

THE FARMER.

Mixing of Seeds.

An interesting experiment, performed in France, in mixing different kinds of wheat for seed, has lately been published. Fifteen varieties of wheat, among which were Hunter's and Fenton's, were sown separately, on about 24 poles of land for each, and a sixteenth plot was sown with a mixture composed of all the varieties; this latter plot was most disadvantageously situated of any being bordered by elms whose roots stretched into the plots and shaded much of the ground from the influence of the sun. It was on this account that it was rejected as being unsuitable for the experiment with the varieties singly, and a mixture of the whole was sown merely that the ground might be occupied. The results were quite unexpected; for, while the yield of the most productive varieties, viz; blood-red wheat sown singly, was 26 1-2 bushels per acre, and that of the least productive, viz. a French variety, was only about 12 3 4 bushels per acre, the produce of the mixture was 29 1-4 bushels per acre. So in straw, the mixture produced about 44 1-2 cwt., while the next highest produce, viz. that of the red-chaff Dantzic, was 41 3-4 cwt. per acre. N. Rousseau, the farmer who performed the experiment, explains the profuseness of the mixture from the fact of the different kinds of wheat coming into ear at different times, thus affording more chances for the proper fecundation of the flower, and also for the development of the pollen. He also considers the inequality in the length of the straw of the different varieties an advantage, in preventing the ears being too closely packed; thus allowing the free admission of air amongst them and more liberty to expand during the filling of the heads. The practice of mixing different kinds of wheat for seed is regularly followed in some parts of France, five or six varieties being used for the purpose. The results of such mixtures have always been successful, the produce never having been inferior to that of any variety sown alone. The mixing of oats in this country also, has always been attended with success, both in the yield of the grain and the straw. And when during the time of the low prices some years ago, the coarse but prolific varieties of wheat, such as Fenton's, were not very readily bought by bakers, some farmers adopted the practice of mixing them with the finer varieties, such as Hunter's, and sowing the mixture. They generally succeeded in obtaining a larger produce than if the wheat had been sown pure; and as good a price was obtained for the mixed produce, as for the best variety when sold by itself.

The Wheat Crop.
Flour has advanced to \$7.50, and Wheat is in demand at \$1.20 for choice in St. Louis.
The St. Louis *Intelligencer* of the 30th, says that a very sudden and unexpected rise in wheat has taken place. This results from the general disaster attending the wheat crop of this year. The extraordinary cold and unfavorable season has destroyed many hundred thousand acres of wheat that a few weeks since was promising enough.
The St. Louis *Democrat* has advice from the southern part of the State as to the condition of the winter wheat. As far north it says as Montgomery county, the crop is reported as looking very fine. In the vicinity of Alton and Monticello, there is a promising prospect for a good yield. Between Bloomington and Alton very few good looking fields can be seen. It will not, perhaps, be out of the way to say that the crop promises to be a good one in northern and southern Illinois; and an unusually short one—almost an entire failure as to winter wheat, in the central part of the State.
The Toronto, Canada, *Colonist*, of a late date, says that the fall wheat which appeared a few days ago to be in rather a precarious condition, is rapidly assuming a favorable aspect, and no fears need now be entertained of the plant having escaped all danger from the very unusual and trying weather since February last. [Iowa Gazette.

Postoffice Department.
New Postoffices.—The following new post offices have been established, for which the persons named have been appointed postmasters:
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Spiceville, Eaton county, Michigan.
Changes of Names.—The name of the postoffice at Russian River, Sonoma county, California, has been changed from Russian River to Healdsburg. Also, Shakpay, Scott county, Minnesota, to Shakopee. Also, Gratiot Centre, Gratiot county, Michigan, to Ithaca.

Information Wanted.
There is now in this city, says a Ft. Dodge paper, at the house of Maj. Williams, little boy about 8 years old, who escaped the bloody massacre by the Indians at Springfield, M. T., on the 26th of March last, and who was brought to town by the volunteers who went up to the rescue. He says his name is John Sidman Stewart. We learn from some of the survivors of the massacre, that he is the son of Josiah Stewart, formerly of Indiana county, Pa. The boy says that his grandfather's name was Fleming—(probably his mother's maiden name.) All the boy's family, father, mother, and two little sisters, are among the murdered.
Also, a young lady, about 16 or 17 years of age, named Elizabeth Gardner, whose family were also murdered, she only escaping the horrid fate. She says her father's name was Roland Gardner, but she knows not the residence of any relatives. Her father emigrated from the State of Indiana to this State, and was formerly from Steubenville county, New York.
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Newspapers throughout the United States will confer a favor by publishing the above.

The Tide Turning—The Sober Second Thought.—Black Republicanism is hastening in the footsteps of its elder brother, Know-Nothingism, to an early decay. The reaction is beginning, and it will be great in proportion to the strength of the excitement which has spent itself, and made reaction necessary.
In New England, the Crues of black-republicanism, the spring campaign has opened with brilliant triumphs for the national democracy. In Iowa, where Yankee fanaticism proved stronger than democracy last fall, the tide has turned, and the young State, shaking off the fetters of New England Puritanism, has wheeled into the democratic column.
And Ohio has just shown in her late spring elections, that her sturdy democracy can carry upon their backs the dead weight of niggerism in the Western Reserve, and yet triumph gloriously. Alas! poor Sambo, he sang the requiem of massa Sam, and now he too must "go where the good niggers go." [Ohio Eagle.

THE HORSE.—If you have the care of horses, remember that a horse is more easily taught by gentle than by rough usage. If you use him well, he will be grateful; he will listen for and show his pleasure at the sound of your footsteps. As to his food you should do by him as you would by yourself—"little and often." As for his work, begin early and then you need not hurry. Remember that it is the speed, and not the weight, that spoils many a true hearted worker.

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