

# NEW INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTY

## Large Tract of Potatoes Is Being Harvested This Week in Kingsley Township.

Gaiggs county not only has the distinction of having the highest average production of wheat for the past ten years prior to 1910, but it is also some "big potato" when it comes to raising spuds.

This week John Sperger and Carl Bick and a large crew of men are engaged in harvesting the big crop and it is estimated that when the task is completed they will have in the neighborhood of 40,000 bushels. Two diggers and 24 men are employed and up to Monday night about 18,000 bushels had been picked. The potatoes are dumped into sacks and placed in a large pit, 70 feet long, 30 feet wide and eight feet deep. An enormous number of sacks is required—their supply at present being nearly exhausted, but a carload has been ordered and will reach them in ample time so they will experience no delay or inconvenience on that account.

The land on which these potatoes have grown is owned by Joe Ebentier and Jake Westerhousen. These gentlemen granted the growers free use of their land with the understanding that they cultivate the potatoes properly, thereby cleaning the land of weeds and foul seed and also adding to the fertility of the soil. The men have done this and Mr. Ebentier and Mr. Westerhousen are satisfied that better results have been obtained this way than would have been the case had the land been summer fallowed.

To plant and cultivate and harvest 230 acres of potatoes has been some undertaking, but the men have met with success and with the small crop this year potatoes will command a good price, and consequently net them a snug fortune when the crop is sold.

It is possible that more of our farmers will follow the example of Mr. Sperger and Mr. Bick by going into the potato industry next year.