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POTATO EXPERIMENTS IN TENNESSEE.

Experiments in potato growing made at the Tennessee station are summarized as follows: 1. The larger the potato planted, the larger the plant produced, and the more abundant the harvest. 2. Other things being equal, the fewer, the number of eyes in a piece of seed potato, or the smaller that piece of seed, the smaller the crop. 3. The larger the quantity of whole tubers placed in a hill for seed, the greater the cost per acre of planting, and the smaller the profit on the crop. 4. Large and whole tubers produced smaller and poorer merchantable ones than did half or quarter tubers, or single eyes. 5. Large and whole tubers yielded appreciably more small unmerchantable potatoes, than did parts of medium tubers or single eyes. 6. Given, two potatoes of equal size, one planted whole will not yield so large or so good a crop as will the tuber cut into halves and each part planted in a separate hill. 7. The investigation, as carried out, suggests that, in view of the fact that the whole tuber produced comparatively more small, inferior potatoes than did the halves planted, the source of these inferior tubers may be from those eyes located on the under side of the whole potato planted. This because the eyes and shoots thus located are repressed in growth to a certain extent owing to the pressure upon them and reversal of position. It is to be remembered, as a contemporary remarks, that these conclusions are the results of the investigation and are based on nothing else. Neither in farm practice nor experimental work do we consider that they will always find endorsement.—American Farmer.

WAR'S AWFUL GARNAGE.

General Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, when in Washington a short while ago, told quite an interesting story about the greatest fatality of the war in proportion to the number of troops engaged. He was talking about Congressman Carlton as an artilleryist in the war. "When Gen. Sedgwick corps," he said, "surprised our troops by crossing the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg, and capturing a regiment and a half of Gen. Barksdale's Mississippi brigade and a portion of the Washington artillery stationed between Fredericksburg and Hamilton's crossing on the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad. Among these troops so cut off was a battery of artillery in position just opposite Deep Bottom Run, on the Rappahannock River, and far in advance of the balance of that portion of our line. "A brigade of Sedgwick's corps, which had crossed the river at Deep Bottom Run, discovering the position of this battery and seeing that it was unsupported by any and cut off from the main line of our troops, marched it upon preparatory to charging and capturing it. "The Captain commanding this battery, who is now Congressman Carlton, of Georgia, discovering the movement of the enemy, at once realized the situation, and knowing full well that an attempt to retreat in the face of the enemy would result in the capture and loss of his battery, although entirely unsupported, moved his guns forward, meeting the advancing brigade, and pouring a volley into the enemy's ranks, which staggered and drove them back. Reforming, they advanced again, when Carlton repeated the dose with their same success. "Attempting a third time to charge the battery and seeing the resolute determination of Carlton and his men not to yield the field, they rushed pell mell into an adjoining ravine, when the artilleryist turned his guns upon them in their hiding place, and scarcely a man was left to tell the fate. "The official report made a few days afterward by the Federal officer in command of the brigade as to the loss in this engagement, was about 1,000 killed and wounded. The loss sustained by Carlton's battery was remarkably slight."—Atlanta Constitution.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

People who are thankful don't have much trouble about being cheerful. Growlers are never wanted anywhere. People who are known to be good are the ones who are sent for when a man comes to his death-bed. People who love the Lord in earnest are not ashamed to say so. Men who have no aim in life are very apt to grow crooked. The man who has become well acquainted with himself, knows a good deal about all other people. People who give in earnest are not long in finding out that it is a blessed thing to do. A Remarkable Case.—Mr. Walter Wheeler, of the Washington Mills, Lawrence, Mass., for two years afflicted with various venereal diseases, accompanied by a troublesome eruption, was completely cured after taking only eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Adjutant-General Howard reports the total militia force of Maryland as numbering 2,003.

HE DIDN'T DIG.

White a Detroit-er was in Chicago the other day he was interviewed at his hotel by a slick looking man who claimed to be from the South and said: "I am here in Chicago on a rather queer errand and I want the aid of a square man. Do not be surprised, but I know your name, the city you live in, and I have been assured that I can confide in you." "Well," "Well, during the war a Confederate who was confined at Camp Douglas here buried \$25,000 in gold under his shanty in the prison pen. He died in prison, but among the papers he sent home was a cipher key to the money and the spot where it was buried." "I see." "This key fell into my hands only a month ago. I am now here to get the money." "Well, why don't you get it?" "Because the spot where it is buried is owned by a gardener, and I shall have to buy half an acre of ground at a cost of \$1,000." "Ah! And you can't raise the thousand?" "No, but if you can I'll go snooks with you on the gold." "Very well. We'll want papers drawn up and signed and witnessed. Come back in half an hour and I'll have my friend, Detective McGann, here as a signer." "The — you will!" exclaimed the stranger. And he fell over himself in his hurry to get out of the room and the hotel. "Who is he?" replied a detective when asked about the man. "Well, he's monte, bunco, green goods, confidence and two or three other things, and he's sharp enough to make \$20,000 a year and do it so nicely that we can't get hold on him."—Detroit Free Press.

THE WINTER OF '47 IN IRELAND.

Octave Thanet, in January Century, says: As winter advanced the distress grew deeper and fiercer. It was a hard winter, cold rains and snow alternating. To famine and fever was added cold. Hundreds of cabins in County Cork had nothing on their earth floors save a few rotten bundles of straw—not a blanket, not a stick of furniture. Neither could the people afford in many cases even the cheap peat fires. The men tramped barefoot through the snow to the relief works. Their rags hardly covered their bones. It was the commonest thing in the world for men to be "struck with the cold" and die in a day or two. All over the country men and women could be seen "trading" the potato grounds, in hopes of finding some few remaining. They were bending over the fields which the sheep had deserted, trying to find turnip roots. Families were known to have lived for weeks "on the flesh of horses that had died."

A Skibbereen man with a family of five had nothing for them all to eat from Saturday to Thursday except eleven and one-half pounds of potatoes and a head of cabbage. He walked several miles to the works, and the superintendent gave him a piece of bread; he tried to swallow it and dropped dead.

HOW TO REAR CHILDREN.

Children cannot be reared by rules, but the following may be suggestive. One great point is to treat them kindly. Do not preach politeness and propriety to them, and violated their laws yourself. In other words let the example you set them be a good one. Never quarrel nor have any unpleasantness between yourselves, or with others, wait till the children are gone to bed. Then they will not see you, and perhaps by that time you may not want to quarrel. Never speak flippantly of neighbors before children. They may meet the neighbor's children and talk about it. Teach them to think that the little boy in rage has a heart in spite of the rage—and a stomach too. Teach them as they grow older, that a respectful demeanor to others, a gentle tone of voice, a kind disposition, a generous nature, an honest purpose, and an industrious mind, are better than anything else on earth. Teach them these things, and self-reliance and intelligence and capability will come of themselves. Teach them these things I say; and your boys and girls will grow up to be noble men and women.

PEOPLE WERE STRONG THEN.

Donnerwetter—(who is always informing others on matters they take no interest in)—Talking about watches, do you know that they have been in use only since 1461? Nocheimel—That's interesting; what did people carry before that time? Donnerwetter—I guess sun dials.—Jewelers Circular.

She Would Read it Then.

Mr. Larkin—Here's a book I would very much like our daughter to read. It contains some good advice for a girl of her age. Mrs. Larkin—Very well, I'll forbid her to touch it.—Drake's Magazine.

Cause and Effect.

Why, Gasper, I'm astonished! The population of your village seems to have doubled since last summer. I guess you are right about that, Hooper. We raise an enormous amount of cucumbers.—Boston Courier.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7. The dry goods and clothing store of John Poyser in Petersburg, was burned Monday. Loss \$5,000, insurance \$3,000. The defeat of Mr. Brooks for Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Delegates is attributed to his dicker with Senator Quay. Dr. James Croll, the first to explain the moment of the Gulf stream, has died at the age of sixty-eight a distinguished fellow of the Royal Society. Ex-Treasurer Stevenson Archer was taken from the penitentiary to the court-house at Towson, but he refused to be sworn and also to testify. An Annapolis fisherman, several days ago, caught in his seine a well-developed soft crab. It is unusual for soft crabs to be about at this season of the year. Willie Sandigs and Austin Wade, aged respectively fourteen and fifteen years, were drowned Wednesday last whilst skating on the James river, near Eagle Rock. The House passed the bill repealing the law authorizing the President to suspend tonnage duties. The shipping bill was then taken up. In the United States Senate yesterday Senators Teller and Vest spoke in favor of the free coinage of silver, and Senator Morrill spoke in opposition. A fire occurred in the harness shop of John H. Winchester at Queens-town and consumed his entire stock. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp. The wife of Judge H. B. Brown, recently appointed from Michigan to a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court, is said by the New York World to be a most beautiful woman of many accomplishments. Jacques Van Realte, of Glasgow, Scotland, has brought suit against Secretary Blaine on a claim for \$250,000 against the United States, based on a purchase prior to July, 1868, of \$125,000 of negotiable coupon bonds issued by the Southern States. Democratic Senators will continue on the alert in view of a possible attempt at any time to revive the force bill. The senatorial caucus developed marked differences of opinion and considerable bitterness between Eastern and Western republicans. The Supreme Court of New Hampshire dismissed the suits instituted by the democrats in reference to the admission of the "if entitled" members, and, unless some other means is resorted to by the democrats, the republicans will organize the Legislature and elect a Governor and United States Senator.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

District of Columbia negroes are interested in a project for a colony in Lower California. Albert R. Sakers, of Savage, Md., was killed in Washington by an elevator accident. Wm. Douglass Cross, colored who was to have been hung in Washington tomorrow, has been reprieved until February 18. Carpenter projectiles were tested at the naval ordnance proving ground, Annapolis. The results are said to have been satisfactory. A fire at Phoenix, Baltimore county, destroyed the store of the Phoenix Company and the houses of Messrs. Gonnell and Kite, causing a loss of about \$16,000. United States Senator James Donald Cameron was nominated by the republican caucus at Harrisburg, Pa., to succeed himself. Mark Thompson Leacelles, chief officer of the British steamship Wakefield, fell down the hold of the vessel yesterday and was instantly killed. There is much friction between the War and Interior Departments as to the proper method of dealing with the Indian problem. It is thought the trouble may result in the resignation of Secretary Noble. The United States Senate spent most of yesterday's session in debate on the financial bill. Senators Daniel and Plumb advocated the free coinage of silver and Senator Hancock opposed it. The House had the shipping bill under consideration. Mrs. Lucinda Gibson, of Clarksville, W. Va., died a few days ago from the effects of a fall. She was one hundred and one years old and the widow of a revolutionary veteran, and it is said was the only revolutionary pensioner in the State of West Virginia. Evidence was continued in the Archer bond trial at Towson to show Archer's operations in hypothecating State bonds and redeeming them with State checks. There were several lively interchanges of words between counsel. The State will probably close its side of the case today.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

The Caroline County Farmers Alliance demands the Australian ballot law for that county. The dwelling-house on the farm of Major S. Fletcher, in Linkwood district, Dorchester county, was burned on Wednesday. Senator Edmunds made an ineffectual attempt to rally the republican line in support of the force bill. James H. Nicholas, a merchant of Denton, was cut in the face with a knife by a colored youth whom he had ordered from his store. The two Idaho Senators, who voted to "side-track" the force bill, are said to have been whipped into line, and will not further oppose that measure.

Dr. J. W. M. Keeling, of Portsmouth, Va., stumbled and fell at his home, receiving injuries which caused his death.

It is reported that the Brownsfield-McCoy vendetta has broken out again in Logan county, W. Va., and that six men were killed a few days ago. A revolution is reported as being in progress in Chili South America, growing out of differences between the President and the Congress. All cable messages are subject to censorship, and the particulars are therefore not obtainable. A meeting of colored men was held in Washington last night, and resolutions adopted demanding the passage of the federal election bill. T. A. Semble, colored, of Maryland, offered a substitute commending the United States Senate for its recent action in postponing the discussion of the bill, but his proposition was voted down. In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, after a long discussion, it was decided to close general debate on the financial bill next Tuesday and to take a vote on the bill before adjournment on Wednesday. Senators Turpie and Call spoke in favor of Senator Stewart's amendment for the free coinage of silver.

It is consistent with science and practice both, that to grind the feed for all kinds of live stock in an economy equal to fully one quarter of the feed. A few farmers therefore who are neighbors may very profitably join together and purchase a horse-power mill for grinding their grain and save as much in one year as will pay for the mill.

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A man who has been traveling in the "far West" says—but he probably misrepresents the matter—that when an Idaho girl is kissed she indignantly exclaims, "Now put that right back where you took it from!"

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