

**SOME GROWERS
MAY NOT PICK
THEIR HOPS**

PRICE BEING PAID NOW WILL NOT JUSTIFY THEM IN GOING TO EXPENSE OF PICKING CROP—OTHERS WILL GO AHEAD AND TRUST TO BETTERMENT IN CONDITION OF MARKET

As the time for general hop picking arrives, there is a question in the minds of the growers whether or not the price offered now will justify them in picking at all. One grower informed the Guard this morning that he thought he would let his yard go, as he could not see any profit in paying 7 or 8 cents for raising and harvesting the crop and receiving only 4 or 5 cents for it. This grower says John Thornsbury, one of the largest growers in the county, whose yard is on the Patterson Island northeast of the city, is yet undetermined whether to pick or not. The hops are in excellent condition, very little vermin having appeared, and it seems a shame to abandon them, but what else can the grower do when there are no prospects for price enough to pay the expenses of growing and harvesting, argue some of them.

A majority of the growers, however, will go ahead with picking and trust to a betterment in the condition of the market to put them even.

Some of the growers have already begun picking and others will begin this week. A number will not begin before next Monday. There is some report of lice in some sections of the county, but as all the growers have sprayed well, the vermin is comparatively scarce.

The usual price of \$1 per 100 pounds is being paid this year. Some pickers make \$3.50 and \$4 a day at this price and a few even more than that. The average picker, though, will not make more than \$2 or \$2.50 a day. Many persons take their annual outings in the hop yards and combine business with pleasure. The work is very healthful and many, after two or three weeks spent in the yards, feel much better than before.

**LEFT PROPERTY TO
NEPHEWS AND NIECE**

A petition to probate the will of John Kizer, the pioneer who died at Thurston Sunday, August 25, was filed with the county clerk today by Felix Edward Whitaker, a nephew of the deceased. The estimated value of the property of the estate is \$9000. The will provides that all of the property, both real and personal, shall go to his nephews, Felix Edward Whitaker and Frank Isaac Whitaker, and his niece, Minnie Nelland Whitaker, share and share alike, and that Felix Edward Whitaker shall be his executor without bonds. The deceased left no parents or brothers or sisters. The will was executed on May 28, 1897, in the presence of Geo. B. Dorris and R. Claude Gray.

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BECOMES CALM AGAIN**

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