

THE WEATHER. Cloudy, showers tonight or Saturday; warmer interior; winds mostly southerly.

OREGON HOP GROWERS AT MERCY OF ARMOUR CONSPIRACY

Unable to Resist, They Suffer That Trust Magnates May Grow Fat on the Spoils

WHO GETS THE 9 CENTS?

Prime Hops Are Quoted in the New York Market Today at Twenty-Two Cents a Pound.

CHOICE HOPS BRING TEN AND A HALF CENTS HERE

It Costs One Cent a Pound to Ship to New York and the Same Amount for Commission Charges, Showing a Discrimination of Nine Cents in Favor of Poorer Stock.

Prime hops are quoted in the New York market today at 22 cents a pound. Choice hops, several grades higher than primes, are quoted in the Portland market today at 19 1/2 cents. It costs 2 cents to ship a pound of hops from Portland to New York. The commission charges are 1 cent a pound between this city and New York. This makes the total cost of marketing Oregon hops in New York 12 1/2 cents. New York hops of lower quality are selling at 22 cents a pound to the growers, or 32 1/2 cents to the dealers. Between the Oregon choice hops and the inferior New York hops there is a difference of 9 cents in favor of the poorer stock.

Short Sellers Sold Early. By the trade at large it is known that short sellers sold fully three fourths of the present crop of hops in Oregon, even before the vines had begun to come out of the ground. They sold these hops to eastern brewers and dealers at prices ranging from 15 to 25 cents a pound. At these figures, brewers were glad to buy and dealers found no difficulty a year ago in disposing of all futures they had to offer.

Trying to Get Even. Just at present there are several hop dealers whose sockpockets have been entirely emptied on account of their having sold short in previous seasons. They are looking for a chance to get even. In a large crop in Oregon and the world they see their way clear. No matter if the entire crop of hops could be counted on the fingers and toes, these dealers are predicting all sorts of calamity for the growers.

Conspiracy the Cause. The truth of the matter is that there is a conspiracy against the Oregon hop growers. Prominent financiers, among them Armour, king of the refrigeration car business, ruler of the refrigerator car busi-

ness, are the ones who are buying up the hops at a price that will enable them to sell them at a profit in the New York market. They are buying up the hops at a price that will enable them to sell them at a profit in the New York market. They are buying up the hops at a price that will enable them to sell them at a profit in the New York market.

WRECK OF ST. PAUL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Journal Special Service. Eureka, Cal., Nov. 10.—Fire last night destroyed what remained of the wrecked steamer St. Paul which went ashore at Point Gorda early in October. Captain Iverson of the steamer Pasadena reports this morning that when he passed the St. Paul early last evening she was ablaze from stem to stern. Many thousands of dollars in salvage was aboard the craft and it is supposed that some one of the wrecking crew accidentally upset a lamp. The vessel will now rapidly go to pieces. The St. Paul was wrecked in the early morning of October 5 while bound from San Francisco for Portland with a full list of passengers and a cargo of general merchandise valued at \$250,000, fully insured. All of the crew and passengers were rescued and taken ashore by the steamers Ranger and Vanguard.

THE HUNGRIEST WOLVES ON EARTH



JOURNAL SEEKS PUBLIC OPINION OF FATAL FIST FIGHT IN THE NAVY

James R. Branch and Minor Meriwether, Jr., Midshipmen, Had a Fight to Settle Controversy and Branch Died of Injuries—Should Meriwether Be Punished?

The Journal will be glad to print opinions sent to the editor as to what penalty should be imposed on account of the scandal reported in Thursday's Journal from Annapolis, where two "midships" engaged in a pugilistic contest that terminated in the death of one. These are the circumstances: James R. Branch of New York and Minor Meriwether, Jr. of Lafayette, Illinois, were both midshipmen at the naval academy at Annapolis. They were classmates and both were athletic. Branch, in the line of duty, reported Meriwether for an alleged breach of discipline. Meriwether claimed he had been wronged and challenged Branch to a fist fight to the finish. Friends of the two arranged the match and it took place last Sunday night, with referee, timekeeper and seconds as witnesses.

GRAND JURY IS AFTER TAMMANY

Journal Special Service. New York, Nov. 10.—Under the direction of Attorney General Julius Mayer with the assistance of District Attorney Jerome, the grand jury today began an investigation of the charges of fraud in connection with the mayoral election. Mayer visited the criminal court building early this morning and conferred with Assistant District Attorneys Sanford and Perkins, to whom Jerome has delegated the work of prosecuting the cases and drawing up the indictments. The grand jury met at 11 o'clock and Mayer appeared immediately. Eight deputies of Superintendent of Elections Morgan and a number of policemen and about fifty other witnesses were called. It is said that efforts will be made to indict some district leaders.

NEW ROUTE WILL TAP VERY RICH DISTRICT

Journal Special Service. Fairview, Or., Nov. 10.—The surveying party of the O. R. & N. Co., which has been making its headquarters here for the last week, has been transferred to Clarno. The surveyors are running a line for the freight branch, which will go from St. Johns to Troutdale. The new survey between Fairview and Troutdale varies only a few hundred yards from the old track. The new route will tap a rich agricultural and dairy district along the Columbia slough. The survey in many cases runs through houses and other buildings, but the men think that a slight change in the line will avoid some of the difficulties.

THINKS EQUITABLE IS UNCHANGED

William Barnes, for Forty Years Insurance Lawyer, Says Company Is Not Reformed.

ASSERTS THAT ONE MAN POWER STILL CONTROLS. He Had Frequently Recommended Changes in Various Companies at Different Times—Immense Salaries Paid Metropolitan Officials. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Nov. 10.—William Barnes, Sr., formerly of Albany, but now of Nantucket, Massachusetts, for 40 years an insurance attorney, voluntarily appeared to testify in the legislative investigation this morning. He said that he had been employed by various insurance companies at different times. He told how, frequently, he had recommended a change in the management of the companies. In a tirade against the Equitable Life, he declared that the change in it made did not change it and asserted that the one man power still remains.

DUNSMUIR MILLIONS SLIP FROM MISS HOPPER

Journal Special Service. San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Edna Wallace Hopper suffered a setback in her fight for the Dunsmuir millions by the decision of the supreme court just made reversing the decision of Judge Coffey. The decision of Judge Coffey was considered as breaking the will of the late Alexander Dunsmuir and making it possible for Miss Hopper to secure half of the vast estate that was left to Dunsmuir's brother in Canada. This closes the contest so far as the California courts are concerned, and the main contest will be fought out in Canada.

SUE MAYOR AND CITY FOR DESTROYING SHACKS

Journal Special Service. Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 10.—Wheeler Bros., Karshner Bros. and N. G. Wheeler, individually, have filed suits against the city of Aberdeen, the mayor, John Lindstrom, and Police Officer James Birmingham for damages sustained from tearing down their shacks last month. Loss of business sustained from tearing down their shacks last month and loss of business from cost of moving, etc. The total damages asked for is \$10,000.

TROOPS AT KRONSTADT SURROUNDED BY 6,000 MUTINOUS SAILORS

Cossacks and Imperial Guards Holding Rioters in Check—Mutineers Intrenched Behind Barricades Offer Fierce Resistance—Machine Guns Slay Many.

Journal Special Service. St. Petersburg, Nov. 10.—It is reported that troops of Kronstadt have been surrounded by 6,000 mutinous sailors, but the troops are holding the rioters in check. It is said that although many of the mutineers surrendered last night, those who held out were joined by several thousand additional men this morning, who, entrenched behind barricades in the eastern section of the town, are holding off the Cossacks. Not a single house in the town is unburned as at first reported. The markets and a number of houses were set fire to by the mutineers, who are looting the town and plundering liquor shops. From 500 to 600 sailors were killed by the machine guns last night and several thousand surrendered.

CHINESE MENACE FOREIGN DEVILS

Journal Special Service. Mr. Peale and his wife and Mrs. Dr. Machie and her 10-year-old daughter were the first to be attacked by the Chinese. The American minister is making every effort to investigate the causes leading up to the brutal outrage at Lien Chow and secure necessary evidence for presenting a full report to the state department at Washington for its use in action that will follow the demands for reparation that will be made on the Chinese government. Representatives of other foreign powers are lending their aid to the American minister.

GOVERNMENT MAKING SECRET INVESTIGATION

Journal Special Service. Chicago, Nov. 10.—Dr. E. D. Durand, Herbert D. Brown, S. D. Schindler and F. L. Hawes, special investigators of the bureau of commerce and labor, have opened headquarters in this city to conduct an investigation, about which secrecy is maintained. It is rumored that the Standard Oil company's relations to railroads is the subject of investigation. It is also said to be investigating the alleged attempt to pack the recent gate convention. All inquiries as to which subject is under investigation is met by reference to Garfield.

TRADE BETTER THAN EVER

Croakers' Prediction of Slump After Exposition Proves but a Dyspeptic Nightmare Not to Be Fulfilled.

TWENTY-FIVE TO FIFTY INCREASE IS REPORTED

From Front Street to West End of Business District All is Jubilation—Dealers in Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, Jewelry and General Merchandise Tell of Bigger Business.

Retail business in Portland is from 25 to 50 per cent better than it was a year ago. Figures proving this have been compiled for the Journal by a number of merchants, and inquiries have been made among enough houses to warrant the assertion.

Half a day spent by a Journal representative among retail business producers results in the form of figures that are astonishing. So enthusiastic are Portland merchants over the status of business that the suggestion that there is a falling off in trade, as compared with a year ago, was received with derision, and in many instances the questioner was shown the books of the firm for proof.

It is generally admitted that, owing to the large number of transient who were in the city at this time last year, hotels and restaurants were patronized more heavily than. Tourists this year all came while the cheap rates were in effect and when they could see the fair. With this exception the after-exposition season is surpassing all expectations.

Not only is retail business better than it was a year ago, but really is moving with a strong and a marked tendency for property to advance. This was predicted by The Journal during the progress of the exposition. The condition of the realty market doubtless is due to the fact that many delayed buying property in the belief that there would be a slump after the fair; that very waiting caused the retention of immense sums for investment and so soon as the exposition closed those who had waited went into the market to buy. Expecting to find the prices scaling downward, the demand they created stiffened prices.

Everybody Seeking a Home. "Inquiry for desirable residence property has not been so brisk for years past," said R. L. Cate, a real estate dealer. "The very expectation of a slump after the fair caused the upholding of the market and prices are tending upward. The strength of property on the west side is not the only remarkable feature in the situation. The east side, where a majority of the people of Portland live, is moving forward rapidly and large areas there are changing hands. In my opinion, business property, too, on the east side inevitably must advance in the immediate future."

C. L. Thompson of Hartman, Thompson & Powers said the realty situation is remarkably strong. "Portland real estate is a good buy in almost any locality," said he. "The market is active beyond the expectation of most persons. I must confess, however, that I am not surprised for."

PRINCE LOUIS GUEST OF GENERAL GRANT

Journal Special Service. New York, Nov. 10.—Prince Louis and party took luncheon at Governor's Island today as guests of General Grant. After lunch the guests were given a reception at the Brooklyn navy yard by Admiral Coghlan. Tonight the navy alumni will give the visitors a dinner. Tomorrow they visit West Point.

ACCUSED OF MURDER OF WHOLE FAMILY

Journal Special Service. Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 10.—Dr. Oliver C. Haugh, accused of murdering his father, mother and brother, who were burned to death in their home last Sunday, was arraigned this morning. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for further hearing. He is addicted to the use of drugs. Detectives are visiting Loren and Toledo, Ohio, Chicago and Milwaukee seeking evidence. It is expected that the officials will charge Haugh with at least nine murders. It is alleged that Haugh made earlier victims drug fiends and then slowly poisoned them. Haugh said today he might have killed them when my mind was blank. Haugh was several times an inmate of a lunatic asylum and was released only three months ago.