

gon is Professor A. B. Leckenby, superintendent of the Oregon Experimental farm at Union

nature, and is more conversant with her various moods and meanings, probably, than any other man on the National Irrigation Association, to be but of the right to live. Pacific coast.

He is proud to call farming an art, and prouder still, to call all true, thinking farmers, artists. He believes and has proved by a long and varied experience, that plant life and the earth, are but clay in the hands of man, to be shaped and directed at his will

By studying the growth, life, movements, adaptability, diseases, joys and developments of plants, he has learned and determined to his own satisfaction, that their lives are closely allied to human life, in its progress through the various stages of exist-

Plants love certain conditions and thrive under those conditions with actual joy, expressed to the observant eye, in vigorous development, and healthy advancement.

They have individual characteris ties, like humans. All potatoes are not the same. There are sick dissatisfied potatoes, just as there are

dren of the cities should rush to the free life of the country.

Professor Leckenby is a lover and follower of the great Russian philosopher, Tolstol, and like that great man, loves and studies the little things of life and nature. A scientist and an expert in his line of activity, he despises notoriety. Discoverer of the art of expressing colors in photographs, and the inventor of a plow, which can be drawn by one-third the power required to draw the modern "horse-killers," he yet refused to patent his inventions, saying: "I am not a discoverer; they just came to me, and I am surprised to think I have failed to see the simple principles behind them so long."

It is intersting and inspiring to watch him among his plants and flowers at the farm. He caresses them and calls them by familiar names, just as a father would talk to a son. He watches the development of each specie and plant closely, and knows in an instant when something is wrong.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, in his re marks before the irrigation associa tion, said that while in Missouri last winter, working in the interest of a Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation. he incidentally called attention to Umatilla county wheat crop of 1897. which amounted to about 5,000,000 bushels, or one per cent of the entire wheat crop of the United States, that year. The fact seems so fabulous to the Missourians and so many expressions of surprise and wonder were made by men of experience and knowledge, that after telling that true story about Oregon, and hearing such broad instnuations regarding his veracity, he always cut the truth half In two, when talking about Oregon after that. It seems unjust and unfair to the resources of the state, to think that citizens must really suppress the actual truth, when telling of its wonfists and industrial students in Ore- dors in order to protect their reputa-

Every delegate to the recent irriga Professor Lecknby lives closer to gation convention, interviewed on the subject, expressed the intention of held at El Paso, Texas, in -September, 1904. Those meetings are educational in a high degree, and Oregon party, to grow thoughtful, must send a delegation to El Paso Spokane, like all our nation, today that will bring the 1905 congress to Portland, in order that the citizens of this state may have an opportunity dance with more lavish hand, yet over the history of our city or of hearing the valuable proceedings of that national body,

THE SIZE OF THE LOAF.

is there any scarcity of flour? No; the granaries of our nation are verflowing

But our loaves in Spokane are to be smaller? Yes, an ounce or two to the loaf

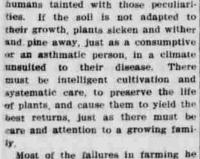
What of it? Why, do not poor people eat more read than rich people?

Yes, and more potatoes and more bacon Bread is certainly cheap. It is al-most as cheap as light and air. It

in truth, the staff of life. The Press hasn't the slightest ad-

verse criticism of the plan of Spokane's bakers in clipping the size of the loaf. That's their business, Any the loaf. That's their business, Any law regulating the size or price is that a great economic change will class legislation, objectionable to the soon be coming: that, in a word, our class legislation, objectionable to the country must seek a new scale of





attributes to ignorance of these vital fundamental principles of arming. Too many men think that a seed should produce and multiply, under any conditions, and the failure of the abused seed to bring returns, is called crop failures, or is attributed to the unfavorable climate or soil, when the trouble is too often with the farmer.

The object of the experiment staton, is to study the soils and plants of Oregon, and find which crop will yield the greatest returns to the farmer, under certain intelligent lines of cultivation, and in certain soils. Farming is a progressive science. The scientific farmer can improve his crops from year to year by the selection of good sed and the improvement of his individual plants by care and tender solicitude.

Professor Leckenby lives the sim ple life of the farmer, in the minutest detail. He believes farming to be the most ennobling of the sciences, for the reason that the farmer who grasps his occupation and converts it into a work of joy, is independent. The earth can be made to produce every luxury, and there is no adulteration in the workshop and alchemy of nalure.

Health, vigor, intelligence, independ ence, wisdom, exprience, and contentment are to be found in the cultivation of the soil, and the rush of mankind should be reversed, and instead of the country boy losing himself in the abysses called cities, the chil-

gemocratic spirit of our country. The theory of all sound business is to buy as cheap as you can and sell for all the market will stand.

In clipping the size of the loaf. The Press does not for a moment believe that Spokane's bakers are trying to get all they can The condition was forced on the

HARD DRIVEN.

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nervine for weak, run-down women.

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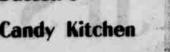
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