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BAD GOVERNMENT SEED.

We have repeatedly touched upon the folly of appropriating large sums of money for the purchase indiscriminately of seeds by our government to be distributed gratis over the country to every one who has the cheek to ask for them. The East Oregonian, of Pendleton, gives an illustration of their utter worthlessness below:

"Early this spring a large quantity of sugar beet seed was sent to this county by the Department of Agriculture at Washington for the purpose of giving the industry a test. The seed was imported from Germany and was supposed to be the best that could be obtained. A number of amateurs in Pendleton went into the scheme and made a thorough test, with the result that they raised more blisters on their hands than they raised beets. If the seed generally sown here was no better than the few lots above referred to the sugar beet industry will have received a black eye as far as Pendleton is concerned. But the fault was in the seed, not in the soil, as scarcely any plants came up, notwithstanding the best of care was taken in the planting of the seed."

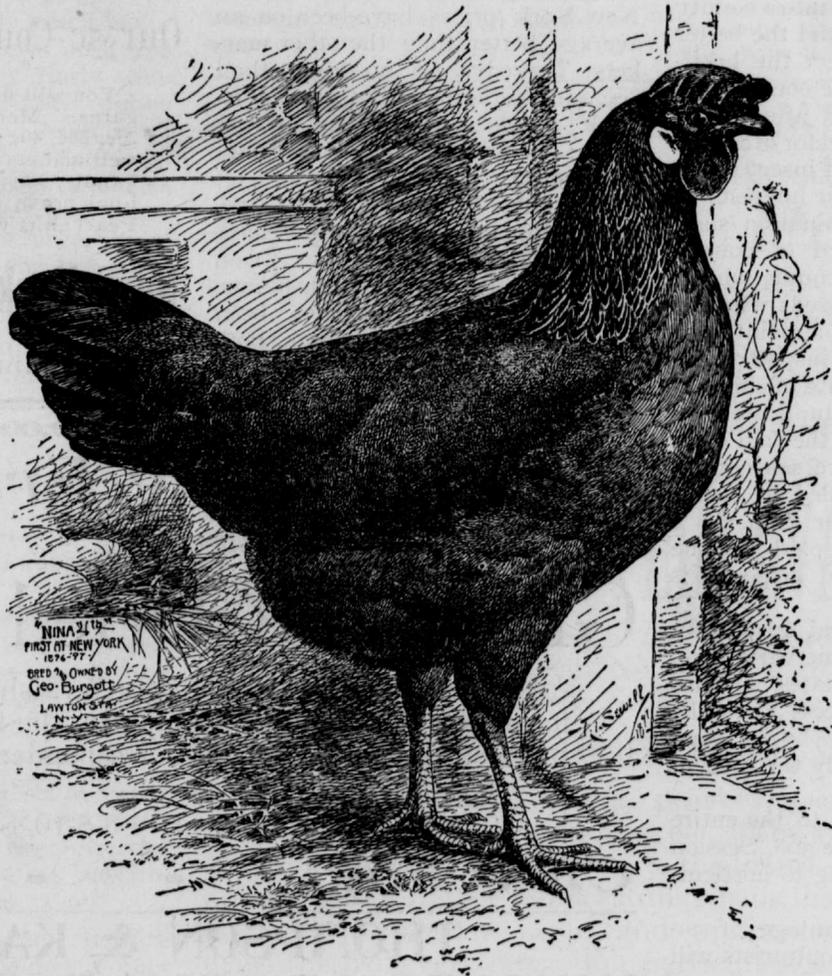
This is ideal weather for making crops, and farmers say there will be more No. 1 wheat raised in Wasco county this year than ever before. The cool weather permits the berry to mature perfectly.—Dalles Mountaineer,

HORSE CANNERY FLOURISHING.

The horse cannery factory at Linnton, four miles north of the city, is in full operation, says the Portland Tribune. Last week three carloads of range horses were received, and yesterday ten cars more came in. At present the management is letting the horses run at large so as to pick out the saleable ones, which

are disposed of at a small figure. The balance of them will go into the vat and smoke house, and several barrels of canned horse will be turned over to the flesheaters. The average price paid for a band of 2,000 horses was \$2 per head. This is near the price paid two or three years ago when the Linnton company first went into the horse-canning business, and perhaps is a trifle below the price paid then. The output is for Stockholm. It is said by some that Mr. Follenius, who recently left here, is an agent of the company at Portland. Formerly there was no market for horse meat, owing to local prejudice, necessitating the closing of

the cannery. Now, however, it is said, a market has been found abroad that gives an outlet for our horse surplus, which solves the problem of what shall be done with the thousands of cayuses that are now running wild and destroying the ranges of the Northwest. The Humane Society are inspecting the works and its operations, with a view, it is supposed, of preventing cruelty in slaughtering.



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