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Notice. Wood for Sale.
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S. Cox, the wood dealer, is ready to deliver wood at your door on short notice. Big fir wood \$3.50 per cord; second growth *2* maple \$3. Phone 148.

HOP HARVEST

Oregon's \$4,000,000 Hop Crop Now Being Saved by Many Pickers.
Time to Hear From the Record Pickers. Not A Bumper Crop This Year.

Picking in full blast! Fully 7,000 pickers; 14,000 deft hands; 70,000 nimble fingers plucking the ripened burr from the trellised hop vines in the Independence district. Some of the growers held off till yesterday but now the army of pickers are at work in practically all the yards.

Pickers continued arriving during the first of the week until the number within a radius of a few miles of Independence is approximately 17,000.

The growers have been in no hurry to start the pickers to work because of the slowness of the hops to ripen. The general expectation has been in view of the abundance of hot sunshine that the crop would be ripe enough to harvest sooner than it has. Some have wondered if the rain a few weeks ago had started a second growth. The fact is the unusual amount of smoke the past month has neutralized the effect of the sun in ripening of the hop. The smoky atmosphere says John Graves retards ripening more than cloudy weather.

The red spider is giving hop men some concern in Marion county, but it has caused no alarm in this locality. It has made its appearance in the vicinity of the Catlin & Linn yard to the south but its ravages are confined to a very small area.

The Portland papers have been inclined to bull the state yield, but a dispatch from Salem in yesterday's Telegram says:

"Some dealers, as a result of the first few days of picking, have reduced their early estimate of the state yield from 5000 to 10,000 bales, bringing it down to from 90,000 to 85,000 bales, while others refuse to place any credence in the reports of a light yield, and adhere to their former prediction of from 90,000 to 100,000 bales. These latter contend that the conditions this year are identical to those of other years when the first picking is always light, and that the hops will increase in weight considerably before the season is over."

Reports from first drying furnished the West Side Enterprise from the principal yards, do not indicate a heavy yield. The Pedee yards are an exception. Hops are reported as yielding better in that locality than last year. Some yards on both sides of the river are showing a fair yield but as forecasted weeks ago no bumper crop is being harvested. Reports from yards further back from the river, including the vicinity of Dallas, show a shortage of 25 to 30 per cent.

In many yards, pickers are not working full time, the large force being able to pick all the dryers can handle, without working a full day. In some yards, pickers are laid off at noon, at others in the middle of the afternoon, while others keep the pickers going all day. There are always those who pick for the record as well as the hop checks and some of the record pickers will be heard from by next week. A 13-year old boy has been making his four boxes a day in the Fitchard & Wolfe yard this week. "Dick" Gaines, who is at the Horst Bros. yard offers to wager \$20 that if they will turn him loose one full day, he will pick fifteen boxes.

A number of girls are saving their four and five boxes a day quitting early in the afternoon. There

are many who can pick six in a full day and a number threaten to make eight next week.

HOP GIE'S SONG
Just one box, just one box,
There are others I know but they are not my hops.
Sun or rain, it is just the same.
I could never be happy with just one box.

John Brown finished picking his 5 acre yard yesterday.

From his Henkle yard, John Burton saved 200 boxes more than last year.

John Holmes had harvested 30 acres of the Moulson yard by Tuesday evening. He has 60 acres more to save. He is employing 130 pickers many of whom come from the Greenwood and Oak Point neighborhoods. He is running three dryers, W. F. Simon being fireman. John Simon and Mike Becker find themselves assigned to the duty of attending the children while their families are picking hops.

J. L. Fishback was taken sick at the Sam Orr hop yard at Rickreall the first of the week, and his condition is precarious. Mr. Fishback is 63 years and with his family of ten had gone to the hop yard for his annual outing.

A FATAL SWIM

Joseph Roner Loses his Life While Swimming in the Willamette.

Body Has Not Been Recovered. Drowning Casts Gloom Over Hop Yard.

Joseph Roner one of the hop-pickers at the Churchill yard run by Henry Hill drowned in the Willamette river Tuesday afternoon. In company with James Krumer and a Mr. Buckner, he was taking a swim about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Caught by the current, he was carried beyond his depth. Krumer, who is a young man started to his companion's rescue, but his life too, became endangered and by means of a stick thrown in by Buckner, he reached shore while Roner went down and has not been seen since.

The drowning cast a gloom over the hop yard, where before it had been all merriment. About 100 Bohemians were camped at the Churchill yard, and being more than the number required to pick the hops, they had almost half their time for amusements. The younger element spent the afternoons swimming and dancing, and also had dancing and music evenings.

Mr. Roner was 58 years old and his sons cannot understand why he would venture into swift water. J. J. John and Antone known as Roner Bros., box and cabinet makers, at Albany are his sons. They are here making every effort in their power to recover the body but have not been successful. Another son, Frank, and a daughter, Mrs. Schindler, were picking hops at the same yard. The wife and little daughter at their home near Scio, have not yet been notified of the drowning.

The father had come hopping without the advice of his sons at Albany, as he is in fair circumstances but he liked the work and has been coming here to pick hops year after year.

Grappling hooks, and giant powder have been tried and Wednesday the entire picking force laid off to join in search of the body.

The body sank about 4 miles up the river from Independence, and the sons authorize the statement that they will reward the finder.

Anyone making the discovery should communicate with the Roner Bros. at Albany.

CALLED ON COURT

Delegation of Eighteen Conier With County Court at Dallas.

Sidney Road; Independence-Salem Road; and Stock Inspector Wanted.

A delegation of eighteen citizens of Independence chartered a motor and went before the county court Wednesday and asked for an appropriation for the Sidney road; that the road leading out of Independence north have better attention; and for the appointment of a deputy stock inspector to reside in Independence.

Notwithstanding demands on their time at home the following list left their business and appeared in person before the court:

Dr. O. D. Butler, C. D. Calbreath, W. W. Percival, W. A. Messner, D. Calbreath, John McCready, U. L. Frazer, Riley Craven, E. E. Paddock, W. G. Sharman, P. M. Kirkland, C. A. Kurre, J. M. Stark, M. M. Porterfield, Dr. E. J. Thompson Charles Brown, G. A. Hurley. John Simon joined the delegation at Dallas. C. A. Park one of the owners of the Sidney flouring mills was also present.

The entire court, Judge Coad and Commissioners Biddell and Riggs, were on hand and gave the delegation a hearing at 10 o'clock.

Dr. Butler, as president of the Independence Improvement League stated the object of the visit. Judge Coad read the petition for the opening of a road to give an outlet to and from Sidney from the Polk county side. D. Calbreath, W. W. Percival and C. A. Park explained to the court the object and benefits to be derived from opening the proposed road. It was stated that it would be used by more than twenty-five families in the immediate vicinity of the road on the Polk county side and by twenty-five families on the other side of the river. It was also explained that an approach to the river so as to connect with a ferry had already been provided and that the proposed road would afford an outlet for farmers wheat besides it would be of use to the general public. Judge Coad asked if the proposed road would not benefit Salem more than any other place. P. M. Kirkland showed that it would not.

The condition of the Independence-Salem road, was brought to the court's attention. Especial mention was made of the Rickreall bridge and the Hayden bridge and the setting of a fence in the road by Mr. Riggs near the Rickreall bridge. Road supervisor Brunk was present and stated that the conditions had been remedied since the date complained of but Mr. Percival who had been over the road since the supervisor maintained the road and the bridges were in very bad condition. Mr. Percival further stated that the Independence end of the road had received practically no attention for the past ten years, and the statement went unchallenged. Questioned by the court, Mr. Brunk admitted laying plank endwise on the Hayden bridge to save the floor, but generously offered to take them up if the court so desired.

In behalf of the business interests of this part of the county, D. Calbreath extended to the members of the court an invitation to take a drive over the road complained of, placing a carriage at their disposal. Being assured that all precautions would be taken for their safety, the invitation was accepted. The inconvenience shippers are put to by reason of having no

deputy stock inspector at this point was explained by W. W. Percival. The court's attention was directed to the fact that Independence is the principal stock shipping point in the county and the expense and delay occasioned by not having a deputy inspector on the ground at all times.

The court gave the delegation a respectful hearing.

Small Change.

It is said the Salem banks will put out at least \$100,000 in small coins during the season. That is to say of pieces of value less than \$5 each. Of this fifty thousand dollars in silver and fiduciary coins is brought into circulation. One bank has had to order 20,000 nickels, 6,000 dimes, and 2,500 quarters already for the convenience of the hop growers in paying off their help. All this money goes to the pickers. It is for no other purpose.

The Independence National Bank will pay out in fractional coin \$30,000 to \$35,000. Here, unlike Salem, the hop check passes current. The pickers have now begun to receive hop tickets, and from now on, hop tickets will be the principal small currency handled in this community.

Prize Baby.

At the Carnival recently held at South Bend, Wn., Frederick Norman-Cressy, age six months youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cressy was awarded first prize in the baby contest for the prettiest baby in southwest Washington. The proud father is very much puffed up over the affair and looks ten years younger.

Pays 10 Per Cent.

The directors of the Independence National Bank met Tuesday and declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. The Independence National is paying 10 per cent a year. Another 5 per was declared in March.

Optician Here.

Dr. W. D. Trover, graduate of Jacksonian optical college, Mich., may be found at the Little Palace Hotel. He carries the best lens made and guarantees to correct any and all errors of eye refraction; will fill old lenses with axis cut superior lenses. Examination free.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that all unpaid county warrants, of Polk county, Oregon, which were presented and endorsed "Not paid for want of funds," prior to April 11, 1904, will be paid upon presentation at my office.

Interest will not be allowed on the same after the date of this notice.

Dated Dallas, Sept. 9, 1904.

J. E. BEEZLEY,
County Treasurer.

The announcement that Hon. William I. Vawter, of Medford, joint representative for Jackson and Douglas counties, will be an active candidate for speaker of the lower house at the coming session of the Oregon legislature, is received with no small degree of interest in Mr. Vawter's home county and in this section of the state, where his ability is well known and recognized. Mr. Vawter would preside with dignity, and his friends do not hesitate to predict, with some distinction, if chosen to this important position when the legislature convenes next January.—Ashland Tidings.

Expanding Business.

Owing to my increased business, it has been necessary to enlarge my business to better accommodate my patrons. I have spared no pains or expense in fitting out one of the best drug stores in the valley and am here to do all that lies within my power to merit a continuance of your patronage.

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