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## READY TO PICK

**THE AROMATIC HOP**  
**Thousands of Cheerful Hoppickers Here Ready to Begin Picking the Ripened Hops.**

**Hops Not Ripening Soon as Expected. Tremendous Trade by Local Merchants. Picking Soon Be General.**

Hoppicking season in the Independence district is now on. There never were more pickers at work, or employed in the hop fields of this vicinity ready for work, than at this time. There are fully 6000 pickers on the grounds though all have not yet been set to work.  
 For the past ten days they have been pouring in by team and train loads. All last week along the principal roads centering in Independence were almost continuous processions of teams bearing hoppickers afield and clouds of dust enveloped the much traveled highways. All last week trains ran behind time because of the unusual number of hoppickers and hoppickers baggage to handle and at many times there was congestion of traffic on Independence streets and at the ferry crossing. As many as sixty five teams have been counted at one time between Paddock's store and Wilson's grocery, a space of scarcely a block. On Friday, after waiting for the hoppickers to alight and transfer of their baggage the afternoon train pulled out an hour late. There were three cars jammed to the ceiling with baggage and though the entire train crew and station force worked like Trojans in transferring it to the station, the train was delayed till the middle of the afternoon.  
 On the same day 120 teams and 600 pickers were transferred across the ferry landing, at times being blocked for rods with teams and people waiting their turn. The streets likewise were blocked at times, so that one must wend his way by tortuous course to pass between the teams.  
 The arrival of hoppickers at Independence, the disbursing point is one that will hold place in memory of those here this year. Though dust-begrimed and weary from long travel, they are disposed to cheerfulness and are bent on making the most of their hoppicking outing. Most are now domiciled in their hoppicking homes. The picture has been changed. The pilgrimage has ended. The big hay frame wagon sets outside the tent. The children, dog and pet cat have been removed from their promiscuously careless arrangement among the articles of household and kitchen furniture. The family cow, unloosed from her mooring to the rear end of the wagon followed so faithfully on the annual pilgrimage, browses contentedly around the canvas home. The children romp in careless abandon among the neighboring tents while the mother dusts the furniture and burnishes up the kitchen ware.  
 LOCAL TRADE.  
 The business houses of Independence have done a bigger business than ever before at the beginning of a hoppicking season. The demands on the mercantile houses have been pressing and fairly well met considering the unusually large number of people to be dealt with.  
 All last week and this the grocery store of McCready & Earhart has presented the appearance of a wholesale house in the busy marts of a large city. With nine people to wait on the trade the firm has been short-handed and a tired set of clerks sighed for relief Saturday night. Besides two regular delivery wagons, two big road wagons have been kept busy delivering goods and throngs of people have crowded the store awaiting their turn to get supplies. On three days of last week twelve big wagon loads were sent out. The average sale of flour alone has been a dray load a day. On Friday a ton of flour was sold by the single sack.  
 The Messner stores have had more than they had clerks to handle. Messner has done four times the business of former years at the beginning of the hoppicking season. The new grocery just opened up has had all it could possibly do and with nine clerks for the two stores they seldom find time to take their meals.  
 The Knox grocery store has enjoyed the best trade it has ever had at the same season of previous years. In former years the rush trade before picking has lasted a day but this year it has extended over a week.  
 The F. Wilson grocery store has had double the trade of a similar period last year and more than the help could wait on.  
 The People's Cash Store, carrying a general line, has had an unexpectedly large trade and the help was worked down Saturday evening. Some lines of wares, calculated to run through the season were sold out by Saturday night and other orders were on the way. The E. E. Paddock store and Peerless Clothing store have also enjoyed a fine trade.  
 J. R. Cooper has 32 acres and pickers are at work in his yards. He is employing 55 pickers.  
 Picking will begin in the Geo. Rose yard tomorrow. Rose has 180 acres and about 500 pickers are enjoying camp life at his yards awaiting the privilege of picking at 50 cents a box. Time does not hang heavily on the campers at the Rose yard. It is a resourceful crowd of people there and they furnish an abundance of self-entertainment in the way of music, dancing and public speaking.  
 Picking is in progress at the Faber & Neis yard, the first one across the river opposite Independence. The Faber & Neis yard contains 50 acres. Oliver Jones is the manager and 140 pickers were set to work yesterday.  
 L. Damon will not begin picking his 15 acre yard till next Monday. He is positive a better quality will be secured by allowing the hops to thoroughly ripen before picking. Mr. Damon will employ 50 people.  
 Picking began in O. D. Rider's yard Saturday. Mr. Rider has 20 acres and is working 35 to 40 people.  
 Picking began in C. A. Mattison's yard yesterday, one floor being dried. Mr. Mattison has 12 acres and is employing 31 people. Sam Irvine began picking yesterday. He has 20 acres of hops and has 35 people at work.  
 There are 300 or more pickers laying in wait for the Henry Ottenheimer yard but the hops are scarcely ripe. Mr. Ottenheimer has 80 acres and about 250 pickers will be employed.  
 The Percival yard, Manager Groves estimates will be ripe enough to start pickers on the last of the week. Mr. Percival has 40 acres and will use about 125 pickers.  
 Picking has begun in the Faber & Neis yard. There are 50 acres in this yard and 140 pickers are at work.  
 Jodie Morrison, foreman for Horst Bros. set pickers to work in the Horst Bros. big yard today. The Independence yard contains 330 acres, 200 acres of old and 130 acres of new hops. Pickers are thick on the camping grounds around their yards and 400 were started to work today. Foreman Morrison has turned off fully 400 applicants. Horst Bros. have another yard of 114 acres near Salem.  
 E. M. Young is giving employment to about 140 pickers. He has two yards one 20 acres near Buena Vista and one of 18 on the Salem road 3 1/2 miles north. About 100 pickers were set to work in the Buena Vista yard yesterday and 40 in the other.  
 J. L. Hanna has 75 pickers at work in his yard on the Hirschberg place. Hanna has 36 1/2 acres and began picking Monday.  
 D. G. Dove has 90 acres and J. A. Grigby 10 on the Hirschberg place. They are co-operating in the harvesting of their yards. They have six hop houses and are employing 200 pickers.  
 Chas Moore began picking yesterday. He has a 16-acre yard near Buena Vista and is working 50 pickers.  
 Henderson Murphy who sold his big hop ranch to Krebs Bros., last spring, bought another last Friday in the same vicinity of George Wells. The Wells place contains 219 acres, 40 of which is already in bearing hops. The price paid was \$10,000.  
 James Jones has 90 pickers at work saving the hops of his 20-acre yard south of town.  
 W. H. Roy came over from Dallas Saturday with a wagon load of pickers. He has 16 acres and 35 pickers are engaged. He is in no hurry to begin picking.  
 Helmick and Bush will probably start in on their yard tomorrow. They have 16 acres and 35 pickers employed. A number of applicants to pick have been turned off.  
 Fitchard and Wolfe were in readiness to begin picking this morning. They have a yard of 50 acres and about 80 pickers engaged. They have 30 acres of baby hops that will not be picked this year.  
 Picking is now on and will be on in some of Henry Hill's yards until the crop is saved. Mr. Hill has six different yards with a total of 100 acres. He has one yard at the south edge of town, another a half mile farther south, another a mile and a half south and three yards four and a half miles south. A 6-acre yard of Fuggles was picked ten days ago. Picking of other yards began Saturday. Mr. Hill will use in all about 200 pickers.  
 W. J. Steele will begin picking tomorrow. Mr. Steele has 31 acres opposite Buena Vista on the Marion county side. Hundreds of pickers are available at his yard but about 80 will be used.  
 D. B. Taylor began picking yesterday. He has 45 acres of hops and 130 pickers at work.  
 Mayor J. S. Cooper has a 40-acre yard near Albany and will begin harvesting tomorrow. His yard will employ 100 people.

Walker Bros., have two yards of 40 acres each and have begun picking. They are employing 200 people.  
 A. Nelson will begin picking tomorrow. He has a yard of 33 acres and will employ 50 pickers.  
 Picking began in the R. D. Cooper yard, near town, this morning. The Cooper yard contains 55 acres and 150 pickers are at work. Mr. Cooper has a 7-acre yard at Suver.  
 Fitchard & Wolfe began picking today. The firm has 50 acres in bearing this year and are employing 100 pickers.  
 Clarence Ireland started 75 pickers to work in the Ireland Bros. yard Wednesday. The Ireland Bros. yard contains 18 acres.  
 Tom Fennell began picking yesterday but quit on account of the hops being not ripe enough. He has 18 acres and will start 40 to 50 pickers to work again Thursday of this week.  
 Picking is on in earnest at the J. H. Burton yard. Mr. Burton has 70 acres adjoining town on the north and 175 pickers have been at work since yesterday morning.  
 Jess Whiteaker started 70 hands to work in his yard yesterday and Patton & Sloper, Chas. Moore, A. J. Richardson, W. E. Bevens, G. A. Pagenkopf, R. H. McCarter, A. J. Byers, M. M. Porterfield, Helmick & Bush, W. H. Roy, J. T. James, Ralph Dodson, J. N. Jones, Fred N. Stump, Wells & Smith, Thomas Pomeroy, Hubbard & Tedrow, J. A. Grigby, H. C. Wells, W. J. Steele, C. G. Huntley, Frances Brown are among those that begin this week and the first of next.

**LOST FAMILY**  
 Family From Aalsea Lost Among Hop Fields, From Husband and Father.  
 Finding "Needle in the Hay Stack" Easier Than Locating One in Hop Fields.  
 Albert Vining, of Aalsea, has lost his family among the hop fields around Independence. His family consists of a wife and seven children, four boys and three girls.  
 They left Aalsea in advance of the head of the family, leaving home Saturday and arriving here Monday of last week. Mr. Vining did not arrive until last Friday and he has put in his time since looking for his family. Up to yesterday he had found no trace.  
 He knows they arrived here and are camped at some of the numerous hop yards, but to find them is a most hopeless task. Knowing the camp in which they are located if a big one like Horst Bros., Ottenheimer's or Burton's, it would not be an easy matter to find any particular person, but only knowing that they are at some of the yards within a radius of ten miles of Independence, the finding of the proverbial needle in a haystack holds out more hope of success.  
 A consoling thought, however for Mr. Vining and his family to nurse is the hope, that when hop harvest is over, they will again meet at their home by the sea.  
**Hop Picking Time.**  
 Hop picking time is here again. The busiest time of all—When each must work like Helen To live till this time next Fall.  
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