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SEED POTATOES IN LANE COUNTY BEST ON PACIFIC COAST

Government Specialist After Investigation Places Our Product First.

CERTIFICATION IS HIGHEST

Industry Derives Great Stimulus and E. E. Morrison, "Spud King," Treble's Warehouse Room.

Last week one of the greatest authorities on potatoes in America arrived in Lane county. It was Prof. J. G. Millward, and his mission here was at the behest of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He was sent through several Pacific Coast states to gather data relative to the potato industry, and especially to pursue his investigations as to the comparative merits of seed potatoes in the various states in which he visited.

He passed up Colorado; passed up Idaho, a famous potato-growing state; passed up the Yakima valley in Washington that raises spuds by the ton. None of them came up to the standard he was looking for in seed potatoes until he struck Lane county. Then he was satisfied. He had found the "last word" in certified seed potatoes.

He bumped into N. S. Robb, County Agriculturist for Lane county, and an ardent advocate of certified spuds, and E. E. Morrison of Springfield, a pioneer in the certified seed game, and the biggest individual shipper in Oregon.

Lane County Heads List.

After a thorough investigation Mr. Millward found that Lane county could boast of 75% of the acreage devoted to the growing of certified seed potatoes in the State, and with a certification so high that he put Lane county at the head of his report, forgot the rest, and started home with his mission fulfilled.

Nothing in specialized agriculture has ever aroused as much interest among Lane county farmers before. The meetings arranged by Mr. Robb at which Millward was present were largely attended and the most intense interest was manifested. That the potato industry in this section of the county, already mammoth in its proportions, will receive a further impetus goes without saying.

Mr. Morrison's Activity.

A year ago Morrison had disposed of 7,000,000 pounds of potatoes, valued at \$160,000. This year, owing to the crop shortage, he did not fall much under those figures. He disposed of 1,500 sacks of certified seed potatoes. California is an especially heavy buyer of Morrison for Lane county White Rose and Burbank seed potatoes, as the soil while well adapted for growing good potatoes from seed grown in Lane county, it will not produce its own seed potatoes satisfactorily.

Increasing Warehouse Facilities.

Mr. Morrison starts next week to greatly enlarge his warehousing facilities. One will be increased from 40x60 to 80x120. Another adjoining it will be increased from 40x66 to 66x120. This will provide storage capacity of nearly 30,000 square feet. He has also begun the construction of a new warehouse at Coburg.

With such natural, boundless resources as the potato industry typifies, and with the right men "behind the gun," Springfield and all her adjacent territory will surely find their place in the sun.

"PERSHING'S CRUSADERS"

First Official War Film to Be Shown at Eugene Theatre This Week.

At the Eugene Theatre, Eugene, Or., the Committee on Public Information, will show through the division of films, of which Charles S. Hart is director, the first official American War Film, "Pershing's Crusaders." The engagement is for Friday and Satur-

day, August 9 and 10. This feature film pictures the grim earnestness of the United States government in its war activities and its determination to stamp out Kaiserism.

Following the flag of France, a splendid idea is given of how Americans fight. The last half of the picture, in fact, is entirely devoted to what our boys are accomplishing over there. You see them in the front line trenches on the firing line—the first of our boys in khaki who took over a sector of the French line. You see them wintering in the snow-covered villages of Lorraine. With the coming of spring they march through the quiet streets with spring in their steps. There is determination in their very stride. You know they are going out to win. You see the first German prisoners captured by our boys, getting close-ups of the Boches. These are not old pictures, but the very latest that have arrived on this side.

In the first half you see what Uncle Sam's countless civilian army is doing over there. Miles of cantonments grow before your eyes. You see the raw recruit become the hardened fighter. Fleets of aeroplanes darken the skies. Massive ships of steel, concrete and wood speed down the ways. Mighty guns and projectiles are made as you look on. Millions of uniforms are turned out with magic-like rapidity. You begin to realize that every American is doing his best to win this war. Did you know, for instance, that Uncle Sam is running the biggest laundry in the world. It is worth seeing. Then watch the Jackies drying their wash. It is not drama, but it is life, throbbing with virile patriotism. It is a picture that every soldier's mother, wife or sweetheart will want to see. You may see your boy over there. "Pershing's Crusaders" is distributed by the First National Exhibitors' Circuit, Inc.

MUST LEARN TO SWIM

Recruits in Training Will Be Given Lessons in Aquatic Work.

Every man of the 13th division, now forming at Camp Lewis, will be obliged to know how to swim. Investigation by officers in charge of the examination of arriving selectees show that a surprising number of them cannot swim and a well developed program for this instruction has been worked out.

Members of five companies in the 44th infantry who cannot swim will go to American lake, a short distance away, and there receive swimming lessons. Those who can swim but who wish to improve their stroke will also be given attention, for it is the hope of the officers who have been given charge of the instruction that every man in the division will become at home in the water.

Following the 44th, members of the 1st infantry will be given the instruction, and by that time it is believed that some of the other regiments in the division will have been organized. The swimming instruction will be given by Private George Cunha, an expert, who has won nearly every swimming race he has entered in the water carnival held at American lake last week.

What We Fight For.

The high aims of America and her allies are well expressed in President Wilson's greetings to France on Bastille day:

"As France celebrated our Fourth of July, so do we celebrate her Fourth, keenly conscious of a comradeship of arms and of purpose of which we are deeply proud. The sea seems very narrow to-day, France is a close neighbor to our hearts. The war is being fought to save ourselves from intolerable things, but it is also being fought to save mankind. We extend our hands to each other, to the great peoples with whom we are associated; and to the peoples everywhere who love right and prize justice as a thing beyond price, and consecrate ourselves once more to the noble enterprise of peace and justice, realizing the great conceptions that have lifted France and America high among the free peoples of the world. The French flag flies to-day from the staff of the White House, and America is happy to do honor to that flag."

Returns From Training.

Word was received at the News last Monday from Camp Lewis that the Y. M. C. A. Secretarial school at Camp Lewis closed Thursday afternoon and that W. S. Wright, a railroad man of this city, returns to his home to wait call for overseas service.

BRITISH SMASH FORWARD FOR GAIN OF FIVE MILES

In Face of Desperate Resistance American and French Forces Make Steady Gains Between the Vesle and the Aisne—Roosevelt's Grave Found.

The long-looked for British offensive is under way. A gain of five miles was made today, much material and several thousand prisoners were captured. Tanks in large numbers were employed very effectively.

American and French troops, crossing the Soissons-Rheims highway, are driving on the heights between the Vesle and the Aisne.

Desperate counter attacks were broken up under fierce allied artillery fire. The allies are holding all the positions they have gained and are steadily pushing on. Heavy fighting is going on along a wide front north of the Vesle.

Additional bridging material is being rushed up and new crossings are being established. The weather has cleared.

Find Roosevelt's Grave.

American airmen have found the grave of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, who was brought down in an aerial battle back of the German lines before the counter offensive started. The grave was marked with a wooden cross. It was located at the edge of Chamery wood (about four miles east of Fere-en-Tardenois.)

The grave was found by Lieutenant Worth of the aerial squadron, of

which young Roosevelt was a member. The boche airmen had marked the grave with a cross, on which was printed in English:

"Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, killed by the Germans, July 14, 1918."

Constant search for the grave had been in progress for several days. It will be marked carefully and will be appropriately honored by American airmen.

Nothing Can Stop Yankees.

The Americans late yesterday reached the railway and main highway north of the Vesle. They crossed the river on footbridges improvised from the trunks of fallen trees lashed together.

The Yankees waded through the marshes on the south bank and charged up the high northern bank in the face of heavy machine gun and artillery fire. The Germans counter attacked immediately, but were completely repulsed.

AMERICAN TROOPS EAGER FOR BOOKS

Novels and Stories of Western Life Are Especially Wanted by the Boys.

A new request for books for the boys "over there" has been made, whether new or old, especially novels and stories of Western life. Books by O. Henry, Rex Beach, Zane Grey, Jack London, Ralph Connor and Owen Wister have proven to be the most popular among the boys "over there" and over here.

More than 600,000 have already been sent overseas, but the supply is nearly exhausted and several hundred thousand more will be needed soon by the six dispatch offices which are shipping books to France. The books are packed in strong boxes or cases so built that they may serve as book cases.

They go on the decks of the transports and are opened so that those on board may enjoy them during the voyage. All these books are gathered up at the end of the trip and replaced in the cases and delivered to the proper officials. In France the books are distributed by an experienced librarian representing the American Library association. Most of them go to Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Salvation Army huts, hospitals and canteens. Others go directly to canteens and officers.

Books in Springfield may be left at the Public Library as they were before and they will be put in the proper hands.

To Keep Sugar Records.

All retail grocers of Lane county are being requested by the county food administration to begin keeping records of every sugar sale made. The administration will undoubtedly issue cards in a short time.

Notices have already been mailed out to all retailers and some of the merchants have begun to keep records. Every sale will be set down and at the end of the month will be sent in to the office of the administrator for checking. By this method no person can possibly purchase more than two pounds. Any one who is found to be buying at more than one store will result in some agitation by the administration.

Denying the sweet tooth is a real sacrifice.

ment, leaders in the Army and the Council of National Defense, the detail of the work has been placed in the hands of thirty-six county chairmen of the Council of Defense. The quota for each county is already in the hands of each chairman, given them by State Executive Secretary J. K. Kollock of Portland. Assisting these men will be a campaign manager for eastern, western and central Oregon. Campaign headquarters have already been opened in room 228 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, where contributions may be sent direct. Of all funds collected, 75 per cent goes to Salvation Army war work in Europe and 25 per cent is used in work in the camps and cantonments of this country.

Governor James Withycombe says in his proclamation commending this work to the sympathy and support of the people of Oregon:

"The services of the Salvation Army in this country, as well as in France and England, since the outbreak of the war, have been of such meritorious character as to receive the official commendation of the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and General Pershing. This work is being performed in close cooperation with the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus and kindred organizations officially recognized by the government. The members of the Salvation Army are performing a most difficult task with notable courage and devotion and are most worthy of the confidence and assistance of our citizens.

"I cordially commend this work and call upon the people of the State of Oregon to give earnest heed to its call for assistance in raising its war service fund, thereby manifesting our continued and resolute purpose to give our men at the front unstinted aid and to support gladly those noble and self-sacrificing agencies that under God give hope and help to our soldiers and sailors."

LANE BOYS OFF TO WAR

Seventeen Home Registrants Leave for Camp Fremont, Cal.

Tuesday night at 11 o'clock seventeen Lane county boys and two from outside points boarded a special train for Camp Fremont, Calif., where they will train for general service in the national army, having been taken in the draft. In addition twenty men from Coos county, who had arrived on the afternoon train, boarded the special, which was laid up at Portland, and contained several hundred men from different counties in the State.

Charles Preston Hart, of Eugene motor route A, was designated by the local board as leader of the squad and was responsible for the appearance of all the men.

The Lane county boys who were sent from Eugene were: Calvin B. Marlow, Eugene; Michele Varriano, Suver; LeRoy Hebert, Oakridge; Clarence Runyan, Eugene; Angelo Martinelli, Rujada; Antonio Goseya, Cottage Grove; Andrew Ashby, North Bend; Abe Koch, Coburg; Charles McDonald, Mohawk; John Stamm, North Bend; James Lancaster, Cottage Grove; Charles Hart, Eugene; Holger Bernsten, Eugene; Robert Holbrook, Eugene; William Yancey, Cottage Grove; Clarence Landerking, Canary; Chissie Hanshaw, Eugene.

A Call to Duty.

From the battle fields in France there comes an unspoken call that should find an answer in every American's heart. The recent great events in Europe, the successes of American arms on the fields of France should spur every American to greater effort.

Our people at home should not rest on the laurels of our soldiers in France. Every death on the field of honor in the line of duty and for our country's cause should be a call to us for every sacrifice and every exertion to aid the cause for which our soldiers are fighting, for which our soldiers have died.

Increase production, decrease consumption, save, and lend to the government. Every cent lent to the United States is used to support, strengthen, and aid our soldiers in France.

Joins Limit Club.

Lane Morse of this city became a member of the Limit Club last Friday, having purchased \$1,000 worth of War Saving Stamps. There are now four in the club from Springfield.

GOVERNMENT TO PLACE BIG ORDERS FOR FIR LUMBER

Fischer-Boutin and Booth-Kelly Mills Will Benefit by Allotments.

TOTAL REACHES 124,000,000

Product to Be Shipped to Rockford, Ill., for Use in Construction of Cantonments.

Washington advices received by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association at the Seattle office, state that the government has ordered the fir production board to distribute an order for 24,000,000 feet of fir lumber among the Oregon and Washington mills.

The fir will be used in the construction of new cantonment buildings at Rockford, Ill. The mills are also to be asked, the advices said, to plan for the handling of a government order for 100,000,000.

Both the Fischer-Boutin mill and the Booth-Kelly mills will receive huge orders from the two allotments, but no stipulations have as yet been made as to the exact quantity.

The quantity is so vast, however, that the belief is current in lumber circles, that nearly all Pacific Coast mills will receive orders for all they can produce within a specified time. Time will be the essence of the contracts and mills best fortified to deliver their production on time to meet the government's pressing needs and the "speeding-up" program, are the ones who will receive the lion's share of the business.

More Questions Are Staggering.

"We used to think that we had some hard questions to answer in a United States camp in the States," writes W. J. Walker, a Y. M. C. A. war worker from his station in France, "but now we know what a simple thing it was to answer home-grown queries like those! We have another sort now. Here are a few questions I must be able to answer when I go back into the tent tomorrow

"How much is two bits worth in French money?"

"How can one send money to Greece?"

"How should one address a letter to a brother in an Austrian prison camp?"

"How long does it take to cable to Dallas, Texas, and how much will it cost at the week end rate?"

"Will the Banque de France honor a check drawn on a bank in Rome, New York?"

"Where can one find a list of the Stetson University (Deland, Florida) men in France?"

"Here are some of the errands I must perform after I dig out the answers to these questions:

"Bring three books for men reading only Russian who want to study French."

"Bring two khaki handkerchiefs, a money-belt at least forty-four inches long, two silk handkerchiefs initialed in embroidery. 'To my Sweetheart' (to be sent by the same Lothario to two different girls), and secure the address of the Mooré hospital in France."

"This job of being a Y. M. C. A. secretary over here isn't the cinch some thought it was going to be."

Is "Over There."

Word was received yesterday from Ray Bally, who is with the 341st aero squadron, that he has arrived safely "over there." He joined last spring and has been in training in the south ever since. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Bally of this city and was popular in all the high school activities and athletics before his enlistment. He was one of the honor graduates in the June class, being one of the class members in the service and receiving his diploma with the rest of his class.