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BULLETINS ON POTATO GROWING

Copies have just been received at this office of a bulletin from the state agricultural experiment station, giving the results of experiments in growing potatoes which have been in progress for several years. General Bulletin No. 94, "Potato Investigations," by A. G. Craig, gives the results of variety tests made in 1905 to 1908 inclusive. The report shows the varieties which were found to be best for different purposes, such as early market tubers; medium maturity, heavy yielding varieties; heavy yielding, late varieties; stock-food varieties, etc. It also contains a very complete discussion of the methods of improving the yield of potatoes by seed selection. Results of the experiments show that it is possible to increase the yield of the more common varieties more than 30 per cent by careful selection of seed for two successive years. A brief summary of the methods of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and marketing the crop, which have been found to give best results in farm practice throughout the state is included in the bulletin. Copies of the bulletin may be had free of charge by writing to the director of the experiment station, Pullman, Wash.

BUSINESS MEN'S LUCK.

One of the fascinations of business lies in its uncertainty. As Dr. Van Dyke said of angling, so many a man has said of business, "Tis an affair of luck," and the great majority get on the wrong side of the luck.

For every fisherman who brings his basket full of shining fish, there are hundreds who catch nothing, but some how they've enjoyed it, and they always go again, says the Christian Herald. Some mercantile agencies claim that of every hundred concerns starting in business, ninety fail. Not long ago a mercantile agency published a list of failures in the United States showing 51,460 failures during the preceding four years, an average of nearly 13,000 a year.

Of course the unimaginative critic declares solemnly that the failure are due in nine-tenths of the cases, to

"mismanagement." You can't make the men who have failed believe that. You can't make the men who are starting new enterprises today believe that success or failure rests wholly with them and is not very largely dependent upon conditions over which they have no control. Not much can be accomplished by preaching against "luck" as an element to be reckoned with in business. Every man will believe in it, or in his own cleverness—and that isn't much better—until he has something better to believe in. Even the hard-headed, well-seasoned business man is apt to be looking for a lucky strike, or to anatomize his luck when things go wrong. The lucky pocket piece, the good or bad omen, the mascot, all are regarded with some degree of respect by men who certainly are old enough to know better.

Eliminates the Boss.

The phenomenon of the commission plan of government which gives the most satisfaction to many people is the complete disappearance from influence of the typical ward politician. The whole herd of "peanut politics" seems to have disappeared. In Galveston, for example, the nominations which are recognized as emanating from the politicians who formerly controlled the town get only 20 per cent of the votes. In all the cities it is claimed that the city service has been put on a nonpartisan basis, with a great increase in efficiency. Certain it is that under the commission plan candidates have repeatedly been elected without the help of political machines, while the voters are casting their ballots without relying upon the guidance of the machines either.

Nowadays people do not put in so much punctuation as they used to do, but the pauses in the voice are there just the same and are readily understood by good readers and always regarded. The rests in music are like the pauses in reading that are needed to give expression to the sentences. If the player slights the rests or extends them too long the whole effect of the musical sentence is spoiled. —Christian Science Monitor.

Feet Versus the Pen.

In speaking of personal recollections of Dion Boucicault, Henry Miller dwells upon his superb skill as a stage director and tells of the following incident, which occurred during his first rehearsal under Boucicault:

"I went to him direct from Augustin Daly's management. Daly coached his players to cross and recross the stage during the progress of the play, with the idea that this continual moving about of the actors created dramatic action. During my first rehearsal I made a 'Daly cross' as I spoke one of my lines.

"Why did you do that? Boucicault asked in his quiet, quizzical manner.

"I explained that I imagined it would keep the scene moving.

"Thanks, my boy," said Boucicault dryly, "but if I cannot interest the audience with my pen I don't think you can with your feet."

An Ideal Outing.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company will have on sale August 23rd special reduced round trip tickets to the seashore, which will afford their patrons an opportunity to enjoy a delightful outing on the beach. Also the privilege of stopping at Portland and Astoria. The

rate for the round trip is only \$10. Children half fare. Tickets are limited to fifteen days. Make your reservations at the earliest practicable moment.

ARE MICROBES IN YOUR SCALP?

It Has Been Proved That Microbes Cause Baldness.

Professor Unna of Hamburg, Germany, and Dr. Sabourand, the leading French dermatologist, discovered that a microbe causes baldness. Their theory has time and again been amply verified through research experiments carried on under the observation of eminent scientists. This microbe lodges in the Sebun, which is the natural hair oil, and when permitted to flourish it destroys the hair follicles and in time the pores entirely close, and the scalp gradually takes on a shiny appearance. When this happens there is no hope of the growth of hair being revived.

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