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**POTATO SEED INJURY  
 IS CAUSED BY BLIGHT.**

Corvallis, Ore., March 8.—“Owing to the prevalence of potato storage rot, which in many cases at least in Eastern Oregon is due to the late blight fungus, questions are coming up in regard to the use of such potatoes for seed and concerning treatment of seed,” said Prof. F. D. Baily, research assistant in Plant Pathology at the Oregon Agricultural college.

“On examination of the diseased tubers one may find large irregular areas over the surface that are darkened and slightly sunken. The discolored part may be quite firm and on cutting it may be found a mere shell around the outer portion while the center remains white and sound, yet in most of the eyes the germ has been killed. Such potatoes are unfit for seed since their use will result in a very poor stand and will produce a few plants in which blight will be carried internally until weather conditions are favorable for the disease to spread. While it would not be possible to cull out every tuber containing the blight this can be done carefully so that a stand may be secured and by following with timely applications of Bordeaux mixture the disease can be prevented. It would be desirable to use seed entirely free from blight, yet this would not insure the crop against the disease since it is scattered by spores from one field to another.

“The formaldehyde treatment that is used to control potato scab and certain other diseases will not control blight. The fact that the fungus penetrates into the tuber as it does makes it impossible to reach it with any treatment of this kind. A method has been devised whereby the fungus has been killed without killing the tubers by submitting them to a dry heat at 104 degrees Fahrenheit for four hours. This is not of practical use, however, and spraying would be necessary to prevent infection from outside in any case.

“Much of the tuber blight so prevalent in storage in Western Oregon at present is directly due to the fact that blight was present in tops when the tubers were dug. They were infected at that time. If the tops had been kept covered with spray up to digging time this loss could have been greatly reduced and many times the total of spraying saved.”

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SCENE FROM "TO-DAY" AT THE EUGENE THEATRE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

**"To-Day" at Eugene Theatre.**

The American mania to appear as prosperous and to dress as well as one's neighbors even if it cannot be afforded on the income of the provider of the family is the theme of the society drama, "To-Day," by Geo. Broadhurst and Abraham Schomer, which will be seen at the Eugene theatre, Thursday night March 11.

"To-Day" was the record-breaking drama of last season in New York, and this season it was presented for four months in Chicago by the company that will be seen here.

It is said that "To-Day" is a consistent drama of modern society, strong in its lesson yet without preachment. It confirms the report of social condition investigators that love of fine clothes and adventure, nearly always perfectly harmless at the outset, has been the cause of turning more women into social outcasts than low wages paid to clerks, which was the theme of an earlier great dramatic success.

Arthur Byron appears at the head of the company which Manager Harry von Tilzer is sending to Eugene. In his support will be found Bertha Mann, Clara Lindsay, Marguerite St. John, Alice Gale, Herman Gerold, Kathryn Keys and Harry MacFayden.

**It's a Good Letter After All**

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in hell all the time. For some reason, he over looked the fortunes of the letter, so we call his attention to the fact "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect, and without it there could be no editors, devils nor news.—Fourth Estate.

**Pigs Were Worth Money.**

An eminent New York artist noted for the beauty of his etchings tells one on himself. It appears that one summer while sketching in New England he made a study of a farmer's barn. The farmer happened to appear and said he'd like to have the sketch. "If it isn't too expensive," he said cautiously. "Oh," said the etcher, whose works bring a stiff price in the metropolitan market. "I won't charge you anything for the sketch, but"—his eye lighting on the pigpen—"I'll tell you what. You can give me one of those nice little pink pigs playing there."

The farmer frowned. "Why, man!" he exclaimed, "do you know what those pigs are worth? They're worth a dollar apiece!"

**Easily.**

"Do you believe women will ever be able to outstrip man?" she asked.  
 "It isn't a matter of speculation," he replied. "She done it."  
 —Chicago Record-Herald.

**Not Very Filling**

The critic's roast.  
 The printer's pl.  
 The cake of soap.  
 The feast of reason.  
 The spice of a joke.  
 The glass of fashion.  
 The reply that's tart.  
 The toast of the town.  
 The salt of the earth.  
 The meat of the question.  
 The wine of the exultation.  
 The food for reflection.  
 The fruits of repentance.  
 The spirit of an occasion.  
 The taste of one's quality.  
 The milk of human kindness.  
 The water of a precious stone.  
 —Town Topics, New York.

**Easily Reduced.**

A surgeon at John Hopkins Hospital is fond of stories in which this joke is on the doctor. He tells this one:

One patient fancied there was something the matter with his heart. His physician made a cursory examination, disclosing a large swelling in the patient's cardiac region.

"There certainly appears to be an extraordinary swelling right here," said the doctor, tapping with his finger on the patient's side. "We must reduce this at once."

Whereupon a faint smile appeared on the patient's worried countenance. "Oh, doctor," he exclaimed, "that swelling is my pocket book. Please don't reduce it too much!"

**Words and Deeds.**

An eminent Methodist bishop was advocating a more liberal loosening of the purse strings, and during a sermon one day told his congregation that at one time he sent an article to a paper in which he said: "We pray too loud and work too little."

The intelligent compositor did a most satisfying job, and when it appeared it read:

"We bray too loud, and work too little."

"I let it go at that," said the bishop. "The fact is, I believe the printer was right, and I never ventured to correct him."—National Monthly.

**Alcohol the Poisoner General.**

We are glad to see the Hearst papers telling the public that "whisky is a poison, and worse than ordinary poisons." This is scientific truth. It won't be long before their editorial writers, thinking, observing men that they are, will amend the statement by substituting the word "alcohol" for "whisky," and thus put before their readers a bigger scientific truth.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, meeting in Washington, D. C., this month, calls the dry sentiment now sweeping the country "prohibition hysteria," and declares it will "die out." We notice, however, that the long-headed retailers, as well as the brewers and distillers, are getting ready to change their business. Two large brewing concerns in Chicago have failed within the past month.



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