

Kearney Potato Growers Wind Up Successful Year

Weather During Digging Season More Favorable Than Last—Majority of Crop Early Obios.

Potato growers in the Kearney district of central Nebraska have just concluded a very successful season, according to O. D. Miller, local representative of the federal and state marketing bureaus, who closed the market news station at that point recently. Their crop was of good quality, carefully handled and packed in new tagged or branded sacks, so they were in a position to take advantage of the active demand and advancing market which prevailed during the shipping season as the result of light shipments for the country as a whole.

The weather during digging time this year was more favorable than in 1920, and the stock was mostly clean and attractive. State shipping point inspectors said that only about one-fourth of the shipments fell into the No. 2 grade. Nearly 90 per cent of the crop was Early Obios. The yield for the whole district averaged about 100 bushels to the acre, which is about 30 bushels lower than last year, but this was more than offset by the cost of production, which was estimated to be at least 100 per cent lower than in 1920 because of cheaper seed, sacks and farm labor.

Average Price \$1.95. During the first 10 days of the season much of the stock was rolled unsold and diverted from Omaha, but after July 25, which marked the beginning of a strong and steady demand, practically everything was sold to the shipping point. Cash buyers bought about half the shipments. The cash price per 100 pounds in carlots, sacked, started at \$1.90 July 10. It weakened gradually to \$1.50 on the 20th, but an advance July 25 which brought it to \$1.85 by August 1, \$2.25 by the 5th and \$2.75 by the 9th. The highest price was paid August 10, when two cars sold at \$3. The season's average was \$1.95.

Although more than half of the table stock shipments of the main crop, moving from western Nebraska during the fall and winter, go to points within the state the higher price commanded by this earlier crop allowed longer hauls and all but 30 of the 500 cars shipped from the Kearney district to August 12, inclusive, went outside the state. Chicago, with a freight rate of 1-2 cents, received 123 cars. The rest went mostly to towns and small cities in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Demand Good. The poor quality of the Kaw valley crop as the result of late freezing and heavy rains just before digging time, was an important factor in creating the demand for Nebraska stock in these central states and the failure, through drought, of the early crop usually grown near Minnesota, is said to have caused the demand in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The field equipment used in publishing the market report is being moved to Alliance, where a station will be opened about August 25 and maintained until December 1. The service this year is being carried on co-operatively by the United States bureau of market news and crop estimates and the Nebraska bureau of market and marketing. Destinations of Nebraska shipments, number of cars shipped from each state in the country, prices paid at shipping points in important states and jobbing or carlot prices in terminal markets, are features of these daily reports, which are mailed free to growers and other interested persons who make application.

St. Louis University Will Furnish Radio Phone Market Report

St. Louis, Aug. 21.—Announcement was made yesterday by officials of St. Louis university, that beginning Monday, a radio telephone market report at 350 meter wave length will be sent out in addition to the present radio service. The markets, which will be read daily at 2 p. m., will include the essential features of the daily bulletins issued by the United States bureau of market news.

While the intention of the university is to serve only the territory immediately tributary to St. Louis, it is estimated the reader's voice will be audible as far away as Kansas City and Omaha and for a like distance in other directions.

Record Grain Shipments Start for European Ports

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Two record-breaking shipments of corn were made from the Calumet harbor region for foreign ports, according to a report from the Canadian steamship Westmount carried 412,000 bushels and the st-amer Crusell Hubbard 401,000 bushels.

Both boats were destined for the same Canadian port, Depot Harbor. The shipments are part of 1,000,000 bushels destined for Europe. Heretofore the record for any one shipment has been 400,000 bushels.

Cass County W. C. T. U. Will Meet at Louisville

Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The 13th annual convention of the Cass County W. C. T. U. will be held at Louisville August 26. An extensive program has been arranged and delegations will be in attendance from each of the five local unions in the county. Mrs. W. B. Banning of Union is president of the county organization.

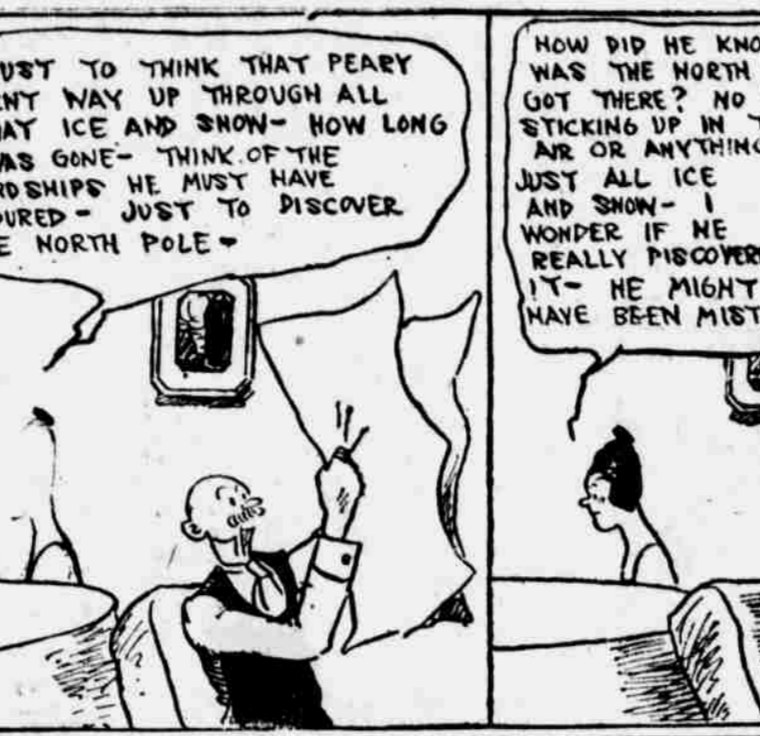
Nebraskans En Route to Porto Rico Visit Capital

Washington, Aug. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Among Representative McLaughlin's callers were the Misses Margaret and Hazel Stone of York, Neb., who are visiting Washington en route to Porto Rico to teach in the public schools of that country.

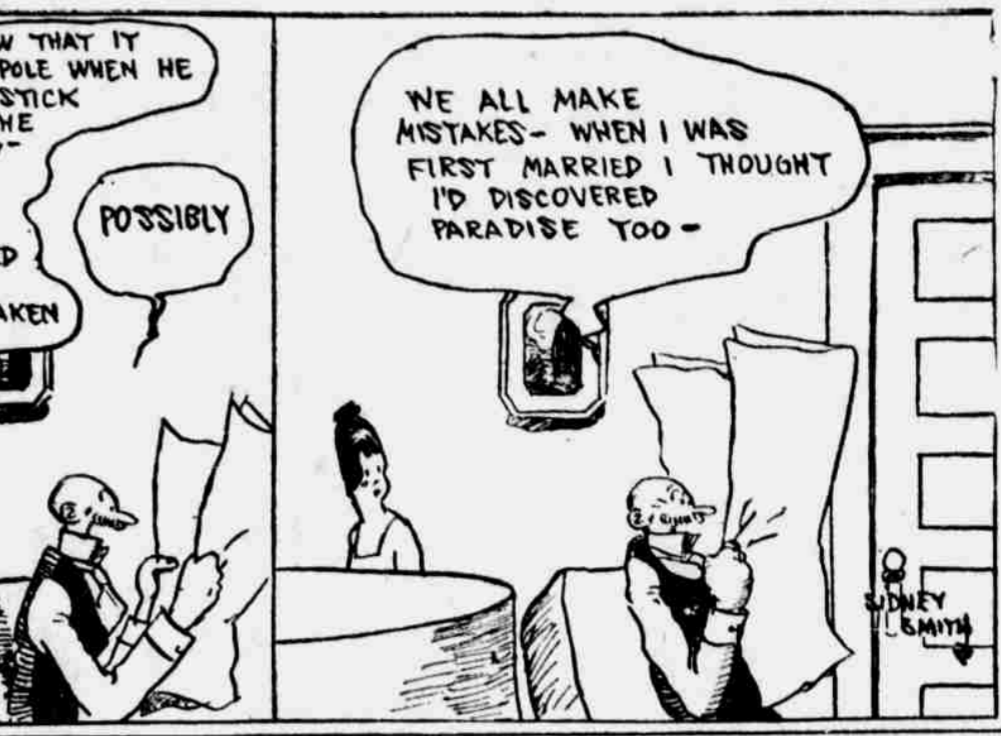
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Drawn for The Bee by Sidney Smith.



Insects Damage Grain and Forage Crops of State

Pest Conditions From July 15 to August 15 About Normal, Although Worse in Some Districts.

Lincoln, Aug. 21.—The insect conditions in Nebraska from July 15 to August 15, as they affect the cereal and forage crops of the state, were about normal, although in various localities the pests were more damaging than for corresponding periods of the month by surveying developed, says the statement.

An unusual abundance of beetle larvae in Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel and Morrill counties existed during the middle of July, according to the report, "and as they were found abundantly in the wheat fields their presence caused considerable anxiety. With the exception of a few patches of beet, they did no serious injury."

Insects Injure Trees. "The white-marked tussock moth continued more than normally abundant on shade trees, and the fall webworm has been disfiguring many shade trees over the eastern half of Nebraska during the month. Injury by the elm borer and the poplar borer has been very frequently complained of. The scale insects most frequently reported have been the white elm scale and the oyster shell scale on the elms.

Fire in Hotel Building Forces Guests to Leave. Fire broke out in the basement of the Elite Furniture company store in the Northwestern hotel building, Sixteenth and Webster streets, about 12:30 Sunday morning. Twenty hotel guests occupying rooms on the second floor were forced to leave because of smoke which filled the building.

Six Texas House Members Are Arrested for Absence. Austin, Tex., Aug. 21.—Six of nine members of the Texas house of representatives were taken into custody by the sergeant-at-arms and the sheriff and taken under arrest before the house. They were charged in warrants issued last night with willfully absenting themselves from the session to prevent a quorum.

Tests for Presidential Postmasters to Be Held. Washington, Aug. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Postoffice department has requested the civil service commission to set a date for examination of presidential postmasters at the following places: Nebraska—Belden, Hooper, Plainview, Winnebago.

Many Nebraska Producers Endorsing Kanred Wheat

New Variety Said to Yield Larger Returns and Withstand Weather Conditions Better Than Many Other Kinds—Reported to Resist Rust Well.

After a thorough trial of Kanred wheat, the variety which is rapidly displacing Turkey and Kharok in the hard wheat belt, an increasingly large number of Nebraska growers from every section of the state are endorsing it for general use in preference to the sorts commonly grown. In the eastern part of the state, as well as in southern Iowa, northern Missouri and central Illinois, Kanred outyielded Turkey and Kharok because of its rust resistance. It produced better yields than these varieties in western Nebraska, as well as in eastern Colorado, eastern Wyoming and the intermountain districts of Montana, because Kanred has greater winter hardiness and earlier maturity, in addition to its greater rust resistance.

The variety has made no better record anywhere than in northwest Kansas and adjoining portions of Nebraska. One of the largest and most successful growers is Albert Weaver of Cheyenne county, Kansas, just across the state line from Nebraska. Last year he sold \$40,000 worth of seed and would have had 1,800 acres for pure seed this season, but for a disastrous hail storm which destroyed half of it.

Withstands Rust Well. A farmer in Lancaster county, Nebraska, obtained a small quantity of seed two years ago and grew enough last year for half of a 160-acre field, which had been plowed early and was well prepared. The remainder of the field was sown to Turkey. The land was good, stimulating rank growth, a condition unusually favorable for rust.

The disease reduced a prospective 40-bushel crop of Turkey to 24 bushels. The Kanred sown to 24 bushels, 35 bushels an acre, or a total of 880 bushels more on the 80 acres than a similar area seeded to Turkey yielded.

Progress of the Crops. Weekly Crop Bulletin of the Agricultural Bureau Omaha Chamber of Commerce. During the last week no adverse conditions have developed in the progress of crops and the outlook is generally optimistic. The wheat crop is generally well advanced and the corn crop is well along. The soybean crop is also well advanced. The cotton crop is well along. The sugar crop is well along. The grain crop is well along. The livestock crop is well along.

Old Settlers' Reunion At Union Well Attended. Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The opening day of the Old Settlers' reunion of Union was well attended. The American Legion post of Plattsmouth co-operated with the committee in making the day an occasion of a reunion of war veterans as well as old settlers. Speeches by Attorney A. L. Till of Plattsmouth and Attorney V. E. Taylor of Union were heard. The reunion was a success.

Irish Opera Star to Spend Summer in Native Country. Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 21.—It was announced that John McCormack, whose summer home is at Collenders Point, Darien, Conn., expects to spend the summer of 1922 in his native land, Ireland. He intends to sail for Europe early next May and will make a concert tour of the continent and then go to Ireland for the summer.

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Producers To Be Foundation For Marketing Plan

Head of American Farm Bureau to Call Conference For Purpose of Ratifying Co-Operative Plan.

That the producers' co-operative shipping associations are to be the foundation of the national marketing plan of the farmers live stock marketing committee of 15 is the announcement made of the committee's tentative plan, according to word received by the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation.

Arrangements have already been made for the establishment of a producer owned and controlled commission company at the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, and a special committee has been appointed with authority to select the board of directors for this organization.

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Insects Damage Nebraska Crops

Grasshoppers Most Prominent Pests During July and Early Part of August.

During latter July and early August, grasshoppers were the most prominent insect pests on the cereal and forage crops of Nebraska. In addition to the southeastern counties mentioned in the last report, grasshoppers were reported as seriously injurious at places in Knox, Custer and Saline counties.

Shortly after the middle of July an outbreak of the chinch bug developed in Knox county in northwestern Nebraska. The bugs were first noticed in the barley fields and when that was harvested they migrated to the corn and did a considerable amount of damage in some of the fields.

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Movement to Aid Oklahoma Cattle Raisers Started

Southern Banks Back of Plan To Educate Farmers—May Ship Illinois Steers to Sooner State.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Eugene Arnett of Oklahoma City arrived in Chicago yesterday in the interest of a campaign to raise the standards of cattle raising in the southern states. According to Mr. Arnett, the banks of the south and the government are back of a plan to take Illinois steers south and to educate the farmers in stock raising instead of purely crop growing activities.

The movement started in Oklahoma, where the banks became tired of carrying small farmer loans when the agriculturalists appeared to be using the wrong tactics. Eighty-nine per cent of the banks of Oklahoma got together and decided to make no more one-crop basis loans to farmers unless the borrowers would try methods advocated by the government farm experts.

A survey showed that 40 per cent of the southern farms were without a single head of stock and farmers were seeking to get a living only from one crop. After the farmers have been prepared to care for cattle, agents of an appraisal committee are to go through the dairy districts of Illinois and buy thousands of steers for shipment south. These steers, according to Mr. Arnett, will serve the needs of the southern farmers as well as high-priced bulls raised only for breeding purposes.

Two Beer Parties Broken Up; 350 Quarts Are Seized
Two beer parties were broken up and more than 350 quart bottles of home brew seized in raids Saturday night staged by Sergeant Murphy and Officers Buford, Triglia, Vinci and Samuelson.

Bishop Lewis Near Death
In Sioux City Hospital
Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 21. Rev. W. S. Lewis, Methodist bishop of China, is near death at the Methodist hospital, where he has been confined for three weeks suffering from infection caused by carbuncles. Shortly after noon he suffered a relapse.

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