RAIN STOPS PICKING BUT AIDS HOP CROP

Showers Expected to Oust Red Spider and Fill Out Burrs on Vines.

MORE HANDS GO TO FIELDS

Special Trains Carry More Than 900 to Polk County Yards-Eastern Oregon and Washington Also Threatened by Downpour.

Yesterday's rain storm extended throughout the Willamette Valley and put a complete stop to hoppicking, even the Japanese pickers refusing to work among the wet vines. Instead of damaging the hops the rain has improved the crop. It will fill out the burrs and otherwise improve the quality and will kill any red spiders that remain on the plants. There is no doubt that some of the growers, anxious to get in their crops early, were inclined to pick them too soon, so the delay of a few days will help the Oregon crop as a whole, improving its quality and at the same time increasing its weight.

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Several large special trains left for the hop districts yesterday morning. The Southern Pacific carried one party of more than 900 pickers bound for Polk County and large crowds went out on the Oregon Electric and by boat. They got their start before the rain. There are enough persons wanting to pick hops this year to make up for any shortage that may occur in the yards should the rain last more than a day or two.

The rain did not extend beyond the Cascade Mountains, It was cloudy and cool in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, and rain is expected there tomorrow, which will temporarily delay the grain harvest in those sections where it is not completed.

YIELD AT CHEHALIS GOOD

Yards Well Equipped With Pickers, Who Get \$1 a Box.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.).—Hoppicking began today in some of the yards of the Chehalis district. Some growers of the Cowlitz Valley began yesterday morning. So far as learned there are now plenty of pickers.

pickers.

J. C. Bush, who is in charge of the 100-acre Pincus yard two miles west of this city, said last night that he was obliged to turn pickers away; that he had never seen a year since in the early '90s, along about 1893 and 1894, when so many people, including men, women and children, are after work picking hops. There are a few Indians picking near here, but these were secured in advance, as it was feared there would be a scarcity of whites.

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Growers are paying \$1 a box for picking. The hops are of splendid quality and the yield in most yards in the Chehalis district is above the average

for size.

A drizzling rain, the first for several weeks, began falling here this morning. It comes at an inopportune time for hoppickers, as it adds greatly to the discomfort of the latter. However, all are hopeful that the downpour is but temporary, it being the custom of the weather man to turn on the water each

10,000 READY FOR PICKING

Rain Stops Work Near Independence and Mould Is Feared.

cial.)—Picking started in a few more hopyards this morning, but the work was continued for a short time only, as a strong south wind blew up a heavy rain. The rain continued in torrents all day. Some of the growers think it may cause damage, but others say the may cause damage, but others say the crop will be improved. If the rain is followed by heavy, damp weather it will no doubt cause the hops to mold. The Wigan-Richardson special to the Wigrich ranch south of town arrived just ahead of the regular train and was run on the saur to the vards. was run on the spur to the yards. Another large crowd followed on the regular Southern Pacific train and these were hauled in wagons to different yards. It is estimated that there are between 10,000 and 12,000 workers with-in a radius of a few miles of this city. This is about the number needed to

GROWERS WORRIED BY RAIN

Hopraisers Fear Showers Will Drive Pickers Back to City.

WOODBURN, Or., Sept. 2 .- (Special.) WOODBURN, Or. Sept. I.—(Special.)
—Hopgrowers are worried tonight
over the rain that has been falling all
day. They fear that the pickers who
are moving into the yards will become
discouraged and leave before the crop

Hundreds of pickers passed through here today, making a transfer from the Southern Pacific to the Oregon Electric. The baggage of some was drenched. A few days of rain at this stage of harvest will not damage the crop if favorable weather permits picking to proceed in the near future. In

several yards hops will not be matured and fit to harvest before the early part The quality of the crops is excellent, the quantity running about the same as last year. No mould has been re-

BEACH "HIKE" IS ENJOYED Mazamas Have Outing on Foot After

Steamer Trip. The trip of the Mazamas to North whatever with the \$1500 exemption measure now being advocated by W. S. Beach over Labor day was a most en-joyable and successful affair. A party of 29 of the members went down on Saturday afternoon on the steamer Pot-

ter and six more followed Saturday night on the Hassalo. The first night was spent at Ocean Park and the second at Long Beach.
Several of the party slept out on the beach over night. The full length of the coast from Ocean Park to Cape

and small property owners, to whom taxation is a burden anyway.

"Many taxpayers who were opposed to our graduated single tax last year

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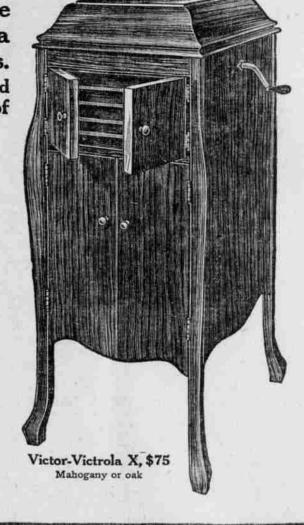
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INDEPENDENCE, Or., Sept. 2.—(Spe. Petition for Vote on State Constitutional Amendment to Circulate.

BIG LAND OWNERS TARGET

Leaders of League, Behind Proposes New Law, Say Purpose to Discourage Monopoly, While All Property Would Be Taxed.

Petitions providing a place for a graduated sur-tax bill on the ballot at the general election in November, 1914. now are being prepared and will be circulated, during the next few months, among the voters of the state for sig-

This movement was initated and is being carried forward by the Oregon Sur-Tax League, of which H. D. Wagnon, G. M. Orton, H. A. Rice, C. S. Goldburg and F. E. Coulter are the leaders. These men say that nundreds of other citizens of the state are giving their financial and moral support to the organization. The bill aims a graduated tax on land and natural resources held by any one person, firm or corporation in excess of \$25,000.

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"The graduated sur-tax," said Mr.
Wagnon yesterday, "is proposed for the
purpose of discouraging land monopoly
in both city and country. We hold
that land monopoly is a curse to any country and offer this sur-tax as a remedy with fio exemptions on any property and no change in our pres-ent laws save this sur-tax on land mo-noncle."

Proposal Not U'Ren Plan.

Mr. Wagnon insists that the proposed U'Ren and his associates.
"The graduated sur-tax," says Mr.

Wagnon, "would place a heavier load wagnon, would not be large land owners, who are best able to bear taxation, and would greatly relieve the poor people

porations and collective assessments to the heirs of deceased persons. (a). To provide a part of such revenue the following annual graduated specific taxes are hereby levied on the assessed values of land and natural resources: First, upon every person owning land and natural resources and interests therein the total assessed value of which is greater than twenty-five thousand (\$\$25,000) doi-ling.

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50 cents on each \$100 above \$25,000 and
not above \$50,000; and in addition thereto;
\$1.00 on each \$100 above \$50,000 and not
above \$75,000; and in addition thereto;
\$2.00 on each \$100 above \$75,000 and not
above \$100,000; and in addition thereto;
\$3.00 on each \$100 on all above \$100,000.
(b). The amount of said specific tax collected in each county shall be applied by the
county in the following order:
First, for the county's share of state revnues: Railroad Commission Hears Outline of Points to Be Determined.

enues;
Second, for the county general school and library fund;
Third, for the county road and bridge fund;
Fourth, for other expenses of the county.

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Lands Not Exempted.

(c). The said specific tax upon the owners does not exempt any of the aforesaid land values from the regular general and special tax levies of the taxing districts in which the property is located. Said specific taxes shall be collected by the tax collector at the same time and in the same manner that other taxes are collected. Any and all assessed property of an owner is subject to said for his unpaid taxes.

(d). The assessed value of all personal property and of all improvements on land shall be listed by the County Assessor in the assessed values of the land.

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Among the real estate properties isseed are the Oaks Amusemnt Park, valued at \$345,000; the Pacific Coast League Baseball Park, valued at \$144,000; terminal properties, valued at \$4,131,000; right of way of the Mount Hood line, valued at \$1,118,617; 100 by 100 feet at Broadway and Alder on which the Electric building stands. which the Electric building stands,

Adding the 15.3 per cent overhead allowance, the total realty valuation is placed at \$9,076,321.

The inventory of electric meters gives their valuation as \$636,031; of transformers, \$387,519, and of station and sub-station equipment, \$4,237,492. In the next day or so, the inventory of underground properties will be turned over to the Commission, and in nine or ten days that of the railway track system.

Appraisals Found Accurate. As soon as these last dates are in the ommission can make fast progress and can keep its own experts busy all Voluminous Data Are Collected on the time in checking over the appraise-University of Oregon, is the expert who is now checking over the machinery and overhead valuation. The appraisals so far have been found accurate.

In addition to all these figures, the Commission also has a 750-page book containing exact copies of all commercial contracts for power and light held by the company.

Attending yesterday's hearing were Commissioners Attended Commissioners Commissioners and C

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Operators Granted Increases Approximating 10 Per Cent by Southern Pacific.

INDIVIDUAL RATIO IS BASIS

General Superintendent Campbell on Return From Conference Is of Opinion Speedy Settlement Is in Prospect.

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for large district shops, so it is quite likely that shops ultimately will be located there. It is all a matter of the future, however.

Portland Shops to Remain. "Such shops would not mean the re-moval of the present shops in East Portland. These are not large shops anyway, and would still be require

maintenance purposes in Portland. Most of our heavy shop work now is done at Dunsmuir and not here." Dunsmuir and not here."

The superintendents with whom Mr. Campbell conferred were J. M. Davis, of the central district, and H. V. Platt, of the southern district. Among the subjects discussed in a tentative way was the possible addition of a new passenger train each way between San Francisco and Portland if passenger traffic continues to increase as it has done lately.

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"For the last three or four months, travel both ways between San Francisco and Portland has been exceptionally heavy," he said, "All trains have been crowded, It is rather an unusual state of affairs for it to be heavy in both directions at once, for it usually runs heavy in one direction or the other, about as the birds migrate. If it continues to increase, a new train

is quite likely.
"These things are always discussed by officials for some time before they become necessary so there is nothing definite about a new train as yet." New all-steel equipment soon will be ready to replace the present equipment

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