

HOPS ARE IN DANGER

Damp Weather Causes Great Uneasiness to Growers.

MOLD APPEARS IN MANY YARDS

Red Spider Comes to Add to the Tribulations of the Producer—Some Method Must Be Found to Exterminate the Pest.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A light drizzling rain, which began this afternoon, has caused great uneasiness to hop-growers, who are depending almost entirely upon fair weather for the safe harvesting of their crops. For several years it has been cloudy, and therefore very favorable for the multiplication of lice. The rain is probably no worse for the hops than the cloudy weather, and is preferred by some growers because it promises a more speedy return of sunshine. "Rain is better than an unsettled and threatening condition," said one large grower today.

Already mold is seen in many yards where the vines were not sprayed. A grower, who is also a grower, said this morning that while visiting hop-yards yesterday he saw hops that contained more mold than he saw in hops in 1902, which was the bad year for mold. While it is possible that he visited unusually poor yards, it is certain that danger of great injury to the hop crop is imminent. Hot weather following the damp weather would lessen the injury, but when the mold once attacks the hops it cannot be entirely eradicated. The extent of the damage will depend upon the weather of the next ten days.

A number of growers have reported this year that their vines have been attacked by a pest known as the red spider. The spiders have been known in this state for several years, but have not been numerous enough to cause any alarm. This year they are reported to be more plentiful than ever before, and probably a year or two the growers will find it necessary to employ some measures to exterminate them.

A report comes from Gervais to the effect that in a hop-yard near that place the hops are nearly black on the inside. The lice had crawled inside the hop burs and died, thus starting the mold. Hop men tonight consider the crop in a very precarious condition and hope for an immediate return of fair weather.

WILL BRING LIBEL SUIT.

Member of Heppner Relief Committee on Trail of Pilot Rock Man.

PILOT ROCK, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Sheriff Shutt, of Morrow County, was a visitor to this city yesterday. He came for the purpose of obtaining the name of the writer of a letter printed in last week's issue of the Pilot Rock Record, a local paper published at this place, reflecting on the honesty of the Heppner relief committee. Sheriff Shutt was a member of that committee, and says that the writer of the letter in question must suffer for what he considers a reflection on the honesty of the committee. Mr. Shutt was given the name of the writer by the editor of the Record. It is said to have been E. E. Parker, a young lawyer of that town, and whose brother, E. O. Parker, is a practicing physician of Pilot Rock.

NEW BIDS ASKED FOR.

For Construction of Officers' Quarters at Fort Stevens.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Captain Goodale, constructing quartermaster, United States Army, will advertise tomorrow for proposals to construct a field officers' quarters and one double set of Lieutenants' quarters at Fort Stevens, the bids for which were recently rejected by the War Department at Washington on account of being too high. The new bids will be opened on September 4. Captain Goodale has also been authorized by the department to ask for bids for building a hospital steward's quarters at Fort Stevens. This will be similar to the building recently erected at Fort Columbia, excepting it will have a basement.

Plans are now being prepared, and are about completed for two new buildings at Fort Columbia. They are a set of officers' quarters, and another double set of non-commissioned staff quarters. A fuel shed will soon be erected at Fort Columbia, and the construction of the new buildings at Fort Stevens are contemplated in the near future.

LAST LINK COMPLETED.

Seattle and St. Michael Now Connected by Wire.

SEATTLE, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, says: Captain Nesmith, who is in charge of Fort Stevens, announces that the last link connecting Seattle and St. Michael by telegraph is complete. Messages are now forwarded to Nome by mail. This marks the completion of the American Government's great Alaskan land system.

A Royal Commission has finished taking evidence against the famous Threelock Concession, Threelock, when on the stand, stubbornly refused to divulge the identity of his backers. He testified that he has over \$100,000 with which to install a giant water system for the Klondike. He was asked whether he had received the money that he had promised to pay to the government. He replied that he had not.

"CHARGES ARE UNJUST."

Mrs. Mary K. Britton Defends Heppner Relief Committee.

"The charges of misappropriation of funds that have been made against the Heppner Relief Committee," said Mrs. K. Britton, of The Dalles, "are not only ridiculous, but they are unjust and outrageous." Mrs. Britton was chairman of the women's relief committee of Heppner, and arrived at Heppner with The Dalles relief expedition. She took a prominent part in restoring order out of the chaos which prevailed and was intimately associated with all the members of the committee, against whom charges have been made in the up-country papers.

"I am acquainted with all the details of the Heppner relief work," continued Mrs. Britton, "and I know that no one of the money that was generously donated for the aid of the sufferers has been misappropriated. I know, also, that when the final report of the funds received and disbursed is made that no one will have a word of criticism to make."

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"Isn't that a serious charge to make? I distributed for the committee much of the clothing and furniture donated to the sufferers, and it any one is to blame for people having carpets on their floors who never had them before, I am. The carpets and clothing were donated by the committee, and it was their duty to see that they were used by people in distress whose homes and furnishings had been swept away."

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AUCTION SALES OF STOCK

WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE OREGON STATE FAIR.

Innovation Is Established Partially for the Farmers and Is Certain to Prove Popular.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Auction sales of livestock will be conducted at the Oregon state fair on September 13 and 14. The fair has always afforded an opportunity for farmers and breeders to buy and sell stock, and every year many sales are made. The transactions have always been made by private dickering around the cattle department. This year, the fair management has arranged for the employment of an auctioneer and public sales will be held.

A large number of well-known breeders will send stock to the sale, and those who wish to buy can find almost anything they want. While the greatest interest will probably be centered in the sales of cattle, there will also be horses, sheep, goats and hogs sold to the highest bidder. The sales will begin on Friday, and continue on Saturday. Those who wish to bid will therefore have plenty of time earlier in the week to examine all

BLUE MOUNTAIN MYSTERY.

Discovery of Ownerless Horses With Saddle, Bridle and Pack.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 24.—F. Wonder and A. Wonder, father and son, while out in the mountains last Friday near

the stock offered and determine what they wish to bid. This feature of the fair, established particularly for the farmers, is likely to prove very popular.

Entries for the pure races for harness events at the fair will close Tuesday, August 25. Judging by the number of horses now in training at the fair grounds and the increased interest in the speed events, this year will be more numerous than last season.

LYNN COUNTY'S EXHIBIT.

Fruit for St. Louis Exposition Will Be Packed at the State Fair.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Lynn County exhibit for the Oregon state fair is assuming definite shape. Superintendent J. R. Douglass, of the agricultural exhibit, which this state will make at the St. Louis fair, also has charge of the Lynn County exhibit at the state fair.

Mr. Douglass has been paying special attention to the horticultural part of the exhibit, and says it will surpass anything that has yet appeared at the state fair. About four dozen large glass jars, especially adapted to the display of canned fruits have been collected, and will be filled with Lynn County's best production.

Mr. Douglass proposes, if possible, to arrange the Oregon exhibit for the St. Louis Exposition from the various county displays at the state fair. If permission can be secured from the fair management the pavilion at the state fair grounds will be converted into a peck-house at the close of the fair, and Oregon's agricultural exhibit will then be prepared for the World's Fair.

In order to accomplish this, it would be necessary for every section of the state to be represented at the state fair. Mr. Douglass says a great deal of expense would be saved by arranging the exhibit at Salem at the close of the state fair, and the work would be much easier.

Otherwise it will be necessary for the superintendent to visit every part of the state in person.

If the desired arrangement can be made, people in any county that does not send an exhibit to the state fair will be requested to send the best samples of their products to Salem to be incorporated in the big state exhibit. In this way the cream of the state's products may be secured. The co-operation of the railroads will be necessary to get the materials for the exhibit to Salem.

ARMY ORDERS.

Infantry Orders to Go Before Examining Board for Promotion.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Aug. 24.—Captain Charles B. Hardin, of the Eighteenth Infantry, and First Lieutenant Robert P. Van Horn, Twelfth Infantry, have been ordered before the examining board at Vancouver Barracks, to be examined for their promotions to the next higher grades. Second Lieutenant Richard Wetherill, Nineteenth Infantry, has been granted a month's leave of absence to begin September 1.

Veterinarian Andrew E. Donovan, recently appointed, has been assigned to the artillery corps and ordered for duty at Vancouver Barracks.

First Lieutenant Edward Croft and Second Lieutenant H. Clay M. Supplies, Nineteenth Infantry, have been ordered to Fort Leavenworth to take the course of instruction at the general service and staff college.

The second detachment of the Nineteenth Cavalry, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 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SALE OF BOHEMIA MINES.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—William Griffith and son, G. R. Griffith, of this city, have sold their Broadway group of mines in the Bohemia district to the Oregon Realty Company. It is understood that the consideration was \$2500. The purchased property adjoined other mining claims owned by the Oregon Realty Company and this made the Griffith mines a desirable purchase.

HECKMAN CRASHED BY A TRAIN.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 24.—Through neglect of civil regulations by the crew of a shunting engine in the C. P. R. yards, the "Goat" with a line of freight cars this morning struck a back driven by William Black, of the Vancouver Transfer Company, as it was going for passengers at the steamer Comox's wharf. Black was injured and the back utterly wrecked.

DIVORCE SUIT DISMISSED.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge R. P. Boise today dismissed the divorce suit brought by J. L. Hamilton, for the reason that the plaintiff had failed to pay to his wife \$75 as ordered by the court.

ILL REPAID HIS BONDSMEN

AGED PIONEER OF ASOTIN COUNTY DISAPPEARS.

He Is Believed to Have Fled the Country to Escape Prosecution for Embezzlement.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 24.—Harvey Jilson, a pioneer of Asotin County, aged 73 years, is believed to have fled the country to avoid prosecution for embezzling the funds of the estate of J. T. Wilsey, deceased. A bench warrant for the arrest of Jilson has been issued and Deputy Sheriff Steward, who went to Asotin County to serve it, telephoned to the Sheriff's office today that Jilson has sold his property and gone, no one knows where. Jilson was under \$1000 bonds to appear in the Superior Court for trial on September 1. G. B. Carter and L. Schmuck, of Colfax, are attorneys for the estate of Jilson. The complaint was filed on the basis of a sworn statement of the bench warrant on being notified that Jilson was preparing to leave the country.

Jilson was arrested about five years ago on this charge. The complaint was filed at the instigation of William McDonald, who was then Judge of the Superior Court. Jilson was released on \$1000 bonds.

MOODY WILL GO ALONG.

Invited to Accompany Hydrographic Party Through Eastern Oregon.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—In response to a telegraphic invitation from F. H. Newell, Chief Hydrographer of the Interior Department, ex-Representative Moody will leave tomorrow to accompany the Government party through Eastern Oregon. They are upon a tour of inspection through the localities where National Irrigation projects were inaugurated by withdrawals during the last session of Congress.

BARN-BUILDER FATALLY HURT.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Joseph McFall was probably fatally injured Saturday afternoon on his farm seven miles west of Eugene. He was erecting the framework of a barn, and was working on a ladder 20 feet from the ground when the ladder went over backwards, throwing him heavily on his back. There was a loud crash when the whole side of the barn came after, and fell upon the prostrate man. He is still living, but the chances for his recovery are considered very slight.

REWARD FOR ARREST OF FIREBURN.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Pacific Coast Board of Fire Underwriters at San Francisco have written to local insurance agents authorizing them to offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons guilty of arson in connection with the incendiary fires which alarmed citizens of Ashland on the night of August 6. There has been any clue yet as to who were the guilty parties, but it is hoped this reward will cause their capture.

TRIED TO BLOW UP FLUME.

ONTARIO, Or., Aug. 24.—The El Dorado ditch people at Malheur City are having trouble on account of scarcity of water, and much dissension is rising among holders of stock who cannot obtain sufficient water for irrigation. Saturday seven sticks of dynamite were placed under the flume for the purpose of blowing it up. Only one stick exploded, yet considerable damage was done. Had the microcosm understood how to use the deadly explosive, irreparable damage would have resulted.

ROCKFELLER IN COEUR D'ALENE MINES.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 24.—J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., today visited the big Coeur d'Alene silver-lead mines, which he is about to acquire. He was accompanied by Charles Swenson, who is promoting the consolidation of several of the big producers. Mines at Warburton, Burke and Millan were visited. He left for the East tonight.

GIVES HER LIFE TO SAVE HUSBAND'S.

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 24.—