

HOPS AND HOP CONTRACTS.

Several Bales of the Old Crop Not Yet Shipped.

Salem Statesman: "Among the written instruments filed this week in the Marion county recorder's office is a chattel mortgage on a hop contract in which are involved 24,000 pounds of hops to be harvested the coming season. This amount of hops is to be furnished to T. Rosenwald & Co., of New York City, by three growers residing near Gervais. The consideration is 9 cents per pound, of which 4 cents are to be advanced at picking time.

"P. B. Whitney, traveling freight agent of the Southern Pacific railroad in Oregon, said yesterday that about 500 bales of the 1896 hops still remain in the various warehouses of the company throughout the Willamette valley.

"There are a few old hops yet unsold in this vicinity and yesterday, a grower who is possessed with such a crop was offered 10 cents per pound for it. Quite a number of new contracts for the 1897 crop is reported from different sections of Western Oregon."

F. E. Dunn of Eugene, still has 125 bales of 1896 hops in his warehouse unsold.

The Ware Suicide.

The Fossil Journal gives particulars of the suicide of Stephen Ware, at Mitchell, Friday last week: "On Friday night, while a dance was in progress at Mitchell, Stephen Ware who was tending bar in the McEachern saloon, suddenly put an end to his existence by sending a pistol bullet through his brain. No one was in the saloon when the deed was done, two or three young men having just stepped out after Ware had declined an invitation to go up to the dance hall with them. Deceased was a blacksmith by trade. He was in Fossil last summer, and met his wife here upon her arrival on the Arlington stage."

This is thought to be the Steve Ware whose relatives reside on Spence Creek.

The Nation's Dead.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, who was born April 2, 1743. Mary Clemmer says:

"To serve thy generation this thy fate; Written in Water swiftly fades thy name; But he who loves his kind does, first and late, A work too great for fame."

MR. AND MRS. GRAY ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray entertained a few of their friends at their home on Ferry street last evening in honor of Misses Gillfillen, Adams and Estes, students of the university. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games, social converse, etc. The penny game formed the leading feature of the evening's amusements. In it Miss Gillfillen secured first prize, while Mr. Al Hampton carried away the booty. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening and greatly enjoyed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray, Misses Jessie Gillfillen, Agnes Adams, Meady Estes, Kate Patterson and Daisy Hunt; Messrs Al Hampton, R. Kumer, Fred Fisk, L. G. Hullin, Homer Keeney and Mr. Angell.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—According to the Tacoma Ledger the Astoria & Columbia River R.R. Co. will build the road along the coast from Astoria to Yaquina and there connect with the O. C. & E. The Northern Pacific has signed a lease for the use of the Goble road for 99 years, and owns a majority of stock in the O. R. & N., which leads some to believe that the Northern Pacific is to run things. The O. C. & E. is to be greatly improved east of us, and it is declared to be extended into Eastern Oregon. It is hard to keep track of these railroad propositions, we have had so many and different ones, all from reliable sources; but certainly it looks as if something is in the wind.

KEEP THE GIRLS AWAY.—Eugene Journal: "Parents of Eugene, keep your daughters away from the Salvation Army barracks. It is no place for a decent girl to be. The people, with possibly a few exceptions, who attend the army's meetings are of the toughest, vilest and dirtiest element of the town. All the toughs in the city congregate there each night for no other purpose than to raise a disturbance and annoy the members of the army, who it must be said are a consecrated and earnest set of people and it is stated are much discouraged in their efforts to uplift fallen humanity in Eugene."

PREASANTS FOR VIRGINIA.

E. J. McLanahan yesterday consigned two pairs of Chinese pheasants to Major F. M. Houston, quartermaster of the Virginia military institute at Lexington, Virginia. The birds are for propagating purposes and are probably the first ever shipped into that state.

DIED.—At the residence of Dr. Snapp in Cottage Grove, March 29, 1897, after a lingering illness of five months, Henry Knicker, aged 26 years.

PROF. REID WRITES.

He Thinks an Injustice Has Been Done the Public Schools and Himself.

EUGENE, March 30, 1897. EDITOR GUARD:—Please allow me space for the following article and oblige:

At a meeting of some of the citizens at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening March 9, 1897, the same being some thing of a ratification of the recent election, President Chapman of the University of Oregon is reported to have said the following: "I need to say, and I will say the same on this occasion, and I don't say this because there are saloons here, to every man and every woman, I will say that I think you are much to blame for the way in which you have managed your public schools."

President Chapman has spoken disparagingly of the public schools of Eugene on several occasions during the past two years or more, without just cause or provocation.

Observing that he has seen fit to thus make an attack on the public schools and thereby assail me, I believe that a generous public will accord me the privilege of speaking in my own defense. Pres. Chapman should realize that he, too, is occupying a public position and is therefore subject to criticism.

It might be well for him to devote his energies, ability and experience to his own position.

I have heretofore refrained from placing the facts before the public in print, because the truth in regard to the matter would necessarily show the deception and bad faith of the president of the university toward the public schools of Eugene and indirectly cast a reflection on the university.

But now that he has made a public attack on the management of the schools and exulted publicly over the result of an election of a director of the public schools which was carried as I think, by misrepresentation and grossly false statements, it becomes my personal right and also my duty to those who have supported me to place the truth before the public.

At the opening of the university under President Chapman's first year he admitted several pupils to the university who had not finished the regular grammar grade course of study by, at least, one half year. I entered a protest and so did the faculty and he admitted that those pupils were not prepared to enter the university. It was shown that such an act would tend to destroy the incentive to good scholarship in the public schools. Yet he, by his own act arbitrarily admitted such pupils. He has continued this practice at the opening of each year that he has acted as president of the university, taking pupils out of the public schools, here, who had not finished the regular course of study from one half to two year's work.

In May 1895 a meeting of the executive committee of the board of regents of the university, the board of school directors, President Chapman and myself was held, at my request, to determine upon what qualification a student of the public schools should be admitted to the university. At that meeting President Chapman's damaging practices came to the knowledge of the executive committee, even though he strenuously denied and tried to hide them, and when apprehended his only defense was "It seems to me that this meeting was called to humiliate me." It was the truth which "humiliated" him. This exposition of his unjust course toward the public schools of Eugene led the board of regents, at a meeting held in Portland in July 1895, to pass a resolution "that no student shall be admitted to the university from Eugene who has not a diploma of graduation."

He has ignored this resolution, wholly, by admitting many students to the university from Eugene who held no diplomas of graduation.

On account of his having ignored and refused to honor the diplomas issued by the board of directors, by his admitting those who had no diplomas, the board of directors decided not to issue any such diplomas of graduation at the close of school for the past two years viz. 1895 and 1896, but instead to issue only certificates of standing showing the grade and per cent. obtained in the various branches of study pursued by the pupils and allow President Chapman to admit to the university such pupils as he chose.

At the opening of the university in Sept 1895 and 1896, all the pupils from the public schools of Eugene who presented themselves with or without those certificates, of high or low per cent. of standing were admitted, notwithstanding some of them fell below seventy per cent. in their general average.

He took them all, good and poor alike, glad to get them, "building up" the university "more students enrolled than ever before."

Previously to President Chapman's experimental work here, in order for a pupil to secure a diploma from the public schools he had to secure a general average of seventy-five per cent. and not fall below sixty per cent. in

the arithmetic, grammar and history. He by his own arbitrary acts admitted pupils not qualified to enter the university and they have failed. He alone is responsible. As he has sown so he has reaped.

It has been in the mouths of some of the snarling critics of the public schools of Eugene, emanating from such high sources as President Chapman and Prof. Friedel that the public schools of Eugene are the lowest in the state.

In answer to this charge, let me ask all candid citizens and friends of the university, have there been admitted to the university pupils from other public schools who have lacked from one-half to two year's work of completing the regular grammar grades as have been admitted from the Eugene public schools by Pres. Chapman.

Let me submit another interrogatory: If the public schools to so low and poor as Chapman and Friedel would have the public think them to be, how can or poor must the university necessarily be to admit pupils therefrom who lack, in some instances, two years work of having finished the regular grade work of these schools?

If some of those pupils whom he has placed at such disadvantage, have failed, whose fault is it but Chapman's? He has admitted them in violation of the resolution passed by the regents and over the protests of teachers, professors and all good citizens who have been made aware of his course against the public schools.

If there is an enemy to the public schools of Eugene, it seems to me it is Chapman and none greater.

If the enemies of the public schools of Eugene, under the leadership of President Chapman, succeed in defaming and dragging them down, they tear down the university also.

If the public schools of Eugene can prepare pupils from the sixth and seventh grades to enter the university, as President Chapman has decided, it logically follows that pupils of the same schools who have completed the eighth grade are better qualified.

President Chapman has all along advocated the establishment of a high school in Eugene while by his actions he has done more to break down the incentive to good scholarship and a high grade of work than any one else in Oregon. In his address on the above evening speaking of the prospective ninth grade to be added to the course of study of the public schools here, he said "They (the directors) can't add that grade." This shows one of two things, viz. He is ignorant of the law.

In July 1895 President Chapman induced the regents of the university to add one year more to the course of study, claiming that he desired to raise the standard to that of Ann Arbor University of Michigan. True developed the fact, however that he sanctioned the added year into the preparatory department, presumably to give the weaker students which he had admitted time to catch up the lapses made, or in other words, to give one more year's time to do two year's work.

Along some time last December or January he somehow added or pretended to add another year making a four year preparatory course, then in February last he recommended to the regents at a meeting in Portland to "out of two years of the four year preparatory course." It seems by this that there is yet the original two year preparatory course remaining. Yet he claims that he is raising the grade when the university course proper has remained the same all the while. He has been cutting, hacking, trimming, making and tearing up the course of study ever since he has been here and no creditable course of study yet for the university. He seems to be a most unbusinesslike experimenter in school work.

He never was president of any school of note before he came here and he has proven himself an expensive juggler with the people's money and children since coming here.

It is believed that President Chapman placed in the mouths of the defamers of the public schools this year, and last year also, at school election the false and malicious statement that an undue proportion of the students from Eugene public schools fail in the university. In the first place his records are not reliable, a proof of which was shown last year when it was found that a young lady senior was credited with two years French who had never studied French. In the next place the failures in the university come mostly from those whom he has admitted contrary to the said resolution of the regents and for which failures he is alone responsible.

The statement of the failures above referred to, which has frequently been made by President Chapman and his followers is a reflection on all the children of the patrons of the public schools who have well and faithfully completed the public school course and are abundantly able to compete with pupils or students from any other locality in this or any other state.

Such statements of failures is without truth or foundation and he who makes such unjust accusation is unworthy the esteem and confidence of any good citizen of Eugene.

The truth is that pupils coming from other parts of the state and from other states and taking their places among our pupils indicated by their grade cards seldom do the work of our average pupils and never exceed our better pupils.

Our grade work embraces a very considerable amount more in the two arithmetic and grammar than the regular grade work of the Portland grammar grades.

Unjust discrimination has been made by President Chapman against the students of Eugene in the university as shown by cases recently brought to light. A student from Portland earned only two credits last term and was continued in his classes while a student from Eugene earned two credits and was compelled to drop out of his classes. I ask the public to be kindly determine under what "influence" the university is existing.

I understand that pupils from other parts of the state have received credits for English grammar and U. S. history work and I see by a circular from the

university that such is provided for, but I have not heard in one instance wherein a credit has been allowed to a student of Eugene who has completed those studies in the public school.

At the above named meeting at the M. E. Church President Chapman stated something about a suspicion that the "influence of the saloons has damaged the public schools."

Any statement by President Chapman or any one else to the effect that the saloons or the saloon influence has in any way interfered with the management of the schools or dictated the policy of the directors or a single teacher is absolutely false. The saloon business of Eugene has never in any way received aid or recognition from a single teacher in the public schools. Furthermore the liquor dealers have not dictated or tried to dictate to me or any other teacher or the directors. I defy President Chapman or any other person to produce a cent of evidence in contradiction to this statement. The life and character of every teacher in the public schools is a witness against the false charge as to "saloon" influence in the schools.

During the late school election President Chapman was in frequent consultation both at his home and at his office in Willard Hall with the leaders, male and female, of the combined factions against the management of the public schools.

Does the state employ this experimenter, Dr. Chapman, to enter the political arena under pay of the state? This "scooping" up to the university on bicycles is still going on preparatory to the city election, so it is said.

President Chapman solicited students to vote at the school election, while there is a special act or law on our statute books passed by the legislature to prevent improper interference by students at our elections here in the city. Does the state employ him to carry elections in Eugene?

Another one of those would-be reformers is Prof. Friedel who occupies the chair of physics in the University of Oregon, and therefore on the payroll of the state.

Does the state employ him to enter into local politics and unjustly inflame the minds of the citizens by false and damaging statements against the public schools of which he knows little or nothing?

It might be well to inform his admirers that he attended a social gathering, as an invited guest, a short time ago and then and there did turn down four or six glasses of beer with much gusto remarking at the close that he had enjoyed himself better than he had since leaving Germany which was, no doubt, true for he was in his proper elements, so far as the refreshments were concerned.

He seemed to be in his proper element also at the M. E. church on the above named evening.

He was there, no doubt, at the bidding of his chief to play second fiddle to him and act as his mouth piece.

Last fall he was an ardent admirer of his chief and gave him many a left hand compliment (to his back).

I shall probably furnish the press several chapters a little later on as there is a more interesting and highly amusing history of the experimental station yet unknown to many of our citizens.

Very respectfully,
D. V. S. REID.

From Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 1.—The Southern Pacific tie-preserving plant at Latham started up today after an idleness of several months. The plant will be kept running night and day giving employment to a number of men.

The long siege of cold weather is causing a great amount of damage to stock throughout this valley. Many of the farmers being out of feed, have turned their stock out to graze. Cattle are reported to be dying in Siuslaw valley for want of food and shelter.

DAILY GUARD, April 2.

A BURGLARY.—Mr and Mrs John Haines spent a few hours visiting with Mr Haines' father last evening and while they were away from home some unknown person or persons broke into their residence on East Eleventh street. When they arrived home about 9 o'clock they found that the house had been ransacked during their absence. The burglar gained admittance by forcing a window open. He ransacked a lot of clothing and stole a purse containing \$2.40. Nothing but the purse and money is missing. A case containing some jewelry and some silverware which was in the house was not molested and it is supposed the burglar was frightened away before finding them.

DESERVES IT.—Cottage Grove Messenger: "The people of Eugene are urging the re-appointment of T. G. Hendricks as Regent of the State university at that place, and from what we can learn and know, we believe Mr Hendricks should receive the appointment as from his past efforts in behalf of the university, he deserves it."

PEDDLED WITHOUT A LICENSE.—Two dapper gentlemen have been doing the city today selling a composition of ink, which they claim to manufacture themselves, without the proper license. One of them, J. Marks, was arrested by Marshal Day but while the preliminaries of a trial were being arranged he skipped. The other, A. L. Marks, returned to the hotel for their kit and was immediately arrested. He was fined \$10 and costs. In lieu of payment of his fine he was sent to jail.

PARTNERSHIP FORMED.—Messrs J. Walton and N. E. Markley have formed a partnership for the practice of law. Their office will remain in the Walton block. We wish them success.

FOSTER'S PREDICTIONS.

He Tells of the Warm and Cold Waves in the Pacific.

Foster's last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from March 30th to April 3rd and the next will reach the Pacific coast about April 4th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 5th, great central valleys 6th to 8th, Eastern states 9th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 4th, great central valleys 6th, Eastern states 8th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies about 7th, the great central valleys 9th, Eastern states 11th.

Temperature of the week ending April 3d will be about, or a little above normal, and rainfall principally during the last days of March about normal.

The third disturbance in April will reach the Pacific coast about the 10th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 11th, great central valleys 12th to 14th, Eastern states 15th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 10th, great central valleys 12th to 14th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 15th, great central valleys 15th, Eastern states 17th.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, Our esteemed neighbor Manager W. V. Henderson, and Past Consul of Eugene Camp No. 115, Woodmen of the World, departed this life March 19th, 1897, and in view of the high esteem in which our departed neighbor was held by the members of this Camp as a neighbor and fellow citizen, and in view of the valuable services rendered by him in promoting the welfare of woodcraft. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Neighbor Henderson this Camp has lost one of its most valuable and active members; that the members of this Camp hold with gratitude his past services, and that the charter of this Camp be draped in mourning in memory of our deceased neighbor. And be it further

Resolved, That in view of their irreparable loss the members of this Camp extend their sympathy to the daughter and relatives of Dr. Henderson. And that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Camp; a copy thereof be furnished the family of deceased, and that a copy thereof be furnished the press for publication.

R. McMURPHY,
L. O. BROCKWITZ,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Committee Eugene Camp No. 115, Woodmen of the World.

Falouse Prospects.

A correspondent writing from Colfax Wash., under date of March 23 says: "Stock of all kinds is in poor condition, with no good prospects ahead. As the grazing lands west and northwest are pastured so close it will take a month of good, warm weather for the grass to grow enough to stop the inroads of starvation among stock already burned upon them. Farmers in general do not put up feed for more than two months of winter weather, and as a result we are short of feed for about six weeks. As is always the case there are a few exceptions. Hay is selling at \$13 to \$15 per ton in Colfax which could have been bought last hay harvest for \$5.

Fall wheat was in good condition up to the first of March. How much the last cold wave has damaged it cannot be told yet. Some say it is all right. My opinion is that it is badly damaged, as all I examined on the hills was damaged and I haven't much hope for grain on the flats."

STOCK INCREASED.—For some time past L. A. Overton, of the Eighth street paint supply store, has been busily engaged in remodeling and improving the interior of his store until he now has one of the neatest establishments of its kind in the upper valley. He has also increased his stock of paints, oils, wall paper, etc., about one-third and now has a very large and complete stock of goods. Old customers and friends and in fact everyone interested in the welfare and advancement of Eugene's interests will be pleased to see constant improvements going on among the business houses. The fact that they are continually enlarging and branching out into wider fields of trade is sufficient evidence that the city is enjoying a healthful and permanent growth in spite of the cry of hard times.

PROFIT AND LOSS.—Oregon farmers will probably profit this year by the misfortunes of others, says the Times-Mountaineer. The shortage in the wheat crop in India and Australia will cause prices to range high here next fall; the heavy loss of stock in the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming, will cause advanced prices for beef and mutton to prevail, and the damage that was done fruit trees by the November freeze in the sections to the west, will make fruit in demand. All these things combined, while they are misfortunes to others, will be beneficial to the people of this section.

THE BIG CONVENTION.

Three Hundred and Fifty Delegates Expected to Attend.

The entertainment committee for the Y. P. S. C. E. state convention to be held in Eugene beginning Thursday evening, May 13th and continuing over Sunday, is now beginning its work.

It may be a surprise to many to know that 350 delegates are expected but that knowledge should inspire every man and woman in the town to do his or her share in entertaining. The committee earnestly requests all to be in readiness to state what they will do for this purpose when approached by a member of the committee.

"I can't entertain in your own home, give something towards paying for entertainment."

ALBERTA S. MCMURPHY,
Chairman.

Y. P. S. C. E. Christian Church.

Daily Guard, April 3. The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Christian church, was held at the residence of the pastor, M. L. Rose, last evening. Several names were presented and accepted for members in the society.

The missionary committee reported that "Eugene Dubrie Oregon" was the name of the Hindu child-widow recently adopted by the society.

A pledge was made to the Oregon C. E. Association of the Christian Church toward the salary of Homer M. Street, a home missionary at Prairie City, Oregon.

Other matters of business were attended to and after a short talk from the pastor on "How to enjoy the coming convention," the society adjourned for the social part of the evening. Two young ladies supplied the assembled young people with taffy at so much per "tuff," the proceeds going to their "experience" fund.

The experience social will probably be given about the 17th.

Before the close of the evening Mr Boardman favored the society with a banjo solo.

Hamlet.

Daily Guard, April 3. The Shakespeare Club of this city, under the presidency of Prof. Luella C. Carson, is doing good work.

It will be remembered that the club last year procured the services of Mr Hannibal Williams, who gave a reading in the M. E. Church.

Last evening Mr George Riddle, of Cambridge, Mass., gave an interpretation of "Hamlet" in the Congregational church to a large audience, the assembly room being crowded, and extra chairs were used for the occasion. Mr Riddle is a successful reader and every person in the audience appreciated his efforts.

The club is organized for self improvement and is not a money-making affair.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Junction City Times: "There is no better man in the state than Hon. T. H. Hendricks of Eugene, and should the governor appoint him to succeed himself as a member of the board of regents of the State University, the appointment would be a wise one and will meet the hearty approval of all friends of education who are at all familiar with the great work of the University. Mr Hendricks is the soul of honor, thorough in business and always alert to the interests and welfare of the state's greatest educational institution. His sound business judgment and his standing in the community and his extended state acquaintance particularly fit him for the position."

MARRIED.—Miss Nettie A. Olds, a noted secularist, who lectured in this city a short time since, and W. E. Haight of Iowa, were married at McMinnville March 29th. Everything pertaining to the wedding was characterized by puritan simplicity. The ceremony, performed by a Justice of the peace, was in this wise: "Miss Olds and Mr Haight, will you take each other for man and wife?" The answers coming in concert, "We will." They were then pronounced man and wife by all legal authority.

PRECINCT CONVENTION.—The delegates of the last Republican convention from North Eugene precinct No. 1, met at the Council Chamber in Eugene, Friday evening and elected Wm. K. Scarborough as a member of the county central committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. W. V. Henderson.

DAILY GUARD, April 3.

A LONG WALK.—Ivan DeLashnutt, W. Whittley and J. R. Barber, student of the university, started yesterday on a long and muddy walk. They will go to Florence, then up the beach to Newport, then to Albany and from there home.

The Albany Democrat is authorized for the astonishing statement that "all the empty houses in Selo have occupants."