

IOWA NEWS BRIEFS

Coffey & Erwin will erect an eight-story building at Fontanelle.

More than fifty Y. M. C. A. men attended a county convention at Manson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hill of Bristow celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The Northwestern Iowa Veterans' association will meet July 2 at Emmetsburg.

Because of a scandal in the public school the school has been closed at Lanesboro.

Blanche Walters, a senior student in the teachers' college, was queen of the May fete at Cedar Falls.

The Iowa Telephone Co. has just strung twenty-five blocks of new cable at a cost of \$10,000 at Muscatine.

Over five hundred boys have enrolled in the movement to convert vacant lots into gardens at Council Bluffs.

Frederick Tibbits, aged 12, of Doon, was struck by an auto while playing baseball on the streets, and seriously injured.

One family has been placed under quarantine by reason of an outbreak of smallpox and an epidemic is feared at Fairport.

Thomas R. Mason of Iowa City, a plumber, has brought suit against the city for injuries received when he fell on a defective sidewalk.

Daniel Costangio, an Italian employed at the Mason City cement mills, was burned to death by an explosion of gas in the plant.

Dr. E. C. Brown, one of the leading physicians of Madrid, has pleaded not guilty to the charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

A hen owned by Mrs. Walter Smith of Marshalltown is claimed to have laid an egg eight inches long and weighing a quarter of a pound.

The program for the forty-eighth Iowa State Sunday school convention to be held at Burlington three days commencing June 3 has been issued.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Iowa Osteopathic association will be held at the Still college of Osteopathy at Des Moines on May 20 and 21.

On the ground that the expense would be too great the city council has voted down the proposition to build a municipal bath house at Des Moines.

Ollie See Herron, acquitted of theft at Des Moines, has brought suit against Frank Gottstein, who caused her arrest, asking for damages in the sum of \$5,000.

Members of the Poultry association at Muscatine are discussing plans for the next annual show. A pigeon exhibit will be an added feature at the next show.

While extracting a tooth for a patient, Dr. J. R. Harmon of Creston lost his hold on the tooth and it struck him in the eye, cutting the eyeball. He went to Des Moines to take special treatment.

When the 7-year-old son of Herman Fathman, a wealthy farmer of Grand Mound, entered the house he found his mother upon the kitchen floor dead from self-inflicted wounds from a butcher knife.

Commencement week will begin Sunday, May 11, at Humeston, when the Rev. R. Burton will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Senator J. M. Wilson of Centerville will speak at commencement exercises.

The Lincoln school, a graded public school at Charles City, is closed on account of diphtheria, four children in one family having contracted the disease. Another case later was reported to the health officer.

Her husband, stricken with paralysis more than a year ago and left speechless, Mrs. Harrison Peck, wife of a prominent Cedar Falls citizen, has also lost her power of speech through a stroke of paralysis. The woman's condition is critical.

Floyd Hagie was elected editor-in-chief of the junior annual of 1914 by members of the sophomore class of Iowa Wesleyan at Mt. Pleasant. Ruth Schreiner, also of Mt. Pleasant, was made assistant editor. Clarence Johnson of Ottumwa is business manager.

By reason of the juggling of deeds at an early date, probably through accident, it has just been discovered there is a cloud on the title of practically every piece of property in Manson. Steps are being taken to clear the titles. The discovery has caused much excitement.

Because Esther Cooper has been missing for more than seven years, relatives petitioned the district court at Marshalltown to have the woman decreed officially dead, so that \$275, which she inherited from the estate of her father, Isaac Cooper, might be divided equally among other heirs.

Teachers' college classes of 1912 and 1913 at Cedar Falls have joined in a plan to erect a memorial on the campus in the shape of a massive concrete arch, to be placed at one of the entrances to the grounds. One column will contain the inscription of this year's class; the other of last year's.

The Woman's club at Humboldt, which is seeking to secure a children's playground during the summer, recently induced Dr. Henry Curtis to give a public lecture on the subject. Much sentiment has arisen against the movement, but Judge Coyle, who has been studying juvenile crime, believes that work along this line is necessary.

A chemical fire engine has been purchased at Boxholm.

G. R. Hilliard of Franklin township was paid \$17 bounty on the pelts of six cubs and one old wolf at Albia. After July 4 the bounty on that number of pelts will be \$50.

John Ramares, a Mexican under indictment for attempted murder, appeared in court at Avoca and entered a plea of guilty. He received a sentence of six months in the county jail.

Information has been received from Andrew Carnegie stating that a \$5,000 library building would be given to What Cheer if a building lot was given and a tax of \$50 was voted by the town.

The body of Frank Petrik was found in a pasture southwest of the Short Line depot at Iowa Falls with a bullet hole in the head. The coroner's jury returned a verdict it was a case of suicide.

A class of more than sixty members was initiated at Charles City into the Knights of Columbus lodge E. G. Dunn of Mason City and Judge Van Wagenen of Sioux City were among the speakers.

The department of the treasury has granted the Ames Savings bank a charter for a national bank to be capitalized at \$50,000. The Ames Savings bank will become a savings department of the national bank.

Phillip H. Davis, a pioneer of Marion county, prominent as a veterinary surgeon during the early days of Marion and Jasper county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. O. Harmon at Knoxville. He was 86 years old.

Antone Schackle, aged 40, a stranger found wandering on the streets of Wheatland, has been adjudged insane by the insanity commission. He had \$38 in his pockets when arrested, and when searched for weapons \$500 was found sewed in the lining of his coat.

William Leadington, 45 years old, is under arrest at Keokuk on a charge of committing an assault upon a 10-year-old girl. Neighbors, who allege they saw the crime committed, were responsible for the arrest. Feeling is very bitter against the accused.

Returning home, Dr. I. I. Nichol of Mason City found his sister, Miss Cordelia Nichol, dead on the floor. She had arisen in usual health and prepared breakfast. Dr. Nichol left the home at 7 o'clock. It appears that Miss Nichol was washing the morning dishes when she fell dead.

Two prisoners and forty-two catfish were taken to police headquarters at Des Moines by George Cooper, deputy fish and game warden. The fish were held as evidence to prove that the prisoners violated the state fishing laws, and the prisoners were locked up on a charge of illegal fishing.

When Mr. and Mrs. Elling Nelson, living three miles from Thompson on a farm, awoke they found their 4-weeks old baby dead. Coroner Thompson was called, but upon making an investigation concluded that the evidence was so plain that the child was accidentally smothered that there was no inquest.

Judge John Campbell of Denver, who will deliver the address at the state university commencement at Iowa City, is one of Iowa's most noted alumni. On receiving his bachelor of laws and master's degree he started to practice and he now is finishing a term as associate justice in the supreme court of Colorado.

Fire from unknown origin caused the destruction of a large barn and corn crib on the Joe Paris place, three and one-half miles southeast of Manchester. In the barn which burned were six brood sows and forty-one pigs and two calves, besides a quantity of hay and grain. The loss is rated at about \$2,500, with only \$600 insurance.

Adjutant General George Newman of the department of G. A. R. at Des Moines figures that the old soldiers will be about \$3,000 short of enough to send all who desire to go to the reunion on the field of the battle of Gettysburg. The legislature appropriated \$10,000 to send the Iowa soldiers, and so many survivors have applied that there is danger some will have to be left at home.

The elevator and a part of the stock yards at Prairieburg were burned. The fire started at 10 o'clock and was caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine. The property was too far away to be protected by the city water works with its present equipment. The elevator was owned by the Central Lumber company of Dubuque. The loss has not yet been estimated.

K. G. Mackay, a Canadian who came to Iowa State college to do graduate work in dairying, has been offered a position as assistant director of agriculture for one of the largest states of India at an entrance salary of \$2,000 with stated increases up to \$4,000, and a life pension. Mackay left for Regina, Sask., where he has been under appointment by the Canadian government as assistant dairy commissioner of the province.

A little boy named Davis was drowned in the Buffalo river at Anamosa. As nearly as the facts can be ascertained, a number of children were seen by H. A. Turner, who suspected the prison farm, and as they seemed to be an unusual company he went over to the river and found one of the children was in the water. Other help soon arrived, but it was an hour before the body was found. The water at this place is about fifteen feet deep.

HOW TO CUT POTATOES

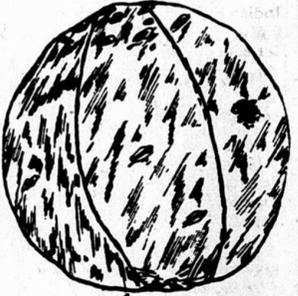
Hand Cutting Better Than Machine Method.

By G. E. BLISS, Iowa State College.

Careful attention to the cutting of the seed potato to insure proper seed will aid materially in getting a good "stand" of potatoes and a high yield. The method of cutting must depend upon the size and shape of the tubers and the number of eyes. The variety has a very important bearing on this subject. It is best to cut lengthwise in case of all the roundish or oblong varieties. Such types have few eyes and these are usually grouped near the seed end. In order to get them evenly distributed one must cut lengthwise.

The long varieties have more eyes, which are more evenly scattered over the entire tuber. Because of this fact and the ungainly shape when cut lengthwise, it is best to cut crosswise in many cases.

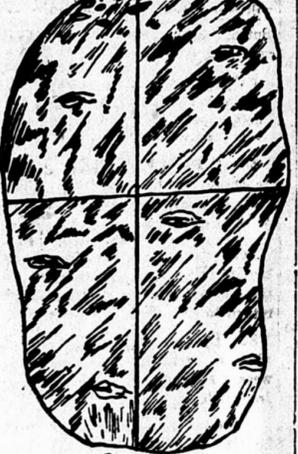
It is advisable to choose medium-sized tubers, regular in shape, free from prongs with single, strong, but shallow eyes. Cut a potato weighing one-half pound into four quarters lengthwise. A potato weighing a pound may be cut into eight pieces. Halve one weighing less than half a



ROUNDISH POTATOES HAVE FEWER EYES—THEY SHOULD BE CUT LENGTHWISE.

pound. Two strong eyes is enough for any piece, but a liberal supply of reserve food or "flesh" should go with them. Planting whole potatoes, especially small ones, is objectionable because of the large number of eyes. The number will vary from ten to twenty in a Rural New Yorker to almost twice as many in one of the long type. Usually only a portion of these eyes will produce sprouts. Invariably the number is too large, however. It will average close to 70 per cent and sometimes run up to 100 per cent. Two or three strong stalks per hill is sufficient.

It is best not to cut potatoes long



THE EYES ARE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED IN LONG POTATOES—THEY CAN BE CUT CROSSWISE.

before planting. If cut and piled up for several days they heat and spoil. If cut for any length of time before planting put in sacks or small piles and sprinkle dust or slacked lime over them to prevent rapid evaporation of the moisture. When one plants immediately this is also advisable because it prevents the moist pieces sticking together when being planted. Treat with formalin for scab before cutting.

Few machines for cutting potatoes are satisfactory. They cut too fine and do not distribute the eyes properly. For a 40-acre field it would pay to hire reliable men or boys to cut properly by hand rather than use the average potato cutter. The only cutter which can be used to advantage is one which quarters. Even then the tubers used should be carefully selected and of uniform size and shape.

For roundish smooth potatoes averaging one-half pound each such a machine can be used to advantage.

GAYNOR ESCAPES ARREST

New York Magistrate Refuses Warrant to Pulitzer.

New York May 6.—A decision was handed down by Magistrate Kernochan denying the application made by counsel for Ralph Pulitzer for a warrant for the arrest of Mayor Gaynor on a charge of criminal libel. The alleged libel was committed by the mayor in a speech in Brooklyn Feb. 14 last.

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