

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOOD PAY FOR HOP PICKERS.

Largest Growers in State Will Pay \$1.10 Per Hundred.

Portland—Fifty-five cents a box is the price that will be paid for picking hops in the Willamette valley this fall. Krebs Bros., the largest growers in the state, announce that they will pay \$1.10 per hundred for picking on their yards at Independence and Brooks. Other growers have not announced any fixed price, but as the competition for pickers is always strong, it is more than probable that this price will have to be met in all the hop-growing sections.

"We have decided to pay \$1.10 per hundred for picking our crop of hops," said Conrad Krebs. "We feel, notwithstanding the prospects of a low market, that the pickers are entitled to a fair remuneration for their services. High wages are being paid for all kinds of labor, consequently the price paid for picking should be in proportion. Furthermore, the hoppers have nothing to do with the market. They did not receive any more on a 30-cent market when the growers were piling up a fortune, therefore they are entitled to good pay now regardless of the market."

"The crop of the state looks as well as could be expected. There is not much foliage, which will make it very profitable for pickers. We have never had a finer crop than this year in our own yards."

BUTTER PRICES SOARING

Now 80 Cents a Roll, and Will Reach \$1 by End of Year.

Portland—Butter is going to be an expensive luxury in the Portland market in the coming fall and winter. A dollar a roll or more will be long before the price charged at the retail stores. The price is now 80 cents, and during the remainder of the year the advance is certain to be steady.

Butter prices are rising all over the country. The consumption, taken as a whole, exceeds the production, and for this reason but little surplus butter has been put into cold storage during the flush season in the big butter centers of the United States. The current make, until next spring, will have to satisfy all requirements, and as the production naturally lessens at this time of year, the natural result is a rise in prices.

Two weeks ago the Portland market was raised 2½ cents, to 32½ cents a pound at wholesale. The officials of the Hazelwood Cream company, at its last meeting, decided on another 2½-cent advance. As all the city creamery companies are running shorter than last month, the new price will probably be general immediately. Last year at this time the highest wholesale price of butter in Portland was 32 cents, and the 35-cent mark was not reached until December 6. Two years ago at this time butter was worth 30 cents, and the highest price in that year was 32½ cents wholesale.

County Court Aids Fair.

Oregon City—Permanent organization of the Clackamas County Fair association is now complete and the promoters of the scheme for an annual county fair are encouraged by the action of the county court, which has offered to appropriate \$450 as soon as organization is complete. The legislature of 1905 authorized county courts to expend \$500 annually for advertising the county, and it is this fund that the fair association will utilize. The fair will be held this year October 9, 10 and 11, on the Chautauqua grounds, in Gladstone Park.

Moving Pears to New York.

Grants Pass—All day long teams from the various members of the Fruit Growers' union may be seen steadily filing into town with Bartlett pears, where they are unloaded at the warehouse and repacked into small boxes with the union label upon each. The first car from Rogue river valley, loaded with fruit, has left here on the through freight for New York. The pear crop is not so large as last year, but the grade is superior to any, and has been brought to a good standard in growing.

Albany Grants Gas Franchise.

Albany—By an ordinance passed by the city council a franchise has been granted to James Steel to erect and maintain a gas lighting plant in this city. According to the provisions of the franchise, construction work on the gas plant is to commence within three months, and the plant is to be in operation within a year. The price of gas is fixed at 75 cents per thousand feet. All municipal buildings will be lighted free.

Heavy Fleece From Yearling.

McMinnville—G. W. Keen, living a mile southwest of this city, seems to be in the lead thus far for the heaviest fleece from one sheep. The animal is a yearling, and yielded 28 pounds, while a full sister, 2 years old, produced 22 pounds. Mr. Keen sold the clip for 22½ cents a pound, and the two fleeces netted him \$11.25.

More Lights at Stations.

Salem—The railroad commission is in receipt of a communication from General Manager O'Brien, of the O. R. & N., stating that the request of the commission for additional lights upon the platforms of the depots at Pendleton and Heppner Junction will be complied with.

SUCCESS OF IRRIGATION.

Wonderful Progress Being Made in Bend District.

Bend—Expressions of surprise and satisfaction were frequently uttered by the Governor and other members of the party that came to Bend recently for the purpose of investigating the condition of the reclamation projects that have been started in this vicinity. While the representatives of the state and the government have not yet given attention to the details of their task, and are not in a position to express an opinion which will indicate their final conclusions, they freely voiced their pleasure over the rapid progress that has been made in agriculture in the Deschutes country.

Three years ago, when the state land board made its first visit of inspection to the Deschutes project, there was not an irrigated field within the limits of either of the immense tracts set apart for reclamation. The party that came to Bend passed dozens of irrigated fields, where settlers have transformed sage brush plains into fields of alfalfa, wheat, oats, corn, potatoes and garden vegetables. The view of these many thrifty, growing crops was a practical demonstration of the success of irrigation on the Deschutes, for fields were seen where two crops of alfalfa, aggregating three tons to the acre, were cut on land seeded down last season, and where fully matured wheat of first class quality has been harvested long before the frost season has arrived.

Three years ago there was scarcely a settler's cabin on the whole 140,000 acres which the Deschutes company had undertaken to reclaim. Today there are 250 families residing on the farm lands, 120,000 acres are green with growing crops, many more families have applied for lands and will come here to make homes when water has been supplied and several thousand acres have been cleared and plowed this year ready for production of crops next year.

Test New Prison Dogs.

Salem—The youngest two of the trio of thoroughbred bloodhounds recently added to the state penitentiary equipment were given a practical test by Warden Curtis, and they worked fully up to the guarantee and the expectations of the prison officials.

Two trusty convicts were turned out, one at a time, and each resorted to all the tricks known and practiced by fugitives to evade man-hunting dogs, such as back-tracking, wading through streams, climbing trees, and each was given an hour start, but the dogs, which were lashed together, followed the scent unflinchingly and treed both men in short order.

Build Roads for the County.

Pendleton—Frank Balcom, a young man of this city who was arrested on a warrant charging him with failing to support his wife and baby, was arraigned before Judge Gilliland and entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail, this being the maximum punishment. While serving out the sentence he will be worked on the roads and the county will pay his wife at the rate of \$1.50 per day for his services.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c; red, 78c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$25; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.
Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@30c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12½c; spring chickens, 15@16c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 12@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 8@11c; ducks, 8@14c.
Eggs—French ranch, candled, 22@23c per dozen.
Fruits—Cherries, 8@12½c a pound; apples, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$3.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.50@3.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; blackberries, 5@7c per pound; loganberries, \$1 per crate; apricots, \$1.50@2 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.75 per sack; carrots, \$2 per sack; beets, \$2 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; corn, 25@35c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@1 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate.
Potatoes—New, 1½@2c per pound.
Veal—Dressed, 5½@8½c per pound.
Beef—Dressed, 3½@4c per pound; cows, 6@6½c; country steers, 6½@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 5@7c; spring lambs, 9@9½c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6@8½c per pound.
Hops—6@7½c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair choice, 29@30c a pound.

LUMBERMEN HIT AGAIN.

Increase in Loading Requirements Are Almost Prohibitory.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—Lumbermen were notified that the Central Freight Association, controlling traffic of Chicago, has advanced the minimum loading requirements on lumber and shingles from 4,000 to 6,000 a car, the advance depending upon the car lengths. No consideration is given to the fact that cars are loaded now to their full visible capacity.

The effect is a sharp advance in rates and will drive Pacific Coast lumber and shingles out of the territory east of Chicago unless they are handled by the Isthmian route or around the Horn.

Several months ago certain Eastern lines attempted to advance rates 2 to 5 cents a hundred pounds, but the advance was withdrawn. A later order was even more drastic. Lumber and shingle associations on the entire coast are preparing to fight the proposed increase in rates from Pacific Coast points, and steps were taken to make a fight against the new minimum loading rules, coincident with the struggle against the Western lines.

Aside from the California Redwood Association, which is not yet pledged to raise a defense fund the lumbermen of the coast have in sight a \$250,000 defense fund, sufficient to take up the contest against the new loading rules, as well as the rate contest. The claim is made by lumbermen that shipments are made by joint rate and that the Central Bureau cannot apply the new loading rules at Chicago.

CALL ALL MEN OUT.

Every Union Operator in the Country Will be Ordered to Quit.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Executive board Telegraphers' Union expected to call out all operators today.

Associated Press wires are working out of New York and Chicago, but communication to Pacific Coast is obtained only at brief intervals. Telegraph companies and strikers both optimistic as to results.

Commissioner Neill expected to confer with executive officers of union today regarding proposals for settlement.

Secretary Quick, of Railway Telegraphers, issues important order to organization.

Wesley Russell, secretary of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said:

"All members of the executive board have arrived here with the exception of President Small who wired his sanction to any step we might take in the direction of calling a general strike. The executive board is considering the question. In my opinion, by night the 25,000 operators in the United States and Canada who belong to the union will be called out."

Union men are assuring the strikers who crowd headquarters that if they remain out the companies will be forced to meet their demands.

OIL CHEAPER IN EUROPE.

Monopoly Makes Home Consumers Pay More Than Foreign.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Further startling disclosures of the manipulation and control of the petroleum industry by the Standard Oil monopoly are made in the report of Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations. Discriminations in prices are exposed in the report which charges that in the business of selling petroleum products in foreign countries the price policy of the Standard Oil Company has been to sacrifice the interests of the American consumer for the purpose of securing the Standard's foreign business.

The figures show a very remarkable excess in the American price above the foreign prices, particularly during the latter half of 1904 and the first half of 1905. During the latter half of 1904 the price averaged for the United States 10.3 cents as contrasted with 6.92 cents in Germany, 6.42 cents in the United Kingdom and 6.49 cents in Denmark. The excess of the domestic price, after allowing 1 cent for difference in quality, ranged at that time from 2.38 cents to 2.88 cents. During the first half of 1905 the extraordinary decline in the prices in the United Kingdom increased the effective margin between the domestic price and the price in that country to 3.17 cents.

Across Africa in Auto.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Dispatches from Dar Es Salaam, German East Africa, state that Lieutenant Graetz, of the Prussian army, started from there Saturday on an attempt to cross Africa in an automobile. He purposes to ride through German East Africa, British Central Africa, Rhodesia and German Southwest Africa, to Swakopmund, occupying about six weeks on the journey, if all goes well. He has a specially built 45-horse-power car, with immensely heavy wheels, four feet in diameter, with massive tires.

Jury in Record Time.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—All speed records in the bribery graft proceedings were broken when a jury was completed within six hours for the second trial of Vice President and General Manager Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone Company, charged with the bribery of Supervisor Thomas F. Louergan. In all only 28 talesmen were examined. The prosecution used but one of its five preemptory challenges and the defense used only six of its 10.

More Troops for Casa Blanca.

Tangier, Aug. 14.—Additional troops arrived at Casa Blanca today. Three hundred Spanish troops sailed from Cadiz to Casa Blanca. The Spanish cruiser, Rio de la Plata, has reached Casa Blanca, where sanitary conditions have been greatly improved.

MAY YET ARBITRATE

President Gompers Makes Offer for Striking Telegraphers.

FEW MORE LEAVE THEIR KEYS

Official General Order by President Small Makes no Material Difference in Situation.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Despite the issuance of the general strike order by President Small the situation in this city was not materially changed yesterday. All of the men who were disposed to strike were already out. It was believed by the officials of the union that the order would paralyze a number of brokerage and commission houses, but no additional strikes were reported. Both the Postal and Western Union increased forces on the board. They both reported the situation as steadily improving and occasional applications from the strikers for their old positions. The improvement in the Associated Press service was marked. A number of towns on the West, North and South circuits received a full report yesterday, and the volume of news handled was much greater than at any time since the walkout on Monday night.

The officials of the Telegraphers' union late yesterday changed front on the proposition to arbitrate and announced that they would accept the offices of the general board of arbitrators of the American Federation of Labor in settling their differences with the companies. This board consists of John Mitchell, of the Mine Workers; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Longshoremen, and President Samuel Gompers. Gompers made the above announcement.

Seattle Wires Cleared.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—Superintendent R. T. Reid, of the Western Union, tonight went to Bellingham to appoint Edward Parland, of Dallas, Tex., manager of the Bellingham office, to succeed Manager Tucker, who went out with the strikers.

The Postal company says business has fallen off more than 50 per cent, but that with seven day operators in the place of 12, they are handling all the business accepted. Both offices say less than half the usual volume of business is now offered, but both companies claim to be keeping up fairly well, especially to Pacific coast points.

Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, says trouble on the coast lines is in Cow Creek canyon, Oregon, where railroad operators open the circuits. Reid has Pinkertons out patrolling all railroad lines in special engines to locate breaks in the Northwest. He said tonight he would prosecute railroad operators who prevent reopening of lines by grounding the wires.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Strikers and Companies in Fight to Finish at Portland.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Locally, the striking telegraphers and the telegraph companies are organizing their forces for a finish fight. There were two defections from the union yesterday. Otherwise the situation in Portland remains unchanged, and the sending and receiving of telegrams continues seriously interrupted. The issuance of a general strike order by National President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, has served only to magnify the seriousness of the situation outside of Portland, since operators who had before hesitated to join the ranks of their striking associates cheerfully left the keys yesterday. The result was to more completely paralyze the telegraphic business of the country.

It was expected that a crisis might be reached yesterday, but the possibility of a settlement seems even further removed. No sooner had the order for a general strike been issued by President Small than the Western Union officials issued instructions to all local managers to refuse to reinstate any more of the striking telegraphers.

Adams Chooses Darrow.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—According to reports from Wallace, Steve Adams has chosen Clarence Darrow in preference to Richardson to defend him when his trial comes up at Wallace shortly upon the charge of murdering Fred Tyler, a settler in the St. Joe district of Idaho. Fred Miller, one of the attorneys in the Hayward case, has been at Wallace, his object being to consult with Adams about his forthcoming trial. It is said that Adams readily selected Darrow in preference to Richardson.

Live Over Ye Olden Days.

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—Living again in the days of the early padres, where the wild surroundings of a simple Indian village gave no suggestion of the bustling city which was in a few years to supplant it, parishioners of the Church of Our Lady of the Angeles Divine, today celebrated the founding of Los Angeles, and incidentally the establishment of their historic house of worship. The day began with a cannon salute fired by General Jose Aguilar.

Man Missing, So Is \$13,000.

Omaha, Aug. 17.—Theodore Olsen, ex-Danish vice consul here, and once city comptroller of Omaha, is missing. It is alleged his accounts with the Danish government are short \$13,000, on account of estates he handled as trustee for the government of Denmark.

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into this matter and only undertook it
upon their request."

Alarm at Casa Blanca.
Tangier, Aug. 16.—There is still
much uneasiness here in the matter of
the position of the Europeans in Morocco.
No confirmation of the report that
Henry MacLean has been re-
leased can be obtained. A courier
at from MacLean have just
arrived here and say that it is believed
of the bombardment of Casa
Blanca has made a very bad impression
upon the tribesmen and caused the sus-
pension of the negotiations for Mac-
Lean's release. The tribesmen are fu-
riously agitated.

Resident Visit of Haywood.
go, Aug. 16.—William D. Hay-
wood, secretary of the Western Federa-
tion of Miners, visited the Chicago
club today and some of the mem-
bers much wrought up about it. An
address was prepared at once
for directors, was prepared at once
related for signatures. A vote
of confidence is asked for the members
ought Haywood into the club.
will be considered at the board's
meeting Friday night.

Chinese Dowager Will Abdicate
London, Aug. 16.—Dispatches from
Peking state that the dowager em-
press has announced her determination
to abdicate at the next Chinese New
Year and hand over authority to the
emperor. Since 1898, when the dow-
ager took control from the emperor,
she has vigorously kept him in subjec-
tion.

Get Three More Operators.
Portland, Aug. 15.—Three addi-
tional telegraphers went to work in
Portland yesterday in the capacity of
strikebreakers. Two of these opera-
tors were assigned to keys in the
Western Union office early last night,
while the third, Charles Humphrey,
Astoria, was pressed into the ser-
vice of the Postal. With the excep-
tion of these additions the Western
Union and the Postal offices were
working yesterday with the same
staff that were working Tuesday.

Taft Resumes Business.
Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary
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