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Spud Production to Make Increase

Potato production in the Klamath basin this year will not be heightened but the quality will be much higher through the receipt of two dipping machines which have been set up in the Henley and Mt. Laki districts, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson.

The machines, received from Montana last week, were delivered to two different groups of farmers who jointly bought the apparatus.

The spud dipping machines will permit the dipping of a great quantity of potato seed in a solution which prevents contraction of any of the common potato diseases, it was stated.

An experiment was made here last season on about 45 farms which produced potatoes, with the dipping process and excellent results were attained. About 500 sacks of potatoes were dipped last year. It was found that the dipping not only resulted in a cleaner spud, but that the yield was greatly increased. Buyers paid higher prices in most cases for the spuds produced from dipped seed, Henderson said.

It is expected that dipping of the seed will become a generally common practice here in the future and this as a fact will do much to keep up the quality of production in Klamath county. There is no danger that the county will over-produce in spuds, according to Henderson, whose sole fear is that greater production may mean inferior quality.

The practice of dipping seed will do much to insure against lower quality spuds, is the general belief, and should prove a profitable project for the many farmers who will plant potato acreages in this section this year.

Industrially This County is Leading

In the weekly industrial review of the state which E. Hofer of Salem, compiles, Klamath Falls and the surrounding country shows greater progress industrially than any other one section. Aside from the agricultural strides that have been taken during the past fortnight, are a number of developments of importance to the building industry.

Among these recent building strides is a notification of the avowed plans of the Jackson-Grafton company to construct three warehouses along the O. C. & E. for potato storage. Also that plans have been announced for a \$40,000 labor temple here.

The review also states that the Forest Lumber company of Pine Ridge, has announced plans for construction of 30 new homes for employees at the lumber mill, and that the new \$35,000 Indian Agency hospital near Fort Klamath, is nearly completed.

Probably the biggest single building event of the whole year to date, came when a permit was last week granted L. E. Walker for the construction of \$180,000 worth of modern residences in this city. The permit called for 35 frame structures, and 34 stucco houses. Work on the project, which is the largest of its kind ever launched here, is expected to start as early this spring as weather will allow.

Bisbee Building Nears Completion

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Bisbee building at the corner of Sixth and Walnut, after a delay of several months, and last week the contractors, Hord-Brooks, were well along with the laying of brick and tile.

The Bisbee building is another contribution to the development of south Sixth street and is shooting skyward along with the Kerns building on Sixth and Klamath. The structure will cost approximately \$50,000 exclusive of the lot and furnishings.

Present plans call for a first floor designed for store space, with the second story devoted to hotel rooms. The new Anchor hotel on south Sixth is virtually completed and it is expected that the hotel will be ready for opening sometime this spring.

Suburban Realty in Great Demand

Indicative of the phenomenal volume of sales that local realtors have made in suburban property here and of the popularity of small gardening and poultry tracts near the city limits, is the rapid development of Altamont Acres and Altamont Small Farms at the southern edge of the city.

Starting with \$45 acres, part of the old Crisler and Stilts ranch, the Wishard Realty company which developed the two tracts, graded 10 miles of road and surfaced five miles, to make the acre tracts and small farms more readily accessible.

With the tract completely fenced, arrangements were made whereby buyers of the suburban tracts were assured lights, water and telephone service with all direct connections to the city supply. Subdivision ranged from one-half acre to five acre tracts.

Opened in 1926, the idea met with instant popularity and during that year 240 deals were closed whereby about 400 acres of the original parcel were sold, according to A. L. Wishard, president of the firm. At the present time the total number of modern homes on the subdivision is nearing the 100 mark with prospects for increased building activity this season.

Several thousand dollars were spent in advertising the tract and with the inauguration of similar advertising activities this season, it is expected that the tract will be entirely sold out. Freedom from high taxes and the desire of the city dweller to combine city and country life by residing on an acre tract and raising garden and poultry, accounts for the popularity of all subdivisions in this section, it is declared.

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Poultry Industry is Making Growth

Continued growth of the poultry industry in this section is indicated by the early influx of baby chicks here this spring and by the size of the shipments that are being received, both by express and through the postal service.

Several thousand of the chicks have been received here already, according to reports from the American Express company's local office, and this number is augmented by the increasingly heavy parcel post shipments.

It is estimated that more than twice as many chicks as came last year will be shipped into Klamath county this spring, and that a probable 100,000 will be received here within the next six weeks.

The baby chicks are coming chiefly from Corvallis, with a few scattering shipments from Willamette valley points. Others will probably come from Petaluma later in the spring. This is in addition, it is pointed out, to the great number of baby chicks raised on poultry farms in the county.

Merrill Rancher Buys Lot in City

Watters and Barnhisel last week announced the sale of a fine lot on the corner of Barrow and Martin streets, to Ed Sternigal, who has started construction of a modern residence on the property.

Sternigal recently sold his ranch near Merrill and moved into this city to follow his trade as carpenter. He will occupy the new residence with his family.

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Real Estate Now Shows Good Tone

While real estate generally is showing a much stronger tone than which characterized winter months, local dealers are calling for more sunny days to speed up lot sales.

The effect of a few days of bright weather is reflected at once in realty sales, local dealers declare, as such weather not only allows them to get out with prospects but brings a great many out in search of investment buys.

The feature of spring real estate movement to date is the constant demand for lots, dealers declare. Every section of the city is showing activity in this line, and reports are that the lots are being bought both by newcomers and established residents of this city.

A continued influx of newcomers in Klamath Falls.

Geologist Talks on Oil Formation

Local realtors listened to an interesting tale of real prosperity at their luncheon last week. When J. E. Loreman, local geologist who has been studying oil strata near Bonanza for several months, addressed the Klamath Realty board on the subject of oil in this county.

The geologist forecasted extensive drilling operations in the Bonanza country for the near future, and told the realtors that he personally will give the prospecting work impetus this summer.

Illustrating his talk with charts here to seen in the steady demand for rentals. Some of these are people already here and searching for the good rental houses that are scarcely to be found, but the majority is composed of new settlers in Klamath Falls.

and maps, Loreman showed where oil maps that were drawn by geologists several years ago, are proving ninety per cent accurate in those Bonanza sections where drilling has already been carried on.

It is generally conceded that the Bonanza oil strata are exceptionally promising and that Klamath county may sometime produce added new wealth in the form of "black gold" if pioneer drilling proves sufficiently successful to attract developers.

Be careful in changing tires to see that the lugs are tight, otherwise swaying of the tire will throw heavier weight on certain parts of the tires.

Barnhisel Called to Big Metropolis

Howard Barnhisel, member of the local real estate firm of Watters & Barnhisel, left here Thursday for a business trip to Portland. He expected to be out of the city until Sunday evening, he stated.

While in Portland, Barnhisel can be depended upon to spread the glad word of the remarkable values that it is possible for outside investors to pick up in this city at present, it is declared.

German registrations of passenger cars and trucks in 1926 were 439 per cent greater than in 1914.

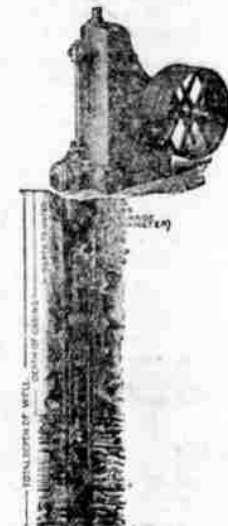
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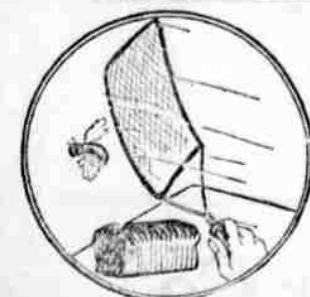
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