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NEW THINGS TO PLANT IN '94.

When that experiment station gets started at Zillah, they will of course try all the species and varieties of plants that seem especially adapted to the soil and climate.

If they don't "get a move on" pretty quick now the central Washington experiment station will not be a thing of 1894. Meantime it will not do to let a single year go by without progressive investigation of the capacities and needs of this "arid region." And in no way can more positive, quick and valuable information be secured than by experimenting with varieties and species of plants that seem to possess peculiar value to this section. Among the things we recommend trial of are the following:

Sugar beets, of course. Get free seeds and instructions from Prof. E. Fulmer, Agricultural college, Pullman, Wash.

Flax, for the seed and fibre. The northwest will soon have textile manufacturing and we will want to be ready to deal with them when established.

Teasles. Said to be a most profitable crop under similar conditions.

Flat pea, *Lathyrus silvestris*. Claimed to be a more productive fodder crop than alfalfa, and especially desirable as a mulch crop in young orchards.

Esparto grass; as a factor in paper making in the possible inter-mountain near mills of the future.

Jute; for its fibre for hop-sacking, etc. Hemp; for fibre.

Osiers; for basket and furniture making.

Sunflowers; for the seed for feed and oil, and the stalks for paper making.

Chicory; as a "coffee" substitute.

Canaigre; the Arizona tannin' plant that Engineer Sterling says is found on the Yakima reservation in a wild state.

Crimson clover; one of the most favored of recent fodder and "green" crops in the east. This would be a very pretty thing grown near home.

Castor bean; as a source of the medicinal oil. It flourishes grandly in other "arid lands."

Grapes, of course, in every known variety.

All the "novelties" shown in the seed catalogues.

Now any one man may not easily grow all of these things. We suggest that at the next meeting of the horticultural society these things be talked up' and a sort of "divvy" of the work made among the willing members.

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