

The Summer meeting was held at Janesville, where an interesting diversion was made in a visit to the fruit of farm of Mr. F. W. Loudon, the home of the Jessie Strawberry. Mr. Loudon gave an interesting account of his method of raising seedling strawberries, and reaffirmed his statement that the Jessie had yielded at the rate of four hundred bushels per acre.

The report contains a great deal that is attractive to the popular reader, as well as to the professional horticulturist, and the meetings appear to partake more of that character than do our own.

It is an unfortunate feature of the book that so many typographical errors should have crept into the text uncorrected.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF HORTICULTURE of the State of California, for 1885 and 1886. B. M. Lelong, Secretary, 220 Sutter St., San Francisco.

A closely printed volume, bound in cloth, containing 583 pages. It is full of matter of the greatest interest to fruit growers on the Pacific coast, treating in a scientific as well as a practical manner of the cultivation, marketing, insect enemies, and diseases of the orange, fig, olive in particular, and also to some extent the peach, grape, pear and other fruits grown by us.

The benefits of organization are clearly shown in the successful efforts of the California Fruit Union in securing favorable contracts for special fruit trains to deliver their fruit in eastern cities. These trains run on passenger time, and the rate is \$300 per car.

WISCONSIN FARMERS INSTITUTES, 1887. Bulletin No. 1. W. H. Morrison, Supt., 11 Capitol, Madison, Wis. Cloth, 230 pages.

The wisdom and energy with which the Farmers' Institutes in the State of Wisconsin are conducted, is well evidenced by the production of such a

volume as this, containing the cream of the papers that were read at the meetings during winter of 1886-1887, with some of the discussions thereon. The culture of fruits is one of the topics of discussion, and some fourteen pages are given to it. All the discussions are purely of a scientific and practically useful character, and nothing in the way of political discussions are allowed, which we consider a commendable feature.

CIRCULAR AND PROGRAMME of the Joint Annual meeting of the Michigan Horticultural Society, and the Michigan Beekeepers' Association, at East Saginaw, December, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, 1887. C. W. Garfield, Grand Rapids, Mich., Sec. of the Michigan Horticultural Society.

PRIZE LIST MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. Spring Flowering Bulbs and Forced Vegetables, Jan., Feb. and March 1886. Boston.

T. TAKENAKA & Co.'s PRICE LIST of the Japanese Vegetable, Flower, Fruit, and Tree Seeds, and Plants, Flowering Bulbs &c. The Mita Seed Raising establishment, No. 1 Shikokumachi, Mita, Tokio, Japan.

CIRCULAR WARFIELD No. 2 STRAWBERRY. B. C. Warfield, Sandoval. Illinois.

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A gardener who recently received a sound rating from his master, a landowner of Normandy, turned indignantly upon him with the remark, "You need not treat me like a common fellow. I'd have you to know I am the nephew of Louvel, who assassinated the Duc de Berry."

The strawberry does its work on business principles. It sends out runners this year to work up business for next.—*Western Plowman*.

*She*: Have you seen the Chimpanzees up at the Park? *He*: No, are they in bloom now? *She*: Are what in bloom? *He*: Why the Jim Pansies.