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### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

In the February issue a notification was sent to 320 members informing them that their membership and subscription had expired. A part of this number have not yet responded to this appeal. Kindly send your check or postal money order payable to the Potato Association of America, 108 Baltimore Ave., Takoma Park, D. C. at your earliest convenience.

Active membership .....	\$2.00 per year
Associate membership .....	\$1.00 per year

The active members receive the American Potato Journal and the Annual Report. The Associate members receive the American Potato Journal.

**"Procrastination is the thief of time."**

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### OREGON POTATO LAW

Oregon is a pioneer in the United States in passing a bill dealing with the grading and certification of potatoes. The use of fraudulent certification tags in this state has made it necessary to have a law to protect both its producers and users of certified seed potatoes. Section 3 and 6 of this law are found on page 92 of this issue. Oregon deserves to be complimented on the move it has taken. But in reading it over and knowing what is taking place in other states we can see the advantages of having universal certification standard and law. If we are not on our guard we may have as many certification laws as there are certification standards. Under such conditions what may be legal in one state may not be in another state. The law governing certified seed should be the same throughout the United States and

certified seed potatoes should mean the same regardless where produced or sold. If for sufficient reason potatoes in some state or states cannot be produced to comply with the accepted universal standard for certified seed they should be sold under another term, or perhaps as certified seed with modifications stated clearly on the certification tags. The former would be better.

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### **NEW YORK CO-OPERATIVE SEED POTATO ASS'N, Inc.**

Members of this organization voted recently to take out active memberships for each of its members in the Potato Association of America. Last year they held associate memberships. This step denotes progress and wisdom on the part of the members of the New York Co-operative Seed Potato Ass'n., Inc. It shows that they believe in the true and old maxims—"Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you." In the present day potato phraseology we would say—Aim and work to be a better potato grower and you shall be one. But just manual labor alone will not make a better potato producer, knowledge of growing and marketing the crop is fundamental.

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### **DIE KARTOFFEL**

The above words translated into English means—"The Potato." It is the name of the publication published semi-monthly by the Potato Growers Association of Germany. According to *Die Kartoffel*, Vol. 6, No. 3, Feb. 1, 1926, this association has a membership of 3982. Can United States and Canada do as well as Germany? If we cannot we had better devote our efforts to other things.

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### **THE USE OF GOOD SEED POTATOES BY WASHINGTON GROWERS**

**George L. Zundel, Extension Plant Pathologist**

The last year or two I have furnished your magazine with a number of articles showing the value of the use of good seed that is free from the virus diseases as compared with the common seed that is apt to be more or less badly infected with mosaic and related troubles.

Each year evidence in favor of good seed mounts rapidly and it is surprising to know that even in this enlightened day we still have farmers who think they cannot afford to pay a good price for high grade certified seed. The argument of some of these men put forward that results are only for one year is gradually becoming invalid since we now have results on the control of mosaic for at least five years.