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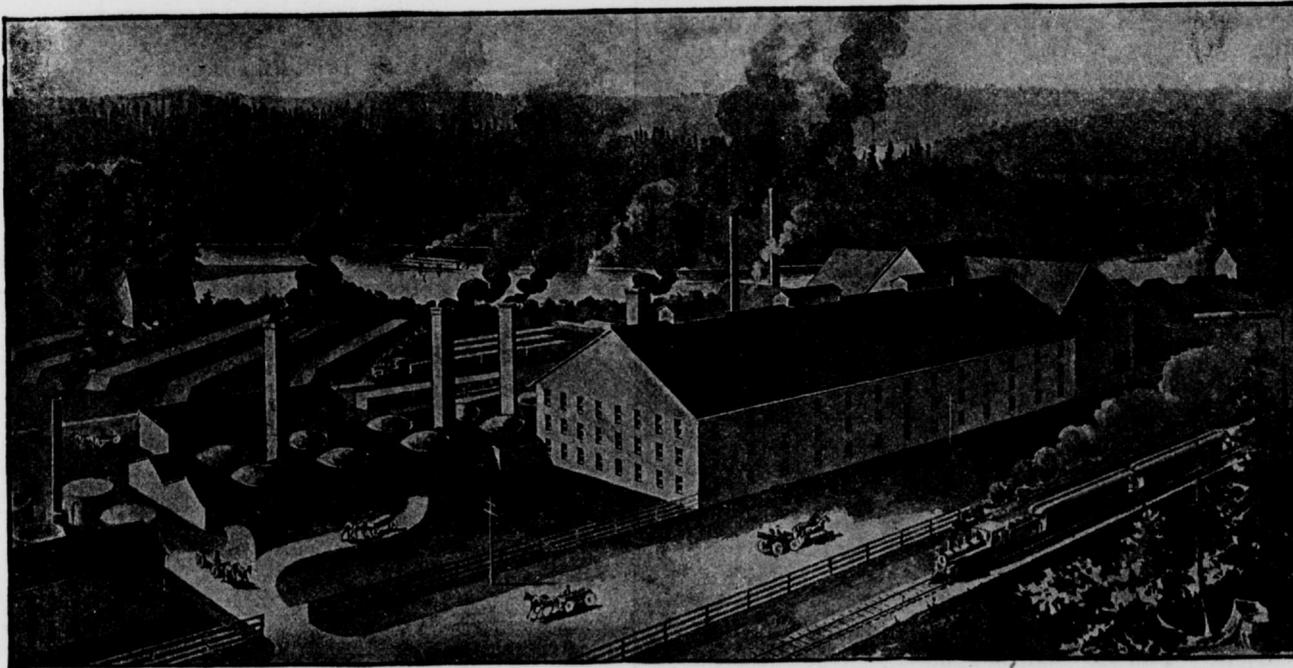
Seattle, Wash.

The Hill Syrup Company, of Seattle, is enlarging its business at a rate that is particularly worthy of congratulation. Our readers, from previous descriptions we have given, are already familiar with the history of the establishment and development of this house, which now covers with its travelers all the Northwestern states, reaching into Montana, California, Utah and Nevada, and all intervening territory. Mr. R. G. Hill, the founder, who is a native of Moore county, Vermont, and is 74 years of age, is still actively



engaged in its management. Recently, in order to supply the trade in British Columbia, a branch has been established at Vancouver. Besides the famous Vermont Maple Syrup, there are put on the market a number of brands of sugar cane syrup and molasses, and also a fine grade of refined honey in one and two-pound jars.

The man from Wisconsin condensed much common sense in his brief directions for successful immigration work: "Give the facts." That's all the Inland Empire needs to do—give the plain facts, good and bad together, without any fancy work about them, and let the people of the Eastern and Middle states think for themselves. Settlers who must be made to believe Washington is a second edition of Utopia before they will come west are not the kind who will be of any use to the state. The plain facts are good enough for sensible men who are seeking homes.—Spokane Chronicle.



On Friday of last week there were examined by W. H. Brown, the county inspector, 800 boxes of oranges landed from Japan, 290 boxes consigned to the J. W. Godwin Commission Co. and the balance to a Japanese trading company, and found them to be infected quite badly with the mealy bug and five species of scale. He concluded that it would be necessary to have the oranges removed from their paper wrappings. The infected ones were to be picked out and dumped, the balance to be fumigated as a precaution. This order would necessarily incur a considerable expense and trouble, and the Japanese informed their consul in Tacoma of the facts, and objected to the ruling. Horticultural Commissioner Baker, of Tacoma, was also informed by the inspector of the matter, and an appointment was made so that a meeting was held and the fruit examined. The horticultural commissioner agreed with the county inspector in regard to the fruit being infested, but modified the ruling so that the fruit could be placed on the market after being fumigated in the boxes and with the wrappers on. Mr. Brown held out very vigorously for the carrying out of a more thorough fumigation, claiming that the pests would not be killed unless the fruit was taken out of the wrappers. "Mr. Baker's decision is against me," said Mr. Brown, "and it now remains for the scientists of the Department of Agriculture to give their decision."

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