

## GREAT YEAR FOR HOPMEN

Foreign Crops Are Short and Coast States Must Supply the Deficit Abroad.

PORTLAND FULL OF BUYERS

Price Is Now 28 Cents and Still Higher Figures Will Rule Before Oregon Yield Is Sold.

Telegram: "There is every prospect that hops will go sky high during the present season," said E. J. Smith, a large dealer and buyer of hops from New York, today. "With the English crop the shortest since 1882, when hops went to \$1 a pound, and with the German crop equally short, the only available supply comes from Oregon, Washington and California, and Oregon produces more than the other two states combined."

"Today hop men are offering 23 cents, with no takers. Growers will not sell at that figure, and I look for hops to go to 30 cents soon. Within two months they may go up to 40 or even 50 cents. Oregon farmers who have raised hops this season will find themselves on velvet. Not only will those ranchers who have raised wheat do well, but hopmen will come in for their share of the general prosperity. The selling of hops here has been active for the past few days, and thousands of bales have changed hands at good figures. Twenty-eight and 28½ cents has been the selling figure. Yesterday the buying was the heaviest this season. I have a telegram from California this morning stating that everything offered there at 28 and 28½ cents has been taken. Five days ago in New York exporters were paying 33 cents.

"The situation here is the strongest that has obtained for several years. The town is full of buyers who are anxious to get the crop at top prices, but growers are holding their hops. No pool of any kind among the producers has as yet been formed, nor is such a combination likely. I think the remainder of the crop, probably not over 25,000 bales, will pass out of the hands of the growers within the next 30 days at prices which will continually grow better."

Krebs Brothers of Salem, who are credited with owning the largest hopyard in the world, are at the Belvedere, and are waiting for any chances which may present themselves to buy more hops. Others are eager to buy at the present prices, but are unable to obtain any stocks at that figure. Heretofore the crop has been absorbed rapidly all along this coast, and California has but little left. On the exact amount estimates differ, as some say not more than 5000 bales remain unsold.

The first shipments of the 1904 crop east started on the 24th to Chicago over the O. R. & N., and consisted of 38 bales. A hundred bales followed yesterday, bound for New York, and 32 more went to Chicago last night on the O. R. & N.

Of the 70,000 bales estimated as the total Oregon crop this year against about 88,000 bales last season, not over one-third of the crop remains with the growers.

The Belvedere hotel is a genuine hop market. Buyers congregate there and

growers make that hotel their headquarters to get posted on the market when they intend to sell.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

A. A. Cook of Portland is in the city.

Mrs. Ed. Strumeyer returned from a Portland visit last evening.

Miss Sue H. Elmore and Miss Reba Hobson are in Portland.

Mrs. Dr. J. Tuttle went to Portland yesterday, returning last evening.

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen returned from Portland last evening.

Mrs. Henry S. McGowan and children were over yesterday from McGowan.

Mrs. Stanley and Miss June Stanley of Seaside were shopping in the city yesterday.

Harrison L. Hamblet returned last night to Portland, after a short stay in the city.

Dr. August C. Kinney returned from a business trip to Portland on last night's train.

Mrs. E. H. Strumeyer returned last night from Seattle, where she spent three weeks with friends.

Mrs. C. Davis and Mrs. Andrew Dahl of Chitook were in the city yesterday, on a shopping expedition.

Hon. Clarence J. Curtis, editor of the Sentinel, city attorney and real estate broker of Seaside, came up yesterday afternoon.

C. F. Salter, who is connected with the Eureka Standard, is among the outgoing passengers of the Alliance. Mr. Salter has been visiting on Grays harbor.

Captain John Haggblom and wife returned last evening from Hot Lake, where they have been during the past two weeks for the benefit of Mrs. Haggblom's health, which is much improved.

H. B. Parker returned last evening from a trip to the Coos Bay country. The old gentleman says he was pretty badly shaken up by the rough ride over the mountains, but enjoyed seeing the great change which has taken place in the county since he first visited it 42 years ago.

An Oregon City item in the Journal says of a former Astoria pastor: Rev. E. S. Bollinger, pastor of the First Congregational church in this city, has received information of the death of his mother at her home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Bollinger was prostrated and unable to preach last Sunday evening.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

#### Parker House.

J. Burns, Hammond.  
Joe Schlappil, San Francisco.  
Mrs. Reid, Heppner, Ore.  
Mrs. T. Ardew and children, Ocean Park.

W. B. Hayden, Ilwaco.  
Troy W. Kemp and wife, Portland.  
Fred A. Byer, Roseberg, Ore.  
Wm. Berg, Clatskanie.

#### The Star Leads.

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### BASEBALL SCORES.

#### Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Oakland, 5; Portland, 1.  
At San Francisco—Los Angeles, 1; San Francisco, 4.  
At Tacoma—Seattle, 9; Tacoma, 3.

## BEVERIDGE SPEAKS ON THE ISSUES

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coal combination, if there is one? There is no tariff on anthracite coal.

"If trusts necessarily raise prices, why has the price of sugar steadily fallen for more than 30 years; it is said there is a sugar trust. And why has the price of beans gone up? There is no bean trust. Or the price of wheat? There is no wheat trust. So free trade will not prevent trusts, and prices rise and fall with and without trusts.

"So far as legislation can remedy the evils of trusts, republican legislation—the Sherman law, the rebate law, the department of commerce and labor law—the only legislation ever enacted on the subject—will do it if enforced. And Roosevelt's election means enforcement of those laws and all laws."

#### The Financial Problem.

Discussing at length the financial question, Senator Beveridge said:

"The way to keep the gold standard out of danger is to keep it in the hands of those who put it out of danger. Eighteen hundred and ninety-six was no more a time for silence and hiding than 1861 was a time for cowardice and evasion. It was not only a political struggle, but on both sides it was a moral struggle. On both sides men who had for years trimmed and compromised threw aside expediency and spoke and acted on principles. Was Grover Cleveland silent? Did he by his vote condone what he declared with his voice would be a crime? Were Senator Teller and the band of lifelong republicans who marched out of the St. Louis convention silent then? Did they condone by their votes what their tongues proclaimed would be a crime? Were John M. Palmer and General Buckner and the host of gold democrats silent then? Thousands of lifelong republicans left their party; thousands of lifelong democrats left their party. Among 80,000,000 people there was a new alignment, hundreds of thousands changing sides, and all because of a principle which they believed would determine the future of the republic; yet at this hour, when men were destroying their political future for principle's sake, when brother turned against brother rather than for sake convictions, and even families were divided—at this supreme moral hour in the history of the American people, equalled in its purity only by that other moral awakening that ranged brother against brother on battlefields 40 years ago; in this hour, made heroic by devotion to beliefs on both sides, Alton B. Parker was silent—but he voted for free silver. Is that the kind of man in whom gold democrats can now find the leader of a cause? Is that the kind of man in whom silver democrats can now find the leader of a cause?"

#### Our Philippine Policy.

On the Philippines, Senator Beveridge said:

"The opposition candidate admits that we can not leave the Philippines now even if it were desirable; admits that he can not leave them until they are able to stand alone. Ex-Governor Taft, a republican, present Governor Wright, a democrat, and every man who has examined the situation on the ground says that this will not be for decades. Mr. Parker admits that we can not leave them now, but if we can not leave them now why promise what we will do after awhile? It is as bad for a nation to mortgage its future as

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