

Sugar Beet Notes.

Orange Judd Farmer.

The contract for the construction of the sugar factory at Bay City, Mich., has been awarded to the F. W. Wolf Co. of Chicago. The work is already under way, and the factory is to be ready for operation about October 1st, with a capacity of 350 tons beets per day. The Michigan sugar company is now making contracts with farmers for the season's supply of beets, with good prospects of success. Farmers are much interested in the matter, but as a rule do not care to contract for many acres beets this year, preferring to try raising the crop in a small way until results are ascertained. This factory has a large section of country from which to draw supplies, there being no other in the state.

The Buffalo-beet sugar company, of Brant, Erie county, N. Y., was incorporated February 7th, with a capital stock of \$600,000, divided into 6,000 shares of common stock, to manufacture and refine beet sugar. The directors are: Clarence M. Fenton, Benjamin Fenton, Herbert P. Bissell and Eugene E. Heade of Buffalo, and John G. Battelle of Piqua, Ohio. The Erie Preserving Co. is back of it.

"The factory at Rome, N. Y., did not pay last season, with new machinery and experts to superintend every department," writes a friend. The truth is that this factory is equipped with old machinery from a defunct concern at Farnham, Quebec. It was bought cheap, but probably it would have been better economy to have paid what the machinery cost to let it stay at Farnham and purchased a new and modern outfit. The Rome factory started too late in the season to get a sufficient supply of beets. In spite of all these obstacles, however, this factory has demonstrated that it only requires an abundant supply of beets, say 30,000 to 50,000 tons, in order to pay good profits on its capital, besides netting farmers \$4 a ton for their beets.

The factory at Menominee Falls, Wis., was a failure in 1896 and did not run at all in 1897, because of financial difficulties and character of the equipment—not because of poor beets or lack of them. There will probably be numerous other failures from like causes, in future years, all of which emphasize the necessity of starting right.

Owing to the opposition of France, the proposed European international conference, to readjust sugar bounties and taxes, has been indefinitely postponed. It is a serious question, what the future has in store for the European beet sugar industry, now that its export bounties are offset by preferential duties of an equal amount in the United States. The effort to impose like preferential duties on sugar from bounty-paying countries has failed in the English government, but is likely to be taken up again, in order to give sugar from its own colonies an equal chance in the English market.

The Walsh and Finnell ranches, in Glenn county, Cal., which have always been sowed with wheat, are not being put into grain this season, the intention being to devote them to beet culture. This is but part of an enormous area in this and Butte, the adjoining county, which is to be planted under contract with eastern capitalists, who have agreed to erect factories for working the same.

Isaac S. Dement, of Chicago, is known as the champion shorthand writer. At an official meeting at Lake George, N. Y., in 1888, he wrote 252 words a minute for five consecutive minutes from new matter. He claims to have written 403 words in one minute before a business college at Quincy, Ill.

Emerging Apple Orchards in Germany.

The importation of American apples, which reached unprecedented proportions in 1896, says Consul General Mason of Frankfurt, Germany, has created great interest abroad. Their superior flavor and tenderness proved so convincing that this season, notwithstanding a short supply and consequent high prices at home, 64,535 barrels American apples were landed before November 15th at the single port of Hamburg.

The German agricultural press has caught the essential point of the subject, and now dilates eloquently upon the fact hitherto almost unrecognized, that most German apple growers have hitherto aimed to produce large quantities instead of high quality, and by growing natural fruit, much of which has been used for cider making, have left their choicest markets open to conquest by American farmers, who cultivate mainly choice, grafted varieties, and renew their trees when they have passed their best period of productive vigor. There will be an industrious planting and grafting of apple trees in the Fatherland during the next few years; but whether any apple grown in the humid climate of northern Europe can equal the best American fruit is more than doubtful.

The falsification of wine, for many years a growing industry in only Germany, now is to be made a legalized industry as well. The product is to be known under the name of "Kunstwein." The government is to get a tax of twenty marks for each hectoliter and the stuff, properly labeled, is to be sold openly.

Scoops for handling sugar, coffee, etc., are being made with a weighing attachment, consisting of a system of levers supporting the scoop, which is detachable from the handle, the levers connecting with a spring controlled shaft having a hand at its upper end to register on a dial.

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