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HOW FAR THAT LITTLE SEED CASTS ITS ROOTS.

Senator Reed was speaking in defense of the Congressional seeds. He declared that the distribution of the seeds has been pictured before the country as a "Congressional graft." He commented: "It is like a great many other claims that are put forward, no one sees fit to deny them or explain the facts upon which the charge has been accepted as a fact."

Since the days of antiquity the little government seed has been held up as a wanton extravagance. But Senator Reed says that it is all wrong and he gives plausible reasons why free seeds should not be abolished. "I have not the slightest doubt in the world that there is not an item in all the appropriations made by Congress that so directly and immediately benefits all the people of the United States as the item in the appropriation bill which provides for the distribution of seeds," said Senator Reed. "The man who thinks that seeds sent out through the country, planted and reproduced, do not pay for themselves many times over is a very peculiar sort of an individual. Here is a community that has just an ordinary kind of tomato. Some one sends in and gets from the government a superior variety, and one of the good old ladies in the community raises them in her garden. All the other women folks get that seed the next year. The result is that the little package of seed that is sent out from Washington may be the cause of the introduction into an entire county of a superior variety of that product. This has gone on for years. I have no doubt in the world that the seed sent out from Washington have produced in products one hundred thousand times the value of the entire cost."

NOTICE, BOND HOLDERS.

Persons here holding 4 per cent unconverted Liberty bonds of the first issue will receive one-fourth of one per cent more interest if they will deliver their bonds immediately to their local banks for conversion into 4 1/4 per cent securities. The local banks will forward the bonds to the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, where the exchange will be made, according to an official statement today.

The bonds to be converted must be in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond before June 15—that being one of the semi-annual interest dates—otherwise the 4 1/2 rate will not become effective until the following interest date, or December 15.

If a bond holder wishes to place his security upon a 4 1/4 per cent basis at any time after June 14 and prior to December 15, he will have to pay one-eighth of one per cent of the face value of his bond, this being required to cover interest adjustment to the next interest date.

This amount will be paid back in the 4 1/4 per cent coupon due in December.

There are about \$10,000,000 of unconverted 4 per cent Liberty bonds of the first issue outstanding in the 5th Federal Reserve district. The

higher interest offered—4 1/4 per cent—will therefore amount to considerable sum.

The new bonds to be issued in exchange for the first unconverted 4's will be permanent bonds and will be either registered without coupons or will carry coupons covering interest on the bonds until they mature.

Interest on registered bonds is mailed direct to the bond holders from the treasury department in Washington. The interest on coupon bonds will be paid by any bank or trust company in the United States upon presentation of the coupons when due.

FOOD PRICES.

The Department of Labor in its investigations has not been able to discover any particular reduction in the prices of foodstuffs. Meat products have declined somewhat, but the ultimate consumer has not noticed the difference at the butcher shop. The farmers are talking about a strike because they, in common with everyone else, are paying exorbitant prices for everything they buy. A half million soldiers left the farms to go to war and it is estimated that only fifty thousand have returned to farming as a livelihood, the majority being attracted by high wages paid in the industries. The exportation of food stuffs in April of this year was fifty per cent less than for the same month last year, but even though there were no exports whatever, it is estimated that the greatly reduced acreage in crops planted this year would not be sufficient to take care of the needs of the nation. The 1920 crop is a short one, and some of the reasons for it are enumerated above. It is reasonable to suppose that so long as crops are short prices will remain high.

PEANUT OIL OUTPUT SHOWS BIG GAIN.

Cold-pressed virgin peanut oil, a new American product, is becoming a formidable competitor of olive oil, say specialists of the bureau of chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who are making a study of edible oils. The fine flavor and excellent keeping qualities of the cold-pressed peanut oil make it a most desirable household oil.

The cold-pressed oil is made by a process different from that of the hot-pressed peanut oil, which until recently was the only peanut oil made in considerable quantity in the United States. The cold-pressed oil has a characteristic flavor, pronounced by many consumers to be far more delicious than the oils which are hot-pressed and subjected to a refining process which leaves them practically tasteless. Cold-pressed oil when made from sound, sweet nuts need not be refined, and therefore retains its natural flavor.

This oil is highly nutritive, and is as readily digestible as the best olive oils. It makes delicious French and Mayonnaise salad dressings and is a high-class cooking oil, especially if used for deep frying. Many discriminating housekeepers, who during the war turned to the cold-pressed peanut oil for table use because they could not obtain the usual supply of olive oil, found to be so delicious and so satisfactory for table use that they now prefer it to any other.

The production of peanut oil, including both the cold-pressed and the hot-pressed, in the United States has increased from 454,000 pounds in 1912 to 95,934,000 pounds in 1918, an increase of more than 21,000 per cent. The importation of peanut oil increased from 7,626,000 pounds in 1912 to 68,466,000 pounds in 1918. Practically all the imported peanut oil is hot pressed. Complete statistics for 1919 are not yet available.

It is apparent, say specialists, that cold-pressed peanut oil is winning for itself a place on the American table, justified by its flavor, nutritive value, and digestibility.

Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of Elisha Meeks, deceased, late of the county of Edgecombe, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of June, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

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