a well nut growing
country claim it will pay better
than Hay. I am writing to you
for information and advice I
am a Hay & stock farmer but
know how to raise trees. A
Native born Oregonian and have
read your reports as fruit

Commissioner for years - with
much interest and I can
think of no one whose
knowledge & advice will
be better for me to follow
to make the most possible
profit off of & out of 200 acres
with the least outlay of
Cash than yours
awaiting your reply

I am Yours

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