

HOP NEWS AND GOSSIP

Local, State and World Wide News in the Realm of Hops
Of Interest To Growers and Dealers.

Mr. W. W. Capron of Smith & Capron of Oneonta, N. Y. was at Aurora Tuesday the guest of Henry L. Bents. Mr. Capron has several contracts for 1916 hops in this section. Mr. Bents took Mr. Capron on a tour of inspection visiting a number of the contracted yards, spending nearly all day. Mr. Capron returned to Portland in the evening well pleased with the hop yards he visited.

Though Tuesday was quite warm, Mr. Capron expressed himself as merely comfortable, since he was accustomed to much hotter summer weather in New York. Mr. Capron predicts a large crop for Oregon of very superior hops this season and hopes the growers will insist on clean picking and good curing so that a Prime to Choice product will result. He was not very sanguine concerning the price for this season as the present outlook seems to promise a large crop the world over with consumption somewhat limited by adverse conditions in America and abroad. Mr. Capron was highly pleased with general conditions in Oregon, and the improvements since his visit five years ago.

It is not the decreased production of beer that should give the hop growers concern. It is rather the decreased amount of hops per barrel that the brewer is using. Fifteen years ago nearly a pound of hops were used by U. S. brewers for each barrel of beer made. Today the quantity per barrel is less than seven-tenths of a pound per barrel. The following table will show the gradually decreasing quantity of hops used per barrel from 1900 to 1912:

1900	.....	.953
1901	.....	.918
1902	.....	.881
1903	.....	.824
1904	.....	.820
1905	.....	.784
1906	.....	.761
1907	.....	.756
1908	.....	.731
1909	.....	.725
1910	.....	.728
1911	.....	.712
1912	.....	.682

Junction City—Hop picking will commence in the early hops on August 29. The quality of the crop is of the very best, but there are many missing hills and the average will be under that of the past year.

Normally the American hop crop is around 300,000 bales, of which approximately 200,000 bales are used in this country. The remainder has in the past, before the war, been exported, chiefly to England. If the British embargo is enforced this fall the American supply will greatly exceed our needs, and the brewers will have the choice of the crop at a nominal price. On the other hand, if the English crop falls short of the needs of that country and its export customers, the embargo will relax, a good market furnished for our surplus or a part of it. Hence the price of hops here will depend a great deal upon the size of the English crop.

Pearl Lundy was in the city of business Friday from the A. W. Giesy hop ranch.

That there is no connection between the Horst company, operating in London, the affairs of which the British Board of Trade has decided to close on the grounds that it is "an enemy concern," and the E. Clement Horst company, large hop grower and dealers of Oregon, is the statement of officers of the latter concern. The Clem Hop company owns immense hop yards in this state and maintains its principal offices in Portland, Salem and Independence, Oregon. Not only does the company do an immense business here but also in Europe. It has not come under the disapproval of the British authorities and is not likely to, but owing to the similarity of names, is being confused with the other company.

Few seem to understand the intent of the English embargo on hops. It is evident that it serves several purposes. First, it is a part of the general economic plan to limit as much as possible the nation's consumption of non-necessities. Second, the shipping space heretofore used for hops is needed for other purposes—for wheat, provisions, munitions, etc. Third, if the hop embargo acts as a limit on brewing, it will allow the barley thus free to be used for bread instead of beer. At the same time, it is plain that the English hop-growers will be greatly benefited by the embargo.

Buyers always choose clean-picked hops first.

Dirty hops are never in strong demand!

Lakebrook—Special trains with several hundred hop pickers will arrive here the first week in September for the Livesley yards. This company has erected modern apartments costing \$8000, for his Lakebrook pickers. An apartment will cost \$3 for the season. This includes water, wood, and electric lights. The other Livesley yards provide free tents, free wood, and good camping grounds for the pickers. Last year the picking at the Lakebrook yard was done by a hop picking machine, but this season all the picking will be done by hand in all four of the Livesley yards.

The Oregon Electric crop report says that the prevailing recent weather ripened all grain and materially aided the hop crop in the Donald section. All grain cutting finished and some threshing done; will be general by middle of week. Reports indicate average yield 25 to 30 bushels for wheat, 35 barley, and 40 to 50 oats. Hay cut after rain of good quality and yield, but considerable lost account wet weather. Hops doing fine. Very little vermin damage. Some spraying being done. Potatoes and vegetables look fine. Peaches and pears reported very heavy crop.

Fears of vermin damage appear to be subsiding among the hop growers. Spraying, of course, has ceased, and only the most unusual weather is likely to bring vermin. Fine weather will mean a clean crop. Speaking of hop lice a grower said yesterday that the hop louse becomes a dandy at 9 a. m., a grandfather at noon, a great grand father at 3 p. m., and the founder of a thousand families by lark, and the progenitor of countless generations ere daylight, and so on ad infinitum until a blaze of sunshine overwhelms the whole louse kingdom.

G. Fitchard, Portland hop dealer and grower, who has just returned from the east, was unable to interest brewers in his hop crop, though for several years he has always sold direct to the brewers. Conditions in the hop market are so unstable that brewers are exhibiting no interest whatever in the coming crop, preferring to await the exhaustion of present stock before contracting for future supplies.

Picking began yesterday in the Julius Pincus yard of 60 acres near Independence. Pincus has 250 pickers at work, paying 80 cents per hundred. The Pincus yard is the largest fuggle yard in the state. Picking of his late hops will begin September 3rd—about the same date that many Aurora pickers will begin.

R. P. Bonham, director of the U. S. Employment service, at Portland is calling for 600 families to pick hops in the yards at Aurora, Independence, Sherwood, Gervais, Silvertown, Livesley, Waconda, Talbot, Amity, McMinnville and East Independence. Picking prices will vary from 40 to 50 cents a box.

This year even second hand sacks for oats and barley will cost 9 cents and new sacks, 12½ cents. As the raw materials for sacks come from Calcutta, prices are practically controlled by the English. There seems little prospect of any relief in the burlap and grain sack situation.

Ridgefield, Wash.—This section will harvest a good hop crop in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions. The vines are strong and thrifty, and free from vermin, most of the yards having been well sprayed. Very few contracts have been written for the 1916 crop here.

The report of damage to hop yards by the storm of Thursday in this vicinity as published in the Oregon City papers was grossly exaggerated. No yards suffered any serious damage. Heavy foliage has broken more wires than rain and wind.

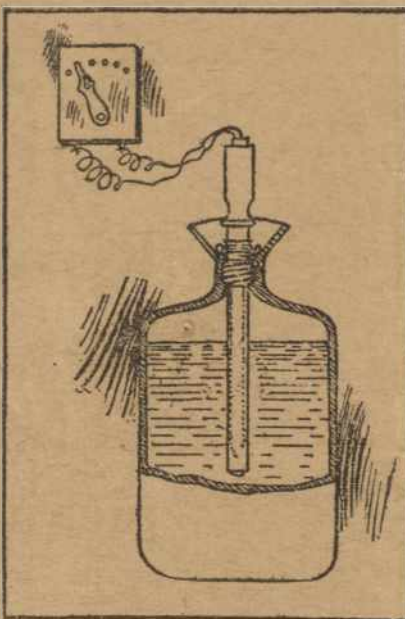
Some dealers estimate that full 35 per cent of the Oregon hop crop has been contracted at 11 to 12 cents a pound. Little or no business in futures is being done in Oregon now.

Chehalis, Wash.—The western Washington hop crop will be smaller than usual this year, and the crop about Chehalis lighter per acre on account of the unfavorable season.

If your hop pickers won't pick clean, fire them!

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

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The heat of the water bottle soon departs, so that where the heat application is desired for any prolonged period of time it is necessary to renew the water at frequent intervals. By means of an electrical stopper for this useful article the temperature may be maintained at a constant point for an indefinite time. The usual threaded stopper is supplied with means for making connection with the house current and at the other side has an extension into the interior of the bottle with the necessary elements for heating the water. The temperature of the latter may be regulated by the amount of current turned into it, and this is controlled by a convenient switch, so that any temperature of water may be had, and it may be maintained at that point for any desired time without the trouble of refilling or any other attention.

Rosemary Chicken.

Prepare chicken as for frying, rub each piece with butter, lard or bacon grease, dip in flour and place in bottom part of roaster, season with salt, pepper and two medium sized onions, sliced or minced. Place in oven until well browned, then pour over chicken a pint of milk with pinch of soda in it to prevent curdling. By placing pan containing milk in pan of hot water on back of stove while chicken browns it will be hot. Place cover on roaster and bake until tender. Add milk if it is all absorbed.

Soft Gingerbread.

One-half cupful of sugar, a cupful of molasses, one-half cupful of lard or butter, half a teaspoonful each of ginger, cinnamon and cloves, two eggs, three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in a cupful of hot water. Mix together the sugar, molasses and spices. Add the water in which the soda has been dissolved, stir well, then add the flour and the well beaten eggs. Bake in a buttered pan, in a thin loaf. Cut into squares and serve hot.

Waffles.

Three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a pinch of salt, a teaspoonful of sugar and one-half cupful of sweet milk. Beat the yolks of the eggs to a stiff froth, add the melted butter, the salt, the sugar and the milk. Add flour in which has been sifted three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and lastly add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in greased waffle irons and serve with any preferred syrup.

Southern Spoon Muffin.

Scald thoroughly one and one-half cupfuls of cornmeal; let stand till cold. Beat the whites and yolks of three eggs separately, add to the yolks three cupfuls of sour milk or buttermilk and stir them into the meal, add a teaspoonful salt, butter the size of a walnut (melted), one and one-half teaspoonfuls soda. Lightly stir in the whites of the eggs. Turn into a buttered dish and cook three-fourths hour in moderate oven.

Steamed Half Hour Pudding.

One egg, three-fourths coffee cupful sour milk, one-half teaspoonful sugar, one small teaspoonful soda; season with nutmeg and salt. Stir thickly with flour, then add blackberries or other fruit, with enough of the juice of the fruit to make it the consistency of fruit cake dough. Put it in a buttered basin and steam thirty minutes. To be served with milk and sugar.

Oatmeal Gems.

Soak overnight a cupful of oatmeal in a cupful of cold water. In the morning sift together a cupful of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a very scant teaspoonful of salt. Add this to the soaked oatmeal and mix thoroughly. Wet the mixture with a half cupful of sweet milk, thus making a soft batter; drop into the buttered gem pans and bake for fifteen minutes in a quick oven.

Cleaning Upholstered Furniture. When cleaning upholstered furniture it is often either impossible or inconvenient to move it out of doors. In such cases place a wet cloth over the piece of furniture and then beat it, changing the cloth several times during the process. The dust will adhere to the cloth and will not rise in the room.

FARGO NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Matthews spent Friday at Portland on business. H. L. Taftfest was a Salem visitor Friday.

Mr. G. K. Fargo and family and Misses Nellie and Carolyn Fargo motored to St. Paul Wednesday.

The Kister Bros. threshing outfit was laid up a day or so on account of the weather but are now at it again. D. W. Sanders and Mr. Carl Sanders of Phillips, W. Va., spent a few days in Portland with friends.

G. K. Fargo left Friday for a month's trip through Washington, looking over his property—consisting of a thousand acre grain ranch and a two hundred and eighty acre orchard.

Some varieties of apple trees in the orchard are breaking down from the enormous weight of fruit and a crew of men are bolting and wiring them together.

An extra crop of codling moth is appearing in some localities, requiring an additional spraying of arsenate of lead—6 lbs. lead arsenate to two hundred gallons of water is the proper strength of the solution.

Part of the board of trustees, stewards, president of the ladies' aid and members of the church attended the quarterly conference of the Methodist church at Wilsonville Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid met this week and put in their time making novelties among which were sand bunnies for the sea shore. Dinner was served at the church.

Portland visitors Saturday were Miss Hattie Bach and Master Frances Clark.

D. W. Sanders loaded a car of white fir to be used by the Oregon City paper mills in the manufacture of wood pulp for making paper.

Hop spraying is about completed in this neighborhood. The yard belonging to Mrs. Anna Bents became so heavy during the week that almost one third of the yard fell to the ground. A crew of men are replacing the poles and putting the yard in shape again.

Benj. A. Cone of Corvallis college, dropped off and spent the day with F. B. Fargo. Mr. Cone is in charge of a large orchard at White Salmon, Oregon.

Mr. Woolworth and Mr. Feils of Butteville were visitors here Sunday.

The ice cream social given by the young ladies of the church was not so financially successful as one given before owing to the inclemency of the weather. However, the girls were able to dispose of all of their cream without loss.

Sunday school was held as usual at 3 o'clock, with a good attendance.

Harvesting of the clover seed crop at Fargo orchards will begin Monday. Estimators put a valuation of from \$5000 to \$6000 on the crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Purdy of Woodburn were visitors here Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bunk.

Miss Lilah Clark of Portland was a guest Sunday of her father, Mr. J. P. Clark.

Mr. John Schwabauer, Mr. H. L. Taftfest and family, Mr. Clarence Bents and F. B. Fargo spent part of Sunday at the Hollyheim peach orchards east of Wilsonville.

Mr. John Schwabauer was a Portland visitor Saturday.

Poor Middle Child.

Middle children are to be pitied for being condemned to be constantly made over out of the luckier eldest's outgrown raiment. How can Tommy be sure he is Tommy when he is always walking around in Johnny's shoes? Or Polly, grown to girlhood, ever find her own heart when all her life it has beaten under Anna's pinafore?—Atlantic.

Works Like a Charm.

Hanson—Wonder how it is that the Jugginsons get along so harmoniously. They never have any quarrels, apparently. Burt—The reason is simple enough. Jugginson always lets Mrs. J. have the last word, and she never tries to prevent him from having his own way. —Boston Transcript.

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Aug. 24th

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COOS COUNTY DAY

Aug. 25th

Trips by rail and boat to Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Powers, Coos Bay, Mussel Reef, Sunset Bay, Cape Arago. Sea food dinner at Charleston Bay. Fishing at Lakeside—Launch trips on Coos Bay.

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