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EXCHANGE HELPS HOLD UP PRICES

Independent Spud Buyers Are Uot Having a Walk-away As in Former Years

The Nebraska potato growers' cooperative exchange is already having a marked beneficial effect on potato prices, according to an article appearing in the last issue of the Scottsbluff Star-Herald, which analyzes the present situation as follows: "So far as the potato growers of the North Platte valley are concerned, the work of the new potato exchange is starting off in splendid shape. This is deduced from the reports received from those who are members of the exchange and who have started shipments under the direction of that association. Settlements were made with local shippers the first of this week on a basis of \$1.90 per hundred f.o.b. ear Scottsbluff for No. 1 white spuds, and from \$1.50 to \$1.69 for No. 2 red potatoes, shipment being made the same day.

"One of the most valuable portions of the exchange system is the fact that the members are kept in absolute touch with market conditions through a series of daily bulletins sent out from the headquarters of the exchange. As an illustration of this service, take the bulletin received by branch exchanges on last Wednesday for instance, it reading as follows:

"Alliance, Neb., Oct. 6, 1920.—Unfavorable weather conditions is the developing cause for a possible slight decline temporarily. We advise holding shipments a few days. The next cool wave will cause additional demand.—Nebraska Potato Growers' Co-operative Exchange."

A year ago at this time prices in Colorado ruled very perceptibly higher than here. As a result of the establishment of the exchange it is noted by a perusal of the report of the bureau of markets report for the same day as above noted, that the Nebraska condition is very much better than in Colorado. The market at Greeley and nearby points was unsettled, with demand and movement limited and very few sales. No. 1 whites, grade were quoted at Greeley at \$1.10 to \$1.14.

At Alliance on the same date a better wire inquiry was reported. Warehouse cash to growers No. 1 \$1.20 to \$1.25. No. 1 sacked Early Ohio, \$1.50, some consigned. In

other words, the establishment of the exchange seems to have resulted in a general bidding upward for the Nebraska spuds. When the farmers of the valley realize the benefits and become more generally in line with the movement the results will be even better.

Some of the local growers are inclined to store a goodly portion of their crop, remembering the conditions which obtained last spring and hoping to get in on a like condition in 1921. These in close touch with conditions, however, say that while it may be well to store a portion of the crop at this time, that the holding over of large quantities until spring will be rather risky, especially if the yield comes anywhere near the crop estimate.

Independent buyers are reported in the field, but they are not having the same walk-away that they had in years gone in the matter of securing potatoes at practically their own price. One rather desperate and persistent agent told a local grower the other day that the latter should take the price offered because of the fact that the spud crop this year was estimated at "eight billion bushels." The farmer smiled and asked if that was the highest figure the buyer knew, because "trillions" came after billions, and a good lie was always better than a poor one when it came to figures.

The easiest thing some coroners do is blame dead men for their own deaths.

Prices are coming down, but nobody is getting dizzy from the rapidity of the descent.

Well, anyhow, the workmen never quite got to the point of employing a caddy to carry tools.

Europe has served notice that it wants American coal. And so, it may be observed, does America.

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