

HOP SHORTAGE EXISTS

OREGON ASSOCIATION ISSUES A CIRCULAR LETTER.

Quantity Available in United States for Export Under Needs of Consumers.

The following circular letter has been sent by the Oregon Hopgrowers' association to all members of the association:

"We desire to place before you a condensed statement of the world's hop crop for the year 1915, which we have gathered from every reliable source in our power. In Germany and Austria the crop is one-third to one-half the size of last year's harvest. England is now estimated at 270,000 cwt., as against 507,000 cwt. of last year. The American yield is about as follows:

Bales.	
California	105,000
Oregon	75,000
Washington	35,000
New York	10,000
Total	232,000

"In Belgium, Russia, France and Galicia there were practically no hops grown this year. England's normal consumption of hops is about 600,000 cwt. annually. On account of the war they will probably not use to exceed 500,000 cwt., leaving them short 230,000 cwt., or approximately 150,000 American bales. Ordinarily England imports from Germany and Belgium about 150,000 cwt., or 90,000 American bales. This year, of course, they cannot secure any supplies from these quarters. South America, Japan and Australia ordinarily get their supplies from Germany. They, of course, will not be able to obtain any from these during this season. America last season imported 20,000 bales of German hops, which is equivalent to 50,000 American bales. We are also in the same position as England and the rest of the world in that we can get no Germans.

"All hop consuming sections of the world have but one place to look to for their requirements, and that is the United States. We need last year 240,000 bales of hops. It is estimated that during the coming season, owing to prohibition and extremely cold weather in the east, which left the brewers with a little larger carry-over stock than usual, the consumption between now and the season of 1916 will be about 216,000 bales. This leaves us a surplus for export about 22,000 bales or 40,000 cwt.

"As outlined above, England will need 230,000 cwt. and the rest of the world about 70,000 cwt., or a shortage of 300,000 cwt. in all countries excepting America, and we have but 40,000 cwt. to spare. This has been a very hard year on growers. Their hops have cost them far more in labor and money than usual, and taking the crop conditions the world over into consideration they are certainly entitled to at least a living price for their production. The matter of the rate of exchange on English money and freight has also been a detriment, but this, as you will notice from the papers, is adjusted. In our opinion the price of a commodity is ultimately regulated by supply and consumption. Demand can have but a temporary effect on the market. Existing conditions are a good example of this.

"Under normal conditions the crop of 1915 would be selling at 20 to 25c. per pound, owing to the short crops in the world, and we believe that if the growers use good judgment they will get fair prices. One of our representatives just returned from California reports that the association of that state and the growers in general look at the situation the same as we do."

KNIGHTS ATTEND FUNERAL

Beautiful Floral Offering Sent as Memento From Local Lodge.

A beautiful floral offering was ordered by Marmion lodge, Knights of Pythias, to be sent to Salem for the funeral of the lamented L. R. Stinson, for many years grand keeper of records and seal for the order. At a meeting of the local lodge on Wednesday evening a number of Dallas Knights signified their intention of attending the funeral which is to be held in Salem this afternoon and it is probable that a dozen or more will make up the mourners from Dallas. Mr. Stinson had many close friends among the members of Marmion lodge and his sudden death has cast a spell of gloom over the entire lodge.

Lumbermen Will Meet.

The event of principal interest to lumbermen and foresters at San Francisco will be the Forestry Industry conference to be held in the exposition city October 19 and 20. One day will be devoted to forest protective methods and another to possible methods of reorganization of the lumber industry to meet unsatisfactory trade conditions. Prominent lumbermen from all the coast cities will be in attendance, in addition to federal and state officials.

Students Discuss Militarism.

After much and heated discussion in the larger cities, Portland especially, the question of military drill in the public high schools has at last struck home. The senior students in the state course classes at the Mouth Normal school had an impromptu debate on the subject on

Monday morning. Both sides of the question were taken by the students, and the outcome is important for the fact that the Normal school students will be the ones who will have to participate in the discussion when it is really time for action in the matter.

MAY ELIMINATE LENO HILL.

Inspectors Named to View Road Between Bentley and Bear Camp.

The possibility of a new road from Bentley to Bear Camp was discussed at the October meeting of the county court, which was in session on Wednesday and Thursday. The court appointed Roadmaster Waldo J. Finn and T. J. Merrick as viewers to inspect the road on the twentieth of this month and if these gentlemen say that the proposed route is a suitable one it is the opinion of the court that development of the road will not be long delayed. The proposed route will be about four miles in length and will run through a picturesque country from Bentley to Bear Camp, and will be built to get around Leno hill. The county court with a number of interested persons went over the route about a month ago, and the commissioners and the roadmaster worked their way over the trail that marks the route. Mr. Wells believes if the road is built that it will be one of the most attractive drives in the county, and this opinion is acquiesced in by Mr. Beckett.

The greater part of the monthly session was devoted to the consideration of bills presented, all of which were passed by the court. The commissioners were requested to meet with the Marion county court on Thursday and spend the afternoon at Salem discussing the matter of an inter-county bridge over the Willamette at Salem.

OBJECT TO BEING SUED.

Insured Protest Action of Insurance Commissioner Wells.

While admitting that a suit brought against the policy holders of the Horticultural Fire Relief to collect unpaid assessments will doubtless succeed, the attorneys for the policy holders' committee protest that it is entirely wrong "morally" and a protest to this effect was filed in the Marion county circuit court on Wednesday by Attorneys Oswald West and Claude McCulloch. The protest was brought about by the filing of a petition for authority to bring suits by Harvey Wells, receiver for the defunct Horticultural Fire Relief of Oregon. This petition was filed last week in the circuit court of Marion county, but has not yet been acted upon by Judge Galloway before whom the matter will be heard. If permission is granted by the court to bring suits against the policy holders to collect the unpaid assessments such actions will be filed by the receiver as are necessary to collect the sums due the creditors of the company.

SUNDAY LAW ADVOCATED.

League Would Initiate Measure to All Activity.

Plans are under consideration for initiating a Sunday closing law at the next general election that would require all employers to give their employees Sunday off as a day of rest, no matter what their business, and would close drug stores and theaters and other places of amusement, and make it impossible to obtain even a newspaper on Sunday. The moving spirit behind the proposed law is Dr. G. L. Tufts, field secretary of the One-Day-of-Rest-in-Seven league. He discussed the one day's rest a week feature before the Ministerial Union of Portland at its meeting Monday. The proposed law was endorsed, and the Ministerial union also adopted resolutions relative to the present Sunday law.

Record Number of Forest Fires.

Despite the fact that the cost of fighting forest fires in Oregon, Washington and Alaska was much lower this season than last, more than four times as many fires were reported in September, 1915, than during the same month of the 1914 season. In fact, according to the figures recently compiled by the officials of the forest service, during September of this year there were more fires than for the same month during the preceding four years. Beginning with the year 1908 the number of fires reported during September are as follows: 1908, 45; 1909, 75; 1910, 95; 1911, 71; 1912, 51; 1913, 113; 1914, 117; 1915, 486.

Governor Moody's Grandson Dead.

Frank E. Moody, son of Ralph E. Moody, general attorney for the Southern Pacific company, died suddenly at Seattle on Tuesday after a brief illness. He was a University of Washington student, and death is attributed to heart failure. The funeral was held at Salem on Wednesday. Frank Moody was a grandson of former Governor Moody. His father, Ralph Moody, is very well known in this community, where he has visited many times in connection with the legal affairs of his company.

Restrictions Removed.

California has removed all restrictions on the importation of Oregon and Washington livestock save the inspection rules ordinarily in force, according to word received by Dr. W. H. Lytle, Oregon state veterinarian, from State Veterinarian Kane of California. The only requirements now for stock entering California are tuberculin test for cattle, hog vaccination against cholera, and the usual physical inspection of sheep, goats and horses.

SOCIETY

Reunion—Four generations of the Lane family were present at a reunion of relatives and friends at the home of Charles E. Lane at North Dallas, on Monday. The hostess served a very dairy dinner and the many guests did it the justice it deserved. The four generations of the family were represented by Mrs. M. E. Lane of Dallas, age 76 years, her son, H. O. Lane, aged 47 years, his daughter, Mrs. Burleigh Hinshaw, aged 22 years, and little Mildred Marie Hinshaw, aged 5 years. Those who were present at the happy gathering were Mrs. M. E. Lane, Mrs. A. Kimes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Lane and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith of Pollock, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lane and family.

Wedding—Miss Pearl Titus of Falls City and Le Roy Black of Dallas were married at Falls City on Wednesday, surprising a wide circle of friends. Hugh Black accompanied the young couple, and was with them when they were married at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Black will be at home in Dallas.

Married—Miss Martha Mueller and John Burbee were united in marriage at the county court house on Tuesday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Holman. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller are both residents of this county.

POLK COUNTY

AIRLIE.

The residents in and around Airlie are well satisfied with the amount and character of road work done in this locality the past season, and hope for further improvements next season.

C. W. Spring, who has conducted a meat market here for some time past, has gone out of business, temporarily, at least.

Many China pheasant hunters have invaded this locality lately, the most of whom have been rewarded for their trip hither.

The Commercial club, which has been dormant during the summer months, will resume meetings in the near future. The club has already accomplished much good for the community, and hence your correspondent will rejoice with others when it again becomes active.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Johnson will attend the football game at Corvallis Saturday.

Wilberg & French, who deal in lumber, cement, tiling and mill feed, are doing a good business, there being quite a number of improvements under way hereabouts.

Mr. W. M. Shewey was a Dallas visitor early in the week.

PEDEE.

Mrs. McCormick's father and mother of St. Johns, have been visiting their daughter this past week.

The Fir Grove and Cherry Grove schools began work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Womer and daughter, Eva, visited Friday and Saturday at Troy Turner's.

Mr. Newton has been hauling oats from J. S. Condon's ranch.

A. L. Burbank was a Johnville caller Sunday.

Henry Powell's have sold their interests here, and intend to go to Tillamook in the near future.

Rex Womer and family of Airlie, spent Sunday with the home folks.

Charles Kerber is hauling brick and cement for a fireplace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ritner and daughter Irene spent Sunday with her parents at Airlie.

C. L. Burbank made a business trip to Corvallis the first of the week.

F. C. Gilliam and J. L. Condon motored to Independence Tuesday.

WILDWOOD.

School started Monday with eight scholars. The teacher, Miss Cora Gay, and mother are occupying F. C. Butler's house.

The dance at George Sullivan's Saturday night, was well attended in spite of the rain and bad roads. Every one had a fine time.

Clark and Ira Green of Mollain were here this week to get a load of goods belonging to the latter.

L. D. Fry made a trip to Lewisville Monday.

Clint Moore and Harry Sullivan visited at Fry's Sunday.

Millions See Fair.

Attendance at the Panama-Pacific exposition reached the 14,000,000 mark this week. The 14th million was recorded in 16 days.

The average daily attendance throughout the exposition has been 61,493. The exposition will close December 4.

May Send County Exhibit to Fair.

The Oregon commission at the Panama-Pacific exposition is greatly in need of more exhibits from this state, and has recently communicated with the Commercial club of this city with the idea of securing the Polk county exhibit at the state fair for the Oregon building at San Francisco. This display is now being re-assembled for shipment to the Manufacturers' and Land Products show at Portland and at its meeting Wednesday evening the club joined the fair board in deciding to return the exhibit to Dallas when that show closes. Some action

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may be taken later to transfer the display to San Francisco and if this is done it will greatly relieve the situation that confronts those in charge of Oregon's part of the big San Francisco show.

J. R. James spent a part of the week in Portland, where he transacted business.

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