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AMONG the many who have left Seattle for the Alaska gold fields is ex-Gov. McGraw, who goes as a common prospector.

THE Palouse hen should feel proud of herself this year, for she has not only laid a great quantity of eggs, but they have been veritable nuggets in value.

ON June 12th the HERALD announced to the public that Pullman was to have a flour mill. Last week, just five weeks after the first announcement of the mill, the Tribune discovered that Mr. White was to build a mill in Pullman. If you want the news while it is news read the HERALD.

THERE is a great scarcity of farm help in the Palouse country, and wages will be high. The mines have claimed the attention of hundreds of young men, and now the Klondyke discoveries are causing an exodus from all parts of the country and help will be scarcer than ever. Men are leaving the best of positions in the sound cities, and going to Alaska.

WITH a wheat crop of 585 million bushels in sight in the United States and an unusually light crop predicted in all the other great grain-producing countries of the world, the prospects of the American farmer are bright. The recent issue of "Bradstreet's" which is usually very conservative in its views as to the business future, calls attention to the fact that the stock of wheat in hand at present is unusually light, being only 75 million bushels, while nearly all the great grain-producing countries of the world have unusually light crops this year. Recent reports, it says, from Russia, Germany, France, and Hungary point to decreased wheat harvests, and that India will hardly supply her home demand, with like reports from Australia and Argentine, and adds: "This brings the United States to the front as a prominent wheat exporter under similar conditions to those which existed in 1879 over the revival succeeding the great panic after five or six years of retrenchment and economy." The same publication calls attention to the fact that during the month of June there was an advance in cotton, cotton-seed oil, tobacco, bacon, lard, rice, corn, peas, milk, wheat, and other farm products.

Available Wheat Supply.

The condition of available wheat in the United States, in Europe and afloat on July 1st is summarized by Bradstreet as follows:
"The amount of wheat bound for and in Europe amounted to 50,200,000 bushels. The decrease of available wheat stocks in the United States and Canada during June was nearly 11,000,000 bushels, about 3,000,000 bushels more than in June, 1896, but nearly 2,000,000 less than in June, 1895.
"The total net decrease in available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada during the past six months is 49,256,000 bushels, compared with a total net increase in available supplies of wheat here and in Canada during the preceding six months of only 14,178,000 bushels, which is perhaps the most bullish feature of the domestic wheat situation. In the first half of the calendar year 1896 the total net decline in total stocks of wheat here and in Canada was only 41,584,000 bushels, and in the like portions of 1894 and 1893 respectively the net falling away was 37,352,000 bushels and 38,525,000 bushels, but in the first half of 1895 the shrinkage of available wheat was 66,899,000 bushels.
"During July in 1890, 1892 and 1893 the world's available supplies of wheat remained practically unchanged, but in July, 1891, there was a slight increase, which is unusual. During July, 1894, the world's wheat stocks decreased about 4,000,000 bushels, in July, 1895, about 12,000,000 bushels, and in July last year about 8,000,000 bushels. With the present dearth of domestic supplies and the existing rate of exports, the prospect is far a smaller available supply in this country and Canada on August 1 than is

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now reported. Should the July decrease amount to an average of recent years, say 10,000,000 bushels, it points to a probable total of the world's available supply of wheat on August 1 of only about 68,000,000 bushels, a smaller total than has been reported at a like date for eight years."

Stole a Faro Box.

Leonard, the Colfax murderer now occupying a cell in the Spokane jail, is a rascal as well, says the Spokane Chronicle.

This was the verdict of Sheriff Dempsey Saturday morning, when he discovered a trick that the prisoner had played on the sheriff of Whitman county, who brought him up here. Leonard has always been a model prisoner, and the officers had so much confidence in his good behavior that when they brought him up here they allowed him to pack his property in his valise and did not inspect it. In the Colfax jail the prisoners had a faro box that the sheriff had secured in a raid on a gambling house, and which he allowed the prisoners to keep in the jail to play with. About the time Leonard came away the box, which was worth \$75, was missed. Sheriff Dempsey was notified, and searching Leonard's cell, found the box. It was taken back to Colfax Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Nessly of Whitman county.

Some of Leonard's fellow prisoners in Spokane do not take kindly to the infringements on their privileges the arrival of the new prisoner has caused. For fear that he will commit suicide Leonard is not allowed a razor and for the same reason the other occupants of the same corridor are denied the same privilege. This does not please the other prisoners, who have no hesitancy in telling Leonard they wish he would go back to his own jail and not curtail the privileges of theirs.

To a Chronicle reporter Leonard indignantly denied that he had stolen a \$75 faro box when leaving the Whitman county jail. He says he did have for five months in his possession a cheap faro box, which was broken and not worth 75 cents, whereas the one reported to have been stolen was valued at \$75. He says the faro box was in his grip when he landed in the Spokane county jail, and that it was not then searched, nor has it since been searched. He says when Deputy Sheriff Ed Nessly of Whitman, who happened to be in Spokane on other business, called and asked if he knew anything about the faro box, he immediately turned said article over to the sheriff. The facts don't bear Leonard out very well. The officers say there was but one faro box about the jail, the one that Leonard took, that it was not broken, and is probably worth \$75. Sheriff Sims missing the box, had a letter written to Sheriff Dempsey at Spokane. When Nessly found it in Leonard's possession, the latter had already arranged to sell it. It was surmised that he intended to use the proceeds in buying morphine and cocaine, as he is a "dope" fiend.—Gazette.

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