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hal increase, the acreage being the same as formerly-about 50,000, or twice the crop saved in 1898. This does not seem Total possible, but it is so persistently adhered to by all foreign reports that it is now a forced conclusion. The United States has only a normal crop average, the quality averaging low in this country, as well as in Europe. The combination of weather and over-

production is largely responsible for pres-ent conditions, notwithstanding that the world, and especially the United States, entered the crop year with small holdings - 41,350 of old crops. Another local reason why prices should be better because the United States has no more hops than are needed, and foreign shipments are sure to follow-was the attempt of certain dealers to sell the market short early in the season, before the market opened. This was an-other unpleasant feature of the year. It took Eastern dealers some time to find out that the Oregon crop could not thus be ruthlessly disposed of by any one or two dealers. In New York sales are being freely made at 19 to 13 cents. These are the principal causes that led to the reduction of crop values for 1889. It was a combination of unfortunate circumstances, unforeseen and, of course, not relished. It is a fact that the hop crop, and its market, are erratic. When prospects are brightest prices are lowest, and when apparently indifferent, prices are the high-est. It is rarely that the Eastern and Western markets work in harmony. In 1886, the "back year" for hops in Oregon, the Easterners sold early at fair prices, while Oregonians sold for less than the cost of production. In 1896, Oregon sold early and New York got the short end, and thus the market has see-sawed every year since. The hopgrower is entitled to prosperity, yet it never comes. It has been many years since growers have had a prosperous season. Look back as far as the reader may, and he will fail to find .517,900 353,600 \$71,500 a single year to the grower's credit that can be safely called a successful one. The grower is still waiting for that touch of prosperity in hop culture. On page 21 will be found a comparative diagram showing production of hops in Oregon for 15 years. The culture of the hop is an important industry in Oregon. This state produces over one-half of the crop grown on the coast, including Oregon, Washington, Cal-ifornia and British Columbia. The Paclific states and the British territory com-bined produce 150,000 bales. Under favor-able conditions, all the crop being saved, Oregon can safely be counted on to pro-duce 100,000 bnies. This quantity was nearly reached in 1885, and had it not been for the rains, would have been exceeded last year. Cost of Production High. It costs money to grow hops-ready money, Carefully complied statistics show that it costs from 7 to 8 cents to place a pound of hops on the market. The single item of picking alone amounts to 414 cents per pound. If an account of all other items of expense be carefully kept, the cost will be found to more than reach these figures. If the grower is a renter, and pays one-fourth rent for the ground clear to the owner, which is customary. then the cost per pound will reach 10 cents, the larger part of this being actual money paid out. Thus it can be plainly seen that hopgrowing is a risky business. What effect the newly organized hop-growers' association will have upon the situation is problematical; but it will no aoubt revolutionize the method in which iness has heretofore been conducted. The association has good ground for ex-istence. It should prove a lasting benefit, if properly conducted, and adhered to by the growers. There will undoubtedly be an absence of the usual large foreign orders. However, 20,000 bales will be sent to London and the

Portland, where he was assured \$300 would be returned to him. The sharper that started with him gave him the dodge at Tacoma, and he came on, landing here Within a few days this was gone, and, not having any countrymen to advise him, he remembered how he secured mon-

ey on government drafts, and thought to ey on government drafts, and thought to use Clemensen's until he could get money to refund the amount. While the draft was being cashed, it was held up, ac-cording to instructions, and Hansen ar-rested for forging the name. His possession of the draft and forging his friend's signature are rather hexre agenu plicable, or at least dubious, yet Norman explains other events so logically that officers are inclined to believe Hansen an ignorant, innocent victim.

tract has been awarded for all kinds of construction work, and it is not amiss to mention the fact that members of this firm built a large part of the railroad lines connecting Astoria and Portland. In all kinds of iron and steel work Honeyman,

DeHart & Co, easily take the lead, and the work done by this firm has always given entire satisfaction. The firm are general wholesale dealers In hardware, fron and steel and granite ware. In addition they carry a full line of guns, ammunition, sporting goods,

re satisfaction. a are general wholesale dealers ire, iron and steel and granite addition they carry a full line ammunition, sporting goods, ley and athietic supplies. They i or some of the best lines of i ranges, and carry a full line wrong in reporting human life as troubled. fieting, sinful. But there is a vast differ-ence between the wholesome sadness of this hymn and the meiancholy of the worddiline who sees the troubles and mockbowling-alley and athetic supplies.

time; and the moral lesson that needs no enforcement from pulpit or pew is the better use of opportunity. Work, and work for eternity. This is the lesson which every truly earnest goul looking at life from the Christian standpoint gets from the study of time and its flight. "The tone of this great pasim, this humm of sterrity is one of date reduces." courage the police officers and local gov-ernment to administer the plainest moral laws. "How is the Pacific coast to stand in the stimation of the nation and the world?

We are mounting superbly as the years pass, but our perils are not far to seek. Corrupt cities are the greatest menace to our civilization. The new West is in the building, as the times described by Will-iam Watson:

The new age stands as yet Half built against the sky; were the British ships Australian and

II. From cascade to the dell, Where birds in echo swell Their songs so free; Where rolls the Gregon, By love's sweet labor won, From morn to setting sun, We sing of thee.

III. From Hood's prophetic crest, Throughout the golden West, In every hower, Columbia's breeze has blown. Sweet vellow metals grown. Sweet, yellow petals grown, Wild grape of Oregon, Our emblem flower.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Tonight.

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the extensive shutting down of the works and factories in this locality, ; to the shortage of weal, the situation s is improved in consequence of the decision to arbitrate. The hope pre-that the dispute will be settled with-further delay. Lace workers have agreed to arbitrate.

g Humbert Proglaims Amnesty. Dec. SLauking Humbert today of or charged with crimes against blic security and the freedom of in-

Neens of Growers. The hop industry needs the fostering care of organization for one thing, and lesser acreage for another. These two essentials may suggest themselves as heroic measures, and such indeed they are, for none other will suffice. Hopgrowers must do one of three things-organize for pretention as at present the sent

************************************ BANK CLEARANCES IN PORTLAND LAST YEAR. Clearings. Balances. January....\$7,504,117 74 \$1,509,229 51 February....\$6,404,661 24 1,430,943 02 March....\$6,853,708 27 1,235,633 76 April\$6,488,459 \$7 1,232,251 39 May 7,008 427 60 1,270,218 39 April May 1,008,423

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7,222,211 72 7,634,309 86 6,920,206 61 7,318,012 47 9,972,344 06 9,509,721 64 8,725,897 05 $\begin{array}{c} 1,385,456 \\ 1,359,441 \\ 76 \\ 1,715,609 \\ 43 \\ 1,549,033 \\ 41 \\ 1,877,805 \\ 67 \end{array}$ August.... September.. October..... November .. December. Totals.....\$91,652,230 63 \$17,415,689 71

"HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE." Crowded House Greets Unique Per-

formance at Cordray's.

Every member an excellent vocalist and a fine dancer, while true of "The Hottest Coon in Dixle" company, does not convey near a proper conception of what the members do in this lively play. It is not a minsirel performance, although the jokes and fun are present. "The Hottest Coon in Dixle" approaches a comic opera of Darktown music, with an occasional strain of the legitimate thrown in. Miss Neale G. Hawkins, a worthy rival of Black Patti in the softer and sweeter notes, was a pronounced favorite from the time her voice is first heard. William H. Proctor lemonstrates ability as an interpreter of

his own numerous compositions. Bob A, Kelly, as a negro comedian, keeps the audience roaring with his appearance, which is finished off by a volume of original and pointed expressions. He would not "Boer" the audience, as England is being "Boer-ed." A large chorus of welltrained voices completes the distinctive features of the play, which has just about a comic-opera thread running throught it. a comic-opera thread running throught it. In no performance given the Portland theater-goers this season has there been heard more catchy songs. "When Dewey Came Home." "Love In a Cottage is Best." "I Am Sorry, Mr. Jackson, But I Have Got to Throw You Down." "Who Dat Say Chicken." "The Girl f Love m Sunny Tennesses" and others of equal merit are rendered in true opera style. In more than one instance there was three In more than one instance there was three and four encores. Miss Hawkins was called until she would not respond.

One of the finest features of the show, aside from the music, is the dancing and stage maneuvers. Once the entire comwith red coats, white pants and black boots, while the women are neat in red inckets and white skirts. The hunting access and white shirts. The nunting lay sung while all are executing most dif-ficult and pretty movements, is very in-spiring and animating. A crowd at Cordray's is the usual thing,

A crowd at Cordray's is the usual thing, but there was something unusual in the greeting given the play last evening. Be-tween 300 and 400 people were turned away, for there was not even standing room to be had. Inside, up stairs and down, was packed. Wherever a man or woman could find room to crouch or stand, the place was occupied. There will be a special matinee this afternoon.

are agents for some of the dest huld in stoves and ranges, and carry a full line of kitchen utensils. The trade of the firm covers the entire Northwest, and it is al-covers the entire Northwest, that the press

tige enjoyed in this field cannot be suc-cessifully disputed by any competitor. It is a subject for congratulation that such an enterprising firm, with ample capital to handle the largest contracts, is located in our midst, and that the members of the firm are all well-known anthropic hatred of life that afflicts the anthropic hatred of life that afflicts the members of the firm are all weil-known citizens of Portland, If every other line of business represented in this city had leaders with equal aggressiveness and sound judgment, two qualities spiendidiy attick fog of self-disgust, exhaustion and satisty that all men seem vile, and all illustrated by Honeyman, DeHart & Co., the commercial supremacy of Portland in hold on God and finds in him the true the commercial supremacy of Portland in the Northwest would be undisputed and answer to all the vexing problems and

professional croakers would lose their principal occupation. PEDESTRIANS HEADED OFF.

Not Allowed on East End of Madison.

Street Bridge.

The east end of Madison-street bridge idered dangerous for pedestrians last night, and so a man was stationed at the span in course of removal, to keep New Year's celebrants from failing off the unguarded sides. Both sidewalks have been torn up, and only that portion of the deck bounded by the outer car tracks remained intact. Quite a number of men passed over the bridge toward mid-night with their New Year's resolves all set and their last drink taken for the last night, and so a man was stationed next twelvemonth. These required a good wide track, and if it were not for help afforded by the bridge authorities, some of them would have been classed as miss-ing this morning.

The cords of the second span are now in position, carpenters being busy all yes-terday in furthering the work. The braces. will now be set up, and in a few days that portion of the bridge will be self-supporting. The piling will then be pulled up or broken off, and the drift above that span can be liberated. The ends of the timbers are being

treated to a coating of oil and tar, while that portion of the lower limbers exposed to the wet are being covered with gai-vanised iron. It is thought these pre-cautions will prolong the life of the new bridge to the 15th year, at least.

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And dim dust floats and falls

As, moving to and fro, their tasks the m sons ply "The record of the past year calls loudly to us as Christian citizens to do our part "The man of God may be sad at times,

in making this a purer, more righteous city, with God's help, before the 20th century is ushered in." Australian and Godiva Reach Port, SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. I.-Two ves-

desparing cries of the human heart. Man is like grass, it is true; but Jehovah is his dwelling place in all generations. The mystery of life is explained by the being

"Human life is further explained by the fact that we are here to accomplish eternal regults. The message of God's word is: Work cheerfully, you cannot fail. A religion that withdraws us from active life is false. The greatest boon that can come into the world is a religion that teaches the blessedness of work, the eternal value of all good work; a religion that encourages us to work with hope and cheerfulness. God can cause our work to stand. How wonderful is the human hand. It alsost thinks. But our hands are but fiesh and bone. They will one dead bosom, and will quickly turn to dust. But God will establish their work. "The present is all ours. Life is not

an idiot's tale, signifying nothing. 11 means intensely and it means good.' As God's work appearse to us, let us work out the plan of our life as thus revealed, and he will own and bless it and establish it."

PREACHED ON CITY LIFE.

Sermon by Rev. T. C. Moffett, of Westminster Church. Rev. Thomas C. Moffett, of the West

minster Presbyterian church, Eust Side, preached yesterday morning on the subject "A Year of City Life." He spoke from Philippians iii:20, "For our citizenship is in heaven," and said in part:

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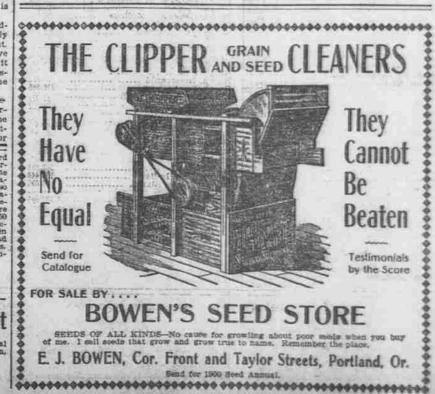


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