

## DEMAND IS CHECKED

## Eastern Brewers Slow Buyers of Oregon Hops.

## HAND-TO-MOUTH TRADE

## Cautious About Stocking Up in View of Possible Victories by Prohibition Forces—Latest Sales Are at Decline.

There is no doubt that the demand from the East for Pacific Coast hops has been checked in large measure by the activity of the prohibition cause and the possibility of gains, if not sweeping victories, by this party in coming state elections. Many brewers are known to lack a sufficient supply of hops to carry them into the new crop, but they are pursuing a policy of hand-to-mouth buying, as might be expected under the circumstances. This fact, together with some pressure to sell on the part of holders, is the cause of the present weakness of the market. Sales can only be effected now at a lower range of prices.

Total unsold stocks in the United States are 10,000 bales greater than a year ago, and under the circumstances, a close and a fairly large crop in sight these unsold holdings are a weight on the market. Should unfavorable crop reports come from abroad they might cause a rally in the market, but the main factor during the next six months will undoubtedly be the political situation in this country.

The newly formed Oregon Growers and Dealers Association has made an active start this week in preparing information for everyone in the state connected in any way with the hop-growing industry, and they will be shown conclusively what will happen to their business if the dry forces are successful in Oregon.

Two deals were reported in the market yesterday, both in Forest Grove hops. T. A. Lively & Co. bought 10 bales from J. H. Hoar and 46 bales from James Nichols, paying 12 cents for each bale. There is a limited inquiry for contracts, and it is said 14 cents has been offered to responsible growers.

The new crop is making fair progress in the Northwest and weather conditions now could not be better. Crop conditions in New York State are given by the Waterbury Hop Reporter as follows: "Work in the hop yards is progressing as rapidly as possible. Poles are mostly set and grubbing has been general for the past week. The hop roots as a whole have wintered well and well-cared-for grounds have few if any mias filices. The weather has been warm and showery for the past few days, making ideal weather for growing, but the rains have interfered with the work to a certain extent."

## BIG BUYERS NOT IN WHEAT MARKET

Prices in Northwest Not Affected by the Merger Elsewhere.

There was no change worth recording in the local wheat market yesterday. The demand was small, as it has been for several weeks, and the market is quiet. The wheat is moving upward, but the Northwest is an independent of changes in the distant markets now, as it was earlier in the season, when prices elsewhere were declining.

Reviewing the international wheat situation, Bromhall says: "The comparative dearth of the week are the large Continental demand for wheat cargoes, decrease on passage, moderate world's shipments, and especially to the United Kingdom. The latter is a factor in selling pressure was largely attributed to these and then again the unfavorable outlook regarding the Hungarian crop is thought to influence the market in neighboring countries are similarly affected."

"Shipments from the Southern Hemisphere and India since the beginning of the season are 72,000,000 bushels smaller than last year, and this is being felt in all markets with a holding attitude. This scarcity is expected to be an influence throughout the remainder of the season. The European trade does not fear the effect of the unusually large winter crop in the United States. Indications point to an increasing import demand from Western Europe."

"Supplies in Germany are very small. French holders are unable to purchase Canadian and American wheat, as other countries are outbidding, and Mediterranean countries are likely to continue to absorb from this center."

Local receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Wheat	Bar	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tuesday	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Wednesday	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Thursday	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Friday	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

## SHARP DECREASE IN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Largest Falling Off in Weekly Total This Season.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

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## HOG MARKET SALES

99 3/4 cents, beans at 1 1/4 cents and artichokes at 65 cents. There was a temporary scarcity of Oregon asparagus.

## Better Demand for Poultry.

There was a better demand for poultry yesterday, and the prospects are for a large trade this week at the lower prices now prevailing. Quotations were the same as on Saturday. Dressed meat arrivals were light and these lines also promise to be more active this week.

Eggs were the firmest feature of the produce market. Current receipts were light. The dairy produce market was active.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland	Clearings	Balance
Portland	\$2,000,000	\$100,000
Seattle	\$2,000,000	\$100,000
Tacoma	\$2,000,000	\$100,000
Spokane	\$2,000,000	\$100,000

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 80c; blue-stem, 84c; curly-tail, 86c; red, 88c; Russian, 88c; valley, 88c.

BARLEY—Track prices: 84c; 86c; 88c; 90c; 92c; 94c; 96c; 98c; 100c; 102c; 104c; 106c; 108c; 110c; 112c; 114c; 116c; 118c; 120c; 122c; 124c; 126c; 128c; 130c; 132c; 134c; 136c; 138c; 140c; 142c; 144c; 146c; 148c; 150c; 152c; 154c; 156c; 158c; 160c; 162c; 164c; 166c; 168c; 170c; 172c; 174c; 176c; 178c; 180c; 182c; 184c; 186c; 188c; 190c; 192c; 194c; 196c; 198c; 200c; 202c; 204c; 206c; 208c; 210c; 212c; 214c; 216c; 218c; 220c; 222c; 224c; 226c; 228c; 230c; 232c; 234c; 236c; 238c; 240c; 242c; 244c; 246c; 248c; 250c; 252c; 254c; 256c; 258c; 260c; 262c; 264c; 266c; 268c; 270c; 272c; 274c; 276c; 278c; 280c; 282c; 284c; 286c; 288c; 290c; 292c; 294c; 296c; 298c; 300c; 302c; 304c; 306c; 308c; 310c; 312c; 314c; 316c; 318c; 320c; 322c; 324c; 326c; 328c; 330c; 332c; 334c; 336c; 338c; 340c; 342c; 344c; 346c; 348c; 350c; 352c; 354c; 356c; 358c; 360c; 362c; 364c; 366c; 368c; 370c; 372c; 374c; 376c; 378c; 380c; 382c; 384c; 386c; 388c; 390c; 392c; 394c; 396c; 398c; 400c; 402c; 404c; 406c; 408c; 410c; 412c; 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