

NO PROFIT IN FIRST 500,000 CLUB HOPS, SAYS FITCHARD

Leading Grower of Independence Comments on Attitude of Buyers—Market Breakers Responsible for Bad Prices, He Asserts.

Made unprofitable by prevailing conditions, two years will see the end of the hop industry in Oregon, according to C. L. Fitchard, one of the leading hop growers in the state. "Last year's crop was less than half as heavy as that of two years ago," Mr. Fitchard said while at the Imperial market yesterday. "The trouble is not in the market, but in the manipulation of market breakers." As a sample of his operations here is a letter written by one of the largest dealers in hops in the east, Paul R. G. Horst of New York, addressed to the grower, which has been buying hops for several years. The letter was forwarded to me by the manager of the brewery who wanted to give me an idea of the effort being made to put western hop growers out of business. The letter reads:

Takes Gloomy View.
"Dear Sirs—Hops sold at 60 cents a bale. Our beer sales are decreasing at a frightful rate, 4,000,000 barrels decrease for the year ending December 31, 1908, while the decrease since has been at even more alarming rate, and the prohibition movement is spreading; in some states even the manufacture of beer is now prohibited. Indications are that our exportable surplus will exceed 250,000 bales.
This is reflected in the prices that hops are now selling at. For instance, since writing you on January 23, one growth of 550 bales, 1908 hops, Sacramento hops, was sold by the grower for \$110, or less than the cost of the cloth on the bales.
There will be no plowing up on the Pacific coast, and our 1909 crop will amount to 280,000 bales, adding our average imports, 40,000 bales, this will give us 320,000 bales, as against our requirements of not to exceed 200,000 bales. Added to this, the big stock of 1906, 1907 and 1908 hops, held by growers and dealers, and with hops already stocked with enough hops to carry them for a year, you must realize that hops must continue a drug on the market. Our only outlet is England, but even if we gave the hops away, England could not possibly absorb our surplus of hops.
Offers to Quote Prices.
"If, in the face of all this, you care to contract for the growing crop, or buy last crop of older hops, please let me hear from you and I will quote confidential prices. Yours very respectfully,
"PAUL R. G. HORST."
"But," continued Mr. Fitchard, "the decrease in the demand for hops is not altogether responsible for the fact that there will be a smaller crop this year than any other year in the history of hop industry in Oregon. The yards were not well tended last year. In many instances that came under my personal observation the vines were given no attention at all, save to remove the hops from them. The cold weather of the winter just past killed a great number of the vines.
The advice I am giving to the people of Oregon now, is to quit raising hops in New York. Hops produced there are richer in flavor. Ours are larger, but have more water in them. Still hops raised in Oregon have been bringing from 2 1/2 to 3 pounds more than the California product."

Three Hundred Enthusiastic Portland Boosters Will Launch Well Matured Plan for Upbuilding City at Banquet Under Commercial Club's Auspices.

Boost for half a million for Portland in 1915. That will be the slogan and guiding principle for the Commercial club after Tuesday night, and the members will endeavor to pass the word along to all members.

The movement has been set on foot by the Commercial club and will be formally launched next Tuesday evening at the club through a 500,000 banquet. That does not mean that covers will be laid for 500,000—not yet. But the club is going to put into the hands of every man present there—and there will be 300 of them—a burning wish to see 500,000 people moving about the streets of Portland in 1915. They will launch the plan at the banquet that night and will discuss ways and means for raising annually for two years at least \$1,000,000 for boosting purposes.
Heretofore the club has had good intentions and has done its best to boost the city, but it needed something more than good will. The sum devoted to the purpose has been so small that it has been kept dark. But now it is to be brought into the light in the shape of \$1,000,000 and the club intends to get the most prominent men in town, boasting the half million idea. Everyone is going to get warmed up to the fever heat of enthusiasm, but they are not going to be allowed to give anything. But the next day they will have a chance to work off their enthusiasm. Solicitors will be starting on Wednesday morning and they will gather money from the highways and the byways, from the halt, the lame and the blind, and whoever doesn't want to get away or can't. And when the money is gathered in, or promised, there is going to be such a spreading abroad of Oregon, through every conceivable means of advertising, that the man or family who can withstand the tides and attractions, must be deaf, dumb or blind, or merely stupid in which case Portland don't want such people, anyway.
Added to the work of the Commercial club will be the efforts of the Multnomah club, which has joined hands with the other organizations and will help boost. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Multnomah club held a day or so ago the idea was discussed at length with the result that the club offered its efforts, services

and enthusiasm to the managers of the scheme from the Commercial club and both organizations will work hand in hand for a greater Portland.
Covers Laid for 300.
Tuesday night the Commercial club will be a scene of ripening activity. All about the walls will be banners, advertising the glories to come. Seats for 300 will be provided and almost all have been reserved. The banquet will commence promptly at 8:30 and Dr. J. B. Wetherbee, president of the Commercial club, will be toastmaster. After all the guests have been put in good humor the 500,000 club will be organized and sent on its way with the cheer and rattle of advice given by the following men in the following manner:
A. L. Mills, president First National bank, Portland's Half a Million Financial Center.
T. B. Wilcox, president of Portland Flouring Mills company—Prospect for Half a Million.
E. S. Jesselyn, president Portland Light & Power company—Prospect for a Half a Million City.
W. M. Ladd, president Ladd & Tilton bank—Who's Half a Million Will Mean to Portland.
W. W. Cotton, general counsel Hartman lines in Oregon—The Transcontinental Migration by Railroad—Portland Half a Million.
H. G. Hughes, lawyer—Foundations for a Half a Million City.
E. L. Thompson, Hartman & Thompson, bankers—Where Will Be the Support When There's Half a Million Here?
Rev. Benjamin Young, pastor of Taylor Street Methodist Episcopal church—Half a Million to Congress.
Honorable Joseph Simon, ex-United States senator—Half a Million in Property Values.
Will Talk on Bridges.
C. F. Swigert, president Pacific Bridge company—Bridges for Half a Million City.
Lang, president Lang & Co.—Groceries for Half a Million.
F. B. Holbrook, president F. B. Holbrook company—The Half a Million Spirit.
Edward Ehrman, president Mason Ehrman company—Oregon With a Half a Million Metropolis.
The dinner committee consists of Julius L. Meier, C. Hebbard and C. C. Chapman. The details of the club organization are in the hands of W. J. Hartmann, George F. Johnson and F. B. Holbrook.

AMBASSADORS MOVED ABOUT

General Shift Is the Program, to Be Carried Out Gradually.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 20.—After an extended session at the White House, Secretary of State Knox announced tonight that Ambassador Thomas O'Brien would remain at his post in Tokio and that Minister John G. A. Leishman, who is now at Constantinople, would be appointed ambassador to Rome to succeed Lloyd C. Griscom.
No changes will be made among the ambassadors for several months, and probably not until autumn. It is expected that even Ambassador Griscom will remain at his post until that time. It is both his desire and the desire of the department that he complete the work incidental to the American relief to the earthquake sufferers. Minister Leishman therefore will remain at his present post for some time and his successor will not be chosen until later.
Secretary Knox also announced that

3 SEED BENCH IN FIFTH DISTRICT

Appointment to Newly Created Judicial Position to Be Made in May.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., March 20.—There are three candidates for the position of associate judge in the Fifth Judicial district. The appointment will be made by Governor Benson the latter part of May. The legislature at its recent session passed a law providing for a second judge in the Fifth district, as the work has grown to such an extent that it no longer could be properly handled by the incumbent, Judge McBride.
The three candidates are Frank A. Taylor, Judge Eaken and C. J. Abercrombie. For seven or eight years Attorney Taylor was judge of the district before Judge McBride's incumbency and he has many friends in and out of the legal profession who wish to see him appointed.
But the candidate who has perhaps developed the strongest backing is Attorney Eaken. He is well known as one of the leading lawyers of this part of the state, and morally and as a first-class citizen stands very high. His brother is on the Oregon supreme bench. The third candidate is Attorney Abercrombie. The principal objection brought against him is that he is comparatively young in years and in the practice of the law, but he nevertheless has also developed much strength.
The Clatsop Bar association has endorsed Attorney Eaken and the lawyers of Columbia county have also endorsed him as having a majority of the lawyers of Clackamas county. With the bars of three counties behind him, and a promise of the fourth, the chances for Attorney Eaken are thought to be good, though citizens generally would not be dissatisfied with the appointment of any of the three.
It is generally understood the appointment will be made from this city.

DEBTS ACCRUE IN IDAHO BOND DEAL

Stockholders May Lose Thousands by Failure of Smelting Company.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., March 20.—That J. Herbert Anderson, promoter of the smelter at Ponderay, Idaho, misrepresented the facts concerning the bonds of the Idaho Smelting and Refining company, now in the hands of a receiver for debts aggregating \$400,000, and that he issued an unauthorized order for the delivery of \$25,000 worth of bonds of George S. Brooke, president of the Fidelity National bank of Spokane, are among the charges made by W. D. and T. L. Greenough, wealthy Spokane mine-owners, who are suing Anderson.
They claim that when they became interested in the smelter they knew nothing of Brooke's claim for \$50,000 and that all the bonds issued to creditors were available to raise funds for the operation of the plant. They declare that though Anderson asserted all the creditors were willing to take bonds for their claims only about \$69,000 out of \$275,000 indebtedness was paid with bonds.
The Greenoughs hold \$7,000 in bonds; the other \$240,000 are held by Brooke on an assignment from the First bank of Ponderay, which advanced the money to the smelter. The stockholders are bewildered at the charges and indignance and the strange issuance of the 2,000,000 shares of treasury stock owned by the company. If the properties of the Idaho Smelting and Refining company are sold for debts none of the stockholders will ever get a penny.

RED PLACARDS WARN OF WAR

Austrian People Would Accept Hostilities as a Matter of Course.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Buda Pest, March 20.—Huge red placards have been posted throughout the country warning the people of the possibility of war. Five army corps will be mobilized and placed on a full war footing for service in Serbia and Bosnia. Six Danube monting operations ready to sail for Serbia and Bosnia from the river from Belgrade. They are commanded by Captain Gustave Nanta. The guard boats which are manned by about 75 per cent of Croats and Italians, have been fitted up with new benzine engines. The seventh army corps has also been placed on a war footing and the men called up for active service.
At Arad, Nagy Varad, Kassa, Eger, Novos, Sacsos and Miskolc the schools have been closed. In Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, all males over 16 years old are armed and ready for action. Italian and Russian officers have arrived to instruct the Montenegrins in the use of the new quick firing gun.
One of the most prominent statesmen of Hungary today said:
"England's aid in the Balkans hopes which I never could be fulfilled. The speeches of Sir Edward Grey and Premier Asquith following the announcement of the Russian government were incautious and unwarranted. Grey was particularly aggressive as was the Russian policy."
The British politicians are badly mistaken if they imagine their voices are of paramount influence in European affairs. If England had a military system similar to Germany's the situation would be different.
The political outlook is especially grave on account of the fear of the Serbian war party which the king and cabinet in Belgrade entertain, believing the own throats are in danger. Another peril lies in the possible sudden coming of spring. Serbia must fight before the snow melts. We have seen that Russia will intervene. The car has plenty to look after at home. It is impossible, however, to say what Serbia will do."

SAN QUENTIN TERM TO PRIVATE JORDAN

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, March 20.—Private Thomas Jefferson Jordan, who killed Sergeant of Police Antonio J. F. Nolting January 8 at Montgomery and Clay streets, was sentenced by Presiding Judge Cabaniss today to serve a life term in San Quentin prison. The imposition of the sentence was the result of the jury's verdict, which indicated the time Jordan was to be imprisoned for the first degree murder. Jordan is assigned to his punishment. Attorney William Nunnist, who appeared as one of his counsel at his trial, said today that the defendant realized he had done wrong, but still held to his story that he remembered nothing of the circumstances of the killing.

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TERMS TO SUIT THE PURCHASER—NEW PIANOS TO RENT



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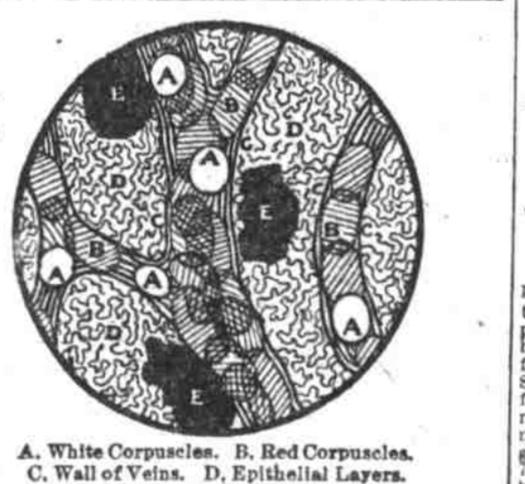
But \$15,000 More Required for Grand Ronde Irrigation Scheme.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Grande, March 20.—Subscriptions for stock in the Irrigation project, planned and discussed for the past three months, amounted to \$35,000 today. Heretofore all talk was of cooperation, but last night the principal promoters became tired of waiting for the others and formulated plans that led to today's success.
The amount was subscribed within three hours. All are sanguine as of success. The project comprises 2,800 acres of the best land in the valley. Articles of incorporation will be filed as soon as \$50,000 is secured. It is confidently expected that the dam will be under way by next fall.

ALL DIVORCEES WILL NOTE THIS DECREE

San Francisco, March 20.—Judge Sturtevant figuratively ran the crusher over reconciliations in divorce cases at the expiration of six months from the decree of an interlocutory decree, in rendering an opinion today in the case of Best against Best. The judge decided that there is no way for a man and woman to become man and wife after the expiration of six months from the granting of the interlocutory decree, until the final decree has been entered. Heretofore any man or woman who wants to become reconciled to a divorced spouse must do it within six months of the granting of the interlocutory decree.
The decision was rendered in the action of A. L. Best against Mrs. Best. The husband obtained the decree. Eleven months afterward he asked to have the order vacated.

Your Blood is a Field of Battle

A valiant little army is continually marching through your veins, arteries and capillaries. Night and day they patrol every alley and channel of the body in search of their natural enemy, the germs of disease.



A. White Corpuscles. B. Red Corpuscles. C. Wall of Veins. D. Epithelial Layers. E. Contracted Pliant Cells.

They are the white corpuscles,—the "Little Soldiers of the Blood."
Modern science has demonstrated that these white corpuscles are the disease-fighters of the blood. See the picture in the circle, and the explanation of how they fight for you. They destroy the millions of germs which pass into our bodies with every breath we take. When the blood is poor and thin and deficient in its proper supply of white corpuscles, the invading germs swarm in, and finding the defending force too weak to oppose them, take possession of the body and begin their work of destruction.
This is the beginning of an attack of an infectious disease such as the grip, pneumonia, and fevers, and even of the winter cough or cold.
The germs of such diseases sweep across the surface of the delicate mucous membranes of the throat, the nostrils, the air passages of the lungs. Nothing can stop their attacks or defeat their ravages, but pure, disease-fighting blood,—the blood that Hood's Sarsaparilla makes.
It is also owing to the thin, impure condition of the blood that scrofulous troubles, eczema, boils and pimples, dandruff, and rheumatism, catarrh and other diseases gain a hold.
When such troubles are once established, nothing but a medicine that will absolutely and irresistibly cast them out can permanently cure.
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It has cured thousands of people and is probably taken in more homes today as a reliable family medicine than any other preparation. It is essentially a blood-maker, a digestive, an appetizer, an invigorator that nourishes both brain and body and enriches the blood.
If you are ill, weak, run-down, have "that tired feeling," if your appetite is poor and your digestion bad, Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the medicine for you. If your disease is of long standing or of constitutional nature, like scrofula or eczema, or catarrh, if it is caused by acidity of the blood like rheumatism or neuralgia, or pleurisy, Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses just the qualities necessary to cure you, and you will find them in this medicine as in no other.
Take Hood's Sarsaparilla for your spring medicine, and fill your body with generous life-giving blood, rich in red corpuscles to nourish you, and normal in white corpuscles, the disease-fighters of the blood. Then you may reasonably expect health, good appetite, perfect digestion, clear and energetic brain power all the coming year.
Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla, in usual liquid form, or in chocolate-coated tablets called Sarsataba, 100 Doses, One Dollar.

PERSONALS

L. G. Clarke, of Woodard & Clarke, returned this morning from a six weeks' trip to Cuba. Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Clarke's mother, both of whom accompanied Mr. Clarke on the trip, will remain in New York for two weeks or longer visiting friends.

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