THOUSANDS PICK HOPS

HARVEST IN POLK COUNTY NOW WELL UNDER WAY.

Growers' Association Aims to Control Pifty Per Cent of Non-Contracted Product-Expects Good Prices.

Approximately 7000 persons are now engaged in the Independence hop district gathering the harvest from an acreage closely estimated at 3000, of acreage closely estimated at 3000, of which the Willamette river town is the logical center. Portland has sent about 3000 persons into the hop yards this season, the remaining number coming from various parts of the state. About 225 persons are required to a 100-acre tract. Nearly all the yards are short-handed this season, accounted for from the fact that the harvest began "unusually early, overlapping the grain harvest, and the reduction from 50 to 40 cents per box for picking, which is considered by the growers to be a fair price under present market conditions. The price outlook for 1915 non-contracted hops is not encouraging; neither is it depressing. The average hop man will say that the price will be somewhere between 12 cents and 40 cents. Twelve cents is reckoned as the bottom price, because it will cost 10 cents to get the hops "in the bale" this year. The growers say the price will depend mainly on the following: The ability about 3000 persons into the hop yards

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only in the poorer grade of hops. Five thousand bales of hops is the estimate from the Horst yard.

At other representative hop yards in the Independence district pickers are being employed as follows: C. L. Mitchell, 400 pickers; H. H. Hanna and John Hanna, 400; Mrs. J. H. Burton, 400; Spurling Brothers, 200; Walker Brothers and Cook Brothers, jointly, 150. At the 300-acre yard of C. A. McLaughlin, from which 2000 bales of hops are expected to be produced, 700 pickers are employed, and at the Wigrich yard of the same area 800 pickers are working. The latter Growers' association met and an membership of which includes physical design and the many produced of the same area 800 pickers are working. The latter Growers' association met and an membership of which includes physical design and the many produced and the Wigrich yard of the same area 800 pickers are working. The latter growers' association met and an membership of which includes physical design and produced as follows: 800 pickers are working. The latter yard is owned by Wigant & Richard-son of London, England. At the Krebs yard the picking is being carried on by contract, Japs being employed.

PEROXIDE REFUSES TO KILL.

pendence is both heavy and of light quality. C. A. McLoughlin, big owner and a man whose opinion is given much consideration, says his yard will average 1400 pounds per acre and believes about 25,000 bales will be shipped from the country tributary to Independence.

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and shortly after took up his per manent residence in Polk county where he has become one of its fore-most citizens, and where he has filled county offices, including that of cour

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I believe I would end these worldly woes," said Mrs. Lacce, the widowed

On Friday the Polk County Fruit
Growers' association met and aunounced an important addition to the twenty-four special prizes for the twenty-four special prizes for the winning exhibits. The fair board has provided for plate and standard box exhibits of apples, which are fast becoming one of the most important horticultural products in the county. The board turned the exhibit over to the growers' association, which has how added a quarter box class to the display. This will consist of single layer boxes, commercial pack, and will include entries of King David, Baldwin, Spitzenberg, Yellow Newtown, Tompkins King, Ben Davis, Gravenstein, Rome Beauty, Winter Banana, Northern Spy, Jonathan and Wagner apples. The prizes offered by the association will be \$1.50 for seents for second best. The idea the growers had in making the display in single layer boxes was to get more and a better class of entries. The

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Special Prayers for Schools.

To mark the opening of the Dallas public schools, and in response to a call issued by the National Reform association, the clergymen of this city will, on September 12, preach special sermons and utter special prayers for the good will of God towards the public schools. The arrangements other than given, have not been fully completed, but there will probably be special music at the several edifices of worship.

Fearing that the Methodist conference, which convenes on September 22, might assign the Rev. George H. Dallas, a number of his friends have in circulation a petition requesting the bishop to return him to this city and the time of the proposition when the appointments are made for the coming term. The pentition is being largely signed, not only by members of his congregation, but by citizens generally.

tained Mr. Simpson says breeding yards with removable partitions, for the pinioned birds, are, perhaps, the best to use. These yards are 24 feet square, have no covering and accom-modate six hens and one cock during the laying season, immediately after which the birds are turned out into a large, open field adjoining. At this season the flocks will not fight, and but little time is consumed each day for several hundred birds. The partifor several hundred birds. The parti-tions are then set aside and the entire strip cultivated and sown with grass seed, and the work may be done with a plow, whereas, if the partitions were stationary, it would take consid-erable time to spade and cultivate each yard. In March these partitions

should be put back and the birds mat-ed again for the laying season. As the China pheasant hen is no mother to trust with the raising of a family chickens are used for brooding. The best hen for the purpose has been found to be the Cochin ban-

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Deputy County Clerk Siefarth issued a marriage license on Saturday to Ernest R. Houk of Perrydale and Frances R. Kurtz. The bridegroom gave his age at 22 years and that of

In an effort to curtail fire losses

MAY CHANGE HIGHWAY

COUNTY COURT VIEWS PROPOS-ED ROAD TO SALMON.

Would Eliminate Treacherous Leno Hill-New Road Would Induce Settlement There.

The county court has practically defrom a point near Bentley to John Bover's place on the Little Nastucca, Bover's place on the Little Nastucca, a distance of four and one-half miles, the purpose of the change being the elimination of the Leno hill, one of the most impracticable highways in the entire coast country. For nearly four miles the present thoroughfare stands nearly on end—first one end and then the other—and during the winter months travel over it is next to impossible. In several places in the timber the road is still covered with mod notwithstanding the fact that mud, notwithstanding the fact that no rain has fallen in that locality for many weeks. When Judge Teal drove over the Leno hill last Friday drove over the Leno hill last Friday drove over the Leno hill last Friday are his age at 22 years and that of his bride to be as 20 years.

James W. Fry of Sheridan, age 24, secured a license on Monday to marry Miss Evangeline M. Morris, age 18, of Polk county. The young folks had other things than legal holidays to think about and called Deputy County Clerk Siefarth from a comfortable chair at his home to issue the license, and the hill is in Polk county, and if constructed will have not more than a two per cent grade with the exception of a shout distance, where it will reach five per cent. The road now traveled has about three-quarters of a mile of better than a twenty per cent grade, ascending skyward several hundred feet and following a "hog-back" in which there are also some stiff grades. The road around the Leno hill ass surveyed will, as stated, follow a water level, and will run through a fertile valley, susceptible to a high state of development agriculturally, and would doubtless be the means of inducing settlement in that section of the county where now there is but one resident for a dishe expressed himself as being sur-prised that Yamhill county should that section of the county where now there is but one resident for a dis-

In an effort to curtail fire losses Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, has issued a bulletin giving the various origins of fires and be means of prevention. Mr. Wells urges that the way to obtain cheap in surance is to stop the enormous fire closes. Now the non-barning, careful business man, he says, pays for the careless, indifferent, reckless builder and occupant. He declares:

"The fire loss in Oregon, most of which may be termed 'fire waste,' is greater in proportion to the population than in most states. In 1914 the value of property destroyed is estimated at more than \$\$4,000,000 and the insurance companies paid \$2,736, 000 of that amount."

The commissioner insists that the state should enact a fire marshal law, and that there should be fire-prevention associations in all communities. The duties of these organizations, he says, should be to create sentiment for solid buildings, clean premises, fire prevention laws, and ordinances governing flues, electric wiring, etc." We have our efficient fire departments in the cities to attack fires, year continues the bulletin. "Now, after we have built and organized these departments to their maximum strength and efficiency, what is our next step in combatting the immense fire waste? Why should we not have a department known as 'Fire Preventers?'."

Mr. Wells estimates that \$2,000,000 of property is destroyed and 500 lives TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND FRY ARRIVE FROM HATCHERY.

SAYS WILLIAM FINLEY, STATE BIOLOGIST, WHO KNOWS.

Fish Commission Grants Request of Dallas Club for Closed Season During Three Winter Months.

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