

TOP PRICES SUGAR; DEALERS REJOICE

Shortage Drives Local Values to 20 Cents and No One Knows Where End Is.

CROPS ABROAD ARE SMALL

Brewers Face Serious Lack and Dealers Take Advantage—England and Germany Send Out Bad Reports—Market Bullish.

DUTY ON HOPS IS CENT. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 26.—The tariff conference committee has agreed to fix the duty on hops at 10 cents a compromise between the House rate of 12 cents and the Senate rate of 20 cents.

The price of hops is soaring again, and dealers and growers are looking for a repetition of the straining times of 1904, when the market became a skyrocket affair. The brewers of the world are facing a serious shortage of hops, and the people who grow this commodity while dealers who sell it for them are taking advantage of the fact. The market in Oregon has been lifted in a few weeks from 10 to 20 cents and there is no telling how much higher it will go.

Ten days ago new-crop contracts in this state were held to be worth 15 cents a pound, but in England, by one sale up the valley of 250 bales at 18 cents. Yesterday the market took a sheer jump of 2 cents to the 20-cent level. The next natural step in the price should be 22 1/2 cents, and then a 25-cent market can be looked for. In the excited condition of the trade yesterday it was impossible to get at the details of the latest transactions. Following the 18-cent business of Saturday, dealers tried to secure options on crops with bids of 19 cents in the Salem section, but without success, though some 19-cent options were secured in California. Later it was learned that 19-cent bids were made of the largest dealers for 1000 bales of Sonoma and Oregon hops, and subsequently it developed that 200 bales were actually secured at that price, though whether in Oregon or California could not be learned.

Good Prices for Old Hops.

While interest centers in the coming crop, hops of previous growths are not being neglected, and buyers are snapping them up whenever offered at a parity with the price of the new crop. Last year's crop there was a bid late in the day of 13 1/2 cents, while four dealers, each with an order for 200 bales, had made offers of 12 cents for about 1000 bales of the 1908 crop remain unsold. Six months ago these hops were on sale at a nickel.

Of the growth of 1907, which at one time was rated in the market as low as 2 1/2 cents, there was a sale yesterday of a 120-bale lot at 10 cents, while "old-crop" or 1906 hops, which were not worth over 1 or 1 1/4 cents a pound, are now quoted at 7 cents, that price being offered for a 225-bale lot. About 4500 bales of these hops are still in growers' hands in Oregon.

The flurry in the hop market is the result of the bad reports coming from England and Germany. The English crop for some time past has been estimated at about 200,000 cwt., but the yards have taken a turn for the worse because of rains at the critical growing period, and cables received yesterday said the English estimates are now 225,000 to 275,000 cwt. In 1907, 375,000 cwt.; in 1908, 245,000 cwt., and in 1907, 800,000 cwt. in 1906, and 1,200,000 cwt. in 1905.

German Crop Short.

The crop of Germany and other Continental countries, where the conditions are even worse than in England, is estimated at about 800,000 cwt., against 1,200,000 cwt. in 1908, 1,000,000 cwt. in 1907, 800,000 cwt. in 1906, and 1,200,000 cwt. in 1905. The American hop crop is also coming down light in all sections. A liberal estimate of the United States production is 200,000 bales, compared with 215,000 bales last year, 200,000 bales in 1907, 280,000 bales in 1906 and 300,000 bales in 1905. The exports to England this year, because of the light yield abroad, will have to be much larger than usual, and there is every reason to believe the American brewers will not find enough home-grown hops to meet their requirements. They are carrying small reserves, and will have to pay well to get needed supplies.

Fun at the Grand.

A merry, lively and always cheerful vaudeville bill of Leon Morris, which opened yesterday and it is among the very best that has been had in the city. The Grand is the headline act and it is filled with a laugh every minute. Grand and his company are certainly making a hit as funny as the law allows.

"Hurly-Gurly" at the Lyric.

You'll scream with laughter if you see "Hurly-Gurly" at the Lyric this week and the following week. The Lyric is the place to see the best of the Lyric. Ask someone who has seen the bill this week what they think of it. Larger choruses, prettier costumes, catchy music and a bit of clean fun that flows fast and furiously. Two shows every night.

Musical and Flowers at Oaks.

Out at the Oaks this week Donnell's famous Italian band will render popular classical programmes consisting chiefly of selections from the old masters. Although the present popular school will be represented, Sunnyside and the Oaks often miss the flowers that fall over the city. Sunday afternoon while it was pouring down in the city the sun was shining out at the Oaks.

Bessie Tannehill—Ben Dillon.

The attraction at the Bungalow Theater, Tuesday and Monday nights, August 1 and 2 will be the Old Time Amusement Company. Ben Dillon, soprano; Ben Dillon, formerly comedian; and Ben Dillon, in the musical play, "A Night on Broadway."

Power for Valley Towns.

A. Welch, president of the Willamette Valley Company, announced yesterday his company will later than October 1, next, will be furnishing every Willamette Valley town from Eugene to Albany, including Dallas and Independence on the Willamette. The company is installing a power station on the McKenzie River, where it is proposed to develop 35,000-horse power. This project represents an investment of about \$1,000,000. Mr. Welch also said the Eugene & Eastern Railroad, which is now building from Eugene to Springfield, with Albany its present objective point, eventually would be extended to Portland.

krans, who lives at 325 East Twenty-first street, North, and is vice-president of the Hober Machinery Company, was out with his wife and two children Sunday. He was alone in the machine, however, when the accident occurred, owing to an accident to the motive power of the car a few moments previous.

In readjusting the machine to the road after it had run into a depression on the earth on the side of the highway, he threw the power on, which caused it to shoot suddenly over the side of the hill on the opposite side of the road after it had been backed out of the depression. It was going at such a high rate of speed it turned completely over twice and landed upside down. Mr. Rosenkrans was thrown from the tonneau at the first revolution, which is considered fortunate for him, as he would probably have been pinned beneath the heavy machine the second time.

His wife and children watched the accident, horror-stricken, and rushed to his side expecting to find him dead. A farm wagon was halted, and in this manner the accident was prevented.

WIFE SEEKS TIDINGS OF SPOKANE MAN.

Charles W. Skeels, Who Is Missing.

Mrs. Charles W. Skeels, of 4307 Mill street, Spokane, has requested the aid of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, head of the woman's auxiliary of the local police department, in ascertaining the whereabouts of her husband, Charles W. Skeels, who disappeared from his home in Spokane on July 6. Mr. Skeels is 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 110 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, two upper front teeth missing. He is said to be a man of exemplary habits. Last October he suffered a severe injury which his wife fears has affected his mind. A reward of \$50 is offered for information leading to his whereabouts. Information should be sent to rooms 37-38 T. W. C. A. building.

The Journey to the City was Commenced.

At a farmhouse Mrs. Rosenkrans telephoned for an ambulance, which met them 15 miles out. It was necessary to proceed slowly, and the Good Samaritan Hospital was not reached until almost 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

Great Council to Meet

Improved Order of Red Men to Gather in Portland Today.

The Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men for the reservation or Oregon will hold its annual meeting this morning at 10 o'clock in the Red Men's wigwam, in the Selling-Hirsch building. Sessions will be held today and Wednesday, when various matters of importance to the organization will be considered. Delegates from the various lodges will be in attendance. The principal business will be a series of amendments to the constitution and the election of officers for the coming year. The officers of the great council are: Great sachem, J. H. Fitzgerald; great chief, J. W. Little, Oregon City; great prophet, L. L. Jacobs, Medford; great chief of records, L. Carstensen; great keeper of the wampum, J. A. Devlin; great secretary, J. L. Jacobs, R. W. Ritter, G. W. Orsten.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

Esleau Gordon at Orpheum.

The one best bet "Tip on Tip" a delightful comedy of the gingery order, goes with life and vigor, clean-cut and full of fun. Esleau Gordon is one of the best little players ever produced. Miss Gordon is a beautiful young actress and her personality is a great asset to the program. The entire programme is one of great excellence. Matinee daily at the Orpheum.

Snappy Animal Act—Panjans.

One of the smartest up-to-the-minute pony acts, billed for the Orpheum, is the Panjans. They are carrying small reserves, and will have to pay well to get needed supplies. Fortunately for Oregon, there has been an improvement in the crop here. What looked like a 50,000 bale yield two months ago now indicates a crop of perhaps 80,000 bales. Though much of the dealers are not ready to acknowledge it, Washington will have about 20,000 bales. The California crop has suffered in the last few days from hot winds and 20,000 bales is now an outside estimate for that state. Unfavorable weather has given the New York crop a setback and estimates have been reduced to 35,000 bales.

Dealers All Bullish.

One thing that is helping the hop market along this year is the bullishness of the dealers. There is not a bear in the crowd and no one was foolish enough to sell "short." Instead, they took to the "long" side of the market early in the game and are now interested in seeing prices sent higher. Fully half the growing crops in Oregon, Washington and California were contracted for early in the season, most of them around 10 cents a pound. This means big profits for the speculators. As it costs 5 cents a pound to grow hops, the farmers who have not yet sold will also make a good thing out of the boom.

The last high-priced year in the hop market was 1904, when Oregon hops went to 22 cents a pound. In 1900 there was a bulge that sent the market to 45 cents. The big year the old-timers talk about was 1882, when a short crop, manipulation and every other device known to the hop trade combined to lift the market to the extreme price of \$1.25 a pound. A great many lots were sold that year at \$1.15, but the market later dropped to 25 cents.

Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order at the Lowest Prices—4th Fl.—Trunks and Bags 4th Fl.



The Meier & Frank Store's Great "Expansion Sale"

6000 Fine Lingerie Waists at Low Prices

- \$1.50 Lingerie Waists 89c
- \$1.75-\$2 Lingerie Waists 98c
- \$2.25 Lingerie Waists \$1.18
- \$3.50 Lingerie Waists \$1.95
- \$4.50 Lingerie Waists \$2.95
- Best Values Offered This Season

Great Reduction Sale of our entire stock of Cotton Lingerie Waists in lawns, batistes and crossbar dimities—plain tailored and fancy styles and trimmed in fine or coarse laces, embroidery and medallions, pin and half-inch tucks; embroidered in white and colors—All this season's newest and prettiest waists in endless assortment—Button front or back—Values the best offered this season—\$1.50 values 89c—\$2.00, \$1.75 values 98c—\$2.25 values \$1.18—\$3.00, \$3.50 values \$1.95—\$4.50 values \$2.95—Great reductions on all our high-priced Lingerie Waists in exclusive styles—

Second Floor—Great reductions on all Summer Suits, Dresses, Gowns, for women, misses and children—Take advantage of this great offer

\$2.00--\$2.50 White Oxfords 98c Sale \$3 Allovers \$1.39 Yard Sale Embroidery Matched Sets

We offer a great special lot of women's white Canvas Oxfords in lace and blucher cut; high Cuban and military heels; Goodyear and turn soles; come in all sizes; the best regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 values; buy all you want of them at this unusually low price, pair 98c 1000 pairs women's patent colt, gunmetal, brown kid and tan Russia calf Ox \$1.98 fords, medium and turn soles, plain and tipped toes, all sizes; \$3.00 values, pair \$2.25

Women's \$5.00 Oxfords at \$3.85

1000 pairs of women's high-grade low-cut shoes, to be sold at a low price. Garden ties, pumps, blucher and button oxfords, in fine black patent colt, brown kid, tan calf and black glazed kid; Goodyear welt soles, plain or tipped toes; come in all sizes. This season's best regular \$5.00 footwear, on sale at this special low price, the pair \$3.85

1000 pairs of women's patent colt, glazed and brown kid, tan and oxford Russia calf oxfords; blucher and two-eye-let ties; medium heavy and turn soles; good durable styles, all sizes; \$3.50 Summer footwear, pair \$2.65 Misses' and children's patent calf, glazed and brown kid oxfords, with welt and turn soles, full round toes. Prices: 8 1/2 to 11, at pair, \$1.39—11 1/2 to 2, at pair, \$1.59 Great Expansion Sale bargains in boys' and youths' Summer footwear—special bargains you should not miss. Great Expansion Sale bargains in men's Summer footwear.

Shoe Dept. on Third Floor Laces and Embroidery Specials

2000 yards of crossbar dimity Corset Cover Embroidery, in English eyelet, new designs; the best 39c regular 85c values, at this low price, the yard 39c 3000 yards of Swiss Edges, Flouncing and Bands, 2 to 18 ins. wide; eyelet and filet designs, for 39c waists, gowns, etc.; values to \$1.25, at, yard 10,000 yds. swiss, cambrie and nainsook Embroidery, Edges and Insertion, 1 to 4 ins. wide; best 10c patterns for children's wear; 25c values, yd. 5000 yards of French, Italian and round-mesh Val. Laces, Edging and Insertion, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide, for trimming waists, gowns, undergarments, etc.; best patterns—wonderful bargains, on sale as follows: 20c values, the yard, 7c—30c values, the yard, 9c

Sale of Dress Nets \$1.50 Values 59c \$2.00 Values 79c

Great special values in Dress Nets—white, cream and colors; best styles and grades; 45-inch; great special values, on sale at the following prices: Regular \$1.50 Dress Nets, yard, 59c Regular \$2.00 Dress Nets, yard, 79c

Good Scores Made Fourth Regiment Does Well at Target Practice.

Forty-three marksmen were qualified out of four companies of the Fourth Oregon Infantry on the Clackamas rifle range yesterday forenoon, in less than five hours. It is doubtful if that record has an equal, in view of the brief period in which the qualifications were perfected. Nearly 20 per cent of the marksmen made scores of sufficient totals to entitle them to proceed with the sharpshooter's course.

The four companies were the two from Eugene and one each from McMinnville and Albany, composing the Second Battalion, in command of Major Creed C. Hammond, of Eugene. They went on the target range at 7 A. M. and completed the three ranges of the marksmen's course shortly before noon. All the men were new at rifle practice, the experienced shots being distributed as instructors or detailed for duty in the target butts. Several of those who made high scores had never before fired a string through with the service rifle. The

ond Battalion at its afternoon field exercises. The regulars expressed themselves as pleased with the splendid character of men that appeared to fill up the ranks of the regiment. The bill was expressed that the Fourth would be among the most serviceable regiments in the volunteer service should the need of troops arise.

Hard work continues to be the counter-signal at the Fourth Regiment's camp and officers and men are busy from morning until night. With but seven days of this year's field exercises, the regiment is intent on getting the most out of the time. After the hard day's work of yesterday dress parade was held and the evolutions were executed surprisingly well. Dress parade and possibly a review will occur again this afternoon. Target practice and exercises in company and battalion formations will continue to be the programme.

Private Elkins, of the Cottage Grove Company, is to receive a commission. Colonel Moran ordered him yesterday to appear for examination as chaplain. Elkins is an ordained minister and at the Sunday evening services made it clear that he is fitted for the duties of regimental Chaplain. His rank will be that of Captain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stuart and son Gordon left on Friday for Ocean Park to open their cottage.

Dr. Gordon, of Quincy, Mass., spent two days last week in Portland seeing the city and enjoying himself. He called to see his cousin, Captain James Gordon, at Sunnyside, also called on his old friends, W. W. Fletcher, of St. John, and Finlay M. Neill, of Portland Heights.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., returns this morning from a week's trip with his wife and children to Seattle, where they have been attending the fair, and Tacoma, where Mr. Stone has been in attendance at the Pacific Northwest Employers' Conference.

Rev. Paul R. Hickok, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, of Washington, D. C., will deliver the sermon both morning and evening next Sunday, at the First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Taylor streets.

the front row of the congregation. After describing the danger of touching a live wire and comparing the wires and their dangers to phases of real life, the speaker said: "And so you see it is possible to get burned by other things than live wires."

"Now, maybe you ladies don't like that kind of talk," suggested Dr. Pratt. The women began whispering among themselves. "If you don't, then I warn you the worst is yet to come," he added. "I think we'd better get out of here," exclaimed Mrs. Langenberg, getting up from her seat. The others did the same. "I assure you there is no need of leaving," protested the speaker. "I do not intend to say anything that will offend you."

PREACHER IS WRONG

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ASKS HUSBAND TO FIGHT

Man of House, However, Does Not Feel Belligerent and Perpetrator of Address to National Guard Encamped Goes Unscathed.

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AUTO INJURY IS SERIOUS

Fred A. Rosenkrans Hurt When His Machine Turns Over.

The condition of Fred A. Rosenkrans, who was thrown from his auto and seriously injured Sunday evening near Boring, is not any better, according to information gained at the Good Samaritan Hospital last night. Mr. Rosen-

the world's most successful medicine for bowel complaints is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It has relieved more pain and suffering, and saved more lives than any other medicine in use. Invaluable for children and adults.

Amey, China—One hundred and thirty-five deaths from bubonic plague and 15 from cholera were reported to the Army officials during the two weeks ending last Saturday. In the south the plague is increasing.