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SALEM DISTRICT INDUSTRIES

SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

THE DAILY STATESMAN dedicates two or more pages each week in the interests of one of the fifty-two to a hundred basic industries of the Salem district. Letters and articles from people with vision are solicited. This is your page. Help make Salem grow.

FIVE NAMES IN STUDENT CONTEST, AND EACH GETS PRIZE THIS WEEK

Three weeks ago it was announced that The Statesman would pay \$5 a week, till further notice, to the high school or grade school boy or girl in Marion or Polk county who would submit the best article on the current Slogan subject. The articles are to be in the office (or mailed) by noon of Tuesday of the week of the Slogan subject. All articles submitted to belong to The Statesman. The editor to judge as to the best, in deciding who shall receive the \$5. The idea is to furnish an opportunity to make the rising generation acquainted with the many and great advantages of the district in which they are to take active part in the future. They are to be the leaders as they grow into manhood and womanhood. There was one contestant the first week; seven the last week; there are five this week—and all the five are to get prizes. The \$5 goes to Lloyd Girod. The second prize is a \$1.50 necktie, given by Director's Department Store, and it goes to Raymond Claggett. Each of the other three, Carl Yungen, Fred Dickson and Jean Lucien Graham, is to have a ticket to a moving picture show—and moving picture show selected, at either the Capitol or Oregon or Elsinore theater. The \$5 and theater ticket prizes will stand till further notice. There will likely be surprise prizes each week. One other thing. The Statesman wants the photograph of the first prize winner each week. If the winner has no photo, please go to the Kennel-Ellis studio, 429 Oregon building, Salem, and have one taken, at the expense of The Statesman. When a few photos are in hand, cuts will be made of the first prize winners, to be printed in The Statesman; and perhaps in other papers. The following are the articles for this week:

SALEM MIGHT BE A BIG POTATO CENTER

Editor Statesman:

Many different kinds of potatoes are grown in the Salem district, but the best selling potato is the Burbank. This variety has long cylindrical tubers, and kind of white skin which is smooth. It is slightly flattened and has many eyes. It is a late potato, not being ready to dig until the middle of October. The yield is very good. It is planted in late spring.

The Early Ones

The Early Rose, Irish Cobbler and Early Ohio are potatoes that are grown for the early market. The farmers around Salem hardly ever grow more than enough to supply the different stores of this city, plus their own use.

While Marion county is not a world center for the growing of potatoes, it does grow enough potatoes to supply most of the state, Portland included, and also to ship some to other states.

Some Good Advice

A good reason why potatoes are not grown more extensively around Salem is due to the fact that many people grow potatoes one year and then the price will go down. They will then swear off growing potatoes. The result will be a high price for the grower who grew potatoes long enough to realize that if he wished to make any money with potatoes he must grow them year after year.

Growers Should Organize

Perhaps the best reason for the low price of potatoes when they are in abundance is the poor organization of the farmers. The farmers will be getting a cent or less per pound for their potatoes while you can read every morning the advertisements of the Oregonian that the Portland stores are selling potatoes for as high as two cents per pound. How does that happen? Why can't the farmer solve this? The answer might again be because of the lack of organization. The potatoes go through too many hands before they ever get to the market. Sooner or later the farmer will realize this and then maybe we'll be able to think of being a world center for potatoes.

I wish to finish by saying that it isn't because we can't grow more potatoes, but it is because the farmer don't make any money with them when there is a good crop that they are not grown more extensively.

—Lloyd Girod.
Rt. 6, Box 73, Salem, Ore.
Junior at Salem High School.

THIS BOY KNOWS HOW TO GROW THEM

Editor Statesman:

History of Potatoes—The origin of the Irish potato has been traced to South America; from there to North America, and then to Europe and all other places of the world.

Importance—It is the most important vegetable of the world, and is so universally grown that

THIS ONE IS BY A POLK COUNTY BOY

Editor Statesman:

The origin of the potato has been traced to South America. Then it was brought to North

America and from there it was taken to Europe by the early explorer.

This kind of potato is known as the Irish potato, because it was so extensively grown in Ireland after its introduction to Europe.

The soil best suited for potatoes is a rich sandy loam and a well drained patch.

The chief types of potatoes are the early and late potatoes. The early varieties are planted as early as the soil can be prepared. The late varieties are planted late in May. The soil should be plowed a short time before planting. When cutting potatoes for seed, there should be two or three eyes left on each piece. This should be done very carefully and not cut any eyes in two. Potatoes are often affected by diseases, such as scab disease and potato blight, or the potato beetle. These diseases can be conquered by spraying the potatoes with arsenate of lead or Paris green. Large fields are usually dug by use of machines drawn by horses, and small patches are dug by hand.

—Carl Yungen.
Age 14 years, Salem, Rt. 1, Spring Valley School.

THE POTATO CROP IS VERY IMPORTANT

Editor Statesman:

A potato crop is very important around Salem.

There are many acres of potatoes grown in this fertile valley.

About fourteen to fifteen bushels of cut potatoes are planted to the acre.

The yield is from one hundred to two hundred bushels per acre.

The demand for potatoes always equals the crop.

There is a special kind of a potato called the Garnet raised here for California seed.

Then there are other early potatoes for home use, such as the Early Rose and the Earliest of All, and later ones, the Burbanks, the Irish Cobbler, Yakima Gem and many others.

There is always a market for potatoes, either at home or in other places, as they are nearly a national daily food.

The good ones may be shipped or stored at home, while the poor ones are cooked for stock. There is very little waste.

—Fred Dickson.
Gervais, Rt. 3, Parkersville Dist. 82.

THE POTATO CROP IS NEXT TO WHEAT

Editor Statesman:

One thousand, thirty-eight and three-tenths bushels of potatoes were raised on a measured acre of ground, in California, so why not Oregon, in short, Salem?

An average yield of 1901 bushels on nine acres would have been possible if only the same quantity of seed had been planted by the above mentioned farm.

Of course quality of seed is agreed upon by every commercial grower, but too many of them, I think, overlook the quantity. The growers mentioned above consider the liberal use of seed a good investment; in the production of this phenomenal yield, seed potatoes were planted at the rate of 40 bushels an acre, or more than twice the quantity used generally.

Next to wheat the potato crop is the most important crop grown from the soil: as food it is an absolute necessity; no other article of food appears on the table as often as the potato, except bread and butter.

The potato crop is not a difficult one to raise, as there isn't much hand cultivating to it, nor does the soil have to be prepared so carefully as it so happens in planting many other crops.

Breaking the ground, harrowing and dragging once, prepares the soil for planting, then a good quality and good quantity of seed planted; two plowings, for cultivation, one hand hoeing, then digging your crop, and you have greater returns for your time and money expended than you can get from raising any other crop, I believe.

—Jean Lucien Graham.
P. O. Box 209, Salem, Ore, Parrish, 8th grade, age 14, Feb. 14, 1927.

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Legumes, April 14
Asparagus, etc., April 21
Grapes, etc., April 28

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(Back copies of the Thursday edition of The Daily Oregon Statesman are on hand. They are for sale at 10 cents each, mailed to any address. Current copies 5 cents.)

THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN

DID YOU KNOW that Salem is the marketing and shipping center of a considerable potato industry; that we can grow here at a big profit the seed stock for neighboring states, especially for the California growers, who want seed not grown on irrigated lands; that, with proper seed selection, planting, cultivation, rotation, storage facilities, grading, and packing, we can compete with any market in the United States; that part of the surplus may in some years be taken for dehydration here and we will surely soon get starch and potato flour and dextrine factories; that no farmer can make a mistake in growing in this territory the right kind of potatoes?

The United States has shipped only 10,500 cars more than last year, which does not nearly take up the increased production over 1926.

The same report says little change in wheat prices is noted and it appears that the carry-over from this year's crop will be greater than that of a year ago.

Also that barley has strengthened slightly for best grades, but freight rates are too high for much export business. Wholesale seed prices remain firm. Wholesale prices for red and alsike clover, Alfalfa sales are fair with little changes in price. Grass seed prices are strengthening with the rye grasses being offered at \$9 to \$10.50 for Italian, and \$12 to \$14 a hundred for perennial. Turf seeds, while quoted firm, are low because of increased shipments from southern Germany. The foreign seed is not so good as the Oregon grown bent. Hairy vetch continues firm with some dealers anxious to contract at as high as 10 cents a pound for the 1927 crop. The seed corn supply for Oregon appears good.

POTATO MARKET IS WEAK SAYS THE OAC

An Oregon Agricultural college bulletin says the potato market is inclined to be weak with prices somewhat lower, and with considerable stocks in storage on farms and in warehouses in the northwest. Idaho has shipped but a little over 900 cars more than last year, which still leaves a large surplus.

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1926 WAS NOT GOOD YEAR FOR HIGH QUALITY SEED POTATOES, BUT 25 CARS WERE SENT SOUTH BY ONE SALEM FIRM

The H. A. Hyde Company, Weeks and Pearmine Salem Managers, Are Developing an Industry That Will Grow to Large Proportions, Because California Needs the Kind of Seed Potatoes That Can Be Produced in the Salem District

H. A. Hyde Co., with Salem warehouse and headquarters at 3090 Portland road, is developing a potato seed business here that will lead to big things. W. H. Weeks and L. I. Pearmine are the Salem managers for this concern. They are well known here, because they were Salem boys, and more so among the farmers of this district, because they started the strawberry plant and asparagus plant business here, which is now carried on through H. A. Hyde Co., on a very large and continually growing scale—making car load shipments to California growers.

H. A. Hyde Co. was originally a large nursery concern, at Watsonville, Cal., and that city is still their headquarters, but they have a house also at Portland as well as at Salem, and they are now large dealers in berry hatches and boxes and growers and shippers of many products besides nursery stock of all kinds.

This firm bought and shipped from their Salem house from the 1926 crop 25 car loads of seed potatoes. The shipments were all south, mostly to California. That is they have all gone but two cars, one being loaded yesterday and the last one to go out within a few days.

1926 Poor Potato Year

They expected a larger business for the 1926 crop, but it was a poor year for high quality seed potatoes, and they do not ship any other kind.

Their contracts for growing seed potatoes are already all made for the 1927 crop—have been made for a month or more. They ship only contract potatoes. They do not risk any other kind. They hope to have a greatly increased business.

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supply from their 1927 contracted acreage. They expect to develop this line to very large proportions here, for there is a demand in the south, especially in California, for such seed potatoes as we can produce here on our sandy river bottom loam soils, and on our best hill lands. The southern potato growers want to avoid seed grown on irrigated lands, as far as possible and practicable. This makes a very alluring prospect for the Salem district.

The reason this firm takes contract seed potatoes only is that they may be grown in the right way and on the proper lands, to render them disease free and of high value for seed.

The Varieties Used

The varieties they are contracting for are mostly Burbank and Garnet Chili, with a few Earliest of All, Early Rose, American Wonder and British Queen. The grower for this concern knows what he is going to get for his product. The price is specified in the contract. There is no gamble. H. A. Hyde Co. does not speculate.

From the Salem branch, they also buy and ship in considerable quantities, spagnum moss and florist's moss.

The contract for seed potatoes were confined to Marion county farmers up to this year. For 1927 some Polk county acreage has been taken on.

A Warning

A considerable number of growers in the valley are putting out Garnet potatoes without contract. They are running a big risk, because there is no California demand for these potatoes excepting for seed, and the growers of that state will not buy anything but strictly first class and accredited stock, with guarantees behind it that are binding.

The Hyde people are improving

the quality of their seed potatoes from year to year, as they know this is the only way to count on a certain expansion.

H. A. Dakin, government inspector, examining every car, as to grade and as to disease. He is now in Salem. He also examines apples, broccoli, etc., shipped out of the state. He is an old graduate and World War veteran. The strawberry plant shipments from Salem by this firm are increasing way now. The planting in California is a little later than usual this year. The strawberry plant shipments are larger than ever this year—running from 4,000 to 5,000,000 plants.

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A bill providing for the establishment of law libraries in counties having more than 20,000 and less than 100,000 population was approved by the senate yesterday. The creation of these libraries is optional with the county courts.

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