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POTATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

The Potato Farmers Are Now Realizing the Need of an Organization

The marketing and selling systems for the potato growers last year were bad enough, but the growers are finding need for a good marketing system this season worse than ever, and there will be much loss to the potato growers if they do not get together by independent growers. What we need is an organization, composed of the potato growing districts of Wharton, Sugarland, Simonton and Eagle Lake, all thoroughly organized and the business handled in each district by a local secretary. As the business is carried on at present it is a hard matter for an independent grower to sell a car load of potatoes, unless he turns that car over to some one to sell for him and pay him a commission for selling and on top of that pay brokerage at the other end. Through an association, each and every grower would have the same chance in selling their potatoes, and the commissions charged, just like the rice business, would pay all expenses of the association and then some.

Potato growers must get together and organize if they are ever to produce with assurance of good markets. Outsiders who come to handle the crop are not looking out for the growers—the potato growers must learn to look out for their own interests.

Potato growing in this section has not reached its limit. More potatoes will be produced each year, and the need for better facilities in transportation and in marketing will continue to grow. Potato growing has only begun, and many localities all throughout the county will engage in it where no potatoes are now produced. The need for the high grade of potatoes grown throughout this section is great, but the need for means of reaching the consumers is greater.

Methods will be found and all those who help to find them will deserve the good which we hope will come to them. The need to find markets is not great because the markets are waiting but what is needed is an organization with a fixed price for spuds each day so some planter can not quote under the price and break the market. Producers receive too little and consumers pay too much.

The problems are to reach the markets and to sell at such prices as will yield fair profits. There are too many charges and the charges are too high, between producer and consumer. Only by complete organization will it be possible to eliminate costs which are destroying individual producers and starving those who would be consumers.

For consumers and producers alike the need of organization is great, and it means not profit alone, but existence.

When the move for a potato growers' organization is thoroughly launched, let no one stand in the way of the organization which will help to sustain

our industries, and which will help to feed the hungry. If there be faults in the system, then let the faults be corrected, but let no one strike a blow at the organization. Only in organization is there hope for the future of the potato industry and to cripple organizations is to destroy hope.

Conditions here on the selling market—and in truth it has already gotten to that point that the buyers will scarcely give an independent grower an offer—are the poorest since potatoes have been here. Last year was bad enough, but this year is the limit. Nor can anyone imagine that conditions will be better in another year, or in any years to come, without system and organization in marketing. Wake up, potato planters, and look this thing squarely in the face. Competition will grow and evils will grow. There must be organization or there will be ruin for potato growers. Without organization there cannot be system and it will often occur that the grower will destroy his market.

In union there is strength. By being united the potato industry will stand, but if divided it shall surely fall.

A Surprise Wedding

Mr. J. C. Stewart, the popular young operator at the Southern Pacific, and Miss Lucy Wein Brenner, a pretty and popular young lady of this city, were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Garmon at half past eight o'clock Tuesday night. Rev. R. H. Jones, the pastor of the Christian church officiating. The bride is a sister of Mrs. O. Simms of this city, having moved to Eagle Lake a short while since from Rosenberg, and has been one of the operators at the telephone office since moving here. She is a beautiful girl, and has made many friends in Eagle Lake.

The groom is very popular with all who know him. He is a young man of sterling qualities and possesses a very wide circle of friends.

The HEADLIGHT extends congratulations and wishes the young couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

Editor Chas. Mrazek of the Garwood Express was over Monday to qualify as a notary public. Guess Charley is arranging matters in order to get some of the "drags" to make affidavit that they will pay their subscription accounts.

Mr. Earl Westmoreland, who arrived last week from San Antonio, has been ill with rheumatism at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Odom, since his arrival. We are glad to note that he is considerably improved at this time.

Quite a number of Eagle Lake people were in Columbus last Sunday, going up in autos to witness the baseball game between Columbus and Rock Island. The game was won by Columbus in a score of 5 to 0.

Mrs. Alta McDowell of Lockhart arrived in the city Sunday afternoon and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Newsom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris and children of Houston came up Sunday for a few days' visit to his mother, Mrs. C. C. Harris.

TEACHERS ARE ELECTED

Teachers For Coming Session Were Elected Tuesday Night

At the regular meeting of the school board Tuesday night the teachers for the coming session were elected. The teachers elected are: Miss Jane Cross, Eagle Lake; Miss Mollie Davidson, Eagle Lake; Miss Anye Arbuckle, Waco; Miss Mattie Mersfelder, Eagle Lake; Mrs. J. H. Morgan, Eagle Lake; Miss Buelah Daniels, San Marcos; Miss Ruth Gray Franklin; and Miss Nellinger of Lufkin. Two teachers, a primary teacher and a domestic science teacher are yet to be elected. Prof. J. H. Morgan was re-elected as superintendent at a former meeting of the board.

Miss Mary Williamson, Miss Katie Pegram, Miss Cleo Cross, Miss Mary Arbuckle, Miss Nannie Jennings, Miss Kittle Mae Stamps and Miss Ethel Beckham, who were members of the teaching force the past session, were not applicants for re-election.

Miss Anye Arbuckle of Waco, one of the teachers elected for the coming session, is a sister of Miss Mary Arbuckle, who taught here during the term just closed.

Rev. R. H. Jones, the new Christian church pastor, arrived here from Norfolk, Virginia, last Saturday and preached excellent sermons at the Christian church Sunday, both morning and night. Mr. Jones is splendid preacher, a fluent speaker and a highly educated gentleman. Mr. Jones will fill the pulpit at the Christian church each Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. A. G. Reynolds of Lockhart and Mrs. A. B. Dunn of Shiner were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Newsom the first of the week.

Mrs. J. J. Mansfield of Columbus spent several days here the first of the week visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Bruce.

Our sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Miles in the death of their little thirteen months' old baby girl, which occurred at their home in this city Sunday night at twelve o'clock. The body was shipped on the ten o'clock Southern Pacific train Monday morning to Live Oak where the funeral took place same afternoon.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sadler last Saturday.

Mrs. W. Verzatt and children, Charlie, Alfred, Clarence, Carrie, Teresa and Edwin, arrived this week from Tasker, North Dakota, to join Mr. Verzatt and make their home here. Mr. Verzatt has been here since the early spring, he having purchased land on the Ramsey Point road about three-quarters of a mile from Eagle Lake. They will build a home on their land in the fall. Although this has been one of the most unfavorable springs in the knowledge of the oldest inhabitants, Mr. and Mrs. Verzatt are delighted with the country. Our splendid school system played an important part in the bringing of this good family to our locality as their children will attend our school here next session.

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Mr. A. E. Deats returned Sunday morning from Austin where he went to take treatment for lead poisoning. He was accompanied home by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Deats.

Mrs. Chas. LeGendre and little daughter of Victoria, are the guests of Mrs. Addie and Miss Willie McFarland.

Misses Margaret Mansfield and Hazel Hutchins, two of Columbus' prettiest young ladies, were guests of Mrs. M. E. Guynn the first of the week.

Mr. John C. York, an old Eagle Lake boy, now on the road for a whip manufacturing house, was calling on the trade here Tuesday.



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