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"BLUE RIBBON COUNTY" TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS

Polk Awarded First Premium For Best County Exhibit Two Years in Succession.

Honors Won Over Valley's Richest Counties and Blue Ribbon Floats Over Polk's Unsurpassed Products.

Polk county has been awarded first premium for the best county exhibit at the State Fair. This year she won over the valleys richest counties. In the contest Linn was second, Marion third, Washington fourth, Benton fifth, Lane sixth. A protest was filed by Mr. Bonney who prepared the Marion county exhibit but the State Board overruled his objections, and those who impartially examined the different county exhibits, looked upon his protest as childish.

"It belongs to Polk," was the common verdict and to Mrs. F. A. Wolfe is the credit due for preparing the exhibit. This is the second successive year that Polk has carried away first premium. Her record is: 1903, first premium; 1904, first premium; 1902, second premium. In 1900 when the counties

were divided into districts, Polk was first in her district. The Herculean, if not impossible task of wresting first honors from Polk, is now considered by other counties.

It has been the practice in the last few years to have the county exhibits judged by one man instead of two or three. Last year Professor George Cote, of Corvallis, performed this service and Polk County was then awarded first place. Mr. Grieve was chosen as judge because he is competent and because, being a Canadian, he has no local prejudice in favor of any county and no personal feeling toward any exhibitor.

The percentages placed upon the county exhibits were: Polk, 95; Linn, 89; Marion, 85; Washington, 84; Benton, 72; Lane, 67.

The Willamette Valley Electric Railroad Company are about to place surveyors in the field, for the purpose of locating a line up the west side from Eugene to Portland. They are now on the way to Corvallis. You understand that this company intend building a through line from Coos Bay to Portland, together with branch lines at various places.

The object of this communication is to ascertain if possible the views of the people in the towns, that in all probability, our line will pass through. Are your people favorable toward such a proposition, and will there be any difficulty in securing rights of way?

We are looking up the matter, both on the east and west sides, and shall then decide which route will be most favorable.

(The above is a copy of a letter received by Mayor Gooper from W. J. Wiley, general manager of the Willamette Valley Railroad company, as this issue goes to press.)

"Whose Baby Are You?"

The Ralph Henry Stock Co. who are billed to appear at the Independence Opera House on Monday, Sept. 19th in "Whose Baby Are You?" (are a superior organization of twelve people, numbering many Eastern favorites, and carrying all their own special scenery and effects for each production.

"Whose Baby Are You?" is described as an effervescent ecstasy in three acts by Mark E. Swan, and tells the story of a young artist, Walter Mylton, who each month receives a generous allowance from a rich uncle who is led to believe that Mylton is the father of a bouncing boy, when in reality the artist is a bachelor though engaged to be married.

Seats are now on sale at Locke's drug store, with a scale of prices fixed at 25 and 50 cents.

Notice.

I have No. 1 rolled barley feed from Eastern Oregon. For sale at Ridders Mill. \$27 per ton with sacks. B. J. RIDDERS, Suver, Ore

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.

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.

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Some people have lit on a happy idea and are making their purchases at Messner's, evenings and Sundays and having them laid aside until they start home thus securing more time to make their selections and better attention from clerks by avoiding the jam and rush which always comes after hop picking. Messner guarantees delivery on demand of all purchases left in his care.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Acreage in Hops Increased 25 per Cent Over Last Year. Yield Very Light.

(Clackamas Correspondence)

As the hop pickers continue to arrive home and pass through Oregon City to their homes the stories of hard luck and of a fruitless hunt for jobs increase. The trains and boats are bringing these people back every day.

The yield this year in the county was very light and as each yard had more pickers than it really needed the pickers could not be kept busy all day so that very little money could be made. Then again it was generally thought that 50 cents a box would be paid the pickers and most of them were paid off at 40 cents. Some yards did pay 50 cents, but they were not many and they paid that sum because they wanted first class work done and insisted upon it. Other yards paid 40 cents because they could get the pickers.

Although the acreage has increased 25 per cent in this county the last year there will not be the amount of hops marketed this year as last. The reason for this, given by experienced men, is that the hot weather burnt off the arm of the hop vine that reaches down to the ground and on which the best hops are located. It is noticed in most of the yards that this arm or creeper is dried and burnt near the end where it caught the heat from the ground. But the hops are reported as being of fine quality and are free from all insects or mold.

Clackamas has about 1,200 acres in hops this year and it is estimated that 8,000 bales will be produced. The highest price paid yet that has been recorded in this county is 27 1/2 cents per pound. The wise ones say the price will go high and in expectation of this are holding their hops to sell on the top of the market. Very few hops have been sold yet and it is not likely that any will be sold until later on in the season.

After serving a six months federal court sentence in the Oregon penitentiary, J. L. Young has been released and brought back to the Polk county jail to meet a state charge. Young is one of two that broke into the Rickreall store some months ago committing the double crime by breaking into a post office building and burglarizing a store.

J. S. Cooper this week sold to Joseph Lempitt the Christian farm on the Luckiamute for \$7000. The farm contains 289 acres, and considering its productivity it was a

STILL THEY PICK

Rest of This Week and Part of Next Will Keep Army of Pickers at Work.

Quantity Short, Quality Good, Prices Good is the Present Situation in Hops.

The army of pickers are now wading through the hop yards in the Independence district. Some of the smaller yards are done, and some of the surplus pickers have gone home but thousands remain.

Next week will see the wind-up of hopping for this season, if the weather remains favorable. Some will finish by Tuesday, others by Wednesday, and most will have saved their crop by Thursday.

Most of the kilns are turning out a pretty colored hop.

There is a strip along the river, in the center of this district, where the yield is fairly good but outside of this strip the yield is light. It is now conceded the output for this year will fall short of what has been generally expected.

Growers have begun hauling and storing the baled product in the Southern Pacific warehouse. Already, hop bales cover considerable of the big floor space and the air around the railroad station is redolent with the fragrance of the hop.

Growers do not seem to be in a hurry to let go of their hops and there are practically no sales being made. Ralph Williams has purchased 100 bales from Catlin & Linn and 200 bales from Livesley paying 27 cents in each instance.

Based on the latest returns from picking operations, hop dealers have reduced their estimate to 80,000 bales for the Oregon crop. Says the Oregonian.

Even this low figure, growers claim is too light by 5,000 bales. Though lacking in the accustomed strength the hops are nevertheless very good and will more than likely meet the requirements of brewers. It will be two or three weeks before the first samples reach London, and until then traders will be in the dark. If the English brewers are satisfied the crop will probably be disposed of promptly. Trade up to this time has been rather light, and prices have ranged from 25 to 26 1/2 cents. The tone of the market, all things considered, is strong.

HOP MARKET FIRM

The situation in the hop market is very fine says the Portland Journal, and many dealers are ready to buy at the present printed prices. The growers are not willing to sell however until they figure just how much of a crop they have, a task that will be complete within the next few days. Dealers who purchased the crops outright in the fields at what they expected would average about 15 to 16 cents per pound are now figuring that the cost of some of their yards will be nearer 30 cents per pound. The De Puis yard at Gervais had a yield of almost 16,000 pounds and one of the dealers paid \$3,800 for this year's product some time ago. This crop will cost the buyer, ready for market, practically 30 cents per pound.

The home of J. D. Watson in this city has been visited several times the past week by a couple of strange boys not more than ten or twelve years of age. It seems that when they see Mrs. Watson leave the house they go in on a rummaging tour. Mr. Watson who is ill and in bed can do nothing but ask them what they want. The last time they called, Nellie Watson who happened to be near by struck the larger boy over the head with a