

YARDS LOOK BETTER

Prospects Now Are for a Fair Hop Crop.

RAINS DID MUCH GOOD

Improvement Is Noticeable Chiefly in Properties That Have Been Properly Cultivated—Fewer Missing Hills Reported.

Conditions in the Oregon hop yards are improving and there is now every indication of a fair crop, though the yield will probably be less than that of last year.

The improvement, however, can best be described as spotted and there is no large section where the situation, as a whole, can be called better, unless it be Washington County.

Portk County yards in the main are reported as fair, especially the Independence bottom lands, but around Dallas the conditions are not so good.

In Yamhill County the vines are in good shape on the higher lands and also around Newberg. The Gaston and Carlton yards are reported fair, but in the Lafayette and Dayton sections some of the old yards are very poor.

In parts of Marion County the plant shows a good stand, while elsewhere in the county, particularly in the old yards, there will be very few hops.

Fewer missing hills are reported than a week ago. The vines are still backward everywhere, but with favorable weather from now on this fault will be remedied.

Where the degradation in condition of yards is not due to dead roots it is attributed to insufficient cultivation. It is worth noting that the best appearing yards are those of the large growers and the grower-dealers who give their properties the most care.

The market has been extremely quiet for the past week. The only business reported yesterday was the purchase by H. I. Hart of 25 bales from C. L. Fitchard, of Independence, around 8 cents, and a number of other small lots, aggregating 125 bales, from growers.

The Weather Bureau, of May 11, said that hop crop conditions in New York state had been along rather too much rain and cool weather of late to look for much progress in the hop yards.

There is a demand for hops and a firm tone to the market, but no hope scarcely to meet the needs of buyers. In this vicinity there are but three lots left and the same scarcity of goods is prevailing over the state we understand. That buyers are convinced that there is a favorable outlook for prices here is shown by the fact that they are offering to contract for 1909 hops at 15 cents. A grower, who is also a buyer, said the other day that he had been offered for this year's crop.

Whether he accepted we did not learn. We have heard of no business being done on the 15-cent basis.

DULL LOCAL MARKET FOR GRAIN.

Offerings Are Light and Demand Not Steady.

The week opened with a very dull grain market all around. Offerings were light and the demand, except for oats and barley, was small.

Foreign crop conditions were reported in the latest Liverpool-Corn Trade News as follows:

United Kingdom and Spain—The weather is too dry and the crop is being held firm.

France—The outlook for the crop is mostly favorable. Rain is wanted. Supplies are light and farmers are holding firm.

Germany—The weather is distinctly unfavorable, being cold, and the crop is very backward. There has been a general improvement noted during the week. Supplies of native wheat are about exhausted and prices are quite weak.

Hungary—Abundant rains have fallen, which have broken the drought, and the crops have shown a marked improvement.

Roumania—There has been a general fall of rain, and both the winter and spring crops are showing a good condition. Planting of corn is progressing favorably.

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PRINCE RUPERT SALE

So many inquiries are being made about this sale and so many misleading reports are being circulated that this new advertisement seems necessary. PRINCE RUPERT is the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and its location has been fixed permanently by an agreement between the government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

The harbor at Prince Rupert is the best on the coast of British Columbia north of Vancouver, and all talk of removing this terminus to some other point in the north is pure rubbish. THE TERMINUS OF THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY IS FIXED AT PRINCE RUPERT, AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR ALL TIME TO COME.

Prince Rupert will be the chief supply point for Northern British Columbia, South-eastern Alaska and the Yukon; it will be the shipping point for all the wheat from the northern portion of the Canadian Northwest; it will be the headquarters for the great fisheries of the North; it will be the nearest shipping point to China and Japan.

The first sale of lots will commence at Vancouver, B. C., on Tuesday, May 25, 1909, and will continue through the week including Saturday. There will be three sessions daily, commencing at 10 A. M., 2 and 8 P. M.

Maps and catalogues will be distributed at the sale. For further information apply to C. D. RAND, 450 Granville St., Vancouver, B. C.

C. D. RAND

Exclusive agent for the sale, representing the government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

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Hamburg-American. London-Paris-Hamburg. Cleveland (new) May 22; Southampton, June 5; Bremen, June 19; Hamburg, June 26; London, July 10; New York, July 17; Bremen, July 31; Hamburg, Aug. 13; London, Aug. 20; Paris, Aug. 27.

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