

NOT CLEAN PICKED

Complaints of Oregon Hop Crop Received From East

SAMPLES RETURNED HERE

Short-Sighted Policy of Growers That May Give the Product of This State Bad Reputation—Local Market Almost Stagnant.

Now that there is a lull in the hop market, now connected with the trade having plenty of time to consider another feature of the situation. That is the bad name that Oregon hops are getting in some quarters by careless and short-sighted picking by growers.

Trading has been on a small scale in the west just ended. Dealers report a lack of orders and hope to appear to be making an effort to unload. One lot of hops was sold at Sherwood and it is said the price obtained was 25 cents.

The Santa Rosa (Cal.) Republican declares that the increase in acreage in that state will be small and the output not greater than last year.

Several months ago there was current talk among the hopgrowers and dealers that a very large new acreage would be set out in hops this year in that state because of the good prices that have prevailed for several years past.

Several are discussing, too, the marked falling off there has been in the output of hops per acre of the Sonoma hop fields. Some say that 1700 bushels to the acre was the best yield, but now the average yield is nearer 1200 pounds. The land is not only wearing out, but the use of fertilizers has not been so general as it should be under the circumstances.

Last year about 10,000 bushels were produced in Sonoma and it is the present opinion of those who have been in the hop business that favorable climatic conditions will not exceed that figure.

Over in Sacramento County it will be necessary for the growers to clean up the acres as new rows in order to replace the vines destroyed by the breaking of the leaves last year.

This will probably come into partial bearing this season, but cannot, under the most favorable conditions, be a full crop.

There are 120,000 acres of hops left in the hands of the growers of this section, the smallest amount known for years at this time.

World's Hop Markets.

WOODBRUN, Ore., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The New York Hop Association's weekly market report from New York City regarding the condition of the hop market:

LONDON market firm, prices unchanged. Continental markets, upward tendency; market very firm at full quotations. New York market steady, with holders showing no disposition to sell. Exports from New York for the week, 580 bales; imports for New York for the week, 50 bales. New York hops, 210000 per pound; Pacific, 200000 per pound.

NEW YORK Hop Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Hops, early. State common to choice, 1904, 210000; 1905 crop, 1904, 210000; Pacific, 200000, 1904, 200000; 1905, 210000.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. The cereal markets were all quiet and unchanged yesterday. The undertone of the wheat market with the advance in the East and the improvement in Liverpool.

VEGETABLES, Fruit, Etc. The demand for fresh produce was very tight on Monday yesterday and the market was moderate. Receipts were not heavy. Several crops of vegetables will be on hand tomorrow.

BUTTER, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. The egg market did not wait until next week to decline, but went down yesterday under increased receipts. Poultry of all kinds declined.

MEATS AND PROVISIONS. MEAT—Dressed, 100 lbs., 24.00; 100 lbs., 24.00; 100 lbs., 24.00.

COFFEES—Mocho, 25000; Java, ordinary, 10000; Java, fancy, 15000; Java, extra, 20000.

Must Look to Growers. Dealers Can Not Only Buy Hops From First Hands.

On Monday, N. Y. Jan. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I will endeavor to answer the questions you ask in your issue of the 20th; also a few lines of my own on this subject.

There is no doubt but that if the dealers had gone into the country districts and bought their hops this month they would not have obtained the cheaply.

It is a well-known fact that there are heavy short interests for deliveries in February and March, and the hops will have to be bought directly from the growers, as the New York dealers have none in stock and only two or three of the Coast dealers have any.

SELLING TO REALIZE

OVERCOMES NEW YORK STOCK MARKET AT THE CLOSE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Realizing sales for the end of the week were to considerable force during the short session of the stock market today and finally overcame the market, making the closing weak and a point below last night for some of the speculative leaders.

There was little news to account for the selling, but it is believed that the realization of a suggestion that the present redundancy of money will not continue indefinitely during the operation of forces at work.

The Southern Pacific refunding operation and yesterday's quick sale of \$25,000,000 of these bonds must be figured with in estimating the future advance in the market.

There has been an active and aggressive speculation in stocks this week, resulting in a sharp advance in prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Money on call, nominal; time, 2 1/2 per cent; six months, 3 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 1/4 per cent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Silver bullion, 1000 dollars, 100.00; 500 dollars, 50.00; 250 dollars, 25.00.

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BUYING ORDERS FREQUENT

MORE ACTIVITY IN CALIFORNIA CURED-FRUIT TRADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Buying orders for California cured fruits are more frequent and show distribution covering nearly all large points.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Closing quotations: U. S. 2 1/2 per cent, 104 1/2; U. S. 3 per cent, 104 1/2; U. S. 4 per cent, 104 1/2.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Commodities for money, 8 1/2; consols for account, 8 1/2.

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WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS

Room 4, Ground Floor Chamber of Commerce

chief buying motives. May closed at \$1.04, July closed at \$1.06, September closed at \$1.08.

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