

POTATO SHOW OPENS

Interest In Second Annual Event Great; Hundreds Expected

Promising to eclipse from every standpoint the event of last year, the second annual Klamath potato show will open at eight a. m. today in the Loomis building at the corner of Main and Fourth, with the finest array of potatoes ever assembled in southern Oregon.

Exhibits from the fields of potato growers all over the county have been pouring into the showrooms for the past three days, and with interest in the show at high pitch here as well as in communities outside Klamath, success of the second annual affair is virtually assured.

That the show will be twice as large as that of last year is the belief of officials who have been working for weeks to put the fall spud festival across in the best possible way.

been twice as great as that of 1926; more farmers have planted potatoes and those who went into the game last year have increased their fields. This has made possible a wider range of exhibitors.

With last year showing agricultural officials as well as the individual ranchers, what can be done with potatoes in the Klamath basin, all agencies have set out to produce a better spud in 1927, and, it is reported, their efforts have met with a success which insures a showing of unsurpassed quality.

Hundreds will view the exhibits at the show during the next three days, officials predicted yesterday. Opening at 8 a. m. every day and not closing until 9 p. m. except on the last day, the show hours provide an opportunity for everyone to view the fine displays.

Wide Interest
Never before has so much interest been shown by merchants of the county, city dwellers, farmers and outside buyers and producers, in the show as has been apparent during the few weeks preceding the opening of the potato show, it was pointed out yesterday.

Buyers and produce men from

virtually every city of importance on the Pacific coast are expected here sometime during the show to view the examples of fine potatoes which they have heard the Klamath basin will yield. Invitation have been sent out to most of the leading produce firms in the west, and many of them have accepted the bids to attend the show.

No Charge
There will be no admission charge.

Because of the great many potatoes grown here, this year and of the interest in the show, competition will be extremely keen. Prices too have influenced growers to select the best specimens of their season's yield to bring to the show. Show officials have been busy for three days arranging the exhibits and a few before the exhibitors' deadline last night at seven, entries continued to pour into show headquarters.

The list of cash awards this year is considerably better than that for the 1926 event, and the merchants' specials are said to be far more numerous and attractive.

Judging, which is to start early this morning will be done by Prof. G. R. Hyslop of the farm crop department at O. S. U. A feature of the afternoon today will be W. L. Close's potato grading demonstrations. Mr. Close is U. S. grade inspector for the Pacific Northwest.

Potato Luncheon
The chamber of commerce forum luncheon Wednesday will be turned over to the potato festival and an interesting program has been arranged for that hour, open to the public.

Prof. Hyslop will address growers at the forum luncheon, as will M. E. Egan, manager for Egan-Grown Company of Sacramento.

Those who attended the 1926 show on the last day will remember the potato auction, directed by Guy Merrill, auctioneer of considerable repute. The show this year closes with a similar event, also under the supervision of Mr. Merrill. Last year's auction was one of the liveliest parts of the show and everyone is advised to be on hand for the fun and bidding, Thursday from 2 p. m.

Awarding of all merchandise prizes follows the auction and at 5 p. m. Thursday the 1927 show officially closes. Proceeds from the potatoes sold at the auction go toward next year's potato show.

If well supplied with organic matter, gravelly or sandy loam soils are in general the most desirable for potato culture. Under suitable conditions a satisfactory crop may be grown on a fairly light sandy soil and a medium heavy clay soil, provided the heavy soil is well drained and the light soil has a good moisture supply. Muck or peat soils are satisfactory if properly drained and well supplied with available plant food. A reasonably good crop may be expected from any soil other than blow sand and heavy clay, provided the climatic conditions are favorable and the soil is well supplied with organic matter and available plant food.

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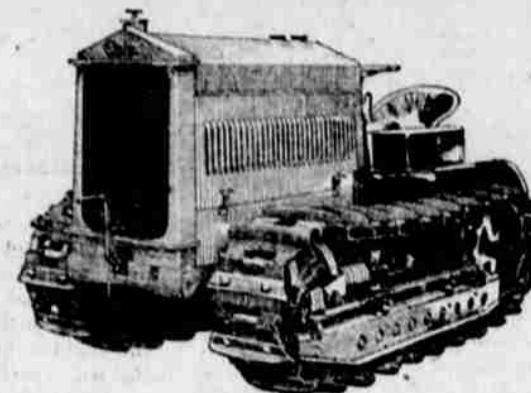
The plow is man's most ancient and valuable agricultural invention, but long before it existed the land was regularly plowed and still continues to be plowed by earthworms. Although earthworms are almost indispensable to agriculture, they are to a certain extent injurious to vegetation. Not only do they eat certain tender seedlings and roots, but they are known to injure plants in pots and flower beds, by their habit of tunneling through the fine roots of the plants, according to specialists at the Oregon State experiment station.

One recommended control measure where they become troublesome is the application of a solution of bichloride of mercury to the infested soil. The solution is prepared by dissolving one-half ounce in three to four gallons of water. This chemical is deadly poison and caution is needed in its preparation and handling. It corrodes metals and is preferably mixed in a glass or glazed vessel which is thoroughly cleaned immediately after use.

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