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GENE HEATH'S GRIP

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tion of a superior agricultural country.

At the exact center of this country, no range line between 49 and 50, and at the corner of sections 1, 6, 7 and 12, is located the thriving little village of Nonpareil.

There is not a more picturesque location in the state. For 20 miles surrounding this place there is scarcely an acre of unutilized land, and the scores of "prairie schooners" rolling in every day indicate how rapidly this land is being taken up. Having such a location we leave our readers to predict the future for Nonpareil. The different branches of trade are rapidly being represented, but the surrounding country is far in advance of the town as yet, and many of the industries necessary to the market and trading point of such a country are yet needed.

and if accompanied by heavy winds, pass overhead, leaving that which is most desirable—the rain. These facts regarding storms we obtain from stockmen who have resided in this portion of the state for years, and during our residence here of over a year we have observed that whenever a severe storm visits this locality it passes overhead as stated above and its damaging effects are only felt 75 and 100 miles to the east and southeast.

The past winter, in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and the eastern and southern parts of Nebraska, the severest known for years, was characteristic for its mildness in this locality. Considerable plowing and seeding were done in the month of February, and all kinds of out door work carried on with but little interruption from cold weather during the entire winter. Box Butte is indeed the choicest substantial western market for farm produce as well.

Our climate is superior to that of 200 to 300 miles south. Being sheltered by the Black Hills on the north, the mountains of Wyoming on the west and the sand hills on the east, we are not exposed to the severe storms in winter or tornados in summer so common to other localities. Our storms, which are nearly all from the west and north are always high,

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SPUD GROWING ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS

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is to be used for seeding purposes, for the reason that the temperature mentioned checks the tendency to sprout while in storage. Mr. Fitch went into detail in regard to putting potatoes in the bins. He suggested that the cellar be so arranged that the potatoes could be dumped direct from a wagon down the chutes to avoid unnecessary handling which only tends to bruise and injure in addition to the extra labor involved in more primitive methods.

J. E. Lawrence, representing the Nebraska Potato Company of Chadron, gave an interesting talk on "Potato Storehouses and Storage Methods." He urged that each community organize in such a manner that warehouses could be maintained and storage cellars equipped to contain, if necessary, at least one-half of each year's crop. The reason for this is plain enough. "This season," he said, "we have been unable to get cars for days at a time to handle the business, for the producer had no facilities for caring for his product, and was forced to sell, regardless of market conditions. This placed the burden upon us and the railroad companies. We had Mr. Hoover on one side urging us to handle this matter promptly in order to prevent serious losses, not only to the farmer, but to the world at large. This condition just at the time when extensive efforts are being put forth by the government to conserve the entire food supply. On the other hand there were the railroad companies, confronted not only with the potato problem, not able to furnish the necessary equipment for the handling of millions of bushels of potatoes, all of which were thrown on the market at one time, simply because you producers had no means of holding back. You could not protect yourselves and place the product on the market when the market was good. You worked a hardship on the transportation facilities of the country." Here the speaker drew a picture of what might have been if each community, or each grower, had provided storage room for at least half their crop. Mr. Lawrence was very particular that his hearers understand that his visit to this convention was in no way to be interpreted as a business visit on the part of the company he represented. But, like Mr. Bassett, he wanted potato growers of northwestern Nebraska to receive the benefit of a few suggestions which he was in a position to make from his experience as a potato buyer. He urged that the principle of grading as outlined by previous speakers be followed. It is a fact, according to Mr. Lawrence, that potato buyers would gladly pay from 35c to 50c per hundred more for graded potatoes than for the mixed stock.

The convention adjourned at 5:30 Thursday afternoon, after an announcement by Secretary Howard that all out of town attendants were to be the guests that evening at the Imperial theatre of the Alliance Community Club, and admission tickets were distributed among those present. It is, of course, unnecessary to relate that the entertainment was a good one. The Community Club and Manager Dubuque had secured a good offering for the entertainment of the guests of the city, and judging from the many laughs that were to be heard and the hand-clapping that was evident all evening, the evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all. There were two special numbers on the program that deserve special mention. The first was a four-minute talk by Lloyd C. Thomas, who was state representative from this district last term, on the subject of raising of funds for use in Y. M. C. A. war work. Mr. Thomas crowded a great many thoughts into the short speech, and in addition explained the comfort afforded the "boys over there" by the Y. M. C. A. hut or building. He was given a good round of applause at the conclusion of his talk and he roundly deserved it. The speech showed a careful preparation, with a desire to say as little and convey as much in four minutes as was possible. He succeeded, of course.

Another of the interesting events of the evening was the presentation of scenic pictures of Nebraska, accompanied by explanations by Dr. Condra of the State University of Nebraska. Interesting scenes were shown of western Nebraska, and last but not least there were thrown on the screen some views of the campus of the State University. When the first scene was shown, the speaker mentioned the State University yell, and immediately the grand old yell was given by some "Uni." men who happened to be present.

On Friday, the second and last day of the convention, short talks were made by several speakers who knew what they had to say and who were scholars in their line. The first speaker was Dr. Wilcox, of the State University, who illustrated by slide pictures the different diseases to which potatoe in this section are subject, with valuable suggestions as to how to prevent and eradicate them.

The next speaker was C. O. Lieber, representing the C. B. & Q. R. E. Co. He attempted to show his hearers the value of the correct storing, grading and shipping methods. In short, he emphasized what had been said by other speakers that day before, and added a few very interesting incidents from his own experience to show that the suggestions made were the correct ones to follow.

Constitution and By-Laws of The Nebraska Potato Improvement Association

ARTICLE I.
Name.—The name of this organization shall be The Nebraska Potato Improvement Association.

ARTICLE II.
Object.—This association has been organized to promote the potato industry in Nebraska; to bring together all agencies interested in the pro-

duction, transportation, distribution and utilization of potatoes. It shall be the object of this association:

- Section 1.—To improve and disseminate the best strains of seed potatoes.
- Sec. 2.—To assist in maintaining the proper cultural practices, and crop rotations in relation to soil fertility and yield.
- Sec. 3.—To encourage a system of pure seed certification through field and storage house inspection.
- Sec. 4.—To improve sorting and grading methods on the farm and at loading stations.
- Sec. 5.—To encourage investigational work that will have as its object the control of disease and insect pests of the potato.
- Sec. 6.—To assist in securing legislation that will prevent the introduction of new diseases and insect pests into the state.
- Sec. 7.—To collect and distribute the best available information relative to increased yields at a minimum cost of production.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.
Section 1.—Any person, firm or corporation may become a member of this association upon payment of the membership dues.
Sec. 2.—The fee for active membership shall be \$1.00 per year.
Sec. 3.—Honorary membership may be conferred upon anyone interested in the advancement of the potato industry.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.
Section 1.—The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The term of office shall be one year. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Potato Convention.

Sec. 2.—The staff member of the Nebraska Experiment Station, in charge of potato improvement and extension, shall serve as the regular secretary of this association.

Sec. 3.—The president, secretary, treasurer and four other members elected at large shall constitute the executive committee of this association.

Sec. 4.—The members of the first executive committee shall consist of one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. At each Annual Potato Convention one member shall be elected for four years.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.
Section 1.—It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the association, to appoint necessary committees and perform the executive duties necessary to promote the best interests of the association.

Sec. 2.—In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president.

Sec. 3.—The secretary shall keep all records of the association. He shall also arrange all programs and exhibits in co-operation with the executive committee.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the treasurer to handle all funds belonging to the association; to collect fees, and pay legitimate bills for the association upon receipt of an order from the secretary, signed by the president.

Sec. 5.—The executive committee shall have general charge of the business of the association.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.
Section 1.—The annual meeting of this association shall be held in Lincoln at the time of the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

Sec. 2.—An Annual Potato Convention shall be held in western Nebraska, the time and place to be designated by the executive committee.

Sec. 3.—Special meetings may be called by the executive committee when it is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.
Section 1.—The standing committees shall be as follows: (1) Legislation; (2) Membership and Federation; (3) Auditing; (4) Investigation and (5) Marketing and Transportation. The committees shall consist of three members each, to be appointed by the president.

Sec. 2.—Special committees may be appointed by the president from time to time as occasions may arise.

ARTICLE VIII.

Vacancies.
Section 1.—Vacancy in any office of the committee shall be filled by the president for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment.
This constitution may be amended at the Annual Potato Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Election of Officers

After the conclusion of the program at the First Annual Convention of the Nebraska Potato Improvement Association, officers were elected for the association for the coming year. The voting was done by ballot and participated in by members of the association who had become members according to the constitution and by-laws which we are giving elsewhere in this paper. Following are the officers elected for the coming year: President, F. A. Kirkpatrick of Morrill.

Vice-President, Wayne Wilson of Alliance.

Secretary-Treasurer, R. F. Howard of Lincoln was re-elected.

The members of the Executive Committee elected were: C. C. Parrish of Minatare, one-year term; C. S. Hawk, Chadron, one-year term; J. P. Pedrett, Kimball, three-year term, and A. L. Davis, Gordon, the retiring president, was elected for a four-year term.

Safety First.

"Wilberforce," severely said Mrs. Lynne Wood, "if you throw stones again at that little Tutherford boy I shall punish you. If you must throw stones at anybody throw them at the garbage man. He has nothing that we want to borrow."—Kansas City Star.

POTATO MARKETS SLOWING IN BIG CITIES

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there is no relief in sight. Tuesday Minnesota white stock was quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.10 per cwt. sacked basis, loading stations, and Western stock at \$2.20 to \$2.40 sacked cwt. basis Minneapolis. The market Wednesday and Thursday continued weak. Receipts were very light. Thursday prices were the same as were quoted Tuesday and Friday the market was unchanged.

Pine City, Minn.—About thirty-five per cent of the potato crop in this section has left the farmers' hands up to date. This shows that a larger percentage of the present crop is still unsold than in ordinary years at this time. The yield was very good but the volume of salable stock has been considerably reduced by freezing in the ground of part of the acreage. This damage brings the average yield down to about 150 bushels to the acre. Some difficulty is being experienced in procuring sufficient number of cars to move the crop as rapidly as it is desired.

Hinckley, Minn.—As has been the case during the last ten years, the acreage planted to potatoes shows an increase over the previous year. The yield this year was very good, and had the freezing weather not caught any of the potatoes in the ground, the average per acre would have been about 160 bushels. The freeze, however, brought the average down to around 140 bushels. The farmers are still in possession of about 50 per cent of their crop.

Larger Acreage in Wisconsin
Grantsburg, Wis.—This year the acreage in potatoes was the largest ever planted here. The yield ranges from 80 to 200 bushels, with the average about 125 bushels. The cold weather caught about 20 per cent of the crop in the ground and of this a good share is lost. Farmers are holding about 60 per cent of the crop, but are hauling potatoes to town liberally whenever the weather permits.

Steady Market in Cincinnati
Cincinnati, O.—The potato market ruled about steady on this and other Ohio Valley distributing centers the fore part of the week. Some arrivals are showing damage from frost. The market in a jobbing way on the best Wisconsin and Michigan stock early in the week ruled around \$2.30 to \$2.40 per cwt. and on Minnesota Early Ohio stock around \$2.50 to \$2.55 when free from frost; \$2.10 to \$2.25 when frosted or decayed.

Grading Needed in Western Districts
Seattle, Wash.—Many of the potatoes now coming to the market show lack of attention to grading, and as a result pit run is the average of the shipment to which wholesalers must

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Scratch pads of all kinds. The Herald carries them in stock. Phone 340.

Teeth Under Suspicion.
Bad teeth are now believed to be an important source of rheumatism, heart disease and kidney trouble. The germ producing these diseases may get into the system from an unsuspected abscess at the root of a tooth, whose presence may be revealed only by an X-ray photograph. Doctors tell of children recovering from Bright's disease as soon as their teeth are properly cared for. In fact the teeth have come under suspicion along with the tonsils, and X-ray pictures of them are part of a thorough physical examination.

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