A WEAKER TONE IN CHICAGO POTATOES Receipts were 26 cars.

Compulsory Grading Of Potatoes Has cold. Been Ordered By Food Men-

Can't Get Cars For Shipping

(From the Packer)

Chicago, Illinois-Last week the mercial potato growing districts shall \$3. 75 per cwt. potato market lost the strength which assort and grade his purchases and it had gained the week before.

that is, the market is being held at its ument No. 7. present level only because of the difelaspse before they are picked up.

loading stations, since operators have partment of Agriculture. been unable to get cars in which to move potatoes to market.

According to reports the total ship- ditions may be such that an immediments of potatoes from all producing ate and strict enforcement of these sections last week showed an increase grades might be inadvisable. It feels, but the increase would have been there has been a general effort on the been available. It is generally thought that those not co-operating are unfair that the farmers will sell more freely and that their actions are detrimental from now on and the leading ques- to the best interests of the potato intion in the minds of everyone inter- dustry, and while due consideration ested in the potato industry is wheth- will be given to peculiar conditions er not sufficient cars will be avail- obtaining in any section no technical able.

The demand, both locally and from rule will be tolerated. The matter will the outside territory, has been fair so far as possible, be handled by coalthough buyers have only been tak- operation with the United States Deing such stock as were needed for im- partment and various State Departmediate trade, preferring to wait to ments of Agriculture and through assee what the market would do before siciations of growers and shippers. they bought heavily.

Seed potato men state that there carnest co-operation of every licensee has been a fair demand from a wide in this connection." territory but that the car supply has restricted the movement. Where cars are obtainable preference was given Irish potatoes were reported at Housto seed stock, rather than table stock, ton, 24 cars having arrived between as many of them have orders which Saturday night and Tuesday morning. should now be delivered or rolling This was said to be unusually heavy but which they have been unable to receipts for this market. get out. Triumphs were quoted most-

Wednesday the Chicago table the recent moderation shas allowed market was unchanged also. stock market was weaker with Wis- them to get through. Dealers here consin and Minnesota white stock say that some of the cars have been selling at \$2@2.15 per cwt. Western diverted to other points while the stock sold at \$2.10@2.25. Receipts cars unloaded here have been carefulwere 40 cars.

ly gone over and the damaged pota-Thursday the market continued toes removed. This has made much easy with Minnesota and Wisconsin extra work.

few fancy cars at \$2.15 Western on potatoes owing to the large supply. stock was quotable at \$2.10 @ 2.20. They were quoted at \$2.35 @ 2.40 per cwt. The market continued weak Friday

Compulsory Grading Ordered

ing of potatoes:

Cabbage is very scarce in the Rio with prices about 5c lower all around. Grande country, the recent freeze Receipts were 40 cars. Weather was having hit the young cabbage hard. It is quoted here at 5 1/2s per pound.

Seed potatoes are coming in spas-Washington, D. C .- The food ad- modically. There is such a big deministration has issued the following mand that every shipment that arrirule regarding the computsory grad- ves is quickly cleaned up. Prices are unchanged. Triumphs are bringing "Rule 3A .- The licensee in com- \$4.75 per cwt., and other varieties

Car Shortage In Minnesota

shipments of potatoes according to Minneapolis, Minnesota-T' e Minne-Potato operators say the present the grade described in Department of sota potato market was steady last market is purely one of car service; Agriculture, Bureau of Markets Doc- week. There has been a good demand for both seed and eating stock. The

"Note .- The United States Food car shortage, however, has practicalficulty in getting a sufficient number Administration is convinced that a ly stopped shipments and the moveof cars in shipping sections. There general adoption of those grades will ment has been very light. The weathalso seems to be a scarcity of motor be beneficial to producer and con- er during the week was fine for shippower inasmuch as in some instances sumer alike, will tend to decrease ping but the operators are unable to after cars are loaded several days waste and encourage the production get nearly enough cars to move the of better quality, thus stimulating in- seed to the South and suppers say The farmers have sold more freely creased consumption. This has been they fear there is no relief in sight. since the milder weather set in and clearly demonstrated by careful in- Th Minnesota Potato Traffic 'Associaas a result there is quite a little ac- vestigations conducted by the Bureau tion has been promised cars for the cumulation of stock in warehouses at of Markets of the United States De- movement of seed stock but they have not yet arrived. "The Food Administration recog-

"The movement of Red River Ohios nizes that in some sections, local conis increasing and indications in the valley are that shipments will be heavy by March 1. Operators hold little stock and supplies in the wareof 304 cars over the preceding week however, that in such sections as houses are light. Because of a short crop last fall the amount of Red much greater had the rolling stock part of shippers to adopt this grading River left in the valley is small in comparison with former years, and

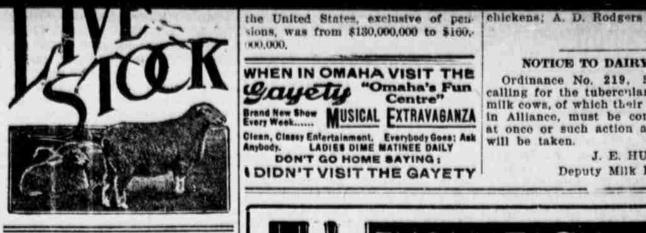
while the stock in some cases is small the quality otherwise is clatmed to be fine, free from field frost and decay. The car shortage/in the valley is not so bad as in the sandland districts.

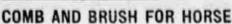
attempt to evade the purpose of the Tuesday the market was firm. In many cases operators have refused to quote prices until they are able to move orders on hand. Triumphs were quoted at \$3.50 @ 3.60 per ewt. sacked basis loading stations. Cobblers at \$3.10@3.20, Early Ohtos at \$2.20@ We shall insist on the sincere and 2.30 and white stock at \$1.95@2.10 loading stations.

Wednesday and Thursday the market was somewhat weaker. The de-Houston, Texas-Large receipts of mand for seed, however, was good but the movement was light owing to the car shortage. Receipts from the growers are not heavy as the shippers are taking very little stock inasmuch as they are unable to ship A part of these potatoes are frost heavily. Thursday although the marly at \$3.40 @ 3.55 per cwt., Cobblers bitten and some of them are frozen ket was a little unsteady there was around \$3. Rose \$2.20 and Early They are coming from the far north no change in prices over those quo-Ohios \$2.60, f. o. b. shipping points where the weather has been cold and ted the first of the week. Friday the

Force of Habit.

Bank Cashier-"You owe us a coniderable overdraft, madam. What fhall we do about it ?" She-"You may barge it, please."-Judge.





Equipment Needed in Every Stable Whether on Racetrack or Farm-Use for Currycomb.

A currycomb, a broomcorn brush, a scraper, a stiff brush and a number of rags of the right sizes should be a part of the grooming equipment of every stable, no matter whether the stable is located on a farm or at the edge of a racetrack. In most instances the currycomb should be used only to lightly raise and loosen the sweat and scurf over the fleshy portions of the horse's body, the main reliance being placed upon the brush.

The brush is the best implement for cleaning the body, as it does the work well and easily, and does not irritate the horse. I find that the principal use for the currycomb in cleaning most horses is in using it to scrape the dirt



Well-Groomed Farm Horse.

and loose hair out of the brush, says a writer in an exchange. Because of its steel teeth and general harshness and stiffness, the currycomb should never be used about the limbs. There are some people who can use it on the legs and about the bony places of the horse's anatomy without irritating the animal past all endurance. They are softer-handed than most of us.

The broomcorn brush takes the place of the currycomb in cleaning the horse's legs. In using the currycomb it should be laid flat and carried lightly in a succession of curved strokes, until all the dust and scurf that may be in the horse's coat has been loosened. Then take the brush and with it thoroughly cleanse the hair and the skin.

After using the brush take a dampened cloth and go over the surface, following this by rubbing with a dry cloth. In cleaning and grooming the head and the legs use the stiff broomcorn brush, clean with the hairbrush, and finish the operation with the dampened and



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