

FARMERS' COLUMN

According to the report of the Land Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the grasshoppers have not done as much damage to the wheat grown along the line as had been anticipated.

OIL FOR HARNESSES.—Harnesses, it is said, may be rendered impervious to water by thoroughly impregnating them with a mixture made in the proportion of twenty one gallons of pure whale oil and fifteen to seventeen pound of india-rubber shreds.

DYING GREEN WOOD.—A new method for drying green wood in a very short time, consists in boiling it for some hours in water, and leaving it then to cool, by which the soluble substances are removed.

POWDERED COAL FOR UNHEALTHY PLANTS.—In a communication, addressed to the Revue Horticole the writer states that he purchased a very fine rosebush, full of buds, and after anxiously waiting their maturing, was greatly disappointed; when this took place, to find the flowers small, insignificant in appearance, and of a dull, faded color.

FRUIT TREES.—It is truly wonderful how many fruit trees are planted compared with the law which governs their growth, and mostly for want of proper preparation of the soil, and careful treatment.

PATCHING MEADOWS AND PASTURES.—Doubtless the best method of renovating unproductive meadows and pastures is to plough up the sod and cultivate the land for a year or two and then seed down again.

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