

HOPGROWERS NOT ALARMED

Oregon Farmers Are Not Likely to Be Frightened by the Bears.

NATURAL COURSE OF PRICES

Study of Quotations for Ten Years Will Show That Values Have Averaged Highest in the Midwinter Months.

From the views expressed by hopgrowers who have been in the city recently and from the talks that buyers have had with those who are now harvesting their crops, it seems that a much firmer feeling prevails throughout the state than was supposed.

Picking is Under Way.

Picking is under way in most of the small yards, but the big growers generally will not begin until Monday morning. It is said that the hops in many sections are not fully matured yet, and growers who have crops of pickers on hand are only giving them enough employment now to keep them from dispersing.

Average Midwinter Prices.

The hop market prices quoted in this paper for ten years show that the average quotation in midwinter has been about 1 cent higher than at the time picking began. The greatest advance has been on or about October 1, when all crop figures were practically in. Then for four months the market would creep upward.

In the meantime the market is dull and almost stagnant, but growers are not worrying on that account. This is proved by the difficulty which dealers find in filling the few orders that are coming in.

Yield in Sacramento Valley.

In an interview with the Sacramento Union, A. H. Donovan, a well-known dealer is quoted as saying that this season's hop yield in the vicinity of Sacramento will exceed that of last year by about 2000 bales. He bases this statement on the fact that there are some 2200 acres of new hops. The old fields will fall considerably short, but he thinks the new acreage will much more than offset the deficiency.

HARVEST IN LINN COUNTY.

Output Will Be Fully as Large as Expected. ALBANY, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Hops in Linn County are holding up to the fondest expectations of growers. After nearly a week's picking in the yards around Albany, the statement is made by a prominent grower that the output of Linn County's hopyards for the 1905 season will be fully as large as promised early in the summer.

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1904 crop, due to increased acreage in the county. Mr. Neils is a very large hopgrower, owning and being interested in some of the largest hopyards in Linn, Benton and Polk Counties, and he does not see the situation from the point of a buyer only. His figures, however, are substantiated by estimates made by other prominent growers.

LANE COUNTY CROP. Growers Begin Picking Early as a Measure of Safety.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—The hopping season has begun in most of the yards in this vicinity, some having begun as early as last Monday. It is admitted by all that it is a little early, but fear of damage by delay usually urges growers to begin earlier than they really would like to. The condition of the crop in this vicinity is probably better than almost anywhere else.

POOR YIELD IN CLACKAMAS

Crop Will Be From a Half to a Third Less Than Last Year. ORBIDON CITY, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Hop-picking has begun in the south end of the county, and, while no definite information has been received, it is known that the yield will not equal expectations.

Good Results in Benton County.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Hop-picking is progressing very favorably in all the yards in the vicinity of Corvallis. In most instances growers report a better yield than was estimated before the picking began. This is notably true in the Ireland yard, where a yield of a ton per acre is being realized in the old portion.

Average Crop in Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Hop-picking in Douglas County is just beginning, and in some yards will not open until Monday. There are about 200 acres of land devoted to the hop industry in this county, and this year's yield promises to be fully up to the average crop. No sales are yet reported.

AGAINST EASY SALVATION

CARD-SIGNING AND HAND-RAISING OF NO VALUE. Dr. Wilson Declares Emphatically Against Certain Methods of Evangelists at Conversion.

"Evangelists who come around with card-signing and other forms of easy salvation, bringing into the church half-converted people, are the worst enemies God Almighty has in this world," declared Dr. Clarence True Wilson, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in a rousing address before the first annual convention of the East Side District Episcopal League at University Park last night.

NO CALL FOR DEMOCRATS.

Will Wait to See What the Republicans Do. Democrats will not summon their State Central Committee together for the present, Alex Sweek, chairman, and John B. Ryan, secretary, had almost decided on a meeting for next month, but the announcement that the Republican committee would come together October 12 changed their minds.

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REFORM OF KILLFEATHER

General Discusses Democratic Party Tendencies He Does Not Approve.

MAKES CLEVER DIAGNOSIS

Also Suggests That the Brethren of His Political Faith Imitate the Republicans and Call a Love Feast.

General Killfeather, Democratic warhorse of renown, thinks it time to match the Republican peace conference with one of the Democratic brand, but his friend Warhorse Pat Powers is of an opposing mind; so are Alex Sweek, state chairman of the forlor hosts in Oregon, and John B. Ryan, secretary.

Blames Reform for Humiliation.

Killfeather was prone to blame "reform" for all the humiliation that has come to Democratic job-chasers in general and the Irish in particular. An omnibus crowd advanced his general view yesterday. Lightning was in his eye and he was spitting dynamite.

Young Will Appeal.

Attorneys for Joe Young, who was found guilty of shooting Kaspar Van Dran, state that they will appeal the case to the Supreme Court. The first move will be to file a motion for a new trial, and sentence will not be pronounced until this motion has been disposed of.

Deadline Continues in St. Johns.

At a meeting of the St. Johns Council last night the hopes of those who expected to see the squabble ended were doomed to disappointment, for the members wrangled even more bitterly than ever before, and compromise was thrown out of the window.

Slassy Eye and Frozen Face.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS END MEET

More Than a Hundred Exhibitors at the Convention.

A short session yesterday morning closed the most successful photographers convention ever held in the Northwest. There were in all 100 exhibitors and about 200 delegates present, including the best-known photographers in Oregon, Washington and California.

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