

INDUSTRIAL SCENES IN THE NORTHWEST.



Varied and valuable are the resources of the great empire comprehended under the sweeping title of the "Pacific northwest," embracing the four large states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and most rapid is the work of their development. The products of the soil, the water, the forest, the mine are being poured into the lap of commerce in an ever-increasing stream, which already repre-



1. A PRUNE TREE IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON. 2. SHIPPING WILD MORSES AT SPRAGUE, WASHINGTON. 3. A SHEEP-SHEARING CAMP.

sents a total value far into the hundreds of millions, and will, in a few years, be many times greater. Millions of dollars are being annually invested in the development of the unparalleled resources of this region, and the progress being made surpasses that ever before witnessed in the history of the union. There is space here for simply a brief review of the leading industries that have furnished subjects for the accompanying engravings.

Fruit is destined to become one of the most profitable sources of wealth, especially in Oregon and Washington. Although the range of fruit products is great, especially in the region lying west of the Cascade mountains, and in certain localities east of them, embracing all those of the temperate zone and such semi-tropical fruits as peaches, apricots, nectarines, figs, tender grapes, etc., the climate and soil are especially adapted to the production of cherries, apples, pears, plums and prunes. In early days Oregon was known as "the land of big red apples," and the title should still belong to her and

her sister states, where the apple reaches a size, flavor, color and quantity of yield unsurpassed. The cherries of the Pacific northwest have no equal anywhere, not even in far-famed California, which state is receiving credit in eastern markets for having produced thousands of tons of fruits that are the product of Oregon and Washington orchards. Pears and plums, too, call for the unqualified admiration of all who see them. It is in the prune, how-