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HOPS SHOW STRENGTH

Predictions of Small Crop is Running the Market up to Twelve Cents.

The hop market in Oregon is showing decided strength. The tendency of prices is strongly upward and there is every reason to believe the new crop will open at better prices than prevailed at the opening of the two last crops.

The Oregon crop is going to be a light one and the Eastern dealers have at last found it out. New orders are coming in every day for contracts, but they are difficult to secure. Nearly every grower who was disposed to contract his crop has already done so. The uncertainty of the yield also operates against the making of such agreements.

The Oregon crop is, beyond question, in a bad way. With favorable weather in the next two weeks it will improve, but as things stand now there is cause for alarm. Several large yards have been abandoned, or at least will receive no further attention, and many more may go the same way. All kinds of guesses are being made of the probable yield, some dealers placing it as low as 40,000 or 50,000 bales, while others still declare there will be 70,000 or 80,000 bales. After the middle of June the guessers may be able to come nearer the mark.

Twelve cents has been paid for the coming crop in California and it is reported the same price has been paid in Yakima. The Oregon market for 1909 was, until recently a 10-cent one, but 10-cent contracts are now a thing of the past in this state.—Oregonian.

Large Fruit Farm Divided.

The surveyors have just completed their work of laying off in small tracts, the fine 130 acre fruit farm of H. A. Johnson, located 5 miles west of Salem on the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad line. This addition is divided in 6 and 9 acre tracts and will be known as Johnson's Cherry Orchard. Each tract will have a few acres of young Royal Ann and Lambert cherry trees which were planted two years ago this coming fall. For cherries, apples, pears and walnuts this soil is second to none as an inspection of the growing trees thereon will demonstrate.—Statesman.

Union Memorial Services.

Union memorial services were held Sunday morning in the Auditorium at Independence, under the auspices of General Gibson Post, G. A. R. Dr. Dunsmore, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Harry McCain, of the Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Byers and Professor Kirk, of the public school. Music was furnished by a choir composed of the choirs of all the churches. The address of Dr. Dunsmore was well received by the large crowd that had assembled. Only fourteen of the members of General Gibson Post still survive.

Pioneer Reunion at Amity.

The seventeenth annual reunion of the Yamhill County Pioneer Association will be held in Amity tomorrow (June 2). A fine program for the days' entertainment has been prepared in which a number of the prominent men and women of the state are to take part. A big banquet will be served by the citizens of Amity for the members of the association and their wives or husbands if not members.

Legal Blanks at this office.

ANGLERS' CODE A PUZZLER

Opinions Differ As To Whether or Not Women and Children Require Fishers' Licenses.

The anglers' license portion of the new game code, as enacted by the last Oregon legislature bids fair to become productive of numerous discussions and endless tangles of unanswered and unanswerable questions.

By some it has been held that the law makes the purchase of licenses imperative only to men and boys over 15 years of age and that as a result women and children may be permitted to fish unlicensed and without the restrictions that bind the less favored masculine adult. Others claim that the law requires all who fish, to have a license, but that no charge can be made for the issuance of the license to any but males over 15 years of age. Still other phases of the question are brought up daily, adding still further to the complexity of the problem.

In a verbal opinion to the county clerk of Marion county last week, the attorney general gave the idea that all who fish must be provided with licenses but that the law does not provide for a charge for women or for males under 15 years of age. To get around this proposition the county clerk's office will require an affidavit with every license issued, the affidavit to cost 25 cents.

E. M. Smith, county clerk of Polk county, when questioned as to his view on the subject yesterday was of the opinion that a county clerk could issue licenses to none but males over 15 years of age and that he could not rightfully charge for the affidavit. He is of the opinion that all a woman or a child under 15 years of age needs to entitle them to the right of angling, is the necessary tackle and bait and that they are exempt from the requirement of a license.

Concerning the discussion of the matter in Marion county, where it appears that it is to be fully tested out, the Salem Statesman says:

"In the opinion of attorneys the angler's license law part of the game code as enacted by the last Oregon legislature, provides that everyone, male or female, who is fishing must be provided with an angler's license. While the law does not provide that females shall pay for their licenses, it is stated by attorneys that the law is in such shape that they must secure licenses and give affidavits and that the clerk of the county must issue these licenses for nothing.

"No action along this line will be followed by the county clerk here until an opinion has been received from the office of Attorney-General Crawford. He has been asked for an opinion along this line by more than one county clerk and the result of it is being watched with much interest. In case the opinion of attorneys in the matter is correct it will be one of the most radical game laws ever enacted in any state."

Delegates to Convention.

Delegates to the Y. W. C. A. convention which will be held at the Breakers this month, have been chosen from the Dallas College association as follows: Miss Harriet Hubbard, Miss Emma Ridgeway, Miss Eula Phillips and Miss Pauline VanOrdel. Miss Anna Garner and Miss Leona Brown will represent the Dallas High School association.

Louis Carter is up from Portland for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in this city.

ARRANGE FOR FIELD TRIALS

Many Cups and Prizes Will Be Given the Owners of the Winning Dogs.

Arrangements were completed by the Oregon Field Trial Club at its meeting in Portland recently, for the field trials which are to be held in October near Salem. The trials were held in the fields near Independence last fall and attracted an enormous crowd of sportsmen from all parts of the state, many persons from Washington and California being also in attendance. So great was the interest in the trials manifested by the sportsmen that the Club is confident of an even larger attendance and list of entries this year and has prepared a fine list of prizes for the event.

A \$500 guaranteed purse is to be divided equally on the Derby and All-Age stake and it is also reported that there will be a subscription stake, barring championship dogs from the All-Age stake. In addition to the purses, six fine sterling silver loving cups will be offered the owners of each prize winning dog. A seventh cup will be added in case of the subscription stake.

E. H. DeBrower, a prominent sportsman and dog owner, of Minneapolis, has located in Portland and has joined the coast club. Mr. DeBrower reports that a number of other Eastern sportsmen are contemplating coming to Oregon to enjoy its superior game and sporting advantages.

SHOW GOOD ATTENDANCE

Forty-Five Schools in Session During Month of May Make an Average of 94.8.

County School Superintendent H. C. Seymour's report for the schools of Polk county for the month ending May 14, shows a total of 46 schools still in session out of 67 districts. The total enrollment is 2393, of which 1239 are boys and 1154 girls.

The per cent of attendance in the county during the month was 94.8. More than half of the pupils registered in the county are between 4 and 9 years of age, about one-fifth are between the ages of 9 and 14 and about one-third between the ages of 14 and 20.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for attendance, having made 95% or more: Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Red Prairie, Ballston, Monmouth, Perrydale, Gooseneck (100%), Cochrane, Ekins, Independence, West Salem, Buena Vista, Lincoln, Euna (100%), Oakdale, McCoy, Mountain View, Highland, Rogue River Valley, Mistletoe.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for having no tardies: Smithfield, Eola, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Parkers, Perrydale, Gooseneck, Buena Vista, Harmony, Lincoln, North Dallas, Euna, Concord, Oakdale, Pioneer, Highland.

Resumes Charge of Foundry.

The business of the Dallas Foundry is to be continued from now on by Ed Biddle, the man who founded and developed it into one of the important industries of Dallas. Messrs. Harris & Stump who have had charge of the establishment during the past year will take charge of the new garage and repair shop which is being erected in this city. With the exception of a short time last January, Mr. Biddle has not been active in the business of the foundry since he first leased it to Messrs. Harris & Stump nearly two years ago, when he left Dallas for an extended visit with relatives in his old home state. To a man who has been in business all his life an extended period of idleness is bound to prove irksome, and Mr. Biddle is delighted to be once more back in his place.

Two Hop Contracts Filled.

Two hop contracts, both dated in February, were filed with County Clerk E. M. Smith last week. The first was drawn up between W. T. Foster & L. Nichols and McNeff Brothers for 12,000 pounds of 1909 hops at 10 cents. The second was J. W. Meyer & A. G. Jones contracting to deliver to Lillenthal Brothers, 15,000 pounds of the 1909 crop of hops at 10 cents. The majority of hop contracts filed recently were drawn up last winter and the price offered is usually from one to two cents lower than is being offered on hop contracts at the present time.

James Weger, of Spokane, has returned to Dallas from a visit with relatives and friends in Brownsville and will purchase property and make his home in this city in future. Mrs. Weger will come down from Spokane and join him in a short time. Mr. Weger is a brother of Mrs. Nancy Brown, of this city.

John A. Brown, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, was up from Portland over Sunday visiting with his friend, W. V. Fuller. Mr. Brown is connected with a prominent firm in Portland and is regarded as one of the best authorities on timber in the United States.

READY FOR ROSE FESTIVAL

Many Attractive Features Are Planned For Great Celebration in Portland This Year.

An event of not only state-wide but almost national interest is the Portland Rose Festival, that opens Monday, June 7, and lasts the whole week. Bigger attendance than ever before is promised. The parades will outdo anything before attempted and other attractions of Festival week will be ahead of former efforts. Information received by the management indicates an unusual movement of tourists this year, while out-of-town people are expected to flock here in large numbers. The city plans to keep open house for the week and all visitors will be made welcome.

Monday, the opening day, will be "Home Coming Day" with a spectacular night pageant. The Rose show will open on Tuesday and there will be a grand electric parade. The following day there will be a competitive rose exhibit and an automobile parade in the afternoon. On Thursday the horse and vehicle parade will be given with a night pageant, "The Spirit of the Golden West." On Friday business firms of the city will keep open house and extend a general welcome to visitors. Races at the Country Club in the afternoon will delight visitors. Further chariot and harness races at the Country Club will follow on Saturday, the final day, and the annual speed contests of automobiles will be held. On Saturday night there will be a grand electrical pageant and the Festival will end in a blaze of glory. These are but a few of the attractions of the week, for everyone will be eager to entertain the Festival guests.

Two Eclipses This Month.

Those interested in astronomical study will have the opportunity of witnessing two very interesting events in that sphere of research during the present month. The first will be an eclipse of the moon, occurring on June 3 and the second an eclipse of the sun on June 17. The moon will rise in total eclipse which will last about an hour, while the totality of the sun's eclipse will be only near the north pole. The next eclipse of the sun which will be observed in totality in this country will not occur until June 8, 1918 and will be visible from Oregon to Florida. The eclipse on June 17 will be visible fairly well in the western portion of the United States near sunset and may easily be observed by all with the aid of smoked glasses.

Promising Valley Prune Crop.

Indications are for a record-breaking crop of prunes in the Willamette Valley. While growers have been greatly worried by the frosts and dry weather, it appears to be the general opinion that the crop has not been injured. W. C. Tillson, of W. C. Tillson & Co., discussing the outlook for the crop, said today: "I look for a very heavy crop and low prices. The trees are loaded with more fruit than the branches will support when it reaches maturity. The fruit will be small. The cold weather did not hurt Willamette Valley prunes, and so far the dry weather has done no damage. I was in Southern Oregon last week and in some places in that section the crop will not be much over 25 per cent. It seems to be the opinion there that the frost has done the damage." H. S. Gile, of the Willamette Prune Company, is of the opinion that prunes have not as yet been hurt by the dry weather, but that unless there is considerable moisture from now on the fruit will fall early and will be small. Mr. Gile states that estimates of the Southern Oregon crop range from 25 to 60 per cent.

Enjoyable 500 Party.

A pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. McLennan, Friday night, in compliment to Miss Ida Staffin. Several hands of 500 were played, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Hayter winning the prizes. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. McLennan, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kersb, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Taylor, Hon. and Mrs. George L. Hawkins, Miss Ida Staffin, Miss Anna Staffin, Messrs. Fonso Manston and Christy Staffin and Dr. A. E. Starbuck.

Although the waters of the Columbia river have risen to the annual flood height, the Willamette river has risen only a little above the normal. The lightness of the rainfall in the tributary to the Willamette river has prevented it from rising to the height usually reached in the "June freshet" and little apprehension is felt by those having farms along the Willamette river.

George Coad, successor to Johnson Brothers in the confectionery store on Court street near the Postoffice, expects to have his new soda fountain and back bar installed and his ice cream parlor fitted up by the end of the week and will make arrangements to begin manufacturing candy sometime during next week.

Edward E. Wright and Miss Sadie Rhoades, of Polk Station, were married Sunday afternoon at the Evangelical church in this city, the Rev. H. H. Farnham performing the ceremony.

BEGIN COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Philadelphia Program and Banquet Will Open Series of Entertainments at Dallas College.

The exercises of the Commencement Week at Dallas College will begin Friday night with the open program and annual banquet of the Philadelphia Literary Society. The banquet will be held at the Hotel Gail after the program. This has been one of the noteworthy events of the college year ever since the founding of the society about five years ago, and an invitation to the annual banquet is regarded as a marked distinction by the students. The program for the week is as follows:

Friday night, June 4—Anniversary of Philadelphia Literary Society.
Saturday night, June 5—Anniversary of Utopian Literary Society.
Sunday morning, June 6 at 11 o'clock a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon; 8 o'clock p. m.—Sermon before the Christian Associations by Dean Henry D. Kimball, D. D., LL. D., of Willamette University.
Monday, June 7 at 8 p. m.—Lecture before the Literary Societies by Judge Earl C. Bronough, of Portland.
Tuesday, June 8 at 8 o'clock p. m.—Annual Musical Recital.
Wednesday, June 9, at 10 o'clock a. m.—Commencement Exercises.
Wednesday, June 9, at 8 o'clock p. m.—Annual reunion of the Alumni of Lafayette Seminary, LaCreele Academy and Dallas College, followed by Annual Alumni Banquet.

HOLD CALLED MEETING

Merchants' Protective Association Revises List and Discusses Other Important Business.

The Merchants' Protective Association held a called meeting at the Courthouse last night for the purpose of revising the association's list and passing on a number of plans that had recently been presented for its consideration.

After much discussion it was finally decided to abandon the plan to send a float and delegation from Dallas to the Rose Festival in Portland, on June 7. It was believed that in the limited time that remains until the date of the opening of the Festival, it would hardly be possible for arrangements to be carried out which would give the city an adequate representation and for this reason, combined with the fact that a number of other similar things are at this time laying claim to the funds and energies of the citizens, it was not considered advisable to embark in the enterprise.

A motion was passed regarding the improvement of the city's streets, by which the secretary of the association was instructed to prepare and have read before the city council at its next meeting, a resolution urging that the street improvement in the city be carried forward as planned and assuring the support and co-operation of the Merchants' Protective Association.

At the close of the session the association resolved itself into a committee of the whole and attended to the work of revising the list as had been provided for in its last regular meeting. Names of persons who were no longer residents of Dallas and of persons still residing here who had settled all claims against them, were stricken from the list, only a few new names being submitted and added to the list. The list as it now stands is much shorter than it has been at any previous time since the association was first organized.

Plan to Celebrate.

The plan to hold a celebration of the Fourth of July was discussed by the business men of Dallas last night after the adjournment of the session of the Protective Association. A committee was appointed to ascertain what funds could be raised and if a sufficient amount can be pledged, the preparations will be begun next week. The plan is to give a three days' celebration, including the Annual Pioneer Reunion, and the enterprise will not be attempted on less than a pledged sum of \$500 or \$1000. Those in favor of the celebration realize that the time for preparation is very limited and are hoping to come to a definite decision as to the plan of action by the first of next week.

Observe Decoration Day.

Decoration Day falling on Sunday this year, its observance as a legal holiday fell on the following day. Both of the majority of the stores suspended business until the evening. Sunday was a rainy and unpleasant day, but yesterday afternoon many of the people of Dallas took advantage of the beautiful weather to visit the cemetery, decorate the graves and remove the growths of moss or weeds that had sprung up about them during the winter's season.

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