

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

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U. S. Fancy No. 1.

U. S. Fancy No. 1 shall consist of potatoes of one variety which are mature, bright, well shaped, free from freezing injury, soft rot, dirt or other foreign matter, sun-burn, second growth, growth cracks, hollow-heart, cuts, scab, blight dry rot, disease, insect or mechanical injury, and other defects. The range in size shall be stated in terms of minimum and maximum diameters or weight following the grade name, but in no case shall the diameter be less than 2 inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 5 per cent by weight, of any lot may vary from the range and size stated and, in addition, not more than 6 per cent by weight, of any lot may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this 6 per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot.

Definition of Terms

As used in these grades: "Mature" means that the outer skin (epidermis) does not loosen or "leather" readily during the ordinary methods of handling. "Bright" means free from dirt or other foreign matter, damage or discoloration from any cause, so that the outer skin has the attractive color normal for the variety.

"Well shaped" means the normal, typical shape for the variety in the district where grown, and free from pointed dumb-bell shaped, excessively elongated, and other ill-formed potatoes. "Diameter" means the greatest dimension at right angles to the longitudinal axis.

"Free from damage" means that the appearance shall not be injured to an extent readily apparent upon casual examination of the lot, and that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed in the ordinary process of preparation for use without appreciable waste in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect. Loss of outer skin (epidermis) shall not be considered as an injury to the appearance. "Badly misshaped" means of such shape as to cause appreciable waste in the ordinary process of preparation for use in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

"Free from serious damage" means that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed by the ordinary process of preparation for use without a waste of 10 per cent or more, by weight, in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING IN OREGON

By George A. Mansfield, President, Oregon State Farm Bureau.

The state of Oregon is just beginning to realize the need of co-operative marketing. It is high time. An examination of the statistics on the subject of its growth is not very flattering to the people of Oregon. It is now conceded by everyone that if we are to build large and prosperous cities and attain the prosperity that our glorious climate and situation entitle us to, that we must devise ways and means to make the farmers prosperous.

Oregon should lead, not follow. A comparison of our achievements with those of California are not very comforting to our pride.

But this is of the past; what of the future? The business men of the city of Portland and over the state are showing unmistakable evidence of the fact that they realize this condition and are preparing to remedy it. This is as welcome news to the Oregon farmers who have been battling in the trenches for years in the endeavor to overcome these conditions as the knowledge that reinforcements had arrived from America was to the Allies during the World War.

Even with the assistance of the business men, what is necessary to success? What is the first thing to be done? Oregon contains about 55,000 farms.

men of California have, we will begin to lead, and California and other states to follow; but until we secure that wholehearted co-operation the improvement of conditions in Oregon will be slow. It is but fair to add that I believe all of us have learned a great deal during the past two or three years and that I am confident we are going to receive just this sort of co-operation and that Oregon will, during the next few years, make immense progress along these lines.

High School Notes.

Bergen Bellville and Kenneth Pratt attended the Rainier and Clatskanie game at Clatskanie Saturday.

The report cards were distributed Tuesday. There are many among us who have decided to turn over a new leaf and work for exemptions.

The Hesperian Literary society members have been practicing faithfully every night after school. The coming entertainment promises to be exceptionally good.

Among the students who attended the O. A. C.-W. S. C. game in Portland Saturday were, Ruth Burcham, Marion Morton, Ronald Blackley, Rashleigh Peel, Merman Ruebens, Raymond Rutherford and Harold Monish.

The students held a rally Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of getting up pep for the Rainier game. Theodora Tarbell and John Lafferty are the new yell leaders and have aroused much enthusiasm for the games in high school.

The girls' basketball team defeated the Peninsula girls' team 13 to 10 in an exciting game played in Portland last Friday evening. The girls stayed over night in the city, returning to St. Helens Saturday. The high school is very proud of the team and hope to see them win many more games before the season is over. As this was the first game the prospects are very bright.

The Hesperian Literary society will present an Oregon program Friday night, December 8, at the high school auditorium, the proceeds of which will go to the rest-room fund which the Parent-Teachers association is raising. The evening promises to be very instructive as well as entertaining. The program will be as follows:

- Song, "Oregon," The Society.
- Scenes from "The Bridge of the Gods."
- Roll Call of Oregon Names.
- (a) Famous Men of the Past.
- (b) Future Great Men.
- Solo, "The Land of the Sky Blue Waters," Miss Kate Lynch.
- Scenes from "Salagavea."
- Lantern Slides of Oregon's Scenic Beauties."
- Song "Out Where the West Begins," Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to announce that we have reopened the Houlton Hotel (across from the S. P. & S. depot) and will cater to those who would like a nice home-like place to stay and first-class cooked meals at a reasonable price. We will serve a special chicken dinner every Sunday and solicit your patronage with the promise of fair and courteous treatment in return.

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There are many ways of getting what you want, but the surest way is to advertise for it in this paper.

A man never claims to understand woman—a woman always thinks she understands men, until after she has married one.

How narrow an escape most of us have had from committing crimes for which we applaud courts and juries for sending others to jail.

Deceit seems impossible in the habitually cheerful person, yet he could not be cheerful without hiding a lot of things.

A dealer in skins says skunk skins make the strongest and also the best-wearing furs. No one will hardly dispute the first statement.

The inventor who says he can make everything out of nothing will be in great demand by all political parties as their official prognosticator.

This being absolutely on the square all the time is a pretty hard game. How many are there who haven't done something hypocritical during the past year? Be honest, now!

The kitchen should be the tidiest room in the house, for more company is entertained there than in the parlor.

After you have given in to your wife to make her stop crying, doesn't it make you mad to hear her telling the neighbors how she can work you for anything she wants?

There are men who will sit up all night with a sick cow but haven't the patience to take care of one of their own squawking kids for fifteen minutes.

We don't want public servants fearless in the performance of their duties—what we want is public servants who do things according to our way of thinking they should be done.

Why don't the astronomers, who waste so much time on Mars, try to look for woman's sphere. They'd find someone there ready enough to talk.

Don't buy your wife cut glass and pretty dishes unless you can afford to have her invite her friends in to use them.

The person who gets into trouble

gets more than his share of sympathy, but of course the person who isn't in trouble doesn't need it.

It doesn't seem nearly as hard for some people to settle a bill with a check as to count out the cold cash.

Some people pull backwards so far that they get clear around in front after a while.

A girl doesn't need any reason for getting married—and quite often does not use any—which is fortunate for the male fraternity.

A Chicago funeral recently cost over \$3000—which is another demonstration that it is worth while to live.

If you are wealthy enough you can have any kind of a disease you please and pay \$500 for advice not as efficient as 10 cents worth of sulphur and molasses. — Cottage Grove Sentinel.

RAP AT MODERN PREACHERS.

Bishop Collis Denny said in an address in Richmond:

"I heard a good story the other day that hits a good many preachers. It seems that the janitor of a fashionable church was showing his wife through the edifice. At the end of the inspection he said to her: "Would you like to hear me preach?"

"Go on! You can't preach!" she objected.

"Can't I though?" said the janitor and he went up into the pulpit and ranted and roared and raved a good 20 minutes or more about the vile sins committed daily by the heathen in equatorial Africa.

"Then when he finished, he said, as he came down, wiping his hot face:

"There; how was that for a sermon?"

"It was mighty fine," said his wife. "But you told all about the sins of the natives away off in Africa and never a word about the sins of the folks right here at home."

"The janitor chuckled. "Ha! Ha!" he said. "I know the tricks of preachin' too well for that." — Los Angeles Times.

The good die young, they say—and there are a lot of us that are no longer spring chickens.

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Some Other Fellow's Sister.

Our family consists of my father and mother, myself and my sister, who is several years younger than I am. Returning home unexpectedly after a long absence in China, I walked in unannounced. About the time my father and mother and I were through hugging each other, a young girl of nineteen entered the room. I grabbed her and said, "Kid if you were not my sister I would fall in love with you." "I am not your sister," said a smothered voice. And she wasn't! But I kept my promise.—Exchange.

"THE SHEIK" COMING TO SUNSET THEATRE

Among the big productions to be shown on the screen at the Sunset theatre is "The Sheik" which will be shown on Sunday, December 3rd. A dramatic editor said of the production "For magnificent scenes of sheer beauty, dramatic acting and colorful thrills one after another, 'The Sheik' reaches the top notch of motion picture entertainment."



REFUGE STRENGTH, HELP—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46:1.

CHURCH NOTICES

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST. Sabbath school every Sabbath (Saturday) at 10 a. m. Missionary service or preaching at 11:15. You are invited.

CATHOLIC

Church and Cowitz Streets. Sunday mass at 9 o'clock unless otherwise announced in this paper Tuesday at 4:15 Catechism and Bible Study. Wednesday evening, choir practice. Sunday evening services at 7:30. Daily mass at 8:10. Girls Sodality Sunday at 7 p. m. First Fridays, mass at 8 a. m. Holy hour at 7:30 p. m. Public is always welcome. JOS. P. CLANCY, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL

Bible school with classes for all ages at 10 o'clock. At 11 Rev. Paul D. Hoffman will preach on "The Wrestler and The Runner." Attorney John L. Foote will speak to the Christian Endeavor young folks at 6:30. A very helpful meeting is anticipated. All the young people are urged to be in attendance. If you enjoy singing come to the song service at 7:30. "Be Strong and Show Thyself a Man," will be the theme for the evening sermon. Come and make the Congregational church your home.

The corn-fed turkeys, a large number of which were from the Houlton district, and was the feature of special menus served on all Southern Pacific limited trains on Thanksgiving day, Mr. Scott stated.

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