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## HOPPICKING SEASON.

Will Commence During First Week of September.

It is now definitely decided, if the good weather prevails, hop-picking will commence during the latter part of the first or the first part of the second week of September, and there is no reason for thinking the picking price will be above that of recent years, which has been 40 cents. The growers are considering no other price than the one quoted.

A careful examination of several yards in this vicinity reveals that in condition of the yards could be no better, and there is no doubt that the best quality ever marketed will be put on the market this fall. In no previous year has the grower paid so much attention to his yard, with the view of marketing a good quality rather than a great quantity. The yards are clean and the vines in splendid condition, while the modern trellis pole has succeeded nearly all the old small stakes and twine, thus making picking much easier and permitting the sun to get at the hop better during growing weather. Then, too, the weather has been conducive to the production of a good article. It has neither been too cold to retard the growth nor too warm for too early maturity, but a happy medium has prevailed throughout. In most yards spraying was immediately resorted to on the first appearance of lice, and the yards are almost free from lice at the present time.

Few yards will produce so great an amount in recent years. For this there are several reasons, first and foremost, as previously stated, being the diligence exercised by the grower toward producing quality rather than quantity. Then, too, in the early spring the vines in many places appeared missing. The heavy winds of several weeks ago did considerable injury in some yards.

As to price, there is a tendency to hold for the very highest figure, and few growers are prepared to admit that the highest offer has yet been made. Some predict 25 cents, others as high as 35 cents a pound. Few growers who had the money to raise their crops contracted but desired to carry their own risks. So many producers hereabouts will be the gainers by the high prices rather than the middlemen.

## Grasshoppers Doing Damage.

A dispatch from Salem says that one hop yard near Woodburn is being almost destroyed by grasshoppers. The dispatch winds up with the following: "In Bain Brothers' yard, in Polk county, it is said, considerable damage has been done by these voracious insects. The hop yard is alongside a clover field, and four rows of the hops, next to the clover, have been eaten up by the grasshoppers. The Messrs. Bain have already taken steps to stop the ravages of the pest, by thoroughly spraying their hops, and they are anxiously waiting to see what effect it will have on the grasshoppers."



ANOTHER FINE STRUCTURE IN INDEPENDENCE.

## POLK CO. WANTS PRIZE

In The Race of Counties Now Preparing Exhibits.

Telegram: Polk is another of the counties that will be represented at the State Fair this year, that opens September 15 and will give some of the others a run for their money in respect to a first class exhibit. It proposes to capture the first prize.

Mrs. F. A. Wolf, of Falls City will get up the exhibit this year the same as she did last year. Her exhibit last season attracted widespread attention. For years she has attended the State Fair meetings. She is one of the progressive business women of Polk County. She will personally supervise the work of gathering the products and arranging the exhibit and a Polk county resident now in the city says that it won't be for the lack of effort, taste and industry if Polk County does not get its share of prizes.

Polk county has varied interests and can make a good showing. It has room for more settlers and will no doubt succeed in getting a number through its exhibit this year. The county is in one of the most favorable sections of the famous Willamette Valley, with good railroad facilities in the eastern part and natural water power for running manufactories.

One advantage all of the counties will have this year in addition to those received at the State Fair will be the opportunity of selling their exhibits to the state for the Japan fair. Then they can give other parts of the exhibits for the permanent display in Portland where they will be on review for the thousands of people who visit Portland every year especially during the time the cheap settlers' rates are in force. In fact as stated by Secretary Wisdom several times,

the opportunities offered for advertising exhibits this year are manifold. Those counties now preparing displays will reap a sure harvest as the reward for their industry and enterprise.

## A Threshing Accident.

The first threshing accident came to our notice last week. Gabe Locke, who lives a few miles south of Independence, was driving a bundle wagon when the wagon overturned and before he could extricate himself his right arm had been fractured and his leg badly bruised. He is getting along nicely, but as a matter of course will be unable to do much work for several weeks.

## History of the Hop Industry.

Special from Pedee.

The history of the hop industry during the past decade shows a gradual increase in production with a wide fluctuation in prices.

In 1882 the total yield of hops in Oregon, Washington and California was 12,500 bales, and most of them were sold for \$1.00 per pound. In 1883 the price was 18 cents per pound and 10 cents was the highest paid from that time until 1886, when 30 cents per pound was paid. In 1889 13 cents was the ruling price, while the crop of 1890 brought the growers 35 cents per pound. In 1893 the output of the coast states was 118,905 bales and 21 cents was the prevailing price. In 1894, owing to a large quantity of inferior and damaged hops being put on the market prices ruled low and many lots were sold for less than the cost of production. A review of the annual yield of hops in the Pacific states during the past ten years shows that Oregon in that time has increased its production 33 1-3 per cent; California about 30 per cent while Washington shows no material change.

## FALLS CITY ROAD

Negotiations About To Be Concluded With Dallas People.

Negotiations as to a bonus are pending between the people of Dallas and L. Gerlinger, of the P. N. & Y. regarding the early construction of a standard-gauge railway from Dallas to Falls City, on the Luckiamute river a distance of about nine miles says the Telegram. It is anticipated that early next week a meeting will be held at Dallas at which a proposition to be submitted to the people by Mr. Gerlinger will be heard and considered.

George T. Gerlinger, son of the president has been out in the field with a surveying crew. He returned this morning to this city and reported to his father the result of a meeting had with the citizens of Dallas last evening when the railroad project was discussed. The proposed route is looked upon as quite feasible. Good business is promised the line and Mr. Gerlinger stands ready to go ahead with the project immediately upon reaching an understanding with people of that section regarding the bonus which is asked.

As soon as the railway is built into Falls City it is stated that there will be at least two large new saw mills put into that country. The logical terminus of the road to Falls City will be the Siletz basin which contains much fine lumber and which must in the natural course of events be supplied with a railway.

George T. Gerlinger says that Polk county ought to be the richest county in the state. He says everything looks prosperous and the crops are doing well. He is satisfied since an examination of the country that a railroad would develop many new enterprises and secure a large amount of freight and travel. Regarding the negotiations he stated that the meeting at Dallas had proposed certain conditions for the granting of the bonus out of that city for the railway and that Mr. Gerlinger, Sr., would soon reach a conclusion in the matter.

## A Recent Visitor.

Special from Buena Vista.

A guest in Buena Vista last Sunday was Mrs. Mary Croisan, of Salem, mother of Senator Ed Croisan, and a well-known character in Polk county.

The lady is a pioneer of '49, having crossed the plains at the age of 17, and being married to her late husband, Henry Croisan, as the party reached the Platte river. Another young couple were married at the same time and place and the mode of charivari adopted by the mischievous ones of the party consisted of running the wagons of the young people into the river.

Reaching Oregon Mr. and Mrs. Croisan lived for a time on nearly the identical spot of ground now occupied by the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. This was, however, too far from civilization, and hearing of work to be had at a new saw mill in Salem, the young couple decided to remove to that place. Mr. Croisan subsequently went to the mines in California, and on his return two years later traded a couple of cayuses to a young man for a claim which the latter had taken up near Salem

and with which he had become dissatisfied. This property eventually became valuable and is still in the possession of the Croisans.

Mrs. Croisan is 73 years of age and is a remarkably fine looking and sprightly lady for her years. Although welcome to a home with any of her children, all of whom revere her, she prefers to occupy a home of her own, where the latch string always hangs out to her host of friends.

## LAST CONCERT.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made For Saturday Evening.

Next Saturday evening completes the series of band concerts inaugurated some weeks ago. The entire Monmouth band will appear in addition to the local organization, swelling the number to thirty pieces. Leaders Frank Lucas and Thomas Zeiber will both be present. The program is as follows.

Imperial March..... Anthony  
(By request.)  
Reverie..... "The Wayside Chapel"  
..... Wilson  
Japonica Danse Du Vaudeville.....  
..... Stanford  
March "Blaze Away"..... Holzmann  
Solo for trombone..... "Romance"  
..... Mr. Burns Powell  
"Colored Aristocracy"..... Bernard  
Selection from "The Bohemian  
Girl"..... Balfe  
(By request.)  
March "Anniversary"..... Laurendeau  
"Home Sweet Home"

Immediately after the concert the Independence orchestra will give a ball at the opera house.

## DIED.

KURRE.—At her home, south of Independence, on Friday, August 22, 1902, Mrs. Cindrella Kurre, of heart disease and typhoid fever, aged 43 years and 3 days.

This community was saddened Friday by the announcement that the illness of Mrs. Cindrella Kurre had ended fatally. Three weeks ago she was taken ill with typhoid fever, but the immediate cause of her death was due to heart trouble.

Cindrella Beasley was born in Livingston county, Missouri, on the 19th day of August, 1859, and was united in marriage to Peter Kurre, at Chillicothe, Missouri, on September 29, 1879. Four years later they came to Oregon and since '83 they have spent nearly the entire time hereabouts. Of this union six children were born, five boys and one girl, all of whom, with the bereaved father and husband, survive her death. She was an enthusiastic, hard-working member of Independence Pacific Circle, W. of W., and has been an earnest, consistent Christian woman since her eighteenth year, holding the Baptist denomination as her church home.

The funeral services were held at the residence Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, under the auspices of the Pacific Circle, Rev. A. J. Handsaker, of McMinnville, an old personal friend, officiating. Interment occurred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. No higher testimony of the high regard in which Mrs. Kurre was held by her large circle of friends is to be found than in the large number who were present to pay respect to the last sad rites to her memory.