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in preparing for the table.

The yield of potatoes on many farms is too low to be profitable except when prices are high. The low yield is chiefly caused by planting seed from low producing hills.

A potato does not produce a crop like itself, it produces a crop like the hill from which it came. With the ordinary method of selection, seed potatoes from the poorest hill and a part of the potatoes from the moderate producing hills are used. Not a potato from the highest yielding hills is planted. Intelligent selection of seed from high yielding hills will double the yield on more than half the farms.

## Spiritwood Lake News

Paul Kokott arrived home from Canada, the 16th inst. after a stay of seven weeks looking after farm interests in that country. He says the crops were a bumper, averaging from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre.

Several of our young people attended the dance and basket social at Clementsville, Thanksgiving night and reported a fine time. The social was gotten up by Miss Anna Albrecht, who is teaching at the Clementsville school. The baskets were sold by Paul Kokott, who handled the sale with great ability. Something over \$53.00 was realized. Mr. Kokott is an able man in his trade and will undoubtedly meet with great success in his future.

Charles Labrash is out trapping at Jim Lake and reports having good success. Several hundred muskrats, minks, skunks, badgers and weasels were captured within two weeks. He also reports seeing a Canadian lynx and would have gotten him if it hadn't been for his rifle refusing to operate.

Trapping is getting to be a common thing in this neighbor-

hood and some of the boy's are making good winter's wages in catching weasels and skunks, some of them even go so far as to put out poison for the purpose of killing skunks or wolves. but this should be stopped for several valuable dogs have been found dead near the Gott place, now owned by Thomas Kokott. Mr. Kokott offers a liberal reward for any information leading to the arrest of the guilty party, who should certainly be brought to justice.

Miss Mildred Klang spent Thanksgiving with friends in Jamestown.

Adolph Stuff is arranging to take a trip to Arkansas for about a month. He will also visit other eastern points before returning home.

### "Jones—He Pays the Freight."

"It pays to advertise." The name of Gen. Edward F. Jones, the Buffalo manufacturer, became a household word through his persistent advertisement of the fact that "Jones—he pays the freight!" Before he engaged in this advertising campaign he had rendered distinguished service as an officer in the Union army during the war between the states, in the Massachusetts legislature and as lieutenant governor of New York. Nevertheless his name was not widely known until he advertised it and his business. He died a few years ago at the age of ninety-three years after a life of worthy achievement.

### Banks Going After Business.

It is a pleasure to note that few banks are satisfied with the business that happens to come their way. More are beginning to make active efforts to get existent business and to create new business through systematic, live human interest advertising in newspapers.

### Chinese Canals Greatest.

China has led the world in the matter of canal making, and to this day stands first among the nations for the skillful utilization of her inland waterways. One great canal maintains communication between Peking and Canton, a distance of 1,200 miles, and the total extent of the canals of China is over 5,000 miles. Russia owns the longest canal in the world, extending from St. Petersburg to the Chinese frontier, a distance of 4,472 miles, and also the second longest, covering 1,434 miles, between Astrachan and St. Petersburg. As regards numbers of separate canals Holland claims precedence, but her total mileage of inland waterways is only 920 miles.

### Professional Dinner Tasters.

In Paris there is a corps of professional dinner tasters, whose duty it is to test and pass judgment on all food prepared for banquets and similar occasions of state.

### Large Trade in Human Hair.

Trade in human hair is a big industry abroad, exports sometimes reaching a total of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year. Italian merchants lead in the trade.