

MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Taking the Cascade Mountains as a dividing line and grouping the counties for the purpose of a closer comparison, it is found that Western Oregon counties returned their enumerations of pupils for the two years as follows:

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The gain in all the counties of Western Oregon is therefore a little over 15 per cent. The returns from Eastern Oregon show an increase of 6.4 per cent, as will be seen by the following comparative figures:

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LOG RAFT STUCK ON BAR.

Could Not Be Towed Out of Westport Slough—River Rising.

ASTORIA, Aug. 12.—The Robertson log raft, which was recently built at Westport, is stuck fast on the bar leading from the slough to the river channel. The tug Tatosoh and Richard Holyoke went up yesterday afternoon to bring the raft down on the evening tide, which was nine feet. There is plenty of water in the slough and it was thought that the bar at high tide would have sufficient water to float the raft, but it proved otherwise. Persons who have seen the raft state that she is in a bad position and with the river falling it will be impossible to get her out without dredging.

Inspected Chinook Hatchery.

Fish Commissioner A. C. Little returned to Tacoma this morning after making a trip of inspection to the state hatchery at Chinook. He found everything in good condition and decided to put in a new sum 2400 feet long to furnish an additional supply of fresh water. This hatchery is one of the oldest on the river and turns out about 2,000,000 young salmon yearly. As the law does not enter the Chinook River the fish for spawning purposes are caught in the Baker's Bay traps.

Acquitted of Illegal Fishing.

The trial of Dan Aho on a charge of fishing without an individual license came up before Justice Brewer this morning. The evidence showed that the man was a resident of the State of Washington and had an individual license from that state last year, and under the decision of the Attorney-General of that state one license of that kind will last a lifetime. As the law of Oregon takes into recognition the validity of the laws of a sister state there was nothing to be done except dismiss the charge against Aho.

End of Fishing Season.

The run of fish was checked last night on the day previous and the season is practically over. Many of the fishermen and seiners have quit and by Thursday all the gear will be out of the water.

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HOPS NOT A BUMPER CROP

GERVAIS GROWERS EXPECT ONE-THIRD LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

Cold Weather Succeeded by Long Dry Spell Is Said to Be Responsible for Decrease.

GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 13.—The hop-picking season is less than four weeks off, and there is little chance for any improvement in the status of the important crop. Present conditions do not warrant the assertions heralding a "bumper" crop in excess of 100,000 bales, and it may fall as low as 65,000. The hot weather has caused this marked change, as dealers who visited the hop districts in the Spring generally thought the outlook fairly good. They agreed upon the average at 16,500 to 17,000 acres, and the yield at 85,000 to 90,000 bales. They were right then and were sincere in their estimates, but conditions have changed since. The vine grew fairly well until July 25, although the weather was and had been up to that time. This interfered with thorough cultivation, and all agree that this product demands more of this than any other crop grown. The ground was not up to its proper tillth, so that when the hot spell set in the vines steadily prevailed since July 25, came on, the vine was not prepared to withstand it. Again, the ground is unusually dry, and there has been an almost entire absence of the customary dew-fall during the morning. This, together with the added fact that no rain has fallen since July 25, and then only a slight shower, explains why the soil is so devoid of moisture. The vine foliage, too, has been so light that the sun has had an extra chance to burn the ground and crop alike. The entire hop harvest is being ruined on the extreme end of the vine, which is ripening rapidly in plain to the present yellow luster. The burr, in addition, is not filling out, but is dropping on the extreme end of the vine, which is soft and flabby. Small growers also contend that the vine was later than usual in coming out of the ground. This contention is borne out by facts. Mr. Nicholas Gooding, of St. Paul, a prominent grower connected with the Hopgrowers' Association, says: "The crop was short. It was caused by the hot weather since July 25, and the vines have been a district of 300 acres and 22 growers, Butteville, Aurora, Champoux and many other nearby hop-growers. Up to the 25th the weather was too cold, then it turned out too hot, and the ground being dry, there being no rains or early morning dews, it burned the vines, and the vines were cool, warmer and dews that will do some cool work, but it is sure. Pickers will get 40c per box, and perhaps more, if they are scarce."

"In this district there are less than 50 acres not under contract. All the rest (250 acres) is contracted at 19 to 19 1/2c per pound. The reason was the splendid outlook last Spring."

Mr. Gooding claims his yield will be one-third less than last season. He estimates the district at 20 per cent less than in 1900. His opinion is corroborated by Mr. Stephen Merton, who has two yards in the same district. All the southern Pacific Railroad, between Gervais and Portland, there are many yards, and each tells the same story of a shortage over last year.

Dealers, whose attention is called to this exhibition of poor yield, invariably say: "You will find things entirely different in Yamhill, Polk and Washington Counties and elsewhere in the district. Gathered in the hop sections of Clackamas County is of the same import and general feeling. Clackamas County growers have contracted nearly 100,000 pounds of their 1901 crop at 8c to 10c per pound. Twelve growers represent the sum total of contracts. This is less than usual. It is claimed that between 600 and 700 bales are under contract in Oregon at this time. As to acreage, 17,000 is the top limit claimed by most dealers, who are in a position to know. Last year, with 15,000 acres, the crop totaled 82,000 bales of an average of 54 pounds per bale. This was an average of 1000 pounds per acre, or, in other words, 20 per cent less. The same figuring, with 20 per cent less, will produce 13,000,000 pounds, or 83,000 bales of 160 pounds each. The present indications are that the crop will be 20 per cent less than last year. Under most favorable conditions Oregon can produce 100,000 bales with this acreage."

The crop last year was a large one, and the tendency of hop vines, in many sections, is to take a rest alternate years. Especially is this so with yards that have produced an unusual quantity any one year. This is an observation all growers make, and use in explaining irregular crops. There are exceptions, however, to this rule, as often yards are found that produce with regularity, but these exceptions are rare.

The hop-picking will commence about the first week in September from the 5th to the 8th. Indications point to an early opening. Pickers will receive not less than 40 cents a box, and there does not seem to be any danger of a shortage of hands, as growers are receiving letters asking for work from nearly all their old pickers and many new ones.

LEWIS IS STILL AT IT.

Working for a Stay of Execution for Murderer Nordstrom.

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—Another of the numerous moves of the attorneys for the defense in the Nordstrom case has failed of its intended effect, that of securing another delay in the execution of the sentence of death which has been pronounced against the prisoner, Judge Emory this morning, after a brief argument of the petition from counsel for defense for the appointment of a commission to examine into the sanity of the convicted murderer, declined to sign the order for a commission. His action was, however, not final, as the decision was made without prejudice. Ex-Congressman James H. Lewis, who is Nordstrom's attorney, announced in court that he would thereupon proceed to take the same petition into Judge Bell's court and endeavor there to secure a stay of execution which was denied him by Judge Emory.

BIDS FOR "SEATTLE DITCH."

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SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 13.—Major Mills, the United States engineer, opened bids for excavation of the second section of the Lake Washington Canal. Six bids were submitted, and the lowest was by Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, 33 cents per cubic yard. Seattle Bridge Company, 35 cents per cubic yard. Smth & Howard, 27 cents per cubic yard. C. J. Erickson, 31 cents per cubic yard. Rydstrom & Goerig, 31 cents per cubic yard. Henington & Fortner, 28 cents per cubic yard.

Smth & Howard, well-known Portland contractors, are the lowest bidders. As the estimated amount of excavation is 96,000 cubic yards, the contract, if awarded them, will amount to \$25,920. The excavation in question is between Lake Union and Salmon Bay. The cut will be 19 feet wide at the bottom and varying in depth from 30 to 35 feet. The work must be finished in four months. Major Mills will forward the bids to Washington at once.

LIBRARY TROUBLE ADJUSTED.

Part of Olympia Order Paid For and Balance Cancelled.

OLYMPIA, Aug. 13.—The State Library Board, at its session today, ordered paid a bill of \$304 for books ordered by Librarian Callison, without the authority of the board. This makes about \$600 worth of books ordered by the board from the bottom end of over \$3000 purchased. The board, which took the order had succeeded in cancelling the balance and the board only ordered this amount today because it was ordered to do so. The board had ordered many of the books had been ordered and shipped from abroad, and unless the state paid them the firms receiving the books would be at considerable financial loss, through no fault of their own.

Mausser Bullet Extracted.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—During one of the engagements of the Second Oregon, Mr. Brown, of this city, received a Mauser bullet in the right thigh. The physicians were unable to locate and extract the ball. In the meantime the wound festered and Brown came home. For several months past the wound has been giving him considerable trouble. It was more painful than usual last evening, and Brown's friends prevailed upon him to undergo the operation. Some of the ball today at the post hospital. The bullet was successfully extracted, being found next the bone near the knee joint. Mr. Brown, of this city, is fortunate, for if he had allowed it to go unattended the bullet might have worked its way into the knee joint, causing permanent lameness.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Pensions have been granted as follows: Oregon—Original—Abel B. Leonard, Silverton, \$5; Bentley T. George, Niagara, \$5; James W. Gentry, Sheridan, \$6; Increase, restoration, released; George A. Clark, Elgin, \$12. Original widows—Martha J. Barney, Troutdale, \$8. Washington—Original—Thomas R. Griffith, Sol Hume, \$10; Richard H. Holman, Yacoltville, \$8; Phineas Foster, Tacoma, \$6. Increase, restoration, release, etc.—Joseph A. Bailey, Spokane, \$3; Converse Townsend, Roy, \$10; Richard H. Massey, Mount Vernon, \$5. Original widows—Elizabeth Wright, Seattle, \$12. War with Spain, original—Herman S. Reed, Redmond, \$6.

Forest Fires in Clark County.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—During the past week the atmosphere in the vicinity of this city has become heavily charged with smoke. Dense columns of smoke can be seen rising to the north and east, indicating the prevalence of forest fires at no great distance, though no very serious fires have yet been reported here. Last night a big brush fire was reported along the Portland Vancouver & Yakima Railway, five or six miles distant, and this morning fire was said to be running through the brush and dead timber just north of town. If the present dry weather continues, some damaging fires may be anticipated in different parts of Clark County.

Reserve Agents Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Controller of the Currency today designated the First National Bank of New York as reserve agent for the Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle and the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, as reserve agent for the Old National Bank of Spokane.

Northwest Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—A postoffice has been established at Woodville, Blaine County, Idaho, with Alma Gifford as postmaster.

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