

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Profits Realized By Oregon Hop Growers

FAST MAIL BETWEEN PORTLAND AND EAST

Big Cement Plant to be Built at Oswego, Oregon, in Near Future

Portland, Oregon, October 12.

Hop growers are having their innings, with the prevailing quotation for the Oregon crop at 25 cents per pound. The average price last year was 7 cents, in 1907 7 cents and in 1906 12 cents. The last high priced year was 1904, when the Oregon hop went to 45 cents and away back in 1882 wetherere sales as high as \$1.25 per pound. In some respects, the market this year resembles that of 1882.

Light crops all over the world are responsible for the prevailing high prices. The Oregon crop is the lightest since 1896. The estimate of 70,000 bales for the year's yield in this state is considered about right, with Washington's crop 15,000 bales, compared with 17,000 bales last year, and California has about 60,000 bales this year compared to 68,000 of last season.

It is expected this year will mark the first of a series of high-priced crops. This year, the next and possibly one or two more, will mean large profits to growers. After that, because of high prices having stimulated production, more hops will be grown than are needed and the price will drop again.

Preliminary arrangements are already being taken up for the big bi-ennial national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which will meet in Portland July 19-24, next year. This gathering of the A. O. H. is expected to be a notable one and it is thought it will bring no less than 20,000 people to Portland. Delegates will be in attendance from all over the country and many visitors beside. The Commercial Club is actively at work in arousing interest in the gathering and large parties from several states have already announced their intention of visiting Portland at that time and participating in the convention.

A fast mail train between Chicago and Portland that will bring Eastern mail to Oregon in much less time than is now required has just been put on by the Harriman lines. The train will carry no passengers and will make the run between the two cities in 60 or 62 hours, clipping off from 10 to 12 hours from the present schedules. In this way the Harriman lines expect to meet the shortened schedules of the Hill roads, which have put in fast trains from St. Paul to Puget Sound.

Ground will be broken early in December for a big cement plant near this city that is expected to contribute largely to the supply of this building material used in this territory. The new industry will have a capacity of 1500 barrels daily at the start, with provision for enlarged facilities later. It will cost \$1,000,000. The plant will consist of 12 buildings, covering about 12 acres, and will be located at Oswego, a short distance south of the city. It is thought that the field for a cement factory is unexcelled, because of the convenient source of raw materials and the big market for the manufactured product.

Astoria is in the limelight because of a splendid building rec-

ord during the first nine months of the year. Improvements carried on by the municipality and business interests there during 1909 total over \$1,000,000. This is a splendid showing and with such a spirit being shown, Astoria's outlook is very bright.

DuPont-Peterson Wedding.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated, Sunday morning at 10:30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grove A. Peterson of Monmouth, when daughter Bessie was united in marriage to Mr. Rene A. DuPont of Houlton, Columbia County, Rev. L. C. Hoover officiating, only near relatives being present.

After the ceremony those present partook of an elegant wedding dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. DuPont left on the 1:30 motor for their future home at Houlton, stopping at Portland enroute. Miss Peterson was one of Monmouth's most popular young ladies and takes with her the well wishes of a host of friends.

Celebrate Birth Anniversary

The sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. O. C. Zook took place last Tuesday, the occasion being celebrated by a number of friends and relatives congregating at the Zook home to spend the day, and assist in the proper disposal of roast chicken, turkey and many other things prepared for enjoyment on this special occasion.

Mrs. Zook received many beautiful and useful presents, and as the guests departed each wished her many returns of October 12th to enjoy.

Those present were: C. C. Sloan, W. A. Wood and wife, Uncle Frank Powell, and wife, Mrs. Hattie Whitney, Mrs. McKinney and children, Mrs. Campbell, and Ed Plaster and wife and daughter, who gathered with the Zook family on this pleasant occasion.

The HERALD acknowledges a liberal supply of delicious cake.

Local and Personal.

W. A. Tucker had business that called him to Independence Tuesday.

W. F. McAdams, manager of the Independence foot ball team was doing business in town Tuesday.

Mr. Foster of Corvallis, formerly of Southern Oregon, has purchased the S. M. Fuller ten acre home northwest of town and will move there next Spring. The sale was made last Saturday through G. A. Peterson.

We have published a good article in this issue descriptive of Polk county and its lands and conditions. It will be a good number to send to your friends at a distance or in the East. You can get copies at the Herald office.

Between two and three thousand persons along the shores of Yucatan, at the west end of the Caribbean sea were drowned by a tidal wave sweeping over the islands and the lowlands along the coast. The wave was caused by a storm, the wind moving with sufficient force to uproot trees and carry them into the sea.

R. B. Chenny who lives a couple of miles west of town received some patent, iron stanchions with which he is fitting up his new barn. One of our townsmen in descanting upon the good qualities of the article made the remark, "That after a cow would stand in them for a couple of nights, she would give pure cream." That is putting their merit a little too strong but they are certainly very convenient.

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On Wednesday evening, at 5 o'clock, at the beautiful home of the bride's father, M. J. Cameron, on Lyon street, Mr. J. E. Simpson and Miss Bessie Cameron were united in marriage, in a simple but neat ceremony, performed by Rev. W. S. Gordon of the M. E. church. The surrounding decorations were of a very tasty character, a bower of pretty flowers in keeping with the season and occasion. Thirty or forty relatives and intimate friends were present.

Congratulations followed, a fine wedding lunch was served and the happy couple at 6:30, almost before their friends knew it were off in an automobile for Jefferson and thence for Portland and elsewhere on their bridal trip.

Among the elegant and useful display of presents were a 160 acre farm in Benton county from Mr. Cameron and a \$100 check, from Mrs. Cameron, to the bride. Several congratulatory dispatches were received, among others one from Massachuretts.

Mr. Simpson, formerly of this city, is now a popular citizen of Eugene, one of the proprietors of the Palace of Sweets, and the bride is a charming young lady with many friends.

After a short trip they will return to a home all ready for them in Eugene.—Albany Democrat.

Mr. Simpson is a Polk County boy, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Simpson of Monmouth. The HERALD adds congratulations.

Two Snaps

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