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J. R. Duncan

Potato growing in Nebraska is rapidly growing into prominence as one of the leading industries. Home gardeners, truck gardens and commercial growers have all contributed their share in producing the crop of 1914, which is estimated by the state board of agriculture at 7,707,761 bushels, valued at \$4,251,472.00. The crop for 1914 was not produced in any one particular section of the state but a portion was produced in every county. The western part of the state is the only section of the state where potato growing has reached the stage of a large commercial industry. Here large acreages are planted each year to potatoes. Some are produced under irrigation and others by dry farming methods. The industry is one of great importance to Nebraska. Numerous problems confront the growers, the proper solution of which mean the building of a still greater industry. These questions are of importance not only to the growers of this section but also every person in the state who is trying to grow potatoes for either home use or market. Nebraska should produce enough potatoes to supply all her own needs and have a surplus for other states who desire the best grown. Production must be increased. Instead of producing an average of 50 bushels per acre the fields should produce double and more. Larger production at less cost per bushel should be the aim of the growers. Problems of distribution must be worked out so that the grower will get a maximum profit for producing the crop and the consumer be able to buy the crop at a minimum price. These are problems that are affecting all phases of agriculture. They must be solved for the betterment of the producers and consumers alike.

No other horticultural crop has yet reached the importance from a financial standpoint that the potato crop now enjoys in the state. No other crop is so generally grown as the potato. Disease, poor methods in production, and distribution have been the bane of the potato grower. In Europe the potato is a crop of great economic importance. The production per acre is several times what the best average in this country amounts to. The crop is used for food for both man and beast. Numerous by-products are made from the potato so that a steady market demand can be maintained for the crop. The potato growing industry in Nebraska can be of great importance economically. The proper solution of the problems facing our growers and the adoption of methods which will eliminate the waste in production, and distribution means the adding of several millions of dollars to the wealth of the state.

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Buy it now. That is the slogan of a national campaign, unique in character and far reaching in results as it affects the general prosperity of the country, which has been inaugurated for the purpose of inducing purchases of goods now which must of necessity be bought in the spring months.

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By buying now that which must be bought later, general business activity will be materially increased and everyone will feel the beneficial effects. Jobbing houses will be working under full force and factories will be working full time with full help. In this way many men who are now out of work will be given employment and many families, who are in need of the actual necessities of life will be provided for.

The campaign does not suggest indiscriminate or unnecessary buying. But it does suggest economic buying and insists upon buying now things that must be bought later.

The campaign should meet with especial favor from the farmers of the United States. Government statistics just issued show that the farmers are more prosperous today than they have ever been—the 1914 output from farms exceeded that of last year by more than eighty-three million dollars—and that while the farmers are showing a goodly margin of profit, the merchant and manufacturer are having a hard time making ends meet. They will buy many things in the spring but if they will buy them now, factories will be running full blast and they can do a service to humanity.

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PLANTING PENNIES

By ADA MAY ROWLAND.

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"Hello, Hal—anything wrong?"
"Nothing but what money can cure."
"Hi!" observed the first speaker as he proceeded on his way. "I don't like that sentiment, and I always thought that Hal Sturges was the last man in the world to entertain such a fallacy."

The colloquizer, however, did not know that his usually bustling, hopeful young friend was under a pretty severe strain at the present time. Hope, ambition, love, seemed all about to wither away because of money and its urgent need.

Many years previous Hal's father had loaned David Eastman a large sum of money. Things went wrong with Eastman. Then they went better. He was honest and he turned over to his creditor his little mortgaged farm at Grayton, with the proviso that he was to be its tenant at a fixed rental while he lived. Finally Eastman wrote to Hal's father that he would be able to square the whole debt, some ten thousand dollars, within a year.

Hal's father died before the year was up. Hal wrote to Mr. Eastman, asking what the prospects as to the promised money might be. He received a speedy reply, stating that if he would come down to Grayton the old account would be settled in cold cash.

Hal arrived at Grayton to find that Mr. Eastman had died the day before. A search was made for a will. None was found. For money. There was none at hand nor in the house. Only the old farmhouse was in evidence as tangible property.

It was a great disappointment to Hal, all this. He had confidently counted on the money to start in business. He had already invested in that direction. This became a dead loss. He had to go back to a poor paying position in the adjoining town. Then, too, a situation evolved at the little farm that distressed him. During the last year of his life Mr. Eastman had given a home to an orphan girl and her little sister—Nellie and Lois Blynn. The young lady had been housekeeper and nurse for her old almoner. He had given her a cow, some chickens, and the old farm horse and carriage. Independently Nellie had worked up quite a clientele for milk and eggs in the neighboring village.

Usually, Saturdays he ran down to the farm.

Upon the day that he felt that money would cure a great proportion of his ills, Hal was realizing how slow was the process in his present environment towards attaining a competence. Unknowingly, the vague thought of being able to ask Nellie to become his life partner had a certain place in his aspirations.

He was greeted at the farm by Nellie in her usual bright sympathetic mood. He stayed to supper. As usual he gave to little big-eyed, wistful Lois, the few pennies he never begrudged her.

"You mustn't do that, Mr. Sturges," chided Nellie gently, as the little one scampered away.

"Why not?" challenged Hal, pleasantly.

"Because she seems to lose them all. It is strange, but she never asks to go to the village and buy sweetmeats, like ordinary children. The pennies always disappear mysteriously and she never tells where they go to."

"Perhaps she has a secret hoarding place?" suggested Hal, with a smile.

He left Nellie and strolled through the orchard in quest of the truant child. Finally he caught sight of her blue frock over near a fence corner.

"Why, what are you up to, little one?" propounded Hal.

Lois looked up with a little answering frown.

"Not very nice, being peek-a-boo on a young lady!" she chided, childishly.

"If you want to know, though, I'm planting pennies!"

"Planting pennies!" ejaculated the baffled Hal.

"Yes, sir. All you give me—in here," and she patted the ground.

"When they grow, I see going to pick whole basketsful off'n the bushes."

"Whatever put that in your head, child?" demanded Hal.

"Gran'pa," so she had been taught to designate Mr. Eastman.

"How is that?" pressed Hal.

"Saw him do it, watched him," was the blunt explanation. "Bags—and they chinked. And jew'ry, and papers. He didn't know I was watching him. Never growed, though. Guess spot was too shady."

"Where was the spot, Lois?" pressed Hal eagerly.

She showed him. A bright light of intelligence had flooded Hal Sturges' mind. Ten minutes later he was viewing the ground under an old oak tree where Lois insisted she had seen "Gran'pa" planting money.

"I've been doing some digging," announced Hal to Nellie somewhat later, and he told of his discovery. "A small fortune," he explained. "Dear little Lois, but for her the hidden store might never have been found. Then," and he drew nearer to Nellie with a manner that consciously made her flutter, "I should not have been able for a long time to ask a question I must now propound."

"A question?" faltered Nellie, all a-tremble.

"Yes, dear Nellie," was the prompt response, "will you become my wife?"

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In The District Court of Webster County, Nebraska.

Lucy M. Stonebreaker,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Samuel C. Shuck,

Lizzie A. Sharshel,

J. W. Sharshel, her husband, first name unknown,

Ulysses G. Martin,

Nellie Martin, his wife,

Oscar C. Teel,

David P. McIninch,

Corra A. McIninch, his wife,

Oran M. Hedge, and

Florence B. Hedge, his wife,

William A. Kent a of Adelle Kent his wife,

Defendants.

The above-named non-resident defendants, Lizzie A. Sharshel, J. W. Sharshel, her husband, whose first name is unknown, Ulysses G. Martin, and Nellie Martin, his wife, will take notice that on the 2nd day of January 1915, Lucy M. Stonebreaker, plaintiff herein, filed her petition in the District Court of Webster County, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendant Samuel C. Shuck to the plaintiff upon the following described premises, to-wit:

Commencing 220 feet north of the south east corner of the south west quarter of the south east quarter of section 35, in town 2 north, of range 11, west of the 6th P. M. in Webster County, Nebraska; thence north to the north east corner of the north west quarter of the south east quarter of section 35, town 2 north of range 11, west; running west 380 feet; thence south a distance equal to the east line of said land in question; thence east 380 feet to the point of departure; containing 31-2 acres more or less, all in the north west quarter of the south east quarter of section 35, town 2 north of range 11, west of the 6th P. M. in Webster County, Nebraska, (more known as lots 1 to 25 in Shuck's 8th-Division of Annex to Red Cloud) to secure the payment of a certain promissory note dated March 3, 1908 for the sum of \$1500.00 and due and payable March 9, 1910; that there is now due upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$1383.65 for which sum with interest from this date plaintiff prays for a decree; that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 2nd day of February, 1915.

Dated January 2, 1915.

LUCY M. STONEBREAKER,

By Bernard McSney,

Her Attorney.

Order to Show Cause

State of Nebraska, } In The County Court,

Webster County, }
ATA County Court held at the County Court room in and for said county December 30th A. D. 1914,

IN the matter of the estate of Frederick Wittwer, Deceased.

OX reading and filing the petition of John Wittwer and George Wittwer praying that administration of said estate may be granted to them as Executors.

ORDERED, that Saturday the 30th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County and show cause why prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter, by publishing a copy of this order in the Red Cloud Chief, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

A. D. RANNEY, County Judge.

(Seal)

Order To Show Cause.

State of Nebraska, } In The County Court,

Webster County, }
ATA County Court held at the County Court room in and for said county January 13th, A. D. 1915.

IN the matter of the estate of Wessel Wessels Sr., Deceased.

ON reading and filing the petition of Joseph L. Watson praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Joseph L. Watson, as Administrator.

ORDERED, That Friday the 29th day of January, A. D. 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county and show cause why prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter, by publishing a copy of this order in the Red Cloud Chief, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

A. D. RANNEY, County Judge.

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C. H. STASNSKA, Attorney.

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