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One of the biggest hop crops ever grown in Polk county will soon be ready for the pickers. This year's crop will leave many thousands of dollars in the pockets of the growers.

The only surviving veteran of the war of 1812 whose name is on the government pay rolls, is dying at Danbrook, Oneida county, N. Y. His name is Hiram Crow and bears the distinction of having lived in three centuries.

Hop growers have nothing to fear from the grasshoppers. The insects belong to a species native of this state and have never caused serious injury to crops. So says Prof. A. B. Cordley of the department of zoology at the Agricultural College.

Next Monday is Labor Day. Gov. Geer has issued a proclamation recommending that all places of business of whatsoever kind, as far as possible, be closed. He wishes the day to be devoted to an observance of such exercises as may contribute to a better understanding between labor and capital, the great moving forces behind modern industrial development.

Our Saturday evening band concerts should not be permitted to lapse. The series already given have been both pleasant and profitable, but unless some systematic effort is put forth for their continuance they will terminate with the next concert. Mr. Dave Calbreath has had charge of the matter so far and he thinks it only fair that somebody else should take their turn. Who will volunteer? The concerts should be kept up until after hoppicking.

President Roosevelt is spending the holidays in meeting the people of New England. Incidentally he is giving them in his addresses some good, sound, sensible advice. At Willimantic, Conn., he spoke as follows: "This nation has great problems to face, problems in its external policy, problems even more important in the administration of its internal affairs. We can solve them only if with serious purpose we set ourselves to the task alike in the national and state governments and in the local municipality and county organizations. We have great problems ahead of us as a nation. They will task our intelligence, but they will task still more what ranks ahead of intelligence—character."

Now that so much disappointment is expressed by our farmers at the wheat yield it would seem wise for them to look into the merits of dairying. In an interview the other day Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey said that for the past year scarcely a pound of butter has been shipped into Oregon, that the creameries of Oregon were not only supplying the local markets, but were shipping butter to

outside points, mostly to Puget Sound and Alaska. Mr. Bailey argues that the price of butter will be even better this winter from the fact that very little of it is being placed in cold storage. From twelve to fifteen bushels of wheat an acre is a very poor return from land that if used for dairying purposes would net the farmer ten times the value in good-hard coin.

No person is so proficient in his particular sphere of activity, but what in some time of his career he meets his superior. This is true in the business world, in diplomacy, in athletics, to the cleverest crook. When a man comes to the conclusion that the business concern with which he is connected cannot dispense with his services, just about that time he is succeeded by some raw recruit who eventually improves upon his predecessor's services. No one is the "whole show."

Not a Well-Known Fact.

Yaquina Bay enjoys a distinction that is not generally known—it is the home of the rock oyster. In but one other spot in the world is this member of the oyster family to be found, at a small place on the coast of Spain. The oysters found there, however, are not nearly so plentiful or as large as those at Yaquina.

State Geologist Prof. Thomas Condon gives the following interesting description of the rock oyster: "The scientific name is Pholas. Like all bivalves it has right and left valves, each valve having on its middle portion a triangular, rasp-like valve. It is this rasp-like organ that enables it to excavate and keep its burrough open. The rasp is not hard enough of itself to cut the rock, but the hard quartz sand that rests in the folds of the rasp gradually wears away the stone as fast as needed corresponding with the growth of the oyster. When the eggs hatch in the sea water they look like small patches of jelly-fish and for several days swim about with the outlines of their future shells forming slowly about them. By instinct each looks for a vacant spot on a rock surface and when found he backs against it and goes into business. They are preferred to all other bivalves for the table."

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Correspondence Contest

Contest Closes October 4 at 6 P. M.

First Prize.

Magnificent Morris Chair.



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**Correspondents
Contest!**

- 3d Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at J. M. McCaleb's.
- 4th Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at E. Pickel's.
- 5th Prize, Subscription to Pacific Homestead.
- 6th Prize, Ladies Home Journal.

Conditions Governing Contest.

One point for every news item accepted. A story worthy of a separate heading 25 points. A column article 50 points. For every yearly subscriber, new or a renewal, 75 points. Less than a year at the same proportion. We want correspondents in every part of Polk county. Now is the time to make known our resources. Send in your contributions whether you are a correspondent or not.

How You Stand.

Monmouth, H	368
Ballston, B	302
Buena Vista, H	1033
Pedec, P	694
Antioch	11
Highlands, B	58
Rickreal, C	92
Calvary, D	140
Parker, G	81
Mount Hood View, C	197
Crowley, G	65
Airlie, S	25
Ballston	12
Lewisville, E	24
Monmouth, A	162
Monmouth, B	74
Simpson, B	7
Monmouth, S	175
Saver, F	16

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