

Hits For Breakfast

Man at Turner
Real or supposition—
Is reputed to have said he raised sugar beets in Wisconsin 25 years ago, and could not grow them at a profit.
And that may be true. When Napoleon Bonaparte offered a million francs in 1816 for a process for extracting sugar from beets, the beet that could be grown was beets with 6 per cent sugar content. They run to 25 per cent now. Have here in the Willamette valley. They should average above 17 per cent here now.
There has been a constant development of beets with an increasing sucrose (sugar) content, and this has been going on faster in the past few years than it did before, owing to the experimental work of the big sugar companies and the government experiment stations. There is a process in the experimental work being carried on in any farm industry in the United States.
Besides this, there is greater and more profitable use constantly in the by-products. In the use of the tops, which may now be dried or used in filling silos. In the use of the pulp, which is now dried—by a German process only about five years old. In the making of power alcohol. In the making of a high class fertilizer with the mixture of beet molasses and other ingredients. Also, the molasses is now worked over to get a higher sugar content than would be saved under old processes. The fact is, the sugar industry is progressive, and a lot of new things have been discovered in 25 years. In five years. In one.

And beet sugar growing was formerly all hand work. Now it may be all machine work, with the exception of the thinning of the young beets.
But why say more? The more than 250,000 sugar beet growers in the United States, increasing in number and average acreage annually, and the fact that sugar beet growing is the most profitable any major crop in this country, answer enough to the Turner man, actual or imaginary.

MONEY FOR FARMERS GROWING SUGAR BEETS
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laborers much harder to secure. Compare the other conditions.
It should be explained that practically every one of the more than 250,000 farmers in the United States growing sugar beets is getting the same returns. That is, the 50-50 contract is general in this country, excepting in the cases of a cooperative concern or two in Idaho.
And in Michigan
And if Mr. Fillet will step over the state line from Wisconsin to Michigan, he will find 16 sugar factories in the latter state. The conditions there are told in No. 3 of the series of 20 editorials printed in July and August in The Statesman, and they are worth re-reading now. The following from the issue of August 3 is the editorial mentioned:
THE SUGAR INDUSTRY SERIES
Article 3: Indirect Benefits
Great as will be the direct benefits to the farmer and the surrounding country of sugar factories in this state, the indirect benefits will be still greater.
For they will be many and far reaching.

F. L. Crawford, secretary of the Michigan Sugar company, owning eight of the 16 beet sugar factories in that state, speaking before the Michigan Wholesale Grocers association at Detroit on July 15, gave out some startling information on this point, excerpts from his address showing the following:
Last year the 16 Michigan sugar plants, carrying an investment of \$25,500,000, showed a slicing (consumption) capacity of 17,000 tons of beets daily and an average normal daily capacity pack of refined sugar of 4,225,000 pounds. For the beets sliced the factories paid the Michigan farmers \$19,250,000; and in addition to this cash for their beets, the farmers took from their fields a crop of feed in sugar beet tops of a value of \$1,250,000, and they accrued to the farmers invisible benefits covered by increased yield of other crops following beets over those from land where beets had not been grown of a conservative value of \$2,000,000, giving in all a value for this one crop alone of \$13,500,000.
In addition to these direct benefits to the beet growers, the Michigan beet sugar industry maintained without expense to the farmers an agricultural staff of 225 men who constantly circulated through the farm communities and taught scientific agricultural methods and assisted the farmers in solving their agronomic problems of every kind. Furthermore, the beet sugar companies went into the labor markets of the country at their own expense and brought to the farming communities of Michigan more than 10,000 agricultural laborers to assist in

growing and harvesting the beet, corn, hay, bean, potato, wheat and other crops produced in that state. This service is of untold value to Michigan farmers for it is a fact that since the war and the passing of the present immigration laws the farmer has been forced to bid against profitable and highly organized industry and the task of securing agricultural workers for the production of foods in the rural districts is today, and from now on, will become increasingly one of the most serious and vital problems facing our nation.
The farmers of Michigan, as most of those in other states, who grow sugar beets are partners in the beet sugar industry, sharing in the profits to the highest price sugar may go, but are not forced to participate in the losses. The price of other crops is susceptible to more or less violent fluctuations. Within 30 days after the farmer starts delivering his beets he receives a cash payment for all beets delivered during the month and this payment is repeated at the end of each month during the harvesting period. The price does not slump. Furthermore, the sugar companies will, when necessary, advance to the farmer his seed, fertilizer, agricultural implements and cash for the labor necessary for the production of the beet crop, and in many instances have

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helped the grower purchase the farm.
In addition to the benefits mentioned and which go directly to the farmer, the Michigan sugar manufacturers purchase from the railroads annually from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of transportation service, pay wages of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, administer costs and taxes of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and purchase from dealers \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 worth of operating supplies incident to the manufacture of sugar.
The sugar industry is one that calls for a raw material carrying a price giving a profit to the farmer, and which enables him to diversify his crops and scientifically rotate them in such a manner as will give a maximum yield per acre of crops that follow and at the same time rebuild and maintain the productiveness of his soil.
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