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Every county in the State is represented in the schedule, excepting only Solano. The county of Alameda has Township Assessors, and two out of the six townships into which the county is divided are not represented. The county of Placer has District Assessors, and one of the districts of the three into which the county is divided is unrepresented.

A review of this schedule will give a very good idea of the agricultural condition of the State, and will show that a mixed agriculture is becoming more general than in former years. While the leading product is wheat, the schedule shows that a very large amount of barley, oats and corn are produced, and that the cultivation of the last named grain is becoming more general year by year.

Another important fact is developed by the schedule, viz: that wheat culture is gaining rapidly in the southern coast counties, where until a few years past it has been supposed that wheat could not be successfully and profitably grown. It will be seen also that the dairy industries—the production of butter and cheese—are engaged in quite generally in all sections of the State, and that the product of these articles is assuming large proportions.

The number of bushels of wheat produced in that year as per schedule was 36,942,622. Assuming that Solano county produced 1,657,378 bushels, which we consider a low estimate, and we have in round numbers 38,600,000 bushels as the wheat product of the State for that year. These figures correspond very nearly with estimates that have been made by dealers, based upon commercial averages, and are, therefore, generally to be accepted as being approximately correct.

An examination of the product of the several counties gives some instructive features of this leading industry. Colusa county leads all others in the quantity produced, that county being credited with 7,544,879 bushels, while the county of San Joaquin comes next, having 4,986,226 bushels set opposite her name; and Yuba comes in third, 3,988,000 bushels. Thus it will be noticed that Colusa is set down as having produced almost as much as the two next highest counties—Fresno, 3,780,780 bushels; Stanislaus, 3,608,896 bushels; and Santa Clara, 2,520,436. Two other counties are credited with over 2,000,000 bushels, viz: Butte, 2,058,129 bushels, and Kern, 2,015,115 bushels. Five others produced over 1,000,000 bushels each—Contra Costa, 1,938,040; Monterey, 1,665,000; Tehama, 1,620,000; Yuba, 1,490,000; and Alameda, 1,204,200.

Ten other counties produced over half a million bushels each—San Joaquin, 791,200 bushels; San Joaquin, 788,000 bushels; Sonoma, 764,418 bushels; San Mateo, 765,000 bushels; Santa Barbara, 757,068 bushels; San Luis Obispo, 638,624 bushels; Colusa, 624 bushels; Butte, 585,568 bushels; Yuba, 585,568 bushels; and Placer, 553,343 bushels. It will be noticed that in this list there are four south coast counties that heretofore have produced only small amounts of wheat. Of heretofore, the whole product of the State was 13,483,070 bushels, and the present year, as per schedule, is 36,942,622 bushels, or an increase of 23,459,552 bushels, or nearly twice as much as the whole product of the State in 1879.

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MEXICO.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO INVITE PEOPLE AND CAPITAL.

The Splendid Outlook for Mexico—Railways—Coffee Culture—Colonization—Concessions.

(Correspondence of the RECORD-UNION.)

TAPACHULA, Mexico, December 10, 1881. "The Wise concession in Mexico" is the name of a concession made to Edward C. Wise and others on the 31 day of September, 1881, by the Mexican Government, granting to them 500,000 acres of public land in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, and if that amount cannot be found in that State suitable for the purpose of the grantees, then in any other State the amount is to be taken to fill out the concession. The object of the Mexican Government in making the concession was for colonization purposes and the introduction of foreign capital and skill to develop the rich natural resources of her country in agriculture, mining, manufacturing and mechanical science. It is ascertained that perhaps the richest unsurveyed territory in the known world of today is here, lying in the very lap of one of the greatest interoceanic thoroughfares within the knowledge of the present generation, to wit, the Tehuantepec Railroad, which will be completed within one or two years, and over which the commerce of the eastern and western parts of the world will pass.

AND GREATER STILL. Is the project of Captain James B. Eads, who is now upon the ground, encouraged by the Mexican Government, and backed by European capital as well as American to connect the two oceans at this narrow point by a ship railroad, whereby loaded ships will freight and passengers will be sent in wheelbarrows in the Atlantic harbor of Minatitlan and steamed across the romantic Sierra range, a distance of only 120 miles, down through the rice valleys of the coast, under most and over 1,000 feet above water level, with glass in hand, taking in at one view the grand Soconusco coffee valleys of the Pacific slope. The sublime grandeur of this engineering achievement is not only secured and prompted by the superior richness and beauty of the country through which it passes, and the tributaries to it. The Mexican Southern Railroad, known as the General Grant and Tehuantepec, extends southeast from Tehuantepec, through a beautiful plateau of table lands on the Pacific slope, a distance of 200 miles, to the town of Tapachula and Puerto San Buenaventura, on the line of the republic of Guatemala, through the State of Chiapas, Mexico. On the line of this road, and on each side of it, from the Pacific coast back over the summit of the range for a distance of fifty miles, this colonization company have selected their lands, and surveys are already under way.

THE TERMS OF THE CONCESSION. Are such that the company give ten years' time to colonists to pay for their lands, without interest, and require no payments for the first two years. The Government also guarantees, by the terms of the concession, the contracts made between the company and colonists for peaceful and quiet possession of their lands on the same terms as those made by the company, so that in case any failure should be made by the company the colonists' rights would not be affected. The concession is made for a specific term and inducements offered to colonists, I will simply give the names of the members of the company: Dr. Edward C. Wise, President, and George W. Catlin, Vice-President, and Senator in Congress of the United States; W. A. Allen, Secretary and General Manager, office at Tapachula and Allen City, State of Chiapas, Mexico; General Sebastian Escobar, Superintendent of Lands, Tapachula. This company has laid out a city on the most modern American plan, on a beautiful plateau of land, the height of the mountains in the distance, and the spring water, clear as crystal, full of fish, and affording water-power for any amount of manufacturing machinery, at an altitude of three thousand feet above sea level, on the line of the Mexican Southern Railroad. This is called Allen City. Around the city are laid out and taken up twenty-four coffee farms, each touching the city plat.

THREE MILLION COFFEE TREES. In nursery cultivation at this place within the coming year, all to be transplanted and raised to bearing within the next four years. The "Benito Juarez Colonization Society" of San Francisco have made arrangements with this company to locate upon their lands, in Chiapas, and Mr. James Catlin, the President of the society, with a number of its members, are there now, and they expect to send a colony there to start next time in the spring, which will be the 1st of May. By the terms of the concession all goods, stores and supplies, agricultural implements, machinery, building material and furniture for the colonists are exempt from tax; also all exports and imports of productions of the country, and stock for work or sale, are equally exempt. The company is a very advantageous position, located as they are alongside of the great thoroughfare connecting the commerce of the world, and at the door, without tax or duty, to the best market for the world. This body of land selected by the Mexican Colonization Company, so famous for the production of the cacao, or chocolate-bean, and coffee, is equally good for the production of sugar, rice and cotton on the lower lands along the coast, where indigo and vanilla grow spontaneously in the commons. It is also rich in fine woods, mahogany and rose-wood, and other valuable timbers. An outline of this country will require more than one letter, its natural advantages and attractions are so great. The climate is one continual spring, and one can choose the best time to visit, for the frosts are not so severe as in the mountains, and the heat is not so oppressive as in the lowlands. It is a beautiful and richly fertile land, and the soil is so good that it is scarcely perceptible to the traveler. At this high altitude are BEAUTIFUL AND RICH TABLE LANDS. Where the grape, apple, peach, pear, apricot and all of the hardier citrus fruits may be successfully produced. On the rough portions of this high land are an abundance of pine timber for building material. For stock-raising this country cannot be equalled, as it is so well watered, and the rains come from May to October each year. Droughts are unknown, the water being sufficient to keep the ground moist, so that feed is abundant the whole year. The soil is a sandy loam, very deep and rich, and the heavy growth of vegetation amply proves to the traveler on sight. There are a number of coffee farms now in bearing in the locality of the company's lands, so that the question of adaptability of the country to its production is no speculative problem. There is no enemy to the tree; it grows and prospers as a native of the country, without shade or irrigation; and trees here now from ten to twenty years old, yield from twenty-five to fifty pounds annually. There are no experiments to make in the business, for it is as well settled a branch of agriculture here as corn-raising in the States of Illinois or Missouri, or wheat-raising in the Willa-

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1248. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. 1249. Wassail cup. 1250. Yule Tide. 1251. Boxing night. 1252. Heart's ease. 1253. Nightmare. 1254. Box. 1255. Hox. 1256. Christmas. 1257. "I wish you health and love and mirth" (Thackeray), wish, around, lovely, mind, Hattie Heati. 1258. Down, Gerrie, wreathed, Dora, lone, proclaimed, "On earth peace, good will toward men." 1259. "On earth peace, good will toward men."

The New Year's Prize Tangles.

Below we present the tangles filed in competition for the New Year's prizes. The contributions are so numerous that only those for Nos. 4, 5 and 6 will be given this week. No. 4.—For best square word of not less than four letters, a new volume. 1267. Square, by