

POTATO GROWERS HOLD CONVENTION

Nebraska Association Met at Kimball Last Week—Potato Exchange Important Topic.

The 1920 convention of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association, held at Kimball November 10, 11 and 12, said to have been one of the best meetings ever held. A. J. Lawrence, new manager of the Nebraska potato growers' co-operative exchange, with headquarters at Alliance, was the delegate from this city, and extended the potato growers an invitation to hold their 1921 meeting here.

While the attendance was not large, keen interest was shown. About 100 growers, representing every section of the potato belt, attended the convention. Specialists from several states and the United States department of agriculture were on the program and considerable information was obtained on the problems of the industry.

One of the principal subjects of the convention was that of the potato exchange operating at Alliance. This co-operative exchange has already marketed more than 100 carloads and has obtained for the growers about 40 cents net more a hundred than could have been obtained from cash buyers. The exchange has been averaging about \$1.40 to \$1.55 a hundred against 90 cents to \$1.10 from the cash buyers. This is the first year that the exchange has been operated in any systematic manner and many of the growers are not yet members. Last week the exchange had orders for forty carloads of potatoes which it could not fill.

Keen interest was displayed in seed potatoes at the convention. Dr. William Stuart, noted specialist of the department of agriculture, told the convention that experiments conducted by the department showed that Nebraska dry land potatoes are as good as any for seed purposes. All Nebraska needs to do is to produce

seed potatoes of the proper quality; there is a ready market for them. Prof. H. O. Werner explained what the Nebraska college of agriculture is doing to promote the growing of seed potatoes. An extensive inspection service has been established for the purpose of encouraging the production of certified seed for the market.

The Nebraska potato grading law was discussed to some extent. The law is generally recognized as of distinct benefit to the industry, according to sentiment expressed at the convention. Certain modifications, however, are desired by many growers and the convention drafted resolutions asking the legislature to amend the law so as to make four instead of two grades. The following grades are proposed: Fancy, No. 1, No. 2, and undergrade. The two additional grades are desired not to permit the marketing of potatoes not included in the two present grades, but for the purpose of narrowing down grading and making it possible for the buyer to know more definitely exactly the kind of potatoes he is bargaining for.

An exceptionally good potato show was held in connection with the convention, according to Prof. R. F. Howard of the college of agriculture department of horticulture. A part of the potatoes will be taken to the mid-west horticulture show at Council Bluffs, Ia., November 15 to 20. Nebraska will be represented also by a fruit exhibit at this show.

In the potato show Kimball county won first. Other counties exhibiting as counties were Scotts Bluff, Dawes and Cheyenne. There were many individual exhibits.

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Money is becoming so timorous that two \$5 bills are almost afraid to be seen together lest they be charged with conspiring against the peace and dignity of the nation.

The old-time precinct worker who could foretell the result within ten votes held his figures this year till his wife had made a supplementary report.

Railroad Notes

Fireman Swaloda is on the sick list. M. A. Wilson is O. K. for work again.

Fireman Brennaman is laying off one trip.

Fireman J. C. McJilton is on the sick list.

Engineer W. A. Bennet is on the sick list.

Engineer Shawver is laying off to go hunting.

Engineer Fred White is laying off because of illness.

A. O. Roifers was hired out as a fireman Monday.

Engineer Cody went to Ravenna to take the pool turn.

Engineer Fowler is laying off on account of sickness.

W. L. Douglas went to Ardmore Monday to bring the helper.

A. J. Warden is spending two days in Broken Bow and Ravenna.

Engineer Stanford has reported to work after several days of sickness.

P. H. Brennan, roadmaster on the Bridgeport division, was in the city Friday.

Engineer Ruth has reported back to work after attending a trial in Omaha.

L. J. Bromley of Newcastle, Wyo., is here visiting his son, Homer, for a few days.

Fireman E. C. Witham has been assigned to the west end pool turn with Engineer Cole.

Section Foreman Pete Stevens of Mullen was in the city Thursday on company business.

P. S. Abar, drill press operator, has been unable to work because of illness in the family.

Virgil Snow, night call boy, was compelled to go to his home Saturday on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Harvey left for Central City, Ia., to visit with their children for a few days.

Machinist William Hunzicker has returned to work after spending about two years on his ranch north of Lake-side.

Dr. Annie G. Jeffrey, chiropractor, completed arrangements on Saturday last whereby she turns her Alliance office over to Dr. Smith. The style of the new firm will be Jeffrey & Smith, chiropractors. Dr. Jeffrey left Saturday for her home at Casper, Wyo. Dr. Smith comes well recommended and will endeavor to conduct the office with the same high degree of efficiency and service, as has been heretofore maintained by Dr. Jeffrey. Dr. Smith will be pleased to meet anyone desiring information regarding chiropractor health service. 102

Philip M. Thomas, one of the "Thomas Boys" who formerly lived in this city, stopped over to visit relatives and friends for a few hours Saturday, while on his way from Douglas, Wyoming, to Lincoln. His wife arrived at midnight Sunday from Douglas and will visit here a short time before proceeding to Lincoln, where they will make their home for the winter. Philip will be employed by the State-Journal at Lincoln during the winter. They will return in the spring to their homestead north of Douglas.

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SAY J. F. LAWRENCE JUST THE MAN FOR JOB

The Chadron newspapers are not the least backward when it comes to whooping 'er up for J. F. Lawrence, Lincoln man who arrived in Alliance a short time ago to take the general management of the Nebraska Potato Growers' Co-Operative Exchange. Mr. Lawrence was for some twelve years in business in Chadron, and those people know he can deliver the goods. The Chronicle said in its last issue: "J. F. Lawrence, of Lincoln for the past three years connected with the Nebraska University college of agriculture, where he has been in charge of county agents work in western Nebraska, is now serving as acting general manager of the Nebraska potato growers' co-operative exchange at Alliance. Mr. Lawrence took over the work there last week owing to the resignation of S. O. Sawyer, formerly of Rushville, who was compelled to give up the work owing to the illness of his wife.

"Jim is well known in this city, having made this his home for ten or twelve years before going to Lincoln. His friends here were not aware that he contemplated a change from the extension service, but we know that the management there must be a good position for him to make the change and we will 'tell the world' that the Alliance people have got a good man for the job.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The elocution class under the instruction of Mrs. Inez Dunning gave a Eugene Fields program on Friday morning, which showed the good training that each member of the class had received. The program follows: Marie Howe, "The Little Blue Pigeon"; Ruth Stanton, "Little Boy Blue"; Margaret Schill, "The Duel"; Margaret Beal, "A Biography of Field's Life"; Helen Young, "Seeing Things at Night"; Edna Hiles, Sketches of the Author's Life.

Mr. Prince called a meeting of all the girls interested in basketball Monday morning. A good many girls responded to the call and practice will start tonight.

The matter of a football banquet is being discussed by the high school students.

Mr. Prince, Leonard Pate, Lester Cross, Seth Joder, Ralph Garvin, Frank Dailey and Lee Strong went to Bayard to witness the game between Bayard and Sidney, which was played Friday afternoon.

The first team with Coach Prince

will leave for Sidney Thursday to play football Friday afternoon.

The second team will leave with Coach Chase for Bridgeport to play the return game.

Miss Hazel Bishop, head of the commercial department, was absent from school Monday morning on account of sickness.

The Herald—\$2.50 a year.

Scottsbluff Star-Herald: Mrs. H. T. Davis left on Wednesday for Alliance where she will join her husband, who has been there for some time, he having accepted a position with the Alliance Drug company. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have resided in this city for the past year and a half and have made many friends, who regret to see them go but wish them success in their new home.

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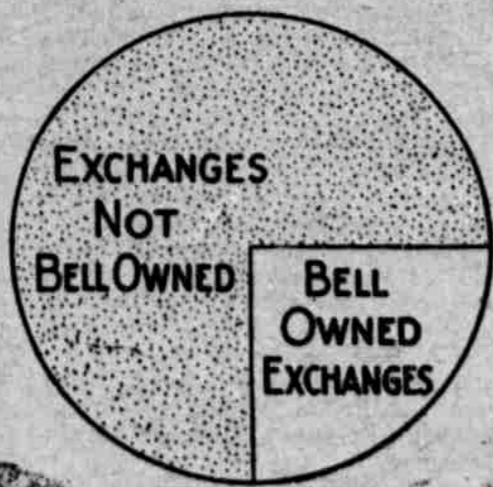
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