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WILL PROBABLY NOT PICK HOPS

Col. Yoran of Eugene, Makes Timely Suggestions

SHOULD TEACH A LESSON

Prices are Juggled by Middle Men and the Grower Has to Suffer—Crop Good This Year.

Colonel George O. Yoran, who is one of the principal hop growers of this section, says he has about concluded not to pick his crop of hops this year, and thinks if the entire Willamette Valley, or in fact the whole Pacific Coast would conclude to do the same thing, the hop business would be placed on a better basis. He says:

"The hop market is the most prolific source of gambling and juggling, to the detriment of the grower, of any other product of the soil. There are a great number of middlemen now who have the hop crop of 1907 sold to the brewers who use them, at ridiculously low prices, and will therefore be compelled to pay the grower a very low price in order to make good. If there were none to be had and these 'shorts' put out of business, actually ruined, things might adjust themselves on a more reasonable basis, and these sharks who insist on getting all there is in the hop growing business would be completely eliminated.

"My hops are better this year than they have ever been before, and it seems a shame to let them stay on the vine, but I'm afraid they won't pay for the picking, so that I have about concluded not to pick. If all hop growers could agree on a policy of this kind, something might be done, but under existing conditions things look quite blue for the business.—Register.

Lands Won By Locators.

A dispatch from Washington states that the Secretary of the Interior has approved a proposal for the relinquishment of 2900 acres of land in The Dalles land district, now held by the railroad company. The relinquishment will enable settlers upon these lands to acquire title from the government. Just how this action will affect other lands which are at the present time held by the railroads and settled by individuals, is not known, but it seems to be a sort of a victory for the locators.

Rush for R. R. Land Subsidized

The rush for Southern Pacific land in Lane county seems to have subsided during the last month in a general way, for during August only seven filings have been made in the county clerk's office at the court house, says the Eugene Guard.

During July there were many more, but now people seem either to have got their fill of Southern Pacific land, having filed on the cream of the timber, or they have some doubt about their ability ever to wrest the title from the railroad. Timber land is very scarce, and the life of people that make a business of locating others on the land is growing strenuous. For this reason it would appear that timber men have little or no faith in the government when it comes to an open combat with the railroad company on their land in Oregon.

A HONOLULU LETTER

Mrs. Weathered Writes of Hawaiian Belles Coming.

Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered writes the Salem Statesman as follows:

Honolulu, T. H., August 12, '07. Editor Statesman and other members of the press at Salem, Ore.—Owing to the steamer Aorango being loaded to the limit with passengers from Australia, my party of eight Hawaiian belles and myself will be unable to sail on the 21st for Victoria, but will wait until the Sierra leaves two weeks hence. This changes my plans, and instead of sailing to Victoria will go to San Francisco direct, reaching the latter city September 10. We will attend the National Irrigation congress at Sacramento, and then leave for Oregon, arriving at the state fair about Thursday or Friday of fair week. The young ladies are all very enthusiastic over their prospective trip. There is much entertainment going on here in their honor. There are several good musicians in the number, and their voices are enjoyed by all. The night before they will leave here there will be a grand reception at the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

Upon my arrival here, when it became known that I had met with an accident in southern Oregon and was unable to walk, I was buried in flowers and fruit. The callers are many, and numerous are the inquiries concerning the Oregon Journal girls who visited here. Was called up by the long distance phone and asked concerning Miss Blanche Brown's health. A young man wished to know if she was still single. He was informed that if his intentions are serious, he will have to hurry. About 100 miles away another girl called up and asked about Miss Mae King, who is in the chief justice's office at Salem. He too, wanted to know if Miss King would like to live in the islands. I advise some of the Salem eligibles to get busy.

Ex-Governor Lord has some wealthy, good people here who ask about him and family. The ex-Governor's son is on one of the islands.

I have a large airy room, which opens on three sides, out on a big veranda, and the trees are full of gorgeous-colored blossoms. One can reach out and pick the bananas and other tropical fruits from my window. I thought the winters over here were grand, glorious and sublime, but the cool and pleasant summer is a revelation for south sea islands.

The trip over was delightful. I was free from seasickness for the first time, and never missed a meal. But for my accident, the trip would have been a perfect one. Officers and passengers were all so good to me. With the aid of a crutch I could hobble to the table. This is a new experience for me to have to use a crutch.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth and husband, Nicholas, have a cozy cottage here, and are renewing their experience of their last trip here. Jack London and wife are still here. All regret to leave this pretty heaven when once here. Hawaiian palms, ferns, fruits, flowers and glorious climate will hold their own with streets paved with gold.

The many, many compliments paid the members of the party of Oregon girls who were here last year makes one prouder still of dear old Oregon. It is so nice to have known that party of young ladies and to know that they are deserving of all the good things said concerning them.

EDITH T. WEATHERED.

WOOD WANTED

WANTED—At this office, clean cotton rags for which we will pay 2 1/2 cents a pound.

MORE SAWMILLS WILL SHUT DOWN

Saginaw Mill will Close on October 1st.

CAR SHORTAGE CONTINUES

New Freight Rates Which Goes Into Effect October 1st Will Greatly Affect the Industry.

The scarcity of cars on the Southern Pacific Company's lines for lumber shipments still continues, and as a consequence some of the mills of Lane county are closing down for an indefinite period. George H. Kelly, general manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, today informed a reporter, says the Eugene Guard of Thursday, that the company's big mill at Wendling was closed down Saturday of last week and the mill at Saginaw will be closed on the first of October, or just as soon as some large eastern orders now on hand are cleaned up. The mills at Springfield and Coburg are only running single shifts, but they will probably continue in operation despite the car situation.

Mr. Kelly states that the new freight rate on lumber which goes into effect the first of October is also going to have a great deal of effect upon the industry in this state. He says there is a great advance in all territory between Ogden and Chicago, and the new rate under the new schedule will be something like three dollars a thousand feet higher than at present. This will be prohibitive and will shut out the coast mills from that market entirely. Mr. Kelly says, as they cannot ship their lumber under that rate and make a profit. In fact they would lose money on the shipments.

Anglers' Association.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting at Gold Hill on September 14th for the purpose of forming a state organization of anglers, which shall have for its object the improvement of fish conditions in the State of Oregon. Heretofore while individuals have worked for this end, there have been no organized effort, and consequently but little has been accomplished.

Governor Chamberlain, Master Fish Warden Van Duzen, Game Warden Baker and other distinguished gentlemen will be present. The subject of obstructions in the streams, fish ways, net fishing, hatcheries and other matters pertaining to the propagation of fish and conserving the supply, will be discussed.

The meeting will be called at 11 a. m., for temporary organization and the election of officers, and further sessions will be held in the afternoon and evening.

Two delegates may be sent from each anglers association, or rod and gun club, one from each commercial body, one from each city, and one to represent each county court.

This movement is intended to result in the organization of a strong state organization, which will look out for the fishing interests in the matter of legislation, and will see that the laws relating to their protection are properly enforced.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Russia is ordering a lot of new battleships, but she had better not Japan get a whack at them.

TO TEST DEMURRAGE LAW

McKinley Mitchell Orders Freight Car --Railroad Will Refuse in Time-- To File Test Case.

McKinley Mitchell, a Portland shipper, has ordered a freight car from the Southern Pacific railroad company in order to test the validity of the demurrage law enacted by the last legislature. The railroad will refuse to comply with Mitchell's order for the car within the required time of five days as provided by law, and then Mitchell will file a test case. The case will be watched with interest by shippers of this city and vicinity.

Persecution Makes Converts.

One of the most notable cases in legal history has just come to an end by the withdrawal of the suit for the appointment of a guardian of the person and estate of Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science. The suit, brought in the New Hampshire courts, attracted attention because it was against a woman 87 years old; of great wealth, possessing an influence incomparably greater than that of any appointed and crowned ruler in the world today; who was said to be dead, who had been reported mentally incompetent and physically unfit to control her property or perform the simplest offices for herself; of whom it had been written that she was the creature of a clique that used her as a machine for coining money for them; who was said never to have had an existence, and who has done more good than any living man or woman.

For nine months Mrs. Eddy has been the object of an extraordinary series of attacks that began with an article in a yellow journal of New York. It was stated quite seriously that she was dead—that she had been dead for some time, and that her place had been taken by a woman made up to represent her; then a correction was made that, while breathing the breath of life into the nostrils of Mrs. Eddy, left her a poor, weak-minded woman, bereft of power, and a prisoner in her own house. Other newspapers sent representatives to interview Mrs. Eddy; some said she was bent and feeble, and that her mind had weakened with her body, others asserted that she was strong, alert and vigorous physically and mentally, and that the burden of her 87 years was a light one. Under pressure, her son, George W. Glover, acting as "first friend," brought the suit that has just been withdrawn; he was represented by able talent, which included United States Senator William E. Chandler. The case was conducted by three masters, Dr. Jelli, the celebrated alienist, and two judges. Mrs. Eddy's testimony was probably the most remarkable ever heard by a court. It traversed a wide range; took up the happenings of years ago; gave details on subjects that the present generation has forgot, and on one and all things discussed this woman of 87 years of age was lucid and explicit and accurate.

It is not clear why Mrs. Eddy should have been made the victim of journalistic attack and court persecution. She is very old; there is nothing in her writings that has courted a blow; she has not assailed anybody; the disagreement that one might have had with her doctrine was a matter for calm discussion, it did not call for writs and summonses and court appearances. If those opposed to the beliefs of this 87-year-old woman thought they were injuring her or her cause, it is likely they have discovered their error. Out of the persecution of the last nine months the Christian Science Church has reaped a harvest of converts.—Spectator.

NEWS FROM STATE AND COUNTY

Items of Interest in a Condensed Form

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

The Clatsop county assessor will raise timber lands 25 to 33 per cent and next year to full value.

Three years ago a Medford lot and building sold for \$4,000, a year ago for \$6,500, and last week for \$9,000.

A Crook county girl 22 months old was given a bag of candy and an orange and left alone, and now she is an angel.

Quoting the Journal's recent remarks about the number of saloons in Portland, the Pilot Rock Record says: "That's nothing. In Pilot Rock we have one saloon to every 75 persons."

The last term of circuit court in Lincoln county was very brief, only one jury case being tried. Attorney B. F. Jones says "a dry town is a good thing for the tax-payers, but hard on the lawyers."

Irrigon Irrigator: Morrow county ought to be pretty prosperous this fall. Everything our people had to sell brought a big price and with a bumper wheat crop at high figures, Morrow ought to be able to live well and dress in fine togs for a year or two to come.

Moro Observer: Where threshing returns are in, the yield is proving heavier than most of our farmers expected when estimating the yield from standing grain. This is true everywhere in the county this year and the reason for it is that the heads have filled clear to the top, and the berry is generally plump and hard—all No. 1, and 70 cents a bushel.

Albany Democrat: Game Warden Baker is watching the Chinese pheasants and is satisfied very few birds are being killed, but proposes to use all the vigilance possible to prevent. His experience is that men who violate the game law are just those who should be above it. One of the culprits he captured, once was a methodist, the most religious man in the neighborhood.

Heppner Times: The present good crop is beginning to open our people's eyes to the possibilities of our county in an agricultural way. While there have been other good

crop years none have compared with the present, which has been made possible under better farming methods, which are as much responsible for the large yields as the favorable season. A yield of from 30 to 60 bushels of wheat on our heavier land demonstrates the possibilities of our soil with proper cultivation.

Albany Herald. The Curtiss Lumber company which has in the past been bothered by the inability of the Southern Pacific to supply cars, expects to be able to obtain relief as a result of the new demurrage law becoming effective. This company with all the others in the county and state, is looking forward with considerable eagerness to see whether the demurrage law will be an effective remedy for the present shortage situation, and whether, if it is, the law will hold when tested in court. The mill at Mill City is said to have plenty of men at present.

Eugene Register: The plans for the new bank at Springfield are almost ready and bids will shortly be asked for. The plans indicate a very pretty building. It will be of pressed brick, front and side, with no adornment except stone trimmings and pressed brick cornice; that is there will be no galvanized iron "fixings." It will be 23 feet front by 60 feet deep.

Child Born in a Hop Yard.

A crowd of hop pickers fourteen persons in all, traveling in wagons and bound from Roseburg to Independence, stopped at the Walker yard between Eugene and Springfield Sunday and asked Manager Charles Sovereign if he had enough pickers. The manager replied that he lacked about 15 of having enough to keep the dry kilns going, and the crowd agreed to stop and stay during the picking season. Within two hours afterward word was brought to Mr. Sovereign that a child had been born to one of the women of the party. A physician was sent for and the mother and child are doing well.

Still Pays to Advertise.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce advertising was started one week ago Sunday in several of the large eastern daily papers. On last Sunday, the Secretary Mr. Walter Lyon, received 40 letters in reply to these advertisements. Mr. Lyon says that in case this sort of response remains steady, he will find about all he can attend to in answering the letters. The inquiries cover about the same field as all our real estate men are familiar with—that is, everything from the price of lumber to how to reach the country. Times.

The Leader tells the news.

FARMERS

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PEARCE BROS.

With your Produce
and Exchange for

SHOES and GROCERIES.