

CROPS IN POLK COUNTY.

Good Prospects of a Bountiful Harvest.

Lay temperature and the excessive fall of rain throughout the Springs months and so far this Summer, gave rise to a general fear of a shortage in crops. While the growth of grain was greatly retarded, yet all doubt of even a partial failure has been dispelled. This is particularly true of Fall grain. Spring grain needs more rain to insure a fine crop. Oats, likewise, promise a bountiful yield, while the hay crop is unusually heavy.

It is the hop fields where the brightest prospects are visible. In Polk county there is not a single yard that is not clean, well trained and thoroughly cultivated, with every prospect of the largest as well as the best quality ever marketed from this county. Already prospective buyers are visiting hop yards hereabout, and submitting to growers a handsome cash price for the output this Fall, they to take all risks of harvesting the crops. There is, however, no disposition in the grower to relinquish his right to the crop, as indications are strong for fancy prices latter on.

The strawberry season is practically over, and the crop has been a disappointment, though prices have been unprecedentedly high. Even gooseberries, heretofore a drug on the market, sold at handsome figures throughout the season. This is due to the fact that growers the past year destroyed the bushes owing to the unprofitable market prevailing heretofore. Other berries are plentiful.

Pears and cherries are almost a failure, but apples promise much better than last season, especially the Winter ones. Prunes also are looking well.

All vegetables are a month behind last year, but are showing the effects of the present good weather. This is a great potato section, the fertile river bottom lands being exceedingly well adapted to their culture.

All in all, it is safe to say this year, in the agricultural sense,

promises to be a prosperous one with the farmers of this section.

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Buena Vista.

After a pleasant visit of several days with Mrs. Belle Baldwin and other friends, Miss Flora Jones left Monday for her home in Eastern Oregon, via Monmouth and Portland, where she will make brief visits.

Mr. Jack Veness left for Pendleton, Friday, on business, after a brief visit to Buena relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Oglesby, returned Saturday from a visit in Salem.

A vocal class was organized here Tuesday evening, by Rev. B. J. Kelly, who is also teaching instrumental music. The new class starts out with a membership of 15 and bright prospects for more additions.

A new Rushford wagon adorns the premises of Harley Hall. The purchase was made of R. M. Wade & Co. of Corvallis, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Richardson attended lodge in Independence, Tuesday evening, returning home Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Esther Balmer, of Vancouver, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emmett Wells.

Two sisters of Elmer Emmons, Mrs. Thomas of Missoula, Mont. and Mrs. C. F. Culver, of Shelburn, Or., are visiting relatives in Polk county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, spent Saturday and Sunday with McMinnville relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hall were Corvallis visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike Criderman, nee Nora Prather, of Buena Vista, arrived Sunday from Winlock, Wash. and is a guest of relatives.

S. M. Daniels, of Monmouth, transacted business in this burg Monday.

David Davison and daughter Miss Ada, are to leave this week for California, to reside.

Dr. J. Frank Hall, wife and son, of Albion, Wash., are visiting relatives in Buena Vista and Benton county.

Crops are in excellent condition in this section, a marked improvement being perceptible since the heavy rains of last week.

Miss Delia Pagenkopf has returned from Pedes, where she recently finished a term of school and will spend the summer in this place.

Despite the threatening aspect of the heavens on the Fourth numerous Buena Vistaites ventured forth to the different towns where celebrations were held and report good times in spite of the rain.

Gus Pagenkopf and lady celebrated in Corvallis, attending a very enjoyable dance at Wells, in the evening, enroute home.

A patch of barley on the farm of Mr. Loy, west of town, presents a very attractive appearance. A finer crop of this grain is seldom seen in this vicinity.

There is much complaint from farmers concerning the scarcity of laboring men to assist in haying, harvesting and other farm work. Neighbors are obliged to so arrange their work as to help each other in turn, it being impossible to secure men either in towns or country.

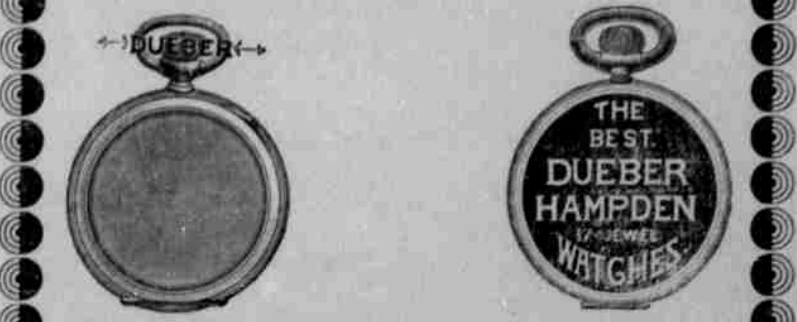
Mrs. Jack Veness and daughter, returned to Winlock, Wash., Sunday.

Wm. Adams is painting, papering and otherwise improving his house in the west part of town. The



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dwelling is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emmons.

"Shafe" Krentz is engaged in peeling chitten bark on the Anderson farm. An average day's work is from 300 to 400 pounds per day.

Mrs. John McLain returned Tuesday from a week's visit to Mrs. Robert Wilson, of Wells.

The Monmouth meat wagon passes through Buena Vista Mondays and Thursdays, instead of Fridays, as before stated. Mr. Boothby is the owner of the wagon.

Parker.

We have him here too—the man who could take Tracy.

Johnny Grounds and wife were visiting with Mrs. J. O. Davidson Tuesday.

Quite a few from here celebrated at Portland.

C. R. Parker and Prince Lacy were Independence visitors Tuesday.

Lillian Cox, who has been attending the Normal at Monmouth, will spend her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. J. O. Davidson.

Johnny Gentry and Dell Grigsby were Albany visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, of below Independence, were visiting their son, J. W. Patterson, of this place, Sunday.

D. C. Harris has returned from a several days' visit to Cornelius.

Miss Lucy Bolter left for McMinnville Tuesday.

P. J. Dickinson and family and several others went to Newport Tuesday to spend a few days.

Edna Cox, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. O. Davidson, has returned to Monmouth.

Hop Gossip Around Buena Vista.

Hop growers are happy. Not only are their yards rapidly coming to the front and putting forth stronger evidences of a big yield, but the prices being offered already are enough to make the hop man smile.

Contractors have been considerably in evidence in this section the past few weeks. The prices vary, but are all considered good. One contractor offered 20 cts. per pound with, however a 30 days' option in the matter.

Different yards produce various

yields of hops, averaging from 500 to 2000 pounds per acre, according to the labor expended on the yard and the quality of the soil.

Another contractor who was recently in this vicinity desired to contract at 14 cents, advancing \$2.50 to close the bargain; also the picking money in season and when the hops are delivered making up the balance of the 14 cents per pound as agreed.

As there is said to be no surplus of the dried product on the market hop men feel much encouraged and expect a still higher price than has yet been offered.

Falls City.

Falls City Leader.

The new whistle for the Coast Range mill was attached to the donkey engine and blown for the first time the morning of the 4th. The whistle has excellent tone and though the donkey could not furnish steam to blow it properly it could be heard for several miles down the valley towards Dallas.

John A. Cramer, of Corvallis was in the city, Saturday and as a result of his visit the deal was closed by which Gilbert Tyson became owner of the Cramer dwelling house near the south end of the foot bridge. Mr. Tyson contemplates many improvements of the property and will have one of the most homelike and attractive residences in town when his plans are carried out.

State Organizer Mrs. Lambson, the L. O. T. M. has sent word that owing to injuries received in an accident she will be unable to attend the picnic on the 12th, next Saturday. This is greatly to be regretted since Mrs. Lambson organized this hive of L. O. T. M. and is an energetic worker. Definite word has been received however from State Commander Sherwood, of the K. O. T. M. and he will be present and make an address.

The Bryan-Lucas flume has at last been built to its destination, after work has been going on on it since the first of March.



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