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Look out for our Fair Number—It is going to be the biggest and best Agricultural paper ever published in the West. Our manager has promised to distribute 40,000 copies of this issue.

The Farmer's Institute season does not open for a few months yet, but already requests are coming in for farmer's schools and institutes. While the work was entirely successful last season it promises even greater results for the coming year. Utah farmers are alert to their opportunities.

The Deseret Farmer now, as always, stands for a genuine Agricultural College, not the kind that trains away from the farm, but such a one as is found now within the borders of this state. The Agricultural College as at present directed is just the kind of an institution that this paper has persistently fought for for five years.

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PRESIDENT THOS. JUDD.

President Judd, of the State Board of Horticulture has just returned from a trip abroad and speaks most interestingly of his observations while away. He was particularly interested in the intensive system of cultivation followed on the farms of the old world. Many of these lands have been cultivated for a thousand years or more and the farmers find it necessary to pay just as much attention to the manure that goes on to the land as to the crops that are taken away. The manure is carefully piled, kept moist and precautions taken to see that every particle is returned to the soil. In the fields no weeds are found and every piece of ground is kept under cultivation.

He was especially pleased with the sugar-beet fields of Germany where the fields are all kept in a high state of cultivation, and where the average fields are as good as the best fields in Utah. England leads the world in the production of strawberries and gooseberries, and Mr. Judd was astonished at the quantity as well as the quality of these products produced on the farms of England. When it comes to fruit President Judd says that neither in size, flavor or quality did he find anything to compare with our western grown product. In the farming districts of Germany, France, Holland and Belgium, Mr. Judd did not find any animals on pasture. The forage is cut and hauled to the barns where the animals are fed, this being another evidence of the intensive system of farming followed. In England a greater effort than ever before is being made to supply her large alies with milk. Mr. Judd saw a long train of cars loaded with milk each morning, making its way into the cities of the mother country.

Mr. Judd is glad to be home again and is already busy preparing for the exhibit at the Irrigation Congress in New Mexico.

NEWSPAPER HEMORRHAGE.

We clip the following from our usually sane contemporary "The Inter-Mountain Republican." We cannot blame the Republican entirely either, as a large part of the stuff they run is just stuff they get by the job lot, and they have no time to look into its truthfulness or see whether or not it constitutes common sense. Besides they have possibly been in the newspaper business long enough to have become blind to both of these uncommon elements. Here is the clipping:

Man With the Hoe Not Needed To Harvest New Potato Crop.

Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 16.—Some experiments recently conducted successfully by Manuel Wilson of Wolcott, in which he raised potatoes under and above ground on the same vine or bush, are destined to revolutionize the potato industry. New York City alone consumes more than a million bushels yearly. Mr. Wilson is known as an inventor of fertilizers and has won a name as a farmer of wide information in regard to vegetables.

He has the new potatoes growing above and below ground, the one not in the least diminishing the other. Next year he promises to go extensively into the culture of the bush variety. Mr. Wilson says the new potatoes will cut the cost of the tubers in half to poor people.

In future the potato, he says, will be grown in the backyards or indoors like roses, a room growing enough for a small family. The new product may be boiled in five minutes and baked in eight minutes. The potato is a cross between the Beauty of Hebron and the Delaware.

"In order that this new hybrid may be protected from the burning rays of the sun, nature has given it an extra thick skin," declares Mr. Wilson. "It is well known that such a potato without a thick skin would be practically useless because of the strange taste which underground potatoes after being burned by the sun have. Mine are finely flavored and should give to the public the most ideal potato we have ever yet had."

Just now in addition to his bush-raised potato, Mr. Wilson has on exhibition a field of hybrid corn, the union of two, which exceeds the best early corn by about a fortnight in fruition and which possesses all the superior qualities of both the hybrid parents. Another curious product which he has this year raised on his farm is a combination tomato and potato plant, the spuds growing as usual at the root of the plant, the tops of the vines being covered with large and beautiful ripe tomatoes.

The farmer is a devotee of Luther Burbank, the California hybridist.

We hardly know where to begin. The article is so plainly "newspaper science" that it hardly needs answering. The article hails from Waterbury, Connecticut, and it has all the earmarks of a brand of timepiece we have learned to associate with "Waterbury." Wilson has not got any humanity saver, he has got some cheap newspaper notoriety, and that is what he probably went after, so the "potato" has served its purpose. It is about the most useful purpose it ever will serve. The potato is an underground stem and is different from stems that grow above ground because the sun is kept from it. It is made valuable as a food because of its difference from stems that are exposed to the sunlight. When the underground stem gets above ground it immediately begins to partake of the characteristic of other above ground stems. When it begins to do this its value as a food is lost. Wilson cleverly says that Mother Nature has prevented this change by giving to it a thick skin. She would have to wrap a blanket around it to prevent the change. His claim is manifestly impossible.

He is going to have it grow in back yards and flower gardens like the rose. We hardly look for the day when this will happen. The potato is not a very beautiful plant. We hate to see the rose bed pass. We don't want to see the day come when the parlor will be adorned with a pot of nice, big, husky looking Rural New Yorkers, or when the dubantee will waft herself into the ball room with a large spud pinned in her hair. Wilson's dreams are merely mental dyspepsia.

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