

In The Field.

There will be a great temptation this fall to turn the stock into the meadows and graze them as long as the feed is good or until fall rains make the pastures so good that they will again bear cropping. If the meadows are cropped at all, care should be taken that the grass is not eaten down so smooth that the sod will not recover before next summer. Remember that for the field to start with in the spring the grass roots must have a good store of latent material from which to send up the young blades. If the grass blades have continually been eaten down close, then the roots will have little material from which to begin growth in the spring. The root does not of itself elaborate food, but this work is done by the blades of grass. Thus it is that if the second growth of grass is left on the field until the next crop is stimulated thereby.—

We Didn't Say It.

The Payette Independent appears to have been misled by an error on the part of a usually careful contemporary, in quoting from the Gem State Rural. This clipping makes us say that "P. H. B. Moulton reported the total shipments of prunes from Payette this year at six car loads." The Independent takes exceptions and "calls us down." But we never said it, and if our esteemed Payette contemporary had read the Rural with more care it would have readily seen that the statement complained of was not the fault of this paper. What the Rural did say was the following which has no reference whatever to Payette:

"S. A. Swauger of Weiser, shipped a car of good prunes to the eastern market last month. His steam drier is now at work on prunes raised by himself and others. Mr. Swauger has one of the best orchards in South

Western Idaho and what is more takes excellent care of it.

B. P. H. Moulton informs us that, notwithstanding the comparatively light prune crop near Weiser, about six car loads were shipped from there this season."

Fredrick V. Coville, botanist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, believes that broom corn millet is a plant which will be very useful in great areas in the west. He says it will grow heavy yields of grain where it is both too cold and too dry for Indian corn, too cold for Kaffir corn and too dry for wheat. It will produce from thirty to fifty bushels per acre of grain which is excellent for fattening hogs, sheep and cattle, and will do this upon land where ordinary crops can not live—Rural North West.

From Horticultural Dist No. 1.

Inspector Russell of Kendrick Idaho, writes that he has just returned from a trip and found trees in fine condition, going into winter quarters with wood well ripened and also well set with fruit buds. This year's crop of apples and prunes there was light and markets generally bare of fruit supplies.

General distribution of nursery stock from nurseries in upper part of that district (Kootenai county) requires considerable careful inspection. Codling moth has increased its depredations this year. Other pests are rare. Fungous diseases (mildew on grape and apple scab) have not done much damage to fruit nor spread materially. Prices are good. Apples here selling at \$1.00 per box. About 10 carloads will be shipped

Promising Field for Enterprise.

We all go dreaming along and secretly hope that Caldwell will one day turn into a fine city. It takes a little energy and determination to make things go ahead. Why do not some of the enterprising people of the county

search the rivers. We may find quite sure that the wealth of Gold lies at the bottom of many of the streams. In New Zealand all is in a state of excitement over the "Dredging Boom". Tremendous numbers starting out every day and all doing well. It is not uncommon for one dredge to take out from seven to eight ounces in a day. They come to what are called pockets. People are making from 60 to 75 per cent on the money invested. Surely there ought to be an immense yield from some of the rivers of California after all the quantity of gold that has been taken out of the hills and flats. The rivers are still to be searched and soon they will produce a rich harvest.

E. E. S.

North West Fruit Growers Association.

Friend Gipson:

The Northwestern Fruit Growers Association will hold their annual meeting at Tacoma, Wash. on the 16-17 and 18th. of January next. I am very much pleased with the work of this association, and, I think it is an urgent necessity for the successful cooperation of the grower, shipper, transportation and commercial companies, that these meetings be well represented from each and every fruit growing section of the Northwest. Outside of the one meeting held at Portland, Southern Idaho has never been well represented at our annual gatherings. A few of the energetic fruit growers of Washington and Idaho have, with their united and earnest efforts at these meetings, done more towards having the fruit handled successfully and profitably than any other influence in the Northwest. These meetings bringing together the representatives of the Transcontinental railways, together with the commission merchant and auction houses of the east. Every body interested should become better acquainted with what

is necessary to correct the faults in the respective lines of each, the grower, shipper, carrier and distributor.

I wish that you would take the matter up and advise me at your earliest convenience as to who will attend and if there is any particular subject upon which they would speak that would be of any benefit to the fruit growers, I would like to have it indicated, that same may go upon our program. A representative of the U. S. Pomological Division will be with us at this meeting.

The fact that the Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma has taken the matter in hand to provide for the visiting members, insures a pleasant time for all attending, outside of the regular association business. Trusting that you will make it a point to come and bring a large number of your horticultural friends, I remain,

Yours very truly

L. A. Porter Vice, Pres.

It is unfortunate that the meeting of this association comes on precisely the same dates as the Idaho State Horticultural Society. This we fear will tend to prevent an attendance from Southern Idaho. Ed. RURAL.

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