

LIKE SPRING.

Ellis F. Hadley, of Dayton, Yamhill county, found ripe wild strawberries and raspberries on October 20th; also apple trees in bloom, and several varieties of wild flowers in full bloom on that date.

VALUE OF THE CREAMERY.

St. Helens Mist: The dairymen throughout the surrounding country are now thoroughly realizing the value of the creamery in their neighborhood. They find that to receive 20 cents or 22 1/2 cents a pound for their butter fat is much more profitable than to make the butter and dispose of it themselves.

THE "CHINAS" ARE SCARCE.

The hunters and farmers say there is an unusual scarcity of Chinese pheasants this year, due undoubtedly to the late spring rains chilling the young ones before they were hardy enough to withstand the cold.

SHIPPING PRUNES.

Myrtle Creek Item, Roseburg Review: The prune-men are very busy just now grading and boxing their prunes. A number of cars have already been loaded, and by the end of this week most everyone who has prunes to sell will have the cash for their product.

A COLUMBIA COUNTY PEAR.

St. Helens Mist: The fruit has been gathered from a two-year-old graft, grown by R. Cox, of this place, which a great many people inspected, and on which grew and matured thirty-five pears, weighing twenty-four pounds. Twenty of the largest pears were selected and weighed separate, the total weight being ten pounds.

A BUSY POINT.

Stayton Mail: Stayton is one of the best business points in the Willamette valley. It is surrounded by a vast farming district

WORKING FOR THE FARMERS

The Agricultural Department Widening Its Sphere.

Its Agents Sent Throughout the World Creating New and Developing Old Markets—Surplus of American Farms \$858,507,942.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The great value of the department of agriculture to the farmers of the United States was very clearly set forth by Assistant Secretary Brigham, of the department, in his address before the farmers' congress the other day.

The agricultural department is taking a lively interest in the new dependencies which the fortunes of war have brought under the control of our government. It realizes that territorial expansion has passed beyond the point of discussion and has become a settled fact; that there can be developed a wide market in and through this new territory for the surplus of our farms, and has already commenced investigations with this end in view.

Exports from Pacific ports are rapidly increasing. Ten years ago the total exports from these ports were \$26,000,000; five years ago they were \$42,000,000; last year, 1898, they were \$73,000,000.

Some time ago Julian Hawthorne, writing in a well-known magazine on the work of the department of agriculture, urged that the direct money returns of the work of the department to the wealth of the country differentiated it from any other department of the government and would justify its charging its cost to investment account rather than to expense account.

that is not exceeded anywhere in the state or United States. It has natural advantages for manufacturing industries that can be utilized and expanded with profit. Stayton has two excellent flouring mills, a large saw mill, sash and door plant, box factory, chair factory, wooden mill, furniture factory (not in operation), woven wire spring and mattress factory (not in operation), broom factory, splendid schools, three churches, opera house, city hall and fire department, electric light and water works.

RAILROAD FACILITIES AT DALAS

Manager Kohler, of the Southern Pacific, has been interviewing Dallas business men about better railroad facilities at this point. There will be perhaps 100 carloads of hops to ship from here and no telling how soon cars can be obtained for all of them as there is a constant lack of desired transportation from here.

RECEIVED ELEVEN CENTS.

J. D. Bevens, of Airie, has sold his hops for 11 cents.

HOG SHIPMENT.

Reese & Keety, of Dallas, last week shipped 140 hogs, for which they paid 4 cents on foot. They have 600 sheep which will be kept for the early spring market, they now being worth from \$3 to \$4.

WILL MAKE ORGANS.

Hughes & Son, of Dallas, are erecting a two story 20x40 foot building for an organ factory and cabinet shop. Chramer Dees, of Falls City, who are also practical organ builders, will be associated with them.

SOLD ONIONS.

A Washington county onion raiser shipped sixty sacks of them to Dallas and soon peddled them out at 60 cents a sack.

United States government—you put in a nickel and pull out a dollar.

"Our exports," said Mr. Brigham, "have been principally from the farm, because agriculture in a new country develops more rapidly than other industries. The railway has followed the farmer so closely that every hill and valley within our borders have contributed to the ever-increasing volume of agricultural exports. The loom and the forge have been busy in our land endeavoring to keep pace with the pioneer industry that makes no pause while there is to be found this side of the Pacific a field without a furrow, or a forest without a woodman."

The secretary of agriculture has made inquiries into the demand for

horses in foreign markets, believing that the United States can and should supply it. With the exception of Hungary and Russia, we can produce horses cheaper than in any other country in the world, while at the same time our horses are better suited to the requirements of Europe.

Mr. Brigham declares that there is no reason why we should not furnish European cavalry with their mounts. "Our range country in the West," he says, "could supply them if the people of that section would take more pains to develop their animals. The horse on the American range has good feet, legs and constitution and courage, but lacks size. This is because he is forced in winter to 'rustle' for a living and consequently makes no growth.

The department is endeavoring to obtain the disseminate information regarding cattle-breeding and cattle-feeding that will be valuable to the people of the United States. Competition in the export of cattle is growing. The people of the Argentine republic have learned to grow alfalfa and are shipping pasture-fattened cattle to European markets. These cattle are not equal to American grain-fed cattle, but the meat, though inferior, has an effect upon the price of our meat.

The low price of wool a few years ago drew the attention of our farmers to the raising of sheep for mutton instead of wool. We are learning to eat mutton in America and many sections of the country are admirably adapted to the raising of mutton sheep. We can produce mutton for Europe just as economically as we can produce any-

thing else. In 1896 we sent abroad sheep valued at \$1,213,886. Our exports of butter, cheese and milk in 1896 were \$9,065,753 and in 1899, \$7,629,211. The department of agriculture has for several years been making experimental shipments of butter to certain foreign countries for the purpose of getting the facts connected with this business for the benefit of our dairy producers.

This year we shall sell corn quite extensively, as the present crop is probably the largest ever produced in the United States. The great crop of 1896 found its way into all the markets of the world and made new markets for itself. In 1897 we sold something like 177,000,000 bushels, and in 1898 208,000,000. There was a decrease in the export of 1899 of over \$3,000,000 worth, because the consumption in the United States was much greater and prices higher than for years.

In connection with the consumption of corn abroad an interesting instance of it recently reached the department in the form of a circular from a Belgian bakery, described as an "American" bakery, manufacturing "Murphy" bread, which is declared to be of delicious taste, nourishing, hygienic; keeping fresh for five days and selling at 5 cents a kilo, or less than 2 1/2 cents a pound. This Murphy bread, of which the bakery in question reports a sale of over 60,000 pounds weekly, is composed of one part corn meal and two parts wheat flour. It has also been made with corn and rye flour. It derives its name from a former agent of

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the department in Europe, who first sought to meet the objections urged by Europeans to the corn bread that it had to be made fresh every day by suggesting this blend of corn meal with the other flours, an experiment which has evidently proved successful and will doubtless immortalize its enthusiastic and ingenious projector. Complaint has been made abroad that the grading of grains from the United States is not done with sufficient care and that consignments do not come up to the standard.

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