

DEARS PLAYING A SOLD GAME

Are on Both Sides of the Market to Mystify the Growers of Hops.

By Hyman H. Cohen.

Two interests are at work in the hop market that it will not pay for producers to follow.

One of these is the short seller, who temporarily is a bull, so that he can by trick force the grower to take care of his yard and in the end allow him to buy the hops at low prices.

The second interest is the dealer who is long on hops himself and for that reason does not operate in the market as a buyer of hops.

Neither of these interests are safe for the grower to tie up, simply because each has an ax to grind and each intends to grind it through his peculiar way.

At this time the hop crop is in such a condition that it cannot be estimated. The hops are now even on the vines and how they will grow is a mystery.

During the past week the hop market was not so firm. Those who have been freely offering to sell on contracts seem to have become more cautious.

Buyers cannot be found who will pay a fraction more than the freight charge. Trade in hops during the past week was somewhat better than the week ending the 28th.

Plums were a drug on the market and very low prices ruled in consequence. Lemon market is ranging 25c higher because of the heavier demand both here and in the east.

Strawberries in very liberal supply and poor quality was generally shown. Low prices were the result.

Because of the nearness of the Fourth of July there was little demand for loganberries for canning, and in consequence some very low prices were noted.

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During the week the price advanced 2c a pound locally by all dealers but some put up a surprise on additional sum and the general expectation of the trade is that it will be the general price.

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BOARD OF TRADE ADDS \$2,500,000 TO THE PRICE OF WHEAT

PORTLAND MARKET. CHICAGO MARKET. DAILY LOCAL MARKET QUOTATIONS.



The coming season's price for wheat would open here at 80c a bushel and the opening of future trading on the Portland Board of Trade during the past week upset all the plans.

To the growers of wheat alone in the three states the price of the option department of the Board of Trade has added nearly \$2,500,000 to the value of their crops.

The operating of a board of trade means that hereafter one or two men will control the wheat market of the Pacific northwest for hereafter the trading will be in the open and everyone will have a chance to bid in competition.

The opening session of the board was well attended, among those present being some of the largest operators on the Pacific coast.

Interest in the Portland Board of Trade has multiplied since it was decided to deal in futures. Inquiries regarding the membership fee and the mode of joining are coming from every section of the Pacific coast.

towns came en masse and assisted in making of the Albany celebration the greatest ever attempted in baseball history.

The Alco club of this city defeated the Brainerd Cubs of Portland by the decisive score of 10 to 2.

Inquiries are received every day from would-be purchasers abroad, some of whom desire to contract for the entire season's output of the local establishment.

Following the run on Royal Ann cherries in the interior to California, squashes, beans, tomatoes, peaches, squashes and pumpkins. It is believed that every can will find a ready market.

Plants of land for gardening purposes are in greater demand than ever before as a result of the opening of the new cannery.

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TO BE BETTER IN LIVESTOCK

Fourth of July Week an Aid to Market—Cattle Quality Not Very Good.

Portland Union Stockyard, July 4.—Independence week had a good effect upon the livestock for during the six days there was a softening of tone and all lines show an improvement with two of them securing higher prices.

Hogs are advanced 10c for the week, while the sheep market is up 25c. This seems to be the extent of the improvement at this time because of quality.

Official yard prices today: Hogs—Best steers, \$6.25@6.35; China fat, \$7.50@8.00; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@5.00.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, \$4.00; medium steers, \$3.00@3.75; prime fat cows, \$3.00; cow, \$2.50@2.75; bulls and stags, \$2.00@2.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$3.75@4.00; spring lambs, \$4.00@4.75; mixed lots, \$3.25@3.50.

Stockmen Believe There Will Be Sufficient to Meet Requirements. Klamath Falls, Or., July 4.—Throughout the entire Klamath basin the crops are about two weeks later than last year.

While the crops are not the best, still the canal is about up to the average. The cutting of the first crop of alfalfa hay will begin in about two weeks.

The yield is almost up to the average. Stockmen are of the opinion that there will be enough to supply the demand.

In the Tule lake valley the crops have been injured because of a lack of water. Breaks in the canal and fills in the ditches have shut off the water for more than three weeks and crops of all kinds have been damaged in that section.

SPIRIT OF '76 LIVES AGAIN

American Patriotism Is Exemplified in Fourth Celebrations.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., July 4.—Close to 15,000 people celebrated today in Salem. The day was ideal, and people of Marion and Polk counties swarmed into the city to renew memories of events that brought the United States of America into existence.

The exercises of the celebration began with an address by Governor Chamberlain, which was listened to by citizens from Yamhill, Polk and Tillamook counties.

Various sports provided entertainment for the city's guests, including a closely contested ball game between the Williamson and Sheridan clubs.

TEN THOUSAND VISIT ASTORIA (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Astoria, Or., July 4.—A crowd estimated at 10,000 people witnessed the Fourth of July celebration here.

During the morning there were sports of all kinds on the streets. The parade in honor of the anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence was seen in Astoria.

Senator C. W. Fulton delivered the oration of the day before an immense assembly. J. M. Anderson read the declaration of independence. The chorus of 100 singers under the direction of E. E. Smith of Portland was a grand success.

PARADE, GAMES AND BALL AT HOOD RIVER (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Hood River, Or., July 4.—The Fourth of July celebration held here today under the auspices of Park garage was participated in by many hundreds of residents of the city and valley.

Officers of the association, masqueraders, Indians, cowboys and carriages containing visitors and the speakers of the day made up the parade. The arrival of the procession at the Grange hall a program consisting of music, reading of the Declaration of Independence, orations and singing of patriotic songs was carried out.

ALBANY'S FOURTH BRINGS THOUSANDS (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Albany, Or., July 4.—Fifteen thousand people celebrated the Fourth of July in Albany today. Corvallis, Leavenworth, Seaside and other surrounding

MORALS AND POLITICS

Augustus Thomas, the Playwright and Orator, Thinks the Double Standard of Morals the Paramount Issue.

By John E. Lathrop.

(Staff Correspondent of the Journal.) New York, July 2.—"The double standard of morals is the paramount issue in American politics," was the assertion of Augustus Thomas, the celebrated playwright and author, at the Lamb's club, where he was talking politics at my request.

"You don't purpose to introduce the Harry Thaws and the Chester Gillette and their ilk into national politics?" I asked.

"Oh, no," he answered, "the double standard of morals in business—the life which permits a business man to attend his church with his family, to visit his mother and his wife, to go to the store and have his goods delivered, and then walk down town Monday morning or any morning and, as a manager of a corporation, order his general counsel to go and debase this court or corrupt that legislature."

"You see, it's like this—if we cannot cure the awful state of immorality which has cursed the country, and permitted men to do as business men what they dare not do as private citizens, we cannot make it unrespectable for a lawyer to take a case which does not make for the good of the people, or for the people's good, if we cannot make it personally unpopular for managers of big business to divert the course of honest government, then it is futile to establish healthy economic truths, for we cannot get them put into effect."

"These Bryan fellows don't seem to be able to get along with the organization," one of the Tammany leaders explained, as he sat in an office which Tammany had given him with about \$10,000 per month. Thomas and his friends had been denied a "look-in" by Mr. Murphy's organization. "They won't consult. They are too damned independent."

After several days spent this morning around the city offices and examining again the works of Tammany, one was impressed that, as Fenimore in Philadelphia, Cox in Cincinnati and Barnes in Albany curse the good name of decent Republicans, so Tammany does for corruptly the name of the nation in New York, and Augustus Thomas and his kind who won't consult are complimented when Tammany "roasts" them for their performance.

Price of Denatured Alcohol. Denatured alcohol sells in Germany at 27 cents per gallon and in this country can be had for 36, wholesale. At this price, owing to its great heating quality, it is claimed to be cheaper than gasoline. One gallon will keep a 150-horsepower incandescent lamp going for 48 hours.

NEW YORK DESTINED TO BE LARGEST CITY (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) New York, July 2.—In New York City over 250,000 people work at night. Coney Island is sometimes visited by 600,000 people a day. There are 132 department stores employing over 100,000 people. The population is now 4,800,000.

London's population is 5,000,000, but New York is growing seven times as fast. The population of New York is about 110,000 people. About 45,000 marriages are solemnized every year. One in every minute.

In 1882 New York had only 28 millionaires; now it has over 2,000. Over 4,000,000 gallons of water are used every day in the greater city. This is born every four minutes and a death occurs every seven minutes. The city contains 8,000 theaters, 5,000 actors, 3,000 actresses, 6,000 artists, 10,000 musicians, 16,000 stenographers, 6,900 salesmen and saleswomen, 1,000 farmers, 1,000 barbers. No. 1 Wall street is considered the highest priced property in the United States. The average lot is sold for \$700 a square foot and is assessed by the city at a little over \$4 a square inch. The transient population is figured at 250,000 people a day. The hotel properties are valued at over \$50,000,000.

TRAVELERS AND WAYS IN BRITAIN It has long been the custom of English railways to display in the stations and inside of the railway coaches a large and varied selection of pictures, usually photographs, showing the scenic attractions of their respective lines. These acceptable have these proved to the public and to such an extent has it undoubtedly contributed to the success of the Midland railway of England has recently introduced still another feature, designed to inform the traveler and to assist him in determining his routes.

Fixed in frames in the booking hall or passages where the ticket offices are located, or in some equally convenient place, are large ornate maps of the neighboring country, drawn to the scale of one inch to the mile. Each map is composed of one-inch ordnance sheets, the entire area covered being 24 miles from north to south and 36 miles from east to west, thus giving some 864 square miles of territory in detail. The maps are of the contour series, so that it is quite possible for intelligent travelers to locate the hills and dales on the route, and more cases there are a note on the map indicating the exact height above sea level (ordnance datum) of the railway tracks at the particular stations.

These maps are attracting much attention, when they are not open, accessible to persons traveling by the railways, but are often of equal value to cyclists and even pedestrians. Cyclists in particular, frequently get their data for a trip from these new advertising maps, often proceeding part of the way on their bicycles.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE TO 1908 WHEAT CROP. Condon, Or., July 4.—Whether Condon will be the coming year be able to lay claim of being the northwest's primary shipping point is a matter that is agitating the wheat growers of this section.

Weekly Report of Wheat Crop. During the past week there has been but little change in the position of the growing wheat crop of the Pacific northwest. The warm weather was usual for this time of the year and the damage reported was nominal. Rains are still needed, but are promised by the weather bureau for the entire wheat belt.

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