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## AT LOWEST MARK.

Hop Crop Estimated at More Than 80,000 Bales.

With each succeeding year the hop crop becomes more and more an important factor in the lives of Oregonians. In the various fields throughout the valley will be found during the next few weeks thousands of men, women and children busily engaged at the task of picking hops. The labor is light and in consequence nearly all who have nothing more important on hand go to the yards for the rewards their labors bring.

Many work in the yards who in reality are not compelled by necessity to do so, but it is a comparatively easy way to pick up some pin money. To many the matter of picking hops is one of seriousness. The season's picking and the accompanying cash is figured even beforehand and counted as a resource. It means much to some families; more to eat, clothing and shoes, and many other things. To many hop picking provides little luxuries that were it not for this opportunity to "turn an honest penny" would have to be foresworn.

It is important alike to picker and grower that the crop be of fine quality and of large yield. In Oregon this year it is estimated that there will be a shortage in the crop. The Oregonian of recent date furnished the following on the present hop outlook from a market standpoint:

It is the opinion of all conservative men in the hop trade that the bottom of the market has been reached. Despite the long continued efforts of the bears to hammer down prices by frightening holders into a stampede, values have not receded a fraction of a cent since the present level of prices was reached early in the summer. Never before in the history of the market has such a persistent campaign been waged by dealers bearishly inclined, but it has been without effect, except upon growers of Washington. The majority of these have parted with their holdings, but the Oregon and California growers have stood firm and only sold when they could get their own prices. The future of such a market is easy to foresee, unless history should fail to repeat itself. It is plain that buyers must raise their bids or do without hops.

The stiffness of the Oregon growers is due to the discouraging condition of the crops in most parts of the United States, with which they are entirely familiar. Instead of improving conditions are becoming less favorable, particularly in New York State. The New York Hop Reporting Company, under date of August 23, wired the following report on the crop of that state:

"The warm, sultry rains of last week has caused an increase of vermin, and former estimates of the crops will have to be reduced."

The same company reported the following from North Yakima, Wash:

"After careful investigation we would say that an estimate of 45,000 bales for Washington this year is too large by 5,000 bales. We have had a very long hot spell and such weather always reduces the yield."

A letter received yesterday by a Portland dealer from Chas. S. May & Co., of Albany, N. Y., said that Mr. May, on his arrival home, reduced his estimate of New York State, to 10,000 bales. Mr. May left Portland for the East about two weeks ago.

Seth Parsons, a large dealer of Sharon Springs, N. Y., writes to a hop man here:

"Lice are here in large numbers again. Weather is sour and wet. Blighted burrs in evidence everywhere. Think New York

cannot get out now with over 40,000 bales."

Another letter received from a Waterville dealer says:

"We have a new phase aside from the increasing vermin to contend with now. It is a fire rust which has made its appearance in the past week and is running rapidly and doing serious damage. Three days after it strikes a burr the hop is eaten up and drops off. Roy Lamb, who is a large grower at Madison, has notified his pickers and dryers that he will not need their services this year, as he does not expect to set a box in his yards. There are many other reports of this nature coming in from other sections."

A communication from Oneida, N. Y., was as follows:

"Rust and lice are general throughout the state. Leyland & Tanner are trying to contract at 18 and 20 cents with no success. Tanner thinks prices are going higher. Do not see how New York can get out with over 40,000 to 45,000 bales this year."

It is believed by men in the hop trade that Ironmonger, of London, is now on the short side of the 1905 crop, by which they account for the continued bearish reports that he is sending out of the market and crop conditions in England. If this is the case, hopgrowers will make due allowance in reading his cables, which certain dealers have been spreading broadcast on this coast. Ironmonger was formerly the manager of the English Hopgrowers' Association and is said to now be in league with English brewers in trying to break the pool in that country.

A number of small transactions were reported in this market yesterday. Egan & Mathens, of Wapato, sold 71 bales to McKinley Mitchell, at something better than 17 cents. Mitchell also bought another carload at the same price. Maurice Reinstein bought 22 bales of C. D. Wilson of Aurora, at 17 1/4 cents and the Carsten lot of 33 bales at Forest Grove was sold at the same figure.

## Was Promoted.

Harry Holgate paid this city, his boyhood home, a short visit last week. He had been in Portland in attendance of the Irrigation Congress. For a number of years Mr. Holgate has been in government employ and that his services have been appreciated is evidenced by the recognition he has received. First he was connected with the census department, then the department of the interior, and later assistant examiner connected with the project for irrigation and redemption of arid lands. In July the assistant part of his title was knocked off and he is now a bona fide examiner with a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

Mr. Holgate's duty lies in examining into the matter of land titles and attending to various matters of a legal character. In the course of a month he is to return from Klamath Falls to Portland, at which place an office is to be established by the government for the purpose of facilitating Mr. Holgate's work in the Northwest. Harry will have charge of this office. He departed, Saturday, for Klamath Falls.

Don Holgate, who has been at Goldfields, Nevada, for some time, is to proceed to Klamath Falls shortly and become bookkeeper for the government in the work now on hand in that section. Don's salary is \$1,200 a year.

C. C. Hogue, well known in this city, has been bookkeeping, but he becomes disbursing agent at a salary of \$1,400 per annum and Don takes his place on the books.

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## SCORES PORTLAND.

Says She Should Cease Her Whining.

It appears that men in Oregon towns other than Corvallis feel that Portland lacks backbone in many ways. Regarding Portland and her railroad affairs, J. A. Douthet, of The Dalles, has given the public the following letter:

"What has become of Portland's enterprise, pluck and independence?" is a question being asked in The Dalles these days. The question is provoked by the accounts in the daily press of the metropolis of the complaints made by Portlanders against the Harriman system of transportation lines for not extending better transportation facilities to Portland and the State of Oregon, and the almost pitiable acknowledgment of some of Portland's leading business men that the city is at the mercy of a single railroad management.

Those here who are asking the above question would refer Portland to a like condition that existed in The Dalles some 15 years ago, and point to the way it was overcome, and how a mighty transcontinental railroad was brought to terms. Fifteen years ago The Dalles was a little city of less than 3500 inhabitants. Although it was small, it was plucky and its citizens were loyal. It felt that it was being discriminated against by the railroad company as to freight rates, and its citizens busied themselves to right the wrong. The state had just completed a small portage road around the obstructions to navigation at Cascade Locks on the Columbia. The Dalles appealed to Portland and Astoria to join with it in the construction and operation of a line of boats between this city and Portland, but the appeal was unheeded (although Portland did subscribe \$1000 to the capital stock of the proposed boat line.) Failing to interest Portland in the project, the people of The Dalles took the matter in their own hands, and inside of six months from the time the boat line was suggested they had two boats plying the river, one above and one below the portage. The consequence was that freight rates from The Dalles to Portland were immediately reduced one half, and are still maintained at that figure. Not only the rate to Portland was cut down to half the former charge, but the rates on wool from here to the Atlantic Coast were also reduced 50 per cent, and all the woolgrowers within reach of this city got their wool to Eastern markets at half what they had formerly paid.

Today Portland is complaining of being discriminated against in rates to the Orient. It complains that it is not getting a square deal. Why should it complain, when it is within its province to remedy the ills of which it makes complaint? Why should a city of 150,000 inhabitants, that boasts of more wealth according to population than any other city in the United States, be subservient to foreign transportation lines? Why should it not like The Dalles, take the matter in its own hands and build a steamship line to the Orient? True, the capitalists of Portland are not shipbuilders nor inclined generally to engage in transportation; neither were the people of The Dalles 15 years ago, when they felt that they were discriminated against. But they realized that they were not receiving fair treatment at the hands of the railroad company, and they proceeded to put themselves in position that they could and did dictate terms. Portland can do the same. It can not only build and operate steamship lines to the Orient or any other part of the world, but it can build and operate railroads

into the interior and thus draw trade to itself. A city that can successfully hold a world's fair can protect itself against the discriminations of any transportation company in the world. It has the capital and it certainly has the energy, if it is once aroused, to accomplish anything it undertakes. To humiliate itself before Mr. Harriman and beg of him to grant it concessions or even fair treatment is beneath the dignity of a city that poses as the metropolis of the Northwest.

Let Portland wake up and quit whining. Let it announce to Mr. Harriman that it is independent of him and his immense railroad system. Tell him that if he does not choose to build railroads into the interior of Oregon or steamship lines to the Orient, Portland will do it herself. Let Portland get a little true Oregon independence into its veins and pattern after The Dalles of 15 years ago, when it said to the O. R. & N. Co., that it would have fair treatment and got it. What was accomplished on a small scale by a little city of 3500 can now be accomplished by a great city of 160,000 on a proportionately greater scale.

## Grand Opening.

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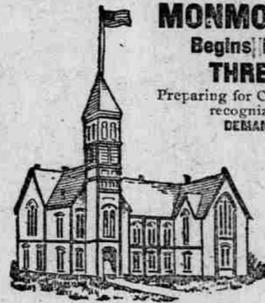
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