

Florida's Potato Acreages This Year Larger Than Ever

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 17.—(Special.)—Commissioner L. M. Rhodes, of the State Marketing Bureau, is back from a visit to the Hastings potato district and says there is a larger acreage than last year, in which the urgent request of the government was fully met, and this is true of all sections, plantings having been made where never before attempted on a commercial scale. The yield in many instances was better than last season.

In face of this condition was that of a larger hold over in the north, greater than ever before, and regular consumption was prevented during the winter by long and excessive cold weather, which prevented delivery by train from the producing to consuming centers. For this reason the spot markets in the north are away off. Maine stock, which brings top prices in New England, sold last week at \$1.30 per 100; New York stock at from \$1 to \$1.10; Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota stock as low as 50c.

Florida stock opened this year at from \$4.50 to \$5.00, as compared to \$3.00 and more at the same time last year, but prices now have dropped to correspond nearer the old stock. Besides potatoes are now going north from Georgia, Alabama and other southern states to a falling market. Mr. Rhodes further said:

"We are unreservedly in favor of doing all that can be done to consume everything the farmers grow, if possible, regardless of the region in which it is grown, and at a fair price. But we fail to see why people should be urged as a matter of patriotism to eat potatoes grown in one section of the country, at any particular season, and allow other potatoes, grown in another section at another time of the year, to be left to decay in the fields, bags or barrels. Yet such seems to be the case with the Florida potato crop. Just as the potato crop of Florida was beginning to go on the market, the Food Administration put on a campaign requesting everybody to eat old potatoes, by observing a potato week. Was this fair to the Florida farmer, who had been urged to grow food, and had put from \$50 to \$75 per acre in the ground, in seed and fertilizer, to say nothing of labor? This unfortunate episode brought hardships to Florida growers, in face of the fact that she has done her full share and is willing to do more in furnishing her

quota to the army, buying Thrift stamps and Liberty Bonds, and contributing freely to every necessary fund. We are not in favor of an embargo on potatoes, or anything else from other states, for this is no time to establish state lines. We are all Americans.

"But we do believe that the people of Florida, who can use them, should buy potatoes by the bag or barrel. Arrangements could be made for a carload, or as many as may be needed in any city or town, to be unloaded direct to consumers, at a lower price than by buying in drabs. They can be bought of the dealer by the quantity at reasonable cost, and they will keep if properly handled, until a family can use them. Keep them in crates, ventilated barrels or boxes, or set bag up where the air can pass underneath and all around. Never put potatoes in a dark or damp place. They will keep when spread out in a dry place, under a house or shed, so they are dry and in the light and have ventilation. Farmers at Hastings keep them for months in this way. Buy a bag. Buy one today and help Florida, her producers, and yourself, patronize home industry whenever it is possible."

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TODAY'S SHORTEST STORY



RAILWAY PORTER ARRIVES IN CITY

A private car, containing men said to be capitalists, arrived in Pensacola yesterday morning over the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. During the day they made a trip about the city and harbor. In the party were J. T. Steel, receiver of the Gulf, Florida and Alabama Railroad Company; W. F. Fuqua, William H. Kinch, Henry A. Harmon, Charles H. Bailey, J. Crawford Hibbs and B. I. Crocker.

A report was current that these men were going over the route of the Gulf, Florida and Alabama Railroad, with a view to supplying money to purchase the system and that the Southern Railway was the most interested corporation in the matter. However, reserve was maintained and the facts in this connection could not be ascertained.

The road was to have been sold June 20, under an order of the United States Court, but Mr. G. Earl Hoffman, special master has postponed the disposition of it until a later date.

NICHOLAS ROMANOFF MAY BE TRIED BY MILITARY COURT

AMSTERDAM, May 18.—Nicholas Romanoff former emperor of Russia, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, will be tried by a court martial in Moscow the latter part of June. The trial will be secret.

Why a Garden?

Nelle M. Cook.

Some author wrote long ago most beautifully on the subject "Why a Garden?" The article was a gem for the man was a word architect and could build a beautiful structure and he went around the country telling people how to make a garden, but he just talked garden for the good of other people. Perhaps for the good of his country and he was kept so busy talking garden that he had no time to make a garden for himself and had to buy all his vegetables.

Genial old Bronson Alcott used to lean on his hoe and discourse to his neighbors, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Thoreau, on the beauties of early rising, the song of the early bird and the duty of every one to garden and grow vegetables, to all of which the listeners agreed, yet none of the three did much labor in their gardens for theirs was brain, not brawn.

But we can excuse them for they did not feel the need of a garden as we do today. The need of a garden was not preached to them from the pulpit nor talked from the pews. Their newspapers did not contain columns of stuff on how to plant and when to plant and it was not then the fashion for every one to have a garden.

Now it is not the fashion but a real necessity, and wherever one goes the old question asked by Mother Goose is heard on all sides, "How does your garden grow?"

When callers arrive the hostess says "Come out and see my garden. There is the Red Rock cabbage, had to send north for the seed, but aren't they beauties? Here is a bed of Hastings' Surehead cabbage. We are going to make sauerkraut this fall. An here is broccoli; the southern cauliflower, almost as delicious as the white cauliflower and is much easier to grow here, and so the hostess leads her visitors through the garden, corn, tomatoes, squash, onions, etc. all come in for their share of praise.

The poultry pens are inspected and a discussion follows as to which is the best breed and as they return to the house the food conservation and Red Cross cards are noticed in the window.

"Yes, we do our bit in every way possible and it does seem so small in this day of great events to be able to do so little, but it is all we can do." "No, we did not sign the food conservation card because it was a fad but because we wanted to identify our-

elves with the fighters and we do conserve in every way that is not injurious to the health. One member of our family cannot eat corn bread very often without it causing a rash which is very annoying, but that is overcome by using other flour substitutes such as rice flour or oat meal.

Recipes for war bread and war delicacies were exchanged and the callers left.

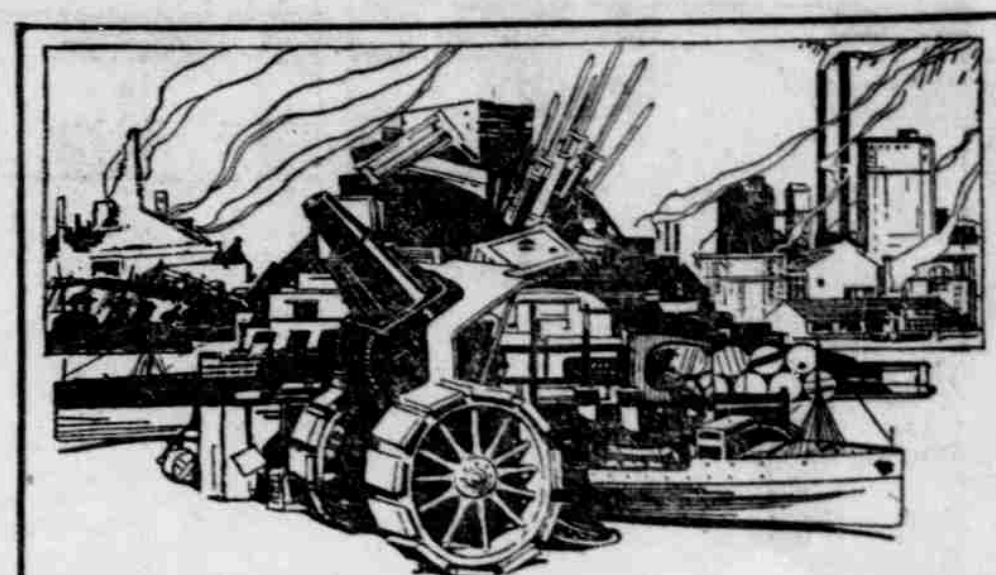
Not a word of gossip, not a word of fashion or style but each intent on doing her best and doing it cheerfully. No talk of "Woman's place," for woman has found so many different places in which she fits perfectly that she has no time to waste in urging man to give her the "rights" for which she has begged. The call for women to fill a larger sphere has found them well prepared and from the doctor to the nurse "over there" to the day laborer and farmer all over the world they are filling places of trust and doing it quietly as though it had been a part of their lives for generations.

Even Olive Schreiner must feel that some of her dreams have come true and that most dreary stories "the African Farm" can now be forgotten.

In this time of large events what difference does it make regarding politics, creeds or any other things over which mortals argue and disagree?

Just to be Americans is good and to belong to the United States is best of all and as Dr. Taylor said, "We should do everything with but one thought in mind and that thought War."

And that answers the question "Why a garden?"



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