

THE OREGON HEN.

We have read of Maud on a summer day, who raked barefooted, the new mown hay; we have heard of the maid in the early morn who milked the cow with the crumpled horn; and we've read the lays the poets sing, of the rustling corn and the flowers of spring; but of all the lays of tongue or pen, there's naught like the lay of the Oregon hen. Long long before Maud rakes her hay, the Oregon hen begun to lay, and ere the milk maid stirs a peg the hen is up and has dropped an egg; the corn must rustle and flowers spring, if they hold their own with the barnyard ring. If Maud is needing a hat or gown, she doesn't hustle her hay to town; she goes to the store and obtains her suit with a basket of fresh hen fruit; if the milkmaid's beau makes a Sunday call she doesn't feed him on milk at all; but works up eggs in a custard pie and stuffs him full of chicken fry; and when the old man wants a horn, does he take the druggist a load of corn? Not much! He simply robs a nest and to town he goes—you know the rest. He lingers there and he talks perchance, of true reform and correct finance, while his poor wife stays at home and scowls, but is saved from want by these self same fowls for, while her husband lingers there she watches the cackling hen with care and gathers the eggs, and the eggs she'll hide till she saves enough to stem the tide. Then hail, all hail to the Oregon hen, the greatest blessing of all to men; throw up your hats and make Rome howl for the persevering barnyard fowl! Corn may be king but it's plainly seen the Oregon hen is the Oregon queen

The hopgrowers of the Willamette valley met at Independence under the auspices of the Willamette Hopgrowers' Association, of Independence, Saturday afternoon, the meeting being especially called to consider what price should be paid for picking. The price decided on, after a full discussion, was 30 cents a box of nine bushels. There were representative growers from all over the valley. A general exchange of views was indulged in, and it was the unanimous opinion that, at the present prospect of prices, the price for picking as decided, was all they could afford to pay. The pickers' side of the question was given full consideration, and while it was admitted that the demand for labor is greater than last year, the prospect for high price for hops is problematical.

The rumor that Judge A. S. Dresser, of Oregon City, has been appointed register of the land office at that place to succeed Col. Miller proves to have been simply a practical joke, a cruel kind of a joke at best. The suckers caught at the bait readily however, and several persons intimated to Judge Dresser that it was their efforts that secured him the appointment. Such is politics and practical joking.

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Weekly Crop and Weather Bulletin.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather.—The past week has been the warmest so far this year, and seldom is a week so warm in Western Oregon. The mean temperature for the week, 73 degrees, is 7 degrees higher than the preceding week; the maximum temperatures averaged 86 degrees, and the minimum 60 degrees. Temperatures of from 90 to 96 degrees occurred on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; cooler weather began Sunday. The highest night temperature was 64 degrees, and the lowest 56 degrees, these temperatures are all above the normal and mark the maximum summer heat. No rain fell during the week; clouds became more dense on Sunday. The atmosphere is hazy and smoky; numerous forest fires are making the smoke more dense. The winds were northerly to Sunday, when they became southerly.

Crops.—The warm, dry weather was of no injury, but on the other hand, was of great benefit to hops. Hop lice thrive in warm, moist weather and are killed by hot, dry weather, hence the great benefit to the hops in the killing of the lice. The reports from the hopyards indicate a great improvement in conditions and prospects. The hop louse continues to be very numerous, but at present no wholesale destruction is imminent; but on the other hand, hopgrowers are expecting a crop greatly in excess of the total product of 1896, and fully as large as the largest output heretofore made.

The harvesting of fall and winter sown wheat continues. Threshing has commenced in some localities. The excellent reports heretofore made concerning the fall and winter sown grain continue; the yield, when threshed, is fully an average one, and the berry is very plump and heavy. Oats is a good heavy crop, also. The warm weather is ripening spring wheat and oats very rapidly, and they offer prospects for excellent returns.

Peaches are ripening rapidly; a heavy crop is reported from all sections. Shipments of apples, pears, and plums continue. The fruit is one of the largest ever had in the State. Garden produce is doing well and is very plentiful. Corn and late potatoes would be benefitted by rain; likewise, late or second hay crop. The potato crop is a very heavy one.

The current weather is favorable to everything, and is in keeping with the conditions which have made such bounteous crops possible. August 9, 1897.

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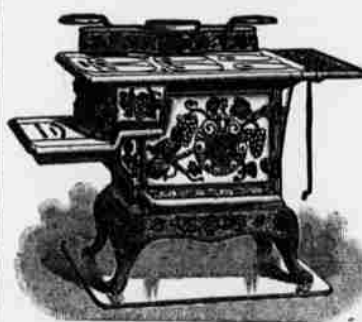
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