

OREGON KING, OWNED BY N. K. WEST, GRAND CHAMPION OF ALL AT FAIR GROUNDS.



To the left, Exaris, a standard-bred; and above Oregon King, splendid Clyde owned by N. K. West and on exhibit at the fair grounds.

Probably as fine a line of standard-bred and pure-bred string as has ever been entered in a Union county agricultural fair by one man, is that of N. K. West and which are to be seen at the fair grounds. Two particularly, of the string of seven horses, are attracting interest. One of them is Exaris, a standard-bred animal which has been the pride of Mr. West's stock ranch for the past few years. The animal is a beauty but he is not alone gaining words of praise for Oregon King, a Clydesdale, is a horse of exceptional qualities and looks. In addition to these two, Mr. West has four fine Clydes stallions and one two-year-old Clydes stalion on exhibit. All these are registered, of course. Lovers of horseflesh are loud in their praise of the string and those versed in the finer lines of demarcation between the best and mediocre, are loyal admirers of all these. Last night on King was awarded the grand champion honors and 1st for Clydes stallions.

While there are several other splendid strings, all drawing loud words of praise, the Reynolds span of mares comes in for more than passing mention. The colts, one yearling and one two-year-old, products of these monster mares, are touted as prize winners in any horse show.

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SPRINGDALE FARM DISPLAY ONE OF FEATURES OF THE FAIR.

Nursery Stock and Spuds Show What is Doing in Elgin Country.

How many know anything about the staple family spud which is served every day in the year in every home in the land?

Well, there is a lot to know. The potato is no mean product. It is as much the staff of life as is the flour you use, and yet its merits, its scientific culture has been neglected shamefully in this country.

If you do not agree with this statement walk with the writer to the Springdale Farm exhibit in the fair pavilion and there see what potatoes are. You will find numerous boxes of different varieties. There is the special entry of Burbanks, staple the world over, there is the American Wonder, not so well known but a fine potato, then Early Rose and mixed varieties, the White City from seed imported from Sutton & Co. at Liverpool direct to the Grande Ronde valley. Eight hills of White City made fifty pounds of potatoes. Then there is the British Crown, another imported spud and Big Blue Victor which never had an equal for size and yield.

Now, you have seen the exhibit but what do you know about potatoes? Listen, to get at the inside of this potato business it takes H. H. Weatherspoon or Johnny Thorsen, who own the Springdale farm, to tell the story. Either of these men, and especially Mr. Weatherspoon can talk for an hour in the most interesting manner

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there are nine hundred acres in potatoes and with prices as they are, Elgin alone will be able to pay a big part of the running expenses of the state with her potato money if she should see fit to do so.

The Springdale Nursery.

In addition to developing fruitland and raising spuds Mr. Weatherspoon and Mr. Thorsen conceived the idea that the tree best suited to this section should be grown here. Looking to the scientific end they got the best stock obtainable and then proceeded to graft and cross their varieties until they have acquired a remarkable sturdy apple tree that is abundantly suited to the valley. They have on display nursery stock with three year old roots and six months old tops that look ideal.

To attend the fair and not go into detail of the Springdale farm exhibit is a great mistake and if one would know how to raise the potato that will bring the best price, the potato that will produce the most starch, he will produce the most starch, he Weatherspoon or Mr. Thorsen.

Lieut. F. D. Berrien, who coached the navy team last year and saw his men go through the season without even being scored against, is now commanding a torpedo boat.

on how potatoes are propagated and developed. For instance, few people know that the potato seed grows in a small potato apple on the vine once every two years. That apple is literally filled with very small seed. These seeds are planted. A large number of small baby potatoes are produced. Then the man with potato sense picks out the shapes that look good and he plants them; the next crop shows a larger potato but true to shape. Again they are planted and this time the crop shows a fully developed potato of the shape first selected. You cannot breed potatoes like Bob Withcombe breeds barley and grain. No, the potato does its breeding and all is required is judgement and care to develop the youngsters that spring from the seed contained in the potato apple. It took Burbank 25 years of constant vigil and study to develop the famous Burbank potato, so you will readily see that the potato business is not mere guess work but also requires brains to handle successfully.

To a reporter of the Observer H. H. Weatherspoon related his potato experience yesterday. He was an operator and station agent, and all of that time his dream was a farm of his own where he could grow and experiment as he pleased. That dream came true when he resigned the Elgin station and joined Johnny Thorsen in the Springdale farm. The chief aim was to develop fruitland which these men are doing with remarkable success, but while the trees were growing it was necessary to make the land produce and their attention was turned to the staple spud. To show how a good thing spreads, when these men began potato culture three years ago in the Elgin country no tract of over thirty acres had ever been planted to spuds in that district. This year

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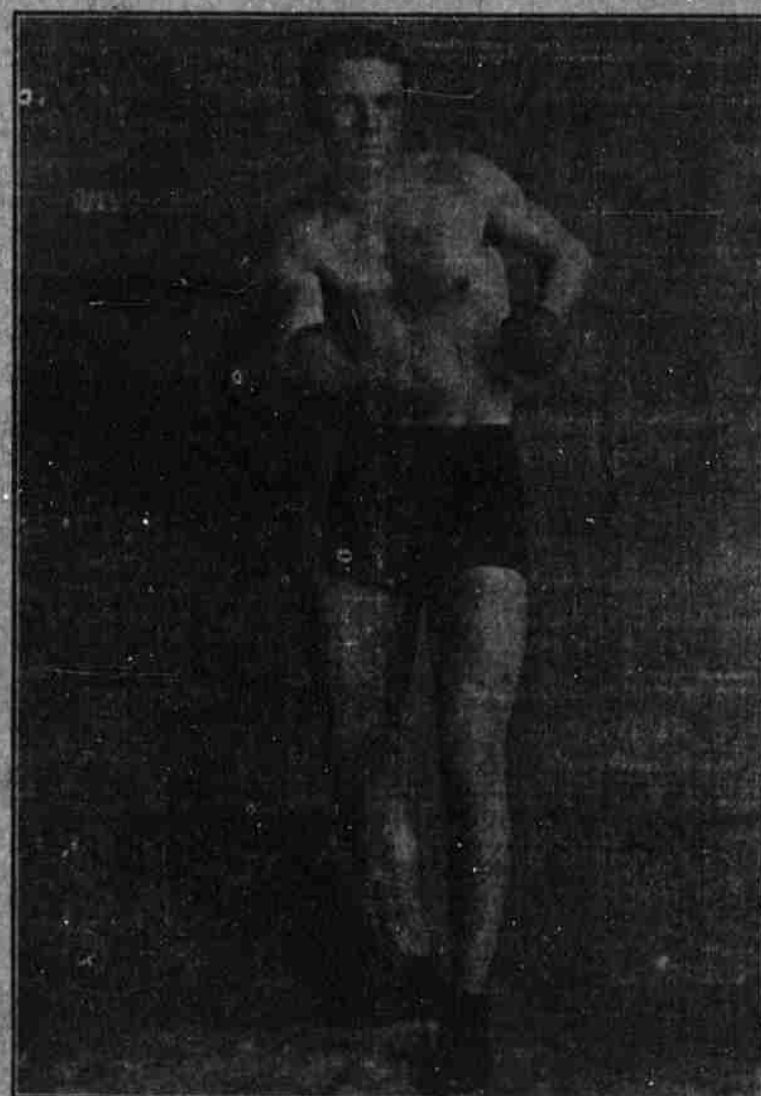
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