For the Willamette Farmer. Flax Culture.

and that the oldest nations of antiquity, were well acquainted with its adaptabillty and with the modus operandi of manufacturing it into articles of clothing and other purposes; that in modern times its fabrication arrived at great perfection in Holland, and in 1258 it 1634 its manufacture was introduced in-

ment was given to agriculture, trade, or commerce, only such as would fall into the lap of the mother country and individuals to make it a point to investigate thereby contribute to her own aggran- the merits of Wayland's or Greeley's Politidizement, hence their manufactures cal Economy, and thus, while brushing up were confined largely to the production their college learning, learn to apply the of "home spun." The spinning wheel great traths of exchange and barter to their and the huge timber loom were a part of nearly every household farniture, and their noise was rarely silenced. of their own fancied wants and the subjects City of Salem and Ohio, One historian speaking of those early of a merch n's piessure. I speak not from times says: "Courtships were of long- hearsay, but from my own knowledge when er duration then, than now-a-days and two years was as soon as the betrothed deeply in debt for store goods that they canfarmer's daughter could get ready to not get themselves trusted for a pair of boots go to housekeeping. As a preliminary or pound of candles in any store in the coun step the flax had to be sown and weeded, and pulled, and rotted, and broken,

than this-the Governor and company of extravagance, or maybe the effect of of Massachusetts Bay in New England, whiskey and cards, for it is not so. ordered flax seed for cultivation. Flax | Extravagance and drunkenness have their was raised in Virginia prior to 1648, as own reward, but of them I am not writing. DUTCH FLAXSEED we read of it being woven and spun Sober plain-going citizens whose families are there, and bounties were offered for the cultivation of flax in 1657. Indeed thoughtless and improvident in this thing of flax was at this time pretty generally well as the reckless. They work hard year raised in small quantities and was man- in, and year our, but it never seems to count. ufactured at home and formed a most How can it when it all goes to pay for groimportant article in the domestic econ- ceries long ago eaten up and for calico that is omy of the days of home spun. In 1745 worn out. No wonder they never have that some Irish emigrants arrived in Massa. nice lutle sum laid by for a rainy day, or chusetts and established an improved that \$100 left over to replace the horse that system of manufacturing linen and died last spring. No wonder the merchant factories were established in Salem, Mass dread the fire," and does he want a customer Mass, for making sail-cloth as early as who can never pay what he already owes? 1790. It was cultivated largely for seed as No: he, and they are obliged to try for trust the colonies were permitted to export elsewhere. In all this mismaneged world, the raw material and receive in ex- no mismanagement is worse than these mischange manufactured goods. The am- managed store debts. No other mismanageount exported from the American colon- ment is so easily remedied. The farmers ies in 1770 was 312,612 bushels. In 1791 motto should be "I pay as I go," and it will the United States exported 292,460 bushels of flax seed, and in 1800 the export was 289,684 bushels. The culture paid bill to be settled in the future, makes the of these crops grew up more rapidly at possession a double pleasure. Debt of any the west, and extensive factories were kind is a troublesome burden, and if the established for the manufacture of cord- furmers, and indeed every one else would age, bagging ac., in Louisville, Lex- resolutely turn their faces from that which ington, Frankfort, and other places in they desire but cannot pay for just now, they

to 4,720,145 pounds and flax seed was stationary at 536, 867bushels. The great obstacle to flax culture was the want of some simple and effective machinery for scutching and breaking it. Early in the war the demand for flax tow, and for linseed oil and cakes, and the invention of flaxbrakes led to an increase of this crop and for two or three years the production of flax and flax tow was over 10,000,000 pounds and of flax seed was greatly increased. While flax seed remains at about that point, the foreign importation of fute in such large quantities has had a tendency to cause flax to fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present. New York produces nearly one-third of the flax fall off at present obstacle to fall off at present obstacle was the want of for growing wild rose brush. So it is without for revolits, is poor and unproductive, fit only for valids, is poor and unpr produces nearly one-third of the flax of grown in the country. Ohio, Ken Zohi hundred and early sheep belonging tucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, North to the gate of Dourt McMahon of Jackson Carolina, and Tennassee are the other conary, were sold last week at \$2 per head.

principal States. Our young and growing State promises to rival her sisters, In my last I endeavored to show that the culture of flax was of very ancient origin, antedating the founding of Thebes, Troy, Athens, and Rome, and that the oldest nations of antiquity,

Samples sent to Troy, N. Y., and to other places East, elicit from them the fact, that the lint raised here, is worth from 20 to 25 per ceut. more than that raised East, and while they can buy all want three for 15 and 16 cents per pound,

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flax was introduced from the mother for no other reason than that they sllowed country shortly after the first settle- the store account to exceed their income. A ment of the colonies and by them used running account at the store grows so rapidas an article of clothing as much perhaps from necessity as for profit They readily that when the crop is sold or the bogs labored under great disability in this killed the farmer sees with dismay that the regard, as the Imperial Parliament, by proceeds will fell to cancel the years store edict, had interdicted the colonies from | bill. What poor economists men and women engaging in any and all manufacture sometimes are. Any one half wited ought whatsoever for export. No encourage- to see at a glance that an outgo greater than the income must end in financial ruin and that the race is soon run.

Is would be well for these short sighted own slack way of doing business. It is a shame that so many of the farming commuulty permit themselves to become the dupes I say there are those who have become so ury. From repeated inability to meet their promise to pay at a certain time, the mered, and pulled, and rotted, and broken, and swingled, for all of which processes nearly a year was required before the fiber was ready for spinning and bleaching on the grass, and making, and wearing."

Flax was taken to Holland from the Dutch settlement, New York, as early as 1626. In 1628,—some think earlier than this—the Governor and company

soon turn the tables in his behalf, while the knowledge that what he has bought is his own, and that there is no specter of an unthey desire but cannot pay for just now, they would be infinitely fisplifer and better contented. There would be fewer growlers and more light hearted men if cash or produce were paid down for everything purchased. In 1850 were raised 7,709,676 pounds of flax and 562,312 bushels of flax seed. In 1860 while hemp had more than doubled, flax had fallen off to 4,720,145 pounds and flax seed was

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egon flax, while the seed generally is double in quantum and better in quality.

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