Oregon Growers Have One-Fifth of Crop.

STATEYIELD, 85,537 BALES

Large Quantities Remain in Storage.

MARKET HAS A HOLIDAY AIR

Increased Activity Expected After New Year, When Prices Will Probably Advance-Brewers' Stocks Are Very Low.

MOVEMENT.	Baics
Rail shipments	7,000
Total shipments Stocks in growers' hands Stocks in dealers' hands	
Total stocks in state Hops still in Oregon Hops snipped from state	23.944
Total crop of state	85,567

A careful compliation has been made by Scavey & Metzger, hop dealers of this city, of the amount of hops remaining in growers' hands in Oregon. This firm, by its agents and by letter, reached every hop section of the state, and there is reason to believe that its statistics are actically correct. A comparison made with the estimate of other dealers shows a close correspondence in the totals. The hops thus found to be remaining in first hands aggregate 16,564 bales, a larger quantity than was generally supposed to

be in the possession of growers.
Stocks held by growers at the various points in the state, according to Seavey & Metzier's figures, are as follows:

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Greatt's Mi			Funlatin -		. 69
Wilbard			Butler		- 5
ervais .			Whiteson		
AUDITORIA PROPERTY		829	Carlton		- 14
St. Paul		184	Lacurel		. 13
Stiverton		- 99	McMinnyi	11e	. 27
Pratum		230	Newberg		. 3
Butteville		340	Hop Ewe		. 20
Fairfield		245	Wheatlan	d	10
Linnoin .	12000	284	Sher wood	******	- 41
Dak Grove		225	Wilsonvill		. 22
Salt Creek		2310	Onkland .		- 2
Independe		640	Drain		. 31
Eola		403	La Fayet	A	. 13
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Crops of the State. Shipments from the state to date ag

gregate 61,383 bales, of which 54,383 bales were sent by the Southern Pacific and 7000 bales by the O. R. & N. The large dealers of this state are hold-ing 7800 bales, and the sum total of these quantities gives 85,507 bales of hops as the

output of Oregon in 1904.

At the present moment, the market is dull and lifeless, as is to be expected at this time of year. Bo far as can be learned, none of the local dealers have Eastern orders, at least at figures that uld permit business being done, and at the same time it is not considered worth while to make offers to the East. The feeling is general that the market will resume activity soon after New Year's, and it is also believed that business will open up at an advance over the prices lately prevailing.

Expect Change for the Better.

Exports of hops from New York from September 1 to December 16 amounted to 58,616 bales, and enough were shipped from Philadelphia and Boston and sent to Canada to carry the total exports to 75,000 bales. This fact is made significant by a statement by A. J. Luce, one of the oldest and most experienced hopmen in the country, in a letter written to Isaac Pincus & Son, in which he says; ."If we export \$6,000 bales, hops will be

worth 50 cents a pound."

Mr. Luce says it is conceded that the consumption of the United States will amount to 220,000 bales, and that there were no old hops on hand at the begin-ning of the season. He says much de-pends on the action of holders, growers

and dealers at the present time: "The ther you are from business." That is to eay, the brewers are waiting for a break in the market, and if anything lower than market price is offered them they will the looked-for break has come, Mr. Luce says he was recently in New

York City and found stocks on hand very low. Many jobbers have been unable to make delivery, and one brewer told him that he had 800 bales coming from one man who was sold short and could not make delivery at present.

It is known that the brewers are holding off as long as possible. The Brewers' mal printe reports from various brew ing centers, all of which show that in every case brewers are short of hops and must soon buy regardless of high prices. Mr. Luce, commenting on this condition, mays that one reason why the brewers are dow in purchasing is that as a rule the breweries are owned by stock companies and make their annual statements on January 1, and that they are holding off buying in order to make those annual statements show up as well as possible.

Activity Expected Soon.

The latest New York papers report the situation unchanged there. The Journal of Commerce of the 20th said:

"Business continued dull. Local deal-ers as a rule stated that they were doing practically nothing, but this did not appear to discourage them, as business at this season of the year is usually slow. Following the turn of the year, however, a renewed demand from brewers is ex-pected, and as stocks are limited sellers are indifferent, anticipating a hardening of values, based upon the strong statis-tical position. Advices from the primal markets also report light offerings and orices well maintained.

egrams from London report the Musical Page 23. there as quiet, but prices are Herman Klaber & Co. are in re- 14

ceipt of a letter from London which says: "Deadlock in England continues and will probably just into the new year. In view of the shortness of stocks I do not see how the brewers are going to maintain their bear movement. They must ultimately fall back upon the American stock, as the Germans have no large margin to spare and many German brewers are still short on stocks."

A correspondent writes The Oregonian as follows:

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor.)— Will you please publish in The Oregentan for the benefit of holders of hops the amount of hops raised by Germany in 1983 and 1964? According to the most reliable authority at hand, Germany produced in 1903, 452,000 hundredweight, and in 1904, 350,000 hundredweight.

SHERIFF KILLED BY PRISONERS Men Accused of Burglary Get Pisto on Train in Texas.

SHERMAN, Tex., Dec. 24.-Sheriff Rus sell, of Hugo, I. T., was shot and killed tonight, and Sheriff Russell, of Grayson County, Tex., who was with him, severe y wounded in the body by two men ur der arrest and on the train being taken back to Sherman to answer burglary charges. They secured a pistol on the train in some way and opened fire, kill-ing the Indian Territory Sheriff at the first shot. They leaped from the train and escaped.

A large posse formed of officers from various sections is in pursuit.

MILES IS A MILITIAMAN. Retired Lieutenant-General on Staff of Governor Douglas.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 24-A rearrangement of the most important posilas was decided on today. Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A. re-tired, instead of being made Adutant-General, was appointed Inspector-General and will act as the military adviser of the Governor, in effect holding the position of chief of staff.

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MARVIN HUGHITT TALKS

Northwestern Railway President Is Unalterably Opposed.

SAYS CITIES WILL SUFFER

Competition Done Away With, Every Trade-Center Could Do Business Only in "Its Own Little Garden Plot."

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-(Special.)-President Marvin Hughltt, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, whose conservatism and practical knowledge of every detail of railroading are unquestioned in transportation circles, has gone on record as being unalterably opposed to President Roosevelt's plan for giving the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to fix railroad rates.

So far as public utterances are conerned, he is the first railway executive to speak against the Roosevelt idea. Not only would the railways suffer by such legislation as the President recommends, Mr. Hughitt contends, but cities in all parts of the country would be restricted in their growth because of inability to reach out for trade beyond "their own little garden plots."

Mr. Hughitt's opinion as expressed to a ommittee of the Commercial Club of Sioux City, Ia., which visited Chicago today in an effort to obtain certain concessions for the businesss interests of the Iowa town. He said:

"We are always interested with the wishes of people on our lines and try to meet every demand of business, but you gentlemen do not realize, Congress does not realize the tremendous seriousness of the questions the President raises in his message. This proposal of the Government making rates means, if it be carried into effect, that the capacity of the ralifouds to make extensions and improvements will depend on the willingness of a commission to allow them to earn the wherewithal,

"It means that all competition will be done away with, for there can be no competition where uniformity is enforced by the Government. Under the arbitrary fined to its own little garden plot of friend today trade territory and there would be no

chance of extending it."

President Hughitt ended by urging that the interests of the country should unite to defeat any such agitation as that proposed in the Roosevelt message. It was cess.

not alone a matter for the railroads to mbat, he said, as the country at large was as vitally interested.

FINDS PROJECTS TIED UP. Senator Fulton Urges Passage of the Water Laws In Oregon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Dec. 24.-Senator Fulton had a conference today with F. H. Newell, chief of the Reclamation Service, to ascertain the result of the examinations that have been conducted in Oregon with a view to fixing the location of the Government irrigation projects. He urged the Department to push the work on Klamath River, where preliminary examinations have shown there are excellent opportunities for irrigation, provided the questions of water rights can be straightened out. Senator Fulton believes the Oregon Legislature, at its next session, should pass new laws governing the ownership of waters, which will settle for all time the disputes which involve the many streams in Eastern and Southern Oregon most essential for irrigation, especially Klamath River. Senator Fulton found that work on the Klamath River is largely dependent upon the enactment of proper water laws in Oregon, and that the Malheur project is tied up until the owners of the wagon road lands lying under that project can be induced to consent to cooperate with the settlers, bearing a pro portinal share of the cost of this project The surveys in Harney County are or ing pressed, but are far from complete.

OPPOSITION TO HALL.

Appointment of District Attorney Not Yet Sent to Senate.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, Dec. 24 .- Indications have appeared that opposition has arisen to the appointment of John Hall, United States Attorney at Portland Notwithstanding Hall was the first Federal appointee named by the President after election, his nomination was not sent to the Senate before the holiday recess. The Attorney-General and others having knowledge of the facts decline absolutely to discuss the case.

land-fraud cases. There was no oppostated at that time that his services were eminently satisfactory to the Attorney-General, to the President and to Secretary Hitchcock. Just where the opposition comes from cannot be learned, but there is suspicion Special Attorney Heney can throw light on the This, however, is purely consubject. jectural.

Whatever opposition has arisen appears to have sufficient weight to cause the President to delay action until all tile facts can be ascertained

Foster Will Go Home to Fight. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. Dec. 24.—Senator Foster will spend Christmas with his family in Washington, and will then start for Tacoma to re-main away until the Senatorial fight is settled. The Senator now realizes that he has

strong opposition to go up against, as "I would rather stand on a parapet at

Congress Will Provide for the Columbia.

SURE TO IMPROVE LOWER

Half Million Seems Certain for The Dalles Canal.

BURTON IS VERY FRIENDLY

Recent Visit to Oregon Impressed Him With the Importance of Making Channel Clear-Question of Harbor Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.-Representative Williamson, after conferences with Chairman Burton, of the river and harbor committee, feels quite confident that liberal appropriations will be made for the improvement of the Columbia River and its principal tributaries. It is impossible to say, however, what amounts will be allowed.

Mr. Burton told the Oregon Congress man that since he had visited Oregon and seen the Columbia River, he was very much impressed with the importance of improving its channel, and was in-It seems evident that opposition to the Oregon delegation have no fear about Hall grows out of the conduct of the mouth of the river, which they be Heve will be adequately provided for; nor sition to Hall sufficient to prevent his are they opnormed over the improvement appointment in November. It was of the river below Portland.

Anxiety Ahout The Dalles. There is, however, some anxiety as to what will be donk for The Dalles Canal. While it seems certain that at least \$500,-000 will be appropriated for this work. the delegation, and especially Mr. Will iamson, has been striving to have this made a continuing contract, thereby insuring annual appropriations, instead of periodical appropriations in river and harbor bills.

If the committee refuses to make this that enough money will be allowed to the canal, thereby committing the Government to the work and insuring the made a continuing contract at this session, it is hoped it may after the work is

Representative Williamson is very much ing an exte project for the improvement of the lower river from Portland to the sea, so as to include that part of the Willamette between the Madison-street bridge and the lower end of Ross Island. By enlarging this project to include this stretch of the river, Congress would virtually open the

way for deep-draught vessels to dock fully a mile further upstream than is now possible during the low stage of water. Before this matter is finally passed upon the committee wants further information as to the effect of such a provision, and this information, it is expected, will be presented within a few days.

Policy of River Improvements.

It seems that the river and harbor com

mittee has adopted a general policy in

reference to river improvements—that is, to improve only the intervening stretch of channel between ports, leaving the strictly harbor improvements to be carried on by either the cities themselves or the property-owners along the waterfront. The committee does not believe in expending Government money on improve ments that will be of advantage solely to individual property-owners controlling frontage along navigable streams.

In the case of the Portland harbor imrovement, however, it is argued that by extending the present project upstream to Ross Island the (sovernment would be simply carrying out its original plan of providing a continuous channel from Portland to the sea. Mr. Williamson showed that even if the Government does provide a 25-foot channel to Ross Island, it will be necessary for property-owners along this part of the river to dredge out from their wharves to the channel before the general improvement will benefit them in any way. He insists that it is not inconsistent for the Government to extend the main channel above the Madison-street bridge, and he has strong hopes that this opinion will ultimately prevail.

Troubles at Astoria.

Senator Fulton is having similar trouble over the improvement of Astoria harbor. He has asked the House committee to make the improvement of that harbor a part of the Columbia River improve ment, arguing mat in its present shape the river project is continually obstructing navigation at Astoria, because the means taken to maintain a channel in the river proper have resulted in causing deposits to be made in front of the wharges at Astoria, thereby injuring shipping interests at that port.

Inasmuch as the maintenance of the clined to provide such money as is needed to carry on that work. The members of in of Astoria hardor the Senator insists the Oregon delegation have no lear about it is but right that the Government should assume the responsibility of maintaining deep changels to the docks at that

It seems probable that whatever action is taken with regard to Portland harbor will be dupifcated for Astoria. Neither problem has yet been disposed of.

ARE SURE OF APPROPRIATION. Oregon Representatives Say Bar Improvement Will Be Extensive.

That the Columbia River will obtain liberal appropriations from Congress at the present session, Senator Mitcheil and Representative Hermann are confident. continuing contract, it seems certain The Benator said yesterday that \$776,000 will surely be appropriated for the bar construct at least one lock and a part of in the sundry civil bill and that he has strong hopes of obtaining \$524,000 more in the river and harbor bill. The total of completion of the project. If this is not the two appropriations would be \$1,300,000 the sum estimated by Major Laugfitt as necessary for completion of the south

Though Mr. Hermann is not sanguine he was still confident that Congress will appropriate a large sum for the Columbia. Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House, he says, and in fact the whole committee, are very liberally disposed toward the Columbia, for they realize it to have the greatest single outlet to the sea of any river in the United States and know its growing value to commerce. The condition of the treasury, however, is such that there is a loud cry in Congress to put on the brakes to river and harbor appropriations; therefore, says Mr. Hermann, new projects and those not regarded as important by the Rivers and Harbors Committee will fare poorly Mr. Hermann has good assurance of

being able to secure appropriations for the lesser river and harbor south of the Columbia. He has introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for a suc tion dredge for deepening channels inside those barbors, and believes it will pass, because it is recommended by the Chief of Engineers, and is favored by Chairman Burton. Between 16 and 19 such dredges are in service on the Atlantic Coast, and when the absence of dredges on the Pacific Coast, except as to the Chinook, on Columbia bar, was shown to the board of engineers The dredge will deepen the inside harbors seven or eight feet, says Mr. Hermann, and will accomplish in a short time what jettles and dikes costing millions would not accomplish in half a century. After an inside harbor dredge shall have demonstrated its effleacy, Mr. Hermann hopes to obtain an appropriation for a bar dredge for the same harbors. The cost of such dredge, he says, will be about \$150,000, and for maintenance as much more will be needed. The dredge he is now working to obtain will cost \$50,000. Senator Mitchell says that when he left Washington he had such assurances as make him sure of being able to get an appropriation of \$776,030 in the sundry civil bill, and still more in

BIG STEAMERS FOR SCOUT-SHIPS Japanese-American Liners Will Act With Fleet of Mikado.

the rivers and harbors bill. For the Willamette and Columbia below Port-

land, he believes \$300,000 will be ap-

propriated in the rivers and harbors

HONOLULU. Dec. 24.-The steam China, from Asiatic ports, brings definite information that the steamers Nippon and Hong Kong have left Yokohama for Singapore, and will act as scout ships in the operations of the Japanese warships against the Russian Baltic fleet. The steamer America will follow, conveying torpedoiboats.

The steamers Nippon, Hong Kong and America, prior to the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War, were operated by the Toyo Kisen Kalsha Company between San Francisco and Oriental points Early in the war they were comman deered by the Japanese government and fitted out as auxiliary cruisers and trans.

Russia Ready for North Sea Investigation.

RELIES ON ATTACK STORY

Proof of Presence of Japanese Vessels to Be Presented.

FIRED IN ALL GOOD FAITH

Sinking of the Camperdown to Bs Cited as Evidence That Accidents Will Happen in the Best-Regulated Navies.

PARIS, Dec. 24.-The Russian defense before the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident is practically completed. The main features are:

First-That the firing by the Russlan squadron was justified as a defense against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo-boats. The Russian delegates inform the Associated Press that they possess this proof in the most positive and overwhelming form.

Second-That, even if the Russians were not attacked, they believed that they were attacked, and, therefore, the defensive measures taken were in bsolute good faith.

Third-At most it was an accident at en, where the dangers and risks are extreme and analogous to the British battle hip Camperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Victoria and the recent firing by a Britsh warship upon a coasting vessel during target practice.

The preliminaries of the commission have clearly shown that the British are anxious for a prompt disposal of the case, while the Russians do not object to delay. Therefore the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the commission, owing to the nonarrivat of Rear-Admiral Davis, the American representative, developed an incident showing the rather significant grouping of the delegates, the Russtans sharing the American view that Admiral Davis was entitled to ample time, while the British and French sentiment did not approve of the postponement.

It develops that Ambassador Choate sent a wireless telegram to the Finland, notifying Admiral Davis that the ommission would be opened December 22. This probably was the first use of the wireless system in an important official communication in midocean,

Ambassador Porter has renewed his equaintance with Admiral Kasankoff, the Russian member of the commission. The latter was commander of the Russian squadron which visited New York at the time of the exposition. General Porter then met Admiral Kazunkoff on board the latter's flag-

BIG DEPOT AT CHICAGO.

Pennsylvania Railroad Preparing to Spend \$30,000,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.-The Record-Herald says: The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is prepared to spend \$30,000,000 in the construction of a new railway sta-tion in Chicago; \$29,000,000 of this sum will be spent in acquiring land adjopresent Union Depot and \$10,000,000 will be spent on buildings. Plans and specifications for a most elaborate specifications for a most group of structures devoted to railway purposes have been completed.

was shown to the board of engineers
and Chairman Burton, the proposal to
give one to Oregon was strengthened.

The site of the new terminal as
planned by the architects and engineers
of the Pennsylvania Company will occupy several square blocks of territory. this territory it is the intention of company to erect a group of supply and storage warehouses in huge freight ware-house and a passenger depot which will he more than adequate to meet the de-mands of the rallway lines now entering the Union Depot.

The scheme is so comprehensive that it includes the construction of a tunnel or subway beneath the river by which bridge delays may be avoided.

MACKAY SPEEDS TO BEDSIDE Fast Train Starts on Journey to Wife Injured in England.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-F. J. Mackay of New York is speeding across the country on a special train on the way to Eng-land, where Mrs. Mackay was severely injured Thursday in a hunting accident. The journey from San Bernardino, Cal., to Chicago, it is expected, will be made in less than three days. Mr. Mackay will reach here Monday afternoon over the Rock Island road and will have, according to his schedule, just one minute to catch the Lake Shore train for New York. He will sail on Wednesday.

BATTLESHIP IOWA INJURED. Part of Rail Carried Away While Being Docked at Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 24.-The United States battlest.ip Iowa, while being docked at a shipyard here today, came in violent contact with the structural work of the dock. The ash-chute and guardrails were carried away and the ship otherwise damaged.

Have Range of Sevastopol.

TOKIO, Dec. 34.-The advanced Japanese batteries at Port Arthur have suc-ceeded in reaching the Russian battleship Sevastopol. One successful hit is report-It is expected that the battleship will soon be completely destroyed

