OF FAITH IN MINES.

fins Other Resources, but Miners of Southern Oregon Furnish Most of the Business.

GRANT'S PASS, March 7 .- (Special correspondence)—It was always intended and ever anticipated by residents here that Grant's Pass should become a large and Grant's Pass should become a large and important city. The very platting of the original townsite proves this to be a fact. Look at the town plat and you will see that a strip of land about 200 feet wide extends all eround it. This is now called "Boundary addition," but was intended originally to cause all persons platting addition to Grant's Pass to buy street. additions to Grant's Pass to buy street additions to Grant's Pass of Sty and thus make money for the owners. The plan was entirely successful and there are additions to Grant's Pass on all sides of the original town, and the streets connect in a

The spirit manifested by the founders The spirit manifested by the founders of the town was so aggressive that the results were apparent before the very eyes of the people, and this has encouraged them to keep on in the same couraged them to keep on in the same course, and as a consequence there is not a town in Oregon today, of no more than 3000 people, which has been systematically advertised any better than Grant's Pass, and because the people here find it pays, they are keeping at it. The town is growng and new business houses and resi

dences are going up or are projected.

There is no particular excitement here
among the people locally, but strangers
and investors are coming in by the score. e of the leading hotels guests were turned away the night I arrived and the hotel business is booming. There are an abundanace of eating places in Grant's Pass, but If more lodging houses were uilt they would fill an urgent want. A Mining Center.

ter of the mining district of Southern Oregon, extending as far north as the county line near Leiand; as far south as the California line in Josephine county; as far west as the Illinois river, almost to Curry county; and as far east as the headwaters of Rogue River, in Jackson county, is all mining territory. Grant's Pass has made the claim to be

Grant's Pass is almost the exact cen

the "mining center" of Southern Oregon so long that the claim is now conceeded and is reaping the reward. The very encouraging reports of new prospects being found, and the old mines being more productive than ever, is making the name "a mining center" very valua-

You can meet mining men at the hotels You can meet mining men at the notes from all points of the compass, about Grant's Pass. One will tell you: "I am in from a gold ledge, with granite walls on Elk creek, a tributary of Rogue river," another will say: "I am from the Ray mine near Gold Hill:" another "I am from the rich mines on Gale's Creek"; another: "I am from the champion mine on Williams creek;" another, "I am from Meredith's placer mine on the Illinois Williams creek;" another, "I am from Mcredith's placer mine on the Illinois River"; another: "I am from the old Channel placers on Galice Creek"; another: "I am from the Gold Bug mine on Mount Reuben"; another: "I am from the Greenback mine on Grave Creek"; another: "I am from the Grantie Hill mines on Louise Creek"; another: "I am from the placer mines on Pleasant Creek." only a few of the mines around

The mining men assemble here and con notes, trade and traffic and fraternize together, and they spend their money in Grant's Pass, and the result is beneficial financially to those residing here.

Resources Besides Mining. Grant's Pass has other resources which and to her prosperity, but they do not take the lead, as does mining. The raising of fruit could be made a great business, but very few new orchards have been set out during the past five years. Those set out during the past five years. Those set out during the past five years. Those which were here and came into bearing about five years ago have been profitable to their owners, but in order to increase the acreage in fruit requires large sums of local capital. I asked a banker a few days ago how a certain large fruitgrower price of his town lot from \$800 to \$2000 in anticipation of the building of the road anticipation of the building of the road. I have been unable to learn to a cerdays ago how a certain large fruitgrower had come out on his apple farm, and he said: "His orchard has made him rich." Rogue River apples have become known far and wide for their fine flavor and superior quality, and there are also peaches and prines and pears. About 30 carloads of apples were shipped from here list year. This is quite a water-meion district, and 23 carloads of melons were shipped. Hops do well here, and there are several yards in the Valley, Lumbering is also of some considerable importance, there being a box factory here emined are more faith in a coast railroad being built before these various crossroads.

"Stair & Havlin are known as the popular-priced trust. During the last year the latter firm has secured control of ten of the leading theaters in different parks of the country, including the New Marghts of way have been secured. Its completion would give an outlet to the copper mines, and be of great benefit to the shipped. Hops do well here, and there are several yards in the Valley, Lumbering is also of some considerable importance, there being a box factory here emined and the control of the loading of the road. I have been unable to learn to a certainty that the road will be built; but the surveyors have located the road, and rights of way have been secured. Its completion would give an outlet to the copper mines, and be of great benefit to the sealing of the road. I have been unable to learn to a certainty has been unable to learn to a certainty has been secured. Its completion would give an outlet to the copper mines, and be of great benefit to the copper mines, and be of great benefit to the copper mines, and be of great benefit to the country, including the New Majestic, in Boston, and the Grand in Chicago. It is their intention to play high-class attractions in opposition to Klaw & Erianger, and war clouds are very threat-copper mines, and be of great benefit to the country. What is delaying construction is possibly the timidity of the calculation of the leading the latter firm h ance, there being a box factory here em-ploying about 60 hands, which consumes several million feet of sugar pine lumber, which is sold in all the fruit districts of the Pacific Coast. Mills sawing sugar pine into lumber are scattered over the county and now number about 25, which supply the local demand for fir lumber and contract to the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Company their product of sugar pine. The total number of cars last year of box stuff from Grant's Pass was 158. and of lumber 135 cars. Another industry which gives employment to quite a number of men is the shipment by the Southern Pacific Company of several thousand carloads a year of white coarse sand called "granite," which is being used about depot grounds of the company, also for walks in city yards, and is sold com-mercially as a "grit" for chickens. An average of ten carloads is shipped out

As I have already said, this is a mining country, and the fortunes of the future are to be made here in that industry. A great deal of blasting powder is used in mining, and the amount of powder shipped in is a fair index of the activity of the mines. Two years ago the total shipments into Grant's Pass of powder was about 50,000 pounds, while list year the amount, factor of powder was about the launch returned with four half-drowned cubans and the captain's gig was lifted aboard with another apparently lifeless, who was later resuscitated. The courage an increased activity of 50 per cent soft placer and quartz mines are being torked more systematically. Southern Pacific, was 75,000 pounds, show-ing an increased activity of 10 per cent Both placer and quartz mines are being worked more systematically and en a larger scale, and large sums of money was much nearer to the Ariadne than to worked more systematically and on a larger scale, and large sums of money are being invested. Water and power are needed in the mines, and various plans. Secretary 3

Developing Water Powers.

Rogue River flows through the valley past Grant's Pass, and being a rapid stream and having a large flow of water it has a capacity for the development of many thousands of horse-power. A power dam is being constructed near Gold Hill. and another about four miles up the river above Grant's Pass. In this letter I shall say nothing about the power dam in course of construction at Gold Hill, but

say nothing about the power dam in course of construction at Gold Hill, but speak of it in some later article.

Just about where the county line between Josephine and Jackson Counties crosses Rogue River is an immense deposit of a peculiar formation resembling granite sand, but full of small quarts seams, which all contain gold and which are mined by shilling. For many years the gold has been known to be there, but the supply of water lasted during even the gold has been known to be there, but the supply of water lasted during even the rainy season only from 10 to 20 days, hence the name was given to this prop-erty of nearly 1000 acres. "the dry diggrings." Some wealthy people of Chicago heard of this property and last year sent out an expert mining man and engineer. Who reported favorably, and a purchase who reported favorably, and a purchase station and the general situation at Guanwas made. To obtain an adequate and abundant supply of water, a dam for power was commenced across Rogue River near this placer property, and last year the foundation of the dam was laid and several bents of the completed dam finished, and next year will see it comand several bents of the completed dam finished, and next year will see it completed. The local management of this enterprise is in the hands of M. C. Ament. The first purpose of this dam was to develop power for pumping water to sluice the gravel up the hill in the dry diggings placers, but the plans now include the installing of ill waterwheels with a horse. The first life insurance society was started in London in 18% and another in 1700. Neither was successful. installing of 12 waterwheels with a horse- 1700. Neither was successful.

PLATTED FOR BIG CITY power of 600 each and not only pumping water for washing out the gold, but also furnishing power to be electrified for various purposes, and also pump water for irrigating about 15,000 acres of land on the north and south sides of Rogue River expenses. tending down stream about a dozen miles. This dam will have an elevation of about 19 feet, will be 750 feet long and he 120 feet wide on the bottom, and has been in course of construction since June, 1802. since which time from \$0 to \$0 men have been working and over 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been used. There will be 12 waterwheels of \$7 inches each in diameter, and the combined horsepower will be about 7200. This company now owns about 2000 acres of placer ground. It is to be hoped this power dam will prove a financial success even outside the placer

financial success even outside the placer mines, as there are opportunities for duplicating this power dam several times on Rogue River, this being of great benefit to this section of Oregon.

In the space allowed me for this article I cannot go into details on the many and varied resources adjacent to Grant's Pass. There are immense deposits of autiferous gravel to describe; large dikes of sold and conner-hearing rock to axamine. gold and copper-bearing rock to examine; there are caves under the earth miles in extent, not yet fully explored; there are ledges of marble and limestone not being ledges of marble and limestone not being worked; there are mineral springs not being visited by the sick; there are bedies of timber not being manufactured; there are tracts of land very suitable for the most profitable farming when once water is put on, and yet the movement has just begun toward making such farms. Every one in Josephine County has heard of the Alexander & Bent placer mines on Galice Creek which have a very

mines on Galice Creek, which have a very fine equipment and a large body of rich gravel. This mine has been more successfully worked than ever during the past three years, being managed by J. W. Harvey, recently of Chicago, and the mines now belonging to a new company, known as the Old Channel Mining Company. The clean-up of this mine has been from \$50,690 to \$55,000 a year. It may not be so generally known that large placer interests have lately been acquired adinterests have lately been acquired adjoining this property by Portland parties,
and another large gold-producer developed.

I refer to the Cousins placers, on Galice
Creek, which are now being developed
and equipped. The very profitable working of adjoining properties is greatly to
favor of this enterprise, which is backed
by Oregon capital, the directors being
A. B. Cousin, George E. Waggoner, Dr.
R. E. Yenney, Dr. E. E. Cable, John B.
David, J. A. Wilson, J. P. Bronough, H.
D. Gradon, Dr. Joseph Hickey, and H. J.
Hefty, all of Portland.

For the 1905 Centennial.

For the 1905 Centennial. I was struck with the suggestion of Schiller Hermann, of Myrtle Point, who has already commenced saving nuggets from his placer claim in Coos County, and proposes placing them on exhibition at the 196 Fair; and Mr. Henry Ankeny, of the Sterling mine, near Jacksonvile, Jackson County, will also be prepared to exhibit several hundred ounces of gold nuggets at the Fair. Why could not every hydraulic miner in Oregon save the nug-gets from now until the Fair, and by uniting these collections have an immense exhibit of gold nuggets? This would be a very interesting and valuable display. Among the most imposing buildings now in course of erection in Grant's Pass is

in course of erection in Grant's Pass is the Masonic building, a three-story brick, which will be completed this month, the total cost being about \$15,000. The third floor will be entirely devoted to the lodges, and banqueting-room, library, etc.; while the second floor will be offices, and first floor stores, every room having beer rented before the building was completed. The contractors, Hubbard & Day and Barnhart & Lackins, informed me that the prospects for a renewed activity in building operations in Grant's Pass were very bright for the coming year, and houses for rent are in active demand.

A stranger coming into Grant's Pass cannot at first understand where the town gets its backing, as there is no country immediately tributary; but the country is so extensive, and the mining industry be

The proposed railroad from Grant's Pass to the Waldo copper district, about 50 miles south, and thence to Crescent City, in California, created quite a stir built before these various crossroads, which could then follow, and would pay. The building of a coast railroad would open up a section of country rich in natural resources and now almost isolated. There are many good reasons why the Southern Pacific would build a coast road, and if it should undertake it the road would be quickly and substantially

DOLPHIN RESCUED CUBANS Sudden Squall in Havana Harbor-Arrival of British.

HAVANA, March 15.-While the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Moody, and his party were making a visit on shore this afternoon a squall of tremendous violence swept over the harbor. It became as dark as night, and the wind and the downpour were terrific. Commander Stoney, of the Dolphin, realizing the peril to the small boats in the harbor, called for volunteer rescuers. The entire crew of the Dolphin responded. Boats were

are needed in the mines, and various plans have been engineered for furnishing these two necessary adjuncts.

Secretary Moody tomorrow will summon the Dolphin's crew and commend them for their presence of mind. Up to tonight to their presence of mind. Up to tonight it is known that five men, all Cubans, were drowned by the capelzing of boats during the squall.

The arrival of the British squadron, con-sisting of the warships Ariadne, Indefatig-

able, Retribution, Tribune, Fantone and Columbine, this morning from Kingston, Jamaica, gave the harbor a naval aspect. The morning was occupied with exchanges of salutes and calls. The Dolphin saluted

with Minister Squiers. They will pay visits to President Palma and the members of his Cabinet tomorrow. On Tues-day they will proceed to Bahia Honda, and on returning to Havana will go to

Dr. Webb in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.-Dr. W. Seward Webb, of New York, has arrived LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 15.—The Chicago National League team defeated the Los Angeles Club, of the Pacific Coast League, today by a score of 7 to 5. Ten Innings were played. Selec tried out three of his pitchers, Taylor, Welmer and Corridorn. Taylor and Corridorn showed up

SHIELDS RETURNS

TELLS OF WAR WAGING BETWEEN THEATRICAL TRUSTS.

Says Immigration Bureau in Chicago Has Sent Six Hundred Settlers to Oregon in February.

Edward Shields, Portland's well-known park manager, returned yesterday from an extended three months' trip to the East. He left Chicago two weeks ago, and came home via New Orleans and South-ern California. Most of his absence was spent in Chicago, where he did great work for the Pacific Northwest with his llus-trated talk. "Where Rolls the Oregon," which he gave in the schools for the Chi-

well, the latter using much speed and un-usually wide and drop curves. The East-ern infield was in good trim, and Kling and Raube each caught five innings for Selee's side, doing good work. Attend-

CACAO IS A GOOD CROP. Thrives in the Philippines and Might

WASHINGTON, March 15.-The Burea of Insular Affairs, War Department, has received from the Philippine Bureau of Agriculture a bulletin on cacao culture in the Philippine Islands. The bulletin

"The cacao grown in the Philippines is of such excellent quality that there is keen rivalry among buyers to procure it at an advance of 50 per cent over the common grades of the Java bean, notwithstanding the failure of local growers to 'process' or cure the product in any

which he gave in the schools for the Chicago Dafly News.

Mr. Shields speaks in glowing terms of
the work the Harriman Immigration Bureau is doing under the direction of G.

M. McKinney. They sent over 600 people into Oregon alone in the last half of
February, and they expect a much larger
movement this month and in April.

Mr. Shields was in a talkative mood last

REAPPOINTED POSTMASTER AT ONTARIO, OREGON.



"Well, I am back at home, to be very

with Martin Beck, general manager of the big Orpheum Circuit, to furnish me with acts, so Shields' Park will present all new faces this season, and Portland

lost his position for absenting himself from duty. The message did not say what road it was, but I came to the con-clusion that it was the Terminal Company.

clusion that it was the Terminal Company, and that Ed Lyons had caught him at a ball game. The second scene was the holding up of the train, and what hurt my feelings worst of all was to see Sher. if Cudihee come over all the way from Seattle to capture Tracy and Merrill and rob Dan Weiner and the butcher boy of having their names appear on the bill among the 'also rans.'

"The escape from Salem was a sensational affair, and I fell off the seat when

tional affair, and I fell off the seat when Tracy told his pals in the mountain pass that he jumped from the prison wall into the Columbia River and swam six miles

to a place of safety. The finish was a touching affair. The wheat field stage setting was really quite pretty and effective, but of course the real story was horribly twisted to fit the climax of the

horribly twisted to fit the climax of the play. After Tracy was wounded a provi-dential tramp happened along. Tracy killed him, then Monte Cristoed the scene and fied, leaving the dead tramp in his place. The gallery gods yelled their approval, the curtain rang down and the nightimare was over."

Chicago Defeated Los Angeles.

nightmare was over."

ONTARIO, Or., March 12—(Special.)—A. L. Sproul, recently ap-pointed Postmaster at Ontario, is an old-time resident of Grant and Mal-heur Counties, and one of the old-time resident of Grant and Mai-heur Counties, and one of the best-known men in Southeastern Oregon. He received his first appointment as Postmaster three years ago, and when, on October 1, 1992. Ontario was made a third-class office, he falled to file an application for re-appointment, and the name of C. A. Martin was sent to the Senate for Martin was sent to the Senate for the position, but his appointment

Martin was sent to the Senate for the position, but his appointment failed of confirmation.

The notice of Mr. Martin's appointment, given by the press dispatches, was the first intimation Mr. Sproul and the people of Ontario had that an attempt was being made to make a change in the office. Telegrams were sent to Senator Mitchell and Representative Moody to hold the matter up until Mr. Sproul could be heard. Mr. Martin's name was then recalled, and the President reappointed Mr. Sproul, and his appointment was confirmed March R. before a petition, signed by nearly every patron. tion, signed by nearly every patros of the Ontario office, reached Wash

evening, and when asked about the the-atrical situation and about his future | \$30,000,000 gold. There is, therefore, it is plans he said: onsequent low prices for many years to "Well, I am back at home, to be very much in the theatrical business this Summer. Before I left for the East several of the six-show-a-day houses up in the cities of Washington wanted me to join them in a vaudeville circuit, but they wanted all the concessions, and I didn't care to play sucker to them. The result has been that as soon as my back was turned a circuit was formed to freeze me out. But my representatives here kept me

"So far as known, the areas where cacase prospers in the great equatorial zone are small. Cacao is cultivated nearly everywhere in the archipelago. It is grown in several of the provinces of Luzon, in Mindanao, Jolo, Basilan, Pannya, Negros, Cebu, Bohola and Masbate, and its presence can be reasonably predicted upon out. But my representatives here kept me posted, and I have booked 30 acts during the time I was East, and I also arranged with Martin Beck general managed and mashate, and its presence can be reasonably predicted upon the larger islands anywhere under an ele-

AT THE HOTELS.

with acts, so Shields' Park will present all new faces this season, and Portland will not be the only city with a Shields' Park."

Mr. Shields presents a different view of the war between the theatrical trusts from that which has been published before. Among other things he said:

"These theatrical wars are an old story in the East. Harrison Fiske, editor of the Dramatic Mirror and husband and manager of Mra. Fiske, has waged a merciless war against the Klaw & Erlainger circuit for several years, and other stars have been supporting him and Mrs. Fiske in the fight, until now the 'independent' claim they can give an outlaw or independent house 40 weeke of attractions, which will include Mrs. Fiske, Henrictta Croasman, James Hackett and others.

"Stair & Havlin are known as the popular-priced trust. During the last year the latter firm has secured control of ten of the leading theaters in different parts of the country, including the New Majestic, in Boston, and the Grand in Chieves. THE PORTLAND.

THE PERKINS.

W E Reynolds, Chgo
Miss L Hansen, Asto
Miss J Hansen, do
A E Clayton, Roseburg
H S McGowan, Wash
E J Wyman, Astoria
C F Walch, Yaquina
Goo Hamilton, S F
B H Pinkestar, Chgo
Albert Hess, city
A R Williams, Balto
Frank Albers, Portland
W C Anderson, city
A R Williams, Balto
Frank Albers, Portland
W C Anderson, city
A R Hankins, Seattle
W F McNeill, Fairfax
W G McClune, do
W M L Dysinger, Roseb
H E Barnum Mpis
G McClune, do
F N Wilson, Spokane
Mrs Constance, Seattle
H G Regun, do
C A Miller, city
Mrs Miller, do
L D Sisson, Berkeley
A W Butterfield, Canby
M Multoy, Seattle
John Sergwarn, Weiser
H G Reed, Colo
Mrs Reed, do
J R O'Donnell, Elma
A M Lee, Sestile
A Burcham, do
T HE IMPERIAL

R J Mayian, Carrolton Mrs Wertswiller & son THE PERKINS. teriorated in the past ten years, and there is not a score of productions worth one-half the exorbitant price of admission demanded from the public. It is not only so with the so-called high-class productions, with the so-called high-class productions, but also with the popular-priced plays.

"In Chicago, for instance. Stair & Hav-lin demand the first \$500, and then divide with the companies, and what is the result? High-salaried companies cannot stand the pressure, and the dates are filled with organizations that contain neither merit nor talent.

"The higher class theaters are filled with sensational and immoral plays, and with choruses whose main mission is to display fancy hosiery, bad shapes and worse "To my way of thinking, the success of

the drama depends upon the stock com-panies, and even the old plays, like 'The Two Orphans,' My Pardner, etc., have a homely story that is refreshing to the 'lada-dah' conglomerations of the present. There is not an established stock com-THE IMPERIAL

R J Maylan, Carrolton
C P Blishop, Salem
C R Higgins, Astoria
Mrs C R Higgins, Astoria
Mrs C R Higgins, do
S J Fennant, Bay City
A McDougal Tacoma
B Harring, Corvallis
E W Sparks, Tacoma
Jonn A Horan, city
C H Packer, city
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C H Rouse, San Fran
Mrs W Riley, San Fran
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Mrs W W Holey, San Fran
Mrs W W Holicy, Spokane
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L Waiford, Chicago
J O'Connor, Seattle
Mrs J O'B Scoby, Oim
Mrs J W Linck, do
Mrs George Hoffe, do
Mrs George Grifford, Butte
W W Lucas, Sumpter
G L Lawson, do
F W Vincent, Pnditon
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Miss Bonn, The Dalles P S Norton, Seattle
A Wurtzwiller, Joseph D W Campbell, Spokne pany in the country that is not making THE IMPERIAL. "And talking about stock companies, I saw Ralph Stuart and company play 'Prince Otto' in Los Angeles, and it was a great production. Stuart told me that he is coming to the Baker in April. Stuhe is coming to the Baker in April. Stu-art is popular all over the country, both as an actor and a good fellow.

"One of the most laughable productions I ever saw was "Tracy the Outlaw." It is being played over Stair & Havlin's East-ern circuit, and is coining money. The first act is laid in Portland, and Tracy was made a hero and victim of, circum-stances all through the play. The first scene shows Tracy's home, and tells how harmy he was because he had a good rail. happy he was because he had a good rail-road job and intended to lead an upright life. Just about that time a messenger arrives on the scene to inform him he

THE ST. CHARLES.

James G. Lynd, Smptr Mrs R R Robert, A McDonald, Sumpter John Bolich, Bourne William Adkins, city W L Smith, city George Hanson, city E Helm, city George Hanson, city E Helm, city Gryde Marbie, city Gryde Marbie, city C W Hyrlip, city John Winters, Hoquum B C Veatch, city C W Hyrlip, city John Winters, Hoquum B C Veatch, city C Adkins, Canby Dan McCann, Champey John Winters, Hoquum B C Veatch, city C Adkins, Canby Dan McCann, Champey J Dennis, Champey J Dennis, Champey J Donley, Damascus J Henethan, Bainer J W Hortest, Calify C Statistics, Calify C Adams, McMinn A W Cosper, Goloidale Mrs Ed G Adams, McMinn Mrs Ed G Ribodgood, Gaston B Shattuck, Greeham Frank Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, California, Mrs Ed G Adams, McMinn Mrs Ed G Adams, McMinn Mrs Ed G Ribodgood, Gaston B Shattuck, Greeham Frank Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, city Thorne, California, Mrs Ed G Adams, Thorne, California, Mrs Ed G Adams, Thorne, city Th THE ST. CHARLES.

European plan, popular rates. Modern improvements. Business center. Near depot. Hotel Brunswick, Sentile.

Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma. American plan. Rates, \$3 and up. Hotel Donnelly, Tacoma. First-class restaurant in connection

Rainler Grand Hotel, Seattle, European plan. Finest cafe on Coast Högrs navat, military and traveling men. Hooms en suite and single. Free shower baths Rates, Hup. H. P. Dunbar, prop.

PRICE OF HOPS IS HIGH

BEFORE MARKET BREAKS.

Demand Is Steadily Decreasing and Present Indications Are That 26%

People with hops better sell. That seems to be the advice of the majority of

the dealers in Portland. The local qu on is about 25 cents, which is as high as ops have been for years, and as the de-tand for hops is steadily decreasing with mand for hops is steadily decreasing with the approach of the new season, that price is bound to grow weaker every day. Hop selling begins as soon after the plcking in September as the grower can get his produce baled and ready for ship-ment. There are always those who are willing to sell at the current price, and as that price increases or decreases from the September quotation, the selling con-tinues. The last season the price increased

tinues. The last season the price increased from the September quotation until it was worked up in December and January to offers of 28 and 28½ cents a pound, and when it is considered that the average production cost is between 6 and 8 cents, according to the locality, it will be seen that this offer of Eric cents would be profitable for the farmer. It was such prices as this that offset the weak market of four or five years ago when hops sold for 5 and 6 cents, and there were tons at

A high point was reached with the 261/2 quotations however. As it stands now, the demand for the produce is growing smaller and smaller, and the few who held on in hopes of 30 cents or theresbouts will have to take 25 cents, with a

chance of 2 or 20 cents later on.
At the present time the consumer has all the hops ne wants until the 1903 crop in the Fall. It is only here or there that a brewer estimated too low for his supply and needs more to fill cut the season, or that another brewer has enlarged his plant and can take care of a few more bales. It is this small demand that has kept the price to its present pitch so long, and from appearances at the present time the price is decidedly unsteady, and may fall lower at any time. Speaking of the hop situation, a local hopman said Saturday:

"Hops, like everything else, have an in-trinsic value, and when the price goes beyond this the consumers try to get along with a little less. This is the condition at the present time. Now hops are selling at 5 cents a pound, and there is not nearly the same demand for them there was ear-Her in the season, when they brought 18

"There is no likelihood of their going beyond this figure, and therefore the man who is holding had better sell as fast as he can, if he wants to get the benefit of the high prices.
"I do not expect there will be any fall in the price until just before the new crop

comes in. However, at the same time there is no chance of there being any bet-ter price, and therefore the proper time 'In this state there are very few bales

in first hands. Almost all the crop of last year has been cleared from Washington. In Oregon there is very little in first hands, and the dealers have not any great

amount on hand. The home demand is not so good as it was before the price went skyward. The American breweries are only taking what they must have. They are not laying in any supply for the future, but ordering from month to month as they need hops. This will be the condition of the market until the new crop comes in, and if prices are reasonable there will probably be a heavy demand by both local and foreign dealers early in the season.

"The outlook in Washington is that the hop crop for this year will be about one-third greater than it was for 1902. If this DEALERS ADVISE HOLDERS TO SELL

third greater than it was for 1902. If this turns out to be true, it will be the greatest increase in the history of the state. I have spent the past few days in the hop sections, and farmers are figuring on insections, and farmers are figuring on in-creasing their acreage, until I have based the increased production as stated. In this state there will be about the sume increase, and therefore if the season turns out well the crop of hops on the Facific will be the largest there has ever been. The incentive for this increase is the price that has been paid for the last sea-son's crop. on's crop.
"There is no danger of there being any

everproduction, or of the increase causing a low price. There is an increasing de-mand for hops in all parts of the coun-try, and the indications are that much of the coming season's yield will be placed soon after it is harvested."

MAY COME TO MARE ISLAND Admiral Clark Likely to See Active Work on the Pacific Coast.

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Admiral and his movements.

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It is probable that when Clark comes out to the Coast to receive the tribute which the people of Oregon desire to pay him, he will be assigned to his new station. For the past year and a half he has beer the commandant of the Naval Home at Phila-delphia, and has chafed somewhat under the humdrum duties. Although well on in years, the old fighter wants ac-tive duty, and at Mare Island he will have it to his heart's content.

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