

## NYE'S EXPERIENCE

Leading Texas Onion Grower Writes of His Work for the Press

NYE, TEXAS, Aug. 8, 1906.

MR. F. G. HAVENS,

DEAR SIR: Your late favor received and in reply beg leave to say that I have no printed matter on hand. I got the main points of my knowledge of onion growing from a little book called Onions for Profit, written by T. Greiner, of La Salle, New York, and published by the W. Atlee Burpee Seed Co., of Philadelphia. About the only change I made in his methods was to plant the Bermuda onion instead of the Spanish King that Greiner planted in New York. He plants in the spring of the year and I plant the seed here on the 1st of October and transplant in December and mature them in April when the markets all over the United States are bare of onions, which allows ours to bring a fair price. One of my sons, A. P. Nye, sold a car load, 600 50 lb. crates, at \$1.50 per crate F. O. B. here to Los Angeles, California, this past season, and I know of a car of Crystal Wax Bermudas, 670 crates, to bring clear of freight and commissions \$1030, sold in New York City, but a great many cars did not do so well, and in fact, I know of one car that only brought \$72. Our county shipped out this past season 533 25 000 pound car loads and they netted something over \$300 per car, so you see it is getting to be quite an industry in this, Webb county.

We irrigate by pumping water from the Rio Grande, which carries an unlimited supply of water. We are located 300 miles above the mouth of the river with an elevation of 490 feet above sea level with a very dry atmosphere and climate. We have one or two very severe freezes during the winter and if they fall in December or not later than the 1st of January we make good crops, but when a freeze falls after the 15th of January the crop is generally cut in two. For instance in 1902 my crop produced an average yield of 37,000 pounds per acre; in 1903 the yield averaged only 17,000 pounds; in 1904 the average was 35,000 pounds; again in 1905 the average was 18,000 pounds per acre and this year we only got an average of 15,000 pounds. This accounts for my last 5 crops, only two good ones out of five, but no absolute failure. But to drop from 35,000 to 18,000 and 15,000 makes a fellow feel as though he had made a failure. Especially when he could not blame himself for any mistakes made. Chargeable only to conditions beyond his control. It costs me to grow and ship out a crop of onions never less than \$100 per acre and this does not include cost of crates and fertilizers. Two 50 pound Cumner folding crates cost laid down here 17 cents each or 34 cents to carry 100 pounds of onions to market. My last five crops have in each case been contracted in advance and the buyer has supplied his crates, but I did all the work and packing and delivered them F. O. B. here. My last crop brought \$1.40 per 100 pounds net except the growing expense. I consider it a poor idea to publish the successes only, leaving out the partial failures. There have been thousands of dollars lost by amateur onion growers, who thought \$500 per acre was sure to be an average yield. I have had an average of \$750 per acre and I have also had an average of \$210 per acre. I am afraid that my friend, Mr. R. A. Walker, told you all about my successes, but kept silent on the partial failure end of the business. One sure thing is that without good, pure seed the grower is sure to fall down and I want to say right here as the pioneer of the onion industry in Texas that I have always bought my onion seed from H. G. Hastings & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., and have never had a fall down with their seed, which are

Imported from Teneriffe. Most other seed houses have sent out any old kind of seed, claiming them to be genuine Teneriffe grown Bermuda seed and in a good many cases the crops proved an entire loss. I know of a crop of 15 acres lost here last season simply because the seed were not what they were represented to be and not what they were sold for. The money paid for the seed was a total loss besides not less than \$1000 spent on growing the crop and not one dollar came back to the grower.

Now you are running a newspaper and it is possible that you may publish this letter; if so, don't leave out the fact that Hastings sells good seed, even if it would appear that Hastings would be getting a free ad. You would be doing your patrons a good turn, for if they intend planting onions they would surely need a friend such as I think you should be to the growers to keep them from falling into such deadfalls and traps. I have been expressing myself pretty plainly in regard to swindling seed houses and they retaliate by saying that I get a rake off from Hastings, when the truth is just the reverse. I have never had a cent. There are no good Bermuda seed grown anywhere except in the Canary Islands and not all that actually come from there are genuine and pure. Onions for Profit costs 30 cents from W. Atlee Burpee's Seed Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Trusting that you may find this statement of interest, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

T. C. NYE.

[EDITOR'S NOTE:—We are reliably informed that Hastings & Co. have sold out all their seed for the present season and have no more for sale that can be delivered this year. Messrs. C. C. Morse & Co., of San Francisco, Cal., whose advertisement appears in our columns, claim to have secured their supply of Bermuda onion seed from the same parties in the Canary Islands who supply Hastings & Co. with seed.]

### WILL SHUT WATER OFF

Effort Being Made to Control Water Below the Line. Work in Progress to Deepen Channel to Sharp's

YUMA, ARIZ., (Lower Heading)

August 14, 1906.

IMPERIAL WATER COMPANY NO. 5, Holtville, Calif.

GENTLEMEN: The situation of affairs in our canal the other side of the Alamo waste gate whereby a considerable portion of the water is running over near Beltran Slough will probably necessitate radical action and in about ten days it is very probable that we will have to lower the water at Sharp's waste gate all possible by opening that gate in order to sluice our channel from Beltran Slough west. This, of course, will cut the water supply off from your company for probably ten days or two weeks and in the meantime it would be well for you to make ample provisions for the storage of stock and domestic water.

Very truly,

H. T. CORY,

General Manager.

### El Centro Bakery and Meat Market

The bakery and meat market is now completed and we invite all to call in and see us. Special attention will be given to the cantaloupe packers and growers to call on us and get your supply of bread and meat and if you want a pie we have it. Don't forget the place, back of the Franklin hotel.

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Presbyterian Church

Preaching Services in El Centro First and Third Sundays of each month at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. A. H. OROO, Pastor.

#### Christian Church

Preaching in the Hotel Franklin every Second and Fourth Sunday of the month. You are invited to attend. Rev. J. F. TOUT, Pastor.

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It will pay you to see Wilson for the best bargains in the Imperial Valley, or I have the best trading list in the Valley. Go out and look them over with me. I keep rigs for that purpose and will offset my time against yours. Office Commercial Hotel, Imperial, Cal.

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NOTE—Our Mr. L. M. Lyon will take personal charge of the Brawley office on May 10 and remain during the shipping season, and until May 1 his address will be 330 Washington Street, New York City. Mr. Peter P. Hovely is in charge of the Brawley office until Mr. Lyon arrives.

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