STATE NEWS

Springfield.—Governor Deneen, on recommendation of the state board of pardons, issued a pardon to former Police Inspector Edward McCann of Chicago, who served a term in Joliet prison on a charge of grafting. The pardon of McCann was the result of what may considered the most remarkable appeal in behalf of a convicted felon ever made in this state. Before the board of pardons, sitting in Joliet April 24, a delegation of more that two hundred persons—settlement workers, clergymen, labor leaders, business men and representatives of the city and state government made an appeal for McCann's pardon.

Rock Island—The United Christian party in conference here announced its nominations for national offices as follows: President, Rev. Daniel H. Turney, Decatur, Ill.; vice-president, A. P. Cayer, Howard Lake, Minn.; national chairman, W. R. Benkert, Davenport, Ia. The ministerial of Senator William Lorimer was demanded, and H. A. Simpson of Paxa, Ill., was recommended as his successor.

Danville—Burglars dynamited the private bank of Alexander Pate in Wellington, Iroquois county, Illinois, and escaped with $4,500, all the bank's balance, with the exception of $4. The burglars also stole some negotiable notes and a quantity of other paper. Kilbourne—Since the robbery, occurred have the interested parties have put forth every effort to locate the guilty parties. Word reached here that a party of men are being held at Terre Haute, Ind., which may prove to be the men wanted. Messrs. Charles Beckith, Roy Goben, Will Edwards and Albert Jones left for that place to identify the men as the parties, whom they saw on the street here on the day of the robbery. There were many citizens who noticed strange faces here on that day. This is the first clue that has been reported.

Winchester—Hon. J. Adam Beds of Minnesota made the principal address before the Federation of Woman's clubs in this city on the theme, "Problems and Progress." Mrs. Minnie Starr Grainger, president of the State Federation of Woman's clubs, gave an address. Mrs. H. M. Dunlap spoke on "Household." Some of the best musical talent of the district and Winchester appeared on the program.

Staunton—A nonunion lineman, working for the McKinley system, was badly burned and several others bruised, they being hit with chunks of coal in a fight following the chalking of the linemen's cars and disassembling to a heavy pole holding up the feed wires from the hydroelectric power station last night. The car was so badly damaged that it had to be taken to the shops and a network of wires endangering the lives of half a hundred employes of the company, had to be thrown to the ground.

Springfield—First contracts for supplies for the second quarter of the year were let yesterday by the state board of administration for the charitable institutions of the state. Contracts for furnishing the state charities were awarded Frank Weldlocher of this city received the bulk of the flour contract. He is to furnish the flour at $3.75 a barrel. The Tate & Lane company of Quincy received all sixty barrels at $4.05 a barrel, and the Litchfield Mill & Elevator company will furnish 120 tons of bran at $1.18 a hundred pounds.

Virginia.—The primary school of this city was destroyed by fire. More than eighty children were in the building at the time, and the rooms were cleared in one minute.

Golconda, May 8.—Sheriff McCormick and posse succeeded in capturing Green Brush near Eddyville, who for several days in his barricaded home, had defied the officers and had been firing on any who came near. Catching him away from home, the officers surprised him before he had time to fire.

Carbondale.—The Egyptian hotel, the largest hostelry in Christopher, was destroyed by fire at a loss of more than $50,000. Guests of the house were asleep and barely escaped. The explosion is thought to have caused the fire.

Belvidere.—When Mayor McGinnes announced a change in the fire department chiefs, the firemen at station No. 1 walked out with the old chief and left the building in charge of Alderman Gaffney. The station was for nearly two hours with no firemen, while $1,000,000 worth of property was unprotected. The quarrel between the men and the old chiefs, New men were appointed and the fire fighting force is complete.

Chicago.—A fisherman known as McEroy was found dead in his shack at East One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Calumet avenue. The police said death was due to natural causes, probably heart disease. The victim was fifty years old.

Granite City.—The second dead rabbit found in the city limits of this year in Granite City was discovered by D. H. Hamilton on the Cahokia road while out hunting. The dead baby was found in the dump of bushes where a woman and her baby were found dead on the levee about a year ago.

Freeport.—A fellow giving the name of Paul Hahn, who claims to have been shot through the lungs while doing service in the Spanish-American war, applied to Chief Root for permission to sell his photograph showing the bullet wound.

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Politician—There were several ungrammatical sentences in your speech last night.

The Candidate—I know; I'm making a play for the uneducated vote.

Now What Did She Mean?

At a recent wedding a baby had shrieked without intermission to the great annoyance of the bride's mother. As the bridal party was leaving the church a slight delay occurred. One of the guests seized the opportunity to say to the first bridesmaid:

"What a nuisance babies are at a wedding!"

"Yes, indeed!" answered the bridesmaid, angrily. "When I send out invitations to my wedding I shall be printed in the corner, 'No babies except.'"—Judge.

The Ballot Box.

The ballot box seems sacred to me, and I never voted without removing my hat. The men in the voting booth are always amused at this attitude, but to me the voting privilege will be always treated with great respect. A man should pray as the vote and form as he prays.—Rev. R. S. MacArthur, Baptist, New York City.

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POTATO PROFITS IN IDAHO

The modest potato is not sufficiently taken into account as a producer of profit for the man who tills the soil.

We hear about the romance of Wheat, much bright awarding of prizes, commercial dignity of Oats and Alfalfa, of Barley and Rye, but we count them as sources of great wealth for those who make the earth their servant.

But, granting to the grains and forages the credit they deserve, there are wide stretches of land in Idaho producing such high-grade potatoes that make the average grain production of states farther east appear exceedingly small.

And there are so many more acres, of the same kind, that have not yet been given a chance to show what they can do, that the money-making possibilities of Idaho, so far as potatoes alone are concerned, cannot be estimated.

Idaho won national publicity in 1910 by the number of "blue ribbon" prizes of $500 and $250, given by Mr. D. E. Wells, of Salt Lake City, Utah, for the best and second best specimens of potatoes produced on a single acre of land. Competition was confined to the Oregon Short Line, Pacific & Idaho Northern, Oregon, Washington Southern and Payette Valley railroads.

The Oregon Short Line, together with the Pacific & Idaho Northern above, traverses the states of Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Montana, Nevada and Wyoming, so it will be readily seen that the number of acres from which there were competitors from so wide a territory was an accomplishment of great magnitude, and the victorious state and of lasting credit to the successful producer.

The results of this contest, participated in by so many of the most progressive farmers in the greatest potato district, were amazing, and the following account of those results, should stress showing what the returns signify in the matter of profits from the land, should prove interesting to everyone concerned in agricultural affairs.

Through Mr. L. A. Fowler, the first prize of $500 was won by Twin Falls county, Idaho, with the "Peachblow Challenge" variety of potatoes. The second said to Canyon county, Idaho, through Mr. W. B. Gilmore, with the "Peachblow" variety.

On this winning acre of Idaho land Mr. Snyder raised 648 bushels of potatoes, weighing 38,880 pounds. The culls weighed 4,150 pounds, leaving 34,525 pounds of the finest marketable potatoes, or about 575 bushels.

At 70 cents per 100 pounds, or 48 cents per bushel, the price Mr. Snyder received, the one prize acre produced the sum of $2,304.00, from which the $241.74, besides the 4,150 pounds, or almost 70 bushels, in culls, which could be used for feeding.

Mr. Snyder has given to the Commercial Club of Twin Falls some further facts showing the possibilities of potato raising in his section of the state. He has planted from time to time acres of land he harvested 895 sacks of potatoes, averaging 80 pounds to the sack. He sold 1,550 bushels at 42 cents per bushel, amounting to $650, and he had 75 sacks left for seed.

An average gross profit of $210 per acre, is much better, but much more smaller is the average gross profit from the average farm, and it will be a fair idea of what the intensive potato-raising opportunities of Idaho really are.

Going a little more extensively into figures, we find that Idaho's average family of say, five persons consumes about 100 bushels of potatoes per day. That ought to be a liberal estimate—a pound of potatoes per day for each member of the family, large or small.

The 34,525 pounds of potatoes raised by Mr. Snyder on his prize acre of Idaho land, would be sufficient to give the potato needs of more than 22 such families for a year, allowing each family a bushel of potatoes per month.

It is fair to say that a $20 gross profit from an acre of land is a good return. So we see that Mr. Snyder's prize acre of potato land brought in the much needed profit of 10 acres of wheat land.

It is fair to assume that there is reaped from ten acres of his potato land as well as he did from the three acres which gave him the $2,304 profit, or, say, $200 per acre and of the season, besides more than enough potatoes for his own use and for the next season's planting.

There's "real money" in Idaho potatoes.

The combination that won the Burbank prize, says Mr. Fowler, is the most productive soil in the West, climate favorable to growth, and the best irrigation at all times, one of the best varieties of spuds, and a man with the intelligence to plant and care for them and not afraid of work."

The words make clear the advantages and possibilities of the Oregon Short Line and other railroads in Idaho, who entered the contest in which Mr. Snyder carried off first honors and second honors went to Mr. Gilmore harvested 37,474 pounds of potatoes, weighing 1,000 less the acre that won for him the second prize, and many others were close competitors.

Actual encouragement to those who have never tried potato growing as a profitable occupation, and be it said the fact that Mr. Snyder's potato experience began only five years ago.

Up to 1905, when he moved to Idaho, he had lived upon cattle and hay ranches, had engaged in dairy, livery and mining work, but had not had enough experience as a farmer to venture growing in Idaho because he thought it offered an agreeable and profitable occupation, and he has made the results of such year better than those of the preceding one.

Speaking a short time ago, Mr. Snyder said: "I have always said that we have the best irrigated country in the United States. Mr. Burley gave us a chance to prove it, and it was so much the opportunity of showing that we could make good, as the money, which induced me to go into this competition."

Notwithstanding his achievement, Mr. Snyder does not believe that his record will stand. He has great faith in the potato industry and in Idaho in particular, and he says, quite, "do not think we have reached the limit, by a long way," he remarks, confidently, and there are thousands who are familiar with that country who believe that he is quite correct.

The fact is that large profits from potato raising in Idaho are by no means the exception. H. P. Prodsham, a farmer in the American Falls district, commenced on one 500 bushels from one acre, his yield per acre thus being, at 12 cents per bushel, $60.

Someone who 'knows the conditions in and out' in possibilities of Idaho has said that "It is a fortunate thing for Idaho that the new settler, with little or no capital or implements, but with a willingness to work, can plant potatoes on the irrigated farm in the first year and make a good living for his family besides laying aside money to make all necessary improvements on his land."

William B. Kelley, who owns a ranch near Gooding, says: "The men who have made good are those that we don't stop to count the sacks."

Samuel Lewis, also living near Gooding, reports as follows: "Potatoes grow large and thick. Six potatoes from my field weighed twenty-five. The crop runs 500 to 600 bushels to the acre, and can always be depended upon."

The price received by Mr. Snyder for his prize-winning potatoes does not by any means represent the "top" of the Idaho market. Much higher prices have been commanded at various times, yet at the 42-cent rate received by Mr. Snyder they yielded very large.

Scores of instances may be cited to show what the lands of Idaho hold in store for those who will put forth the effort that must precede success.

Those who have succeeded in the one task of potato raising, trace their accomplishments to industry, perseverance, and to a study of conditions and needs. But they could not have reaped such harvests if industry and determination had not been fortified by ideal conditions of climate and soil. Such conditions prevail in the agricultural districts of Idaho. There the ground is rich and mellow, the climate is conducive to the outdoor task. There the scheme of irrigation has been so well developed as to be unfailing in its supply that growing crops know no fear of drought in Idaho.

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