



Upper: Mile after mile of potato fields like this are seen in western Nebraska. Lower: Modern methods of harvesting potatoes employed in western Nebraska.

NEBRASKA POTATOES HAVE BECOME STANDARD FOR SEED

In a few weeks another great Nebraska crop will have come to maturity and fared forth to become a substantial centerpiece on the dinner tables of the high and low. Nebraska potatoes, raised to the dignity of a major crop and shedding its nickname of "spuds" like a discarded garment, will be going to market.

And going to market is some occasion in Nebraska, for in 1929 7,400 carloads went forward from the place of harvest to points within the state or to other states where the fame of Nebraska potatoes has become known.

Last year was a great year in Nebraska for potatoes, both for yield and market returns. Two counties produced in excess of a million bushels. Scotts Bluff was first with a

crop of 1,392,824 bushels. Box Butte was second with a production of 1,037,322 bushels. Buffalo county was third with 225,870 bushels.

There were planted to potatoes in Nebraska last year 92,000 acres. The average yield was 97 bushels and the total production 8,923,907 bushels. The value of the crop per acre was \$106.70. The total value of the crop was \$9,816,301.

Potatoes have been advancing from a vegetable side line to a major crop steadily for many years. With the state established in the big business of raising potatoes, better methods of planting and cultivating have been adopted with a resultant increase in production. During the period beginning with 1913 and ending with 1920 the average yield per acre was 79 bushels. For the period beginning with 1921 and ending with 1929 the

average yield was 86 bushels. The average price for the entire period above shown was 99 cents per bushel. The commercial crop in western Nebraska this year is very promising. The estimate for the United States as a whole is 732,557,000 bushels which is a sufficiently low production to command a good price for the Nebraska crop.

Nebraska certified potatoes have become standard for seed in all potato growing states and in Central American countries. An association in northwestern Nebraska grades the potatoes and certifies their quality. When these members of the royal family of the potato kingdom ride forth in humble sacks on their mission of bettering the quality of the food of the nation, western Nebraska is telling the world of the super quality of Nebraska soil.

Talks on State Resources and Its Advantage

W. L. Pierpont Talks Over Radio Station KOIL on Markets and State Products.

To be one among others to invite the merchants of this territory to Market Week in Omaha, is indeed an honor. Retailing is a basic industry. The welfare of every man, woman and child depends upon the supply of food and clothing. The retailer is the last link in the chain between the producer and the manufacturer on the one hand and the consumer on the other. When retailing declines unemployment sets in at factory centers and the effect is soon felt all along the line. What then are the prospects this fall and winter for this important industry throughout the middle west—the Omaha trade territory?

In the field of sport it was said for years "As goes Babe Ruth, so goes the New York Yankees and their chance for the American league pennant." Likewise, it may be stated, as fares the farmer, so fares the merchant in this large area termed the bread basket of the world. We are an agricultural section with our two great sources of income, the crops of the farm and live stock.

Let us look at government and state official reports as of August 1 for the facts and estimate the money in hand for the farmer upon whom our volume depends. Bear in mind, too, that rains and cooler weather in most sections have improved the outlook since Aug. 1. Take the state of Nebraska. The figures I give you have been compiled by Mr. Gillan, agricultural expert of the Chamber of Commerce at Omaha. They are prices at the farm. Wheat, 1929 crop, 70,980,000 bushels, at 75c, \$53,230,000. Value of last year's wheat crop at 99c per bushel, \$55,902,000. This year's crop was 14 1/2 million bushels greater than last year. It was a common experience in western Nebraska this year to have yields of 40 to 50 bushels per acre and in some cases even 60 bushels. While the price was lower this year, the total valuation is only roughly two and three-quarters million less due to enlarged yield. Corn, 1929 estimate, is 193,935,000 bushels at 90c valuation, \$174,541,000. In 1929, 237,734,000 bushels at 69c totaled \$64,043,000. A clear gain this year of ten and a half million dollars over last year, figuring price this year at 90c, although many predict a higher price. To this must be added a carry over from last year of 60 million bushels of corn. Barley, 1929 estimate, 20,226,000 bushels at 50c; \$10,411,000 compared to 18,982,000 bushels in 1929 at 50c per bushel, total \$9,446,000; a clear gain for 1930 of almost one million dollars. Alfalfa hay, 1930 estimate, 2,700,000 tons at \$10 per ton, \$27,000,000; in 1929, 2,759,000 tons, at \$11.33 per ton; \$31,259,000; a loss for 1930 over last year of four and one half million dollars, but there is a total valuation of all hay this year over 1929 of almost six million dollars. I might go on with figures in sugar beets, dairy products, poultry and eggs, sheep, cattle, hogs, etc., showing gains in valuation in some cases over last year, and losses in others, on the whole just about a stand off with last year, and last year was an exceptional year for crops. Surely Nebraska has been sitting in the "Lap of luxury" this year. What of other areas, the southwest, southern Missouri, southern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky—have been burned as never before, we have come through in good shape, with indication that the loss in yield will be made up by the increased price. Live stock brought to the Omaha Market so far this year was valued at \$225,000,000. Nebraska cannot with justice "sing the blues" this year when every man, woman and child in the state will have an income about the same as last year which was \$583.

What is true of Nebraska is true in the main of the Omaha market territory comprising 11 states. Of course, there are some sections "hard hit" by the drought. So, I might say in most cases favorable weather and better prices will improve their condition. And speaking of better prices, hogs yesterday at Chicago were the highest for 60 days. The value of food products alone in the Omaha trade territory is thirteen times greater than the entire gold production of the world—on an annual basis. Located as we are in the heart of the farm and live stock section, you will agree this must be a fertile field for the retailer the coming fall and winter.

ENJOYING A REUNION

Rev. O. G. Wichmann, the genial pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, is having the great pleasure of having with him at this time all four of his daughters who are here to enjoy a visit altogether for the first time in a number of years.

Mrs. Gertrude Day and little daughter with Miss Dorothy Wichmann, arrived a few days ago from California and were joined here by Miss Eva Wichmann who has been engaged in nursing at Omaha. Today Miss Hildegaard Wichmann, another daughter of the pastor, arrived from the west coast where she is teaching in Portland, Oregon, and will enjoy a visit here for a time. Mrs. Day goes from here to Washington, D. C., to reside while Miss Dorothy will take up her school work at Denver and Miss Hildegaard at Portland.

It is needless to say that the family is enjoying the reunion to the utmost.

PRICE OF OATS IMPROVES

Chicago—Selling for a higher price than the average for many years, oats, the "poor relation" of King Corn and Wheat, has been nudging into the position of favor on the Chicago board of trade during the last ten days. This time its rise to power is ascribed largely to the drought which wiped out a large portion of the expected midwestern crop and necessitated farmers' plans for the use of mixed feeds to finish off livestock for the market. Oats forms an important part of most of the mixed feed recipes which are worked out for such emergencies.

Oats is also in demand, according to James A. Begg, former director of the board of trade, as a medium for traders to use in hedging barley futures. Barley, he said, used to be traded in on the exchange to a considerable extent, but little trading in it is done now. People who must buy barley usually use oats to hedge their purchases.

NEW PROCESS FOR TALKIES

New York—George K. Spoor, pioneer in the motion picture industry and co-inventor of the recently named stereoscopic natural vision camera, announced Thursday he had found a new process for making talking pictures. Mr. Spoor said the new process was worked out by a series of experiments begun in Chicago in March, 1929, in conjunction with J. John Berggren and Fred J. Lindbergh, Chicago electrical engineer. He said the process would be in operation in Chicago theaters in about a week. The new process carves sound grooves on the movie films like the lines on a phonograph disc. A small "pick-up" device on the projection machine takes the place of the phonograph needle in transferring the sound from the film to the film to the loud speakers.

Name Rev. W. Harms Lutheran Head Again

William Brommer of Omaha Is Re-elected District Treasurer—Missions Report

Columbus, Neb., Aug. 21.—Rev. W. Harms, pastor of a Lutheran church at Bancroft for the past half century and president of the Northern Nebraska district of the Missouri synod since it was formed eight years ago, was elected to that office for the fourth time at the forenoon session of the annual district meeting at Christ Lutheran church Thursday. The election was for a three-year period.

Rev. E. M. Mayer, of Norfolk and Rev. E. Olschlager, West Point, were elected first and second vice-presidents succeeding Rev. J. Holstein, Plainview, and Rev. G. W. Wolter, Arlington.

Additional officers elected at the afternoon session were Rev. H. L. Bornemann, Columbus, secretary the past six years re-elected; Rev. E. Bergt, Schuyler, English secretary succeeding Rev. A. H. Schiefel, Mead; and Rev. W. H. Groves, Omaha, treasurer since the district was organized eight years ago, re-elected. Election of the various district boards will be taken up at the Friday session. Thursday evening was devoted to social gatherings of all members of the different educational institutions.

Forty-two mission stations with 3,700 baptized members and with 30 pastors in charge were maintained in the northern Nebraska district during the past year Rev. Theodore Hartman of Louisville, chairman of the mission board reported at the afternoon session.

Most of the territory served by mission stations in along the North Western railroad through northern Nebraska and the eastern Wyoming, Lovell at the entrance to the Yellowstone into the farthest mission station west and Atkinson, Neb., is the farthest east. Scottsbluff, Neb. and Casper, Wyo., are the two largest towns with stations.

The Missouri synod now has a fully accredited university, according to a report of Rev. J. Werling, a member of the faculty of St. Johns college, Winfield, Kans., chairman of the educational board Valparaiso university at Valparaiso, Ind., having become accredited by the Northwestern Association of Colleges in the fall of 1929.

Other educational institutions maintained by the synod include: two theological seminaries at St. Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., two normal schools at Chicago, Ill., and Seward, Neb., and 14 colleges.

—World-Herald.

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 - Men's Goat Leather Gloves 39c
 - Men's College Slickers . . \$3.65
 - Men's Dress Felt Hats . . . \$2.25
 - Men's Silk Ties 50c



Divide Districts of Church Into Circuits Soon

Resolutions Passed by the Northern Lutheran District Calling for Ten Divisions.

Columbus—A resolution dividing the northern Nebraska district of the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church into ten circuits was adopted Friday at the annual convention of the districts here. The plan will join nine to twelve congregations in each of the new circuits.

Churches in each of the circuits will be grouped around a central point and will be under the supervision of a pastor living within the circuit, according to the plan. In this way, it is believed, information on any subject may be secured more readily and closer contact between congregations will result.

The circuits and the pastors in charge are:

- No. 1, Omaha, Rev. Paul Rohlfing;
- No. 2, Fremont, Rev. A. H. Grosse;
- No. 3, West Point, Rev. W. Homan, Bancroft; No. 4, Wayne, Rev. A. Hopman; No. 5, Norfolk, Rev. A. H. Schiefel, Battle Creek; No. 6, Plainview, Rev. A. Cienburg, Bloomfield; No. 7, Neligh, Rev. P. Dorn, Ainsworth; No. 8, Columbus, Rev. E. Holm, Platte Center; No. 9, Chadron, Rev. H. Roth, Gordon; No. 10, Wyoming, Rev. G. Ludwig Lovell, Wyoming.

Each circuit will meet twice each year, probably in April and October.

Rev. F. L. Lankenau of Napoleon, O., talked on religious education Friday before the conference. Educational institutions maintained by the synod, he declared, are not in competition with public schools because they are primarily for religious education.

Next to the parochial school in importance, he said, is the Sunday school, followed by the Saturday school and the vacation school.

The alumni association adopted a resolution endorsing the movement for a new administration building and the matter was referred to officers of the association. They are Rev. W. B. Bitzen, Battle Creek, president, Rev. M. Budde of Foster, secretary, and Rev. William Gerdes of Wakefield, treasurer.—State Journal.

BOGUS BILLS ARE IN USE

Chicago—The first attempt to counterfeit the new small sized currency on a large scale stood thwarted Friday night with several men under arrest as counterfeiters and several others sought by secret service agents. Meanwhile agents said there is \$28,000 of the bogus money in circulation in the Chicago area, besides the \$53,000 seized by the agents. Federal warnings have been sent out to all money handlers against \$10 notes with a windowless sedan depicted in front of the treasury building in the engraving on the reverse.

Among those sought are two engravers, with their tools and plates, and Big Earl Hreberty, hoodlum, ex-convict and former ally of Polack Joe Salfis, beer baron. Under arrest are Peter Belasnick and John McNulty, Forest Marvel and an unidentified woman. The first two were taken in Rockford, Ill., several days ago and their confessions led to the raid on Marvel's flat here, where the others and the unpassed bills were seized. Marvel late Friday waived examination and was released on \$25,000 bail.

OGALLALA YEGGS BLAST 3 FASFS

Ogallala, Aug. 22.—Cracksmen obtained \$100 in cash and \$3,400 in checks from three safes they dynamited in business offices Thursday night. They tried to blow another without success.

The Hobbs & Riedesel Implement Co., lost \$80 and \$200 in checks; the Thayer garage, \$10 and \$3,000 in checks and the Ogallala Lumber Co., \$10 and \$200 in checks.

The lock was blown from the safe at the Melville Lumber Co., but the yeggs were apparently frightened away without loot.

Auto Topics



A retarded spark and rich mixture will heat the exhaust manifold "white hot." It may set fire to your car—first igniting the gasoline under the hood. You may prevent the total loss of your car by going over the carburetor adjustments regularly.

There are other common causes of fire, some of which cannot be easily detected. Even a minor blaze in your car or garage means an outlay of cash for repairs. It is wise to insure your car against such loss.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Burr and family of Shelby, Iowa, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Porter Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cochran and son, Edgar and Elmer, Mr. Ryan Peterson of Omaha spent Sunday afternoon at the Henry Stander home. Elmer remained for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roebler and Mrs. Bert Mooney had their tonsils removed last Thursday at the Lord Lister hospital in Omaha.

Mrs. Nannie Kline was a dinner guest Wednesday at the Henry Stander home.

Billie Mooney spent several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stander during his mother's illness.

Bert Mooney is working as first trick operator at the Rock Island station, while Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis are on their vacation.

Archie Bumgartner of Ashland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haswell and son, and Mrs. Merle Crabtree and daughter, of North Bend, were supper guests at the Clyde Haswell home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnicle and son, Wayne, spent the week end with Mrs. Carnicle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Sweeney. Mr. Carnicle's sister, Beulah, returned home with them for a week's visit.

Miss Jeanette McNamara of Fairmont is spending a few weeks at the V. D. Livers home.

Mrs. V. D. Livers and Miss Jeanette McNamara were Omaha visitors Friday.

Mrs. M. Newman and Mrs. John Timm and sons, Lyle and Marion Lee, were Friday afternoon visitors at the J. L. Carnicle home.

Bion Dill and daughter, Sadie, returned home Friday from their six weeks vacation at Fairfield, where they had been visiting at Willard Metrick's home.

Joe Peterson and Hazel Carnicle were Thursday evening callers at the Homer Carnicle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill and sons were Lincoln visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Blum of near Ashland spent Thursday afternoon at the Wm. Blum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau and Verle and Donald were Sunday evening visitors at the Wm. Blum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Richards of Havelock were week end visitors at the Will Richards home.

Miss Florence Zaar who has been attending College at Omaha, spent the week end at home with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zaar.

Wickersham Body Says Law Unenforceable

Judge William S. Kenyon of Iowa, Only Member Who Still Has Faith

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Hoover's law enforcement commission was reported on reliable authority Friday to be almost unanimously of the opinion that prohibition can never be enforced effectively.

This report arose in the discussion that has followed the statement of Chairman Wickersham that the committee "was unanimously opposed to the theory" of the Jones 5-and-10 law.

Judge William S. Kenyon of Iowa is the only member of the commission who has faith in the effective enforceability of the prohibition law, according to this authority. As a senator, Kenyon was an ardent dry and is the co-sponsor of the Webb-Kenyon act to prohibit the interstate transportation of liquor into dry states before national prohibition.

BRYAN CLAIMS ECONOMY REIGN

Seward, Aug. 21.—Twelve hundred people heard Charles W. Bryan speak here at the county fair. He discussed the bank guaranty situation and pointed out what he called the waste and extravagance of the present administration.

Under Governor Neville, he said, the state government cost \$9,000,000 annually. Last year, he asserted, it cost \$44,000,000.

When he came to the office of governor, Bryan said, he found 600 employees in the various code departments. That number, he added, was cut to 220.

Legal and commercial printing of all kinds at the Journal office.

CRITIC OF OUR TAX SYSTEM

Ithaca, N. Y.—Taxes are the cause of bankruptcy among thousands of farmers every year, R. B. H. Hibbard, tax expert from the University of Wisconsin, told the international conference of agricultural economists here Thursday. He blamed the general property tax, saying that under this "archaic system" the farmer was taxed more heavily in proportion to his earnings than any other group. Taxes take from 15 to 40 per cent of farm incomes, he said. He advocated abolishment of the local and town assessor, and put putting the office under civil service regulations, with incumbents chosen for technical knowledge of the job of assessing.

The recently enacted tariff bill Doctor Hibbard characterized as a "newly polished gold brick." He said tariff revision was needed but not like that which resulted in the present law, "designed as a new brand of soothing syrup."

Predict How

Just what the final report of the commission will recommend on the prohibition question, no one in authority can predict, but it is said there is likely to be a lively row over the issue when the time arrives a year hence.

In some well-informed quarters, it is said that the commission will make no specific recommendation, such as outright repeal of the Eighteenth amendment or modification of the Volstead act, or such alternatives as government control of state regulation of the liquor traffic.

The commission is more likely, it is said, to merely report the facts as to the success or failure of prohibition and let congress draw its own conclusions and act in the fullness of its wisdom.—Bee-News.

OLD RESIDENT HERE

From Thursday's Daily—Mont Robb, of Union, one of the long time residents of Cass county, was in the city last evening to enjoy the McEwen shows and visiting with the old time friends in the community. Mr. Robb is a member of one of the old families of Otoe and southern Cass county and has long been prominent in the affairs of his community. He is very active in the republican organization of the county for practically a lifetime and is expecting to be here to attend the county convention next week.

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Things He'll Need

There are a lot of things a boy needs to Start the School Year Right

- He'll Need Shirts We have them at 85c to \$1 each
- He'll Need Ties We have them at 25c and 50c
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