

HOP NEWS AND GOSSIP

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

Reports are in circulation that the brewing trade is discriminating against the states of Oregon and Washington in favor of California, because the former states are "dry" and the latter "wet" growers are justified in considering this report the meanest rot. Brewers may be wary of buying Oregon hops on account of the reports current in the eastern brewing journals that our hops are moldy, but brewers are no different from other people in buying goods. They desire to buy where they can secure the best product at the lowest price. No mere sentiment as to the "wet" or "dry" origin of the hops will control their purchases. Buyers may make this story of discrimination a bogey to frighten the grower—if he will let them, but the brewer will buy Oregon hops when he needs them.

A well-posted hop dealer who made a trip through the Salem Independence section this week, says, in a letter to Henry L. Bents of this city:

"They are going to lose some hops at Independence. As near as we can find out the loss will be from 5000 to 8000 bales. Of course some growers will have more and some less than last year, but last year Independence growers had 38,000 bales. This year they think the crop will be about 30,000. We heard Silverton will have 5000 more than last year and Eugene 1000 to 1500 bales more. Washington county will have many more than last year, as well as your section which you know more about than I. The most reliable dealers say we will have from 120,000 bales.

The Portland Journal is authority for the statement that all fuggles have been sold except one car (100 bales). If that is true, the A. E. Feller crop of fuggles at Donald comprises more than half of the unsold fuggles in the state. He has something over 50 bales.

Samples of the new crop from various hop growing districts show a better average quality of hops than was anticipated by dealers. Widespread reports in the east that Oregon hops will average a very poor quality, are likely to injure the sale of state hops. While it is true that some moldy hops were picked, it is also true that most yards cut down (or left on the vines) all moldy hops. Samples from the bale show up well in color, weight, and cleanness.

Picking is about over in the Aurora section, except in a few yards that were forced to wait for pickers from other yards. A few moldy hops were cut down or left in practically all the yards, and many were left in a few yards, and in two or three instances yards were abandoned. But in general the quality in this section is better than the growers believed possible during the first week of this month.

Reports from California estimate the crop at 123,000 bales as against 117,000 last year. Friday 500 bales of Sonomas brought 11½, and Saturday 600 bales went at 12 cents and 300 bales at 12½ cents. Some Sacramentos sold at 9 to 10, and Mendocinos at 10½ cents. Thus the market opened much stronger and more active than was anticipated in that state.

THE POLITICAL CORNER

News, Comment, Gossip, Reports, Rumors, Explanations, Tales, Hearsay, Complaints, Knocks, Eulogies, Questions and Rejoinders, Both Probable and Improbable, Concerning Officials, Candidates—and Others!

OFFICIAL EXTRAVAGANCE

The state fair board should be warned immediately against extravagant promotion expenditure. Advertising to the amount of one dollar has been ordered with the Graphic and we presume money in like sums is being squandered with other news papers throughout the state.—Newberg Graphic.

All the Hawley push can find against Weatherford is that he defended an accused violator of the local option law. Weatherford supporters will pay a liberal reward for proof that Hawley ever done that much.—Jefferson Review.

It is reported that the Cartwright crop of 300 bales of fuggles, at Harrisburg, was sold Saturday at 12 cents. It is explained that the lively demand for fuggles and the consequent rise in price is due to the inability of the brewers to get German hops, for which they find they can substitute Oregon fuggles. New York hops, also, are being used instead of the foreign product.

The Association is reported to have sold 800 bales of fuggles yesterday at 12 cents but business has not opened up yet in the later variety in this state, says the Oregonian. In California, the market continues active and firm. Yesterday's wires reported the sale of 1000 bales of Mendocinos by Blalock at 11 cents. Sonomas sold at 12 cents and Sacramentos at 9 cents.

The mixed quality of this year's hops will give the short-sellers some uneasy hours. Large lots of uniform quality may be difficult to locate and secure to fill the contracts the short-sellers have made. Hence they will scour the country first for the choice and prime lots, which may command a premium—if needed to fill early-date contracts.

A. J. Mishler last week purchased 69 bales of fuggles from Lee Guann at Donald, and 31 bales of clusters. It is reported that the fuggles brought 10½ cents and the clusters around 9½ cents. The clusters were purchased to make up a car for immediate shipment east.

Hop picking is practically over. It is probable that the amount of hops left unpicked in this state is less than was estimated two weeks ago. Dealers have not become interested in though many fuggles have been purchased the general crop very much as yet chased. In California there is more activity than in this state.

Seid Back, prominent Chinese business man and financier of Portland, who was seriously injured by a fall at his large hop ranch near Independence on Saturday, regained consciousness Monday and was reported to show every indication favorable to recovery.

The one discouraging crop in Oregon is hops. Every year something or other gets under the skin of the hop grower. One year it may be prohibition and next mold and rain at picking time. The cure: plant loganberries.—Oregon City Courier.

Russell Catlin, Salem hop grower and dealer, has purchased 38,000 pounds of hops (1916's) at 7½ cents. He estimates that 50,000 bales were left on the vines, and that 100,000 bales were harvested.

As matters now stand, it is difficult to believe that the hop export trade will amount to much this fall, yet it is often the unexpected that happens and England may still need Oregon hops.

Tom Reas, who has been in the hop business since Mt. Hood was young, was here yesterday, and formally opened the hop season in this neck of the woods.

L. H. McMahan has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of district attorney, running as an independent, against Max Gehlhar Republican, and Grant Corby, Democrat. McMahan is very well known in this section as a hop grower, an ex-journalist, and lawyer. He helped to organize the Oregon Hop Grower's Association last year. He is a friend of Col. Hofer and the Salem Statesman. Four years ago he was a Progressive candidate for presidential elector. Four years from now he may be—district attorney (?).

Governor Withycombe, Congressman Hawley, George Brownell and other republican speakers at a recent banquet at Oregon City all predicted disaster to America at the close of the European war, unless a Republican president and congress are elected. They certainly rate the average intelligence of this great party low if they expect such arguments to win. The Republican party has better arguments than this why it should be restored to power, even if our third-rate politicians cannot find them.

Petitions are being circulated in Polk county to recall county Judge Teal, and Commissioners Becket and Wells. They are charged with extravagance; of favoring one part of the county to the detriment of other sections; and employing a private surveyor at more than the rates for doing county work and ignoring the legally elected and duly qualified county surveyor. The county judge is alleged to be physically unable to perform his duties.

Congressman Hawley, who recently came home from Washington D. C., spoke Saturday night at a Republican banquet at Oregon City. While there he was the guest of Judge Dimick, and made an automobile trip to one of the Dimick farms.

Congressman Hawley is slated to speak at Molalla September 30, where the Clackamas county Republican campaign will really begin. Several local candidates will be present.

MACKSBURG

The harvest is about over and, despite all fears the most favorable weather has continued throughout.

Some fine grain has been threshed. James Smith's oats yielding 123 and George Scraneline's 126 1-2 bushels to the acre.

Hop picking, too, is nearing its finish; the campers are coming home with their well earned earnings. The younger ones is to prepare for school which begins a fortnight in most districts.

Beside being a moderately profitable function, a large amount of social enjoyment is found here, where the work is not hindered by conversation. Friends must and friends who have but little time to spend with each other throughout the year. Many a hidden arrow from Cupid's bow goes speeding to its place in the hop-fields, and although the last day of the picking is ushered in not without a sigh.

Mr. John Hofziges, with his family while away at the hop fields, had a very narrow escape from losing their home. None can give any clew as to the origin of the fire, which was first discovered by a stranger passing on the road, who went to the rescue. Single handed he could make but little headway against the flames. The house would, without doubt, have been burned to the ground but for the timely aid rendered by Henry Kister and Geo. Kinnoes who were promptly on the ground, and soon succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, with but little damage excepted to the roof.

Ralph White who is occupying the former Bradbury place has received such a severe injury in his head from the kick of a horse that very grave fears are fit for the result. The Mother's Club met on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 14, at the home of its Secretary. The club remembering that it was their Secretary's birthday had come in the birthday spirit, beside the many beautiful offerings of fruit and flowers, brought some very handsome presents of table-linen and glass-ware.

The next meeting of the club is to be at the home of Mrs. Roberts. Mrs. David Kauffman, with her two youngest children, returned on Saturday from an extended tour in the eastern states.

FARGO NEWS

Peter Kister was a visitor here Sunday.

Portland visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fargo and children and G. K. Fargo.

Mrs. Arthur Boshen of Salem was a Fargo Orchard visitor Saturday.

Misses and Carolyn Fargo of Portland spent the week end at the ranch.

A Hop Pickers ice cream social was given at the church during the

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week and was a financial success. The funds will be applied on the same fund.

Nate Cole and his clover hulling crew spent most of the week thrashing the crop of clover at Fargo Orchards. The crop was lighter than expected, going about three and a half bushels to the acre.

G. K. Fargo and family left the ranch Monday to reside at their Irvington home during the winter.

Mr. Fargo expects to be on the road disposing of the apple crop part of the winter. His ranch at Evans Oregon will produce about 10,000 boxes of first class apples and 40 bushels of wheat per acre.

Mrs. Bock and daughter of Portland were here looking over their orchard at the Fargo Orchards.

Apple picking began Monday. The variety being picked is the Grime Golden—about a carload is the present estimation.

Following the Grimes Golden will be the Jonathan and then the Winter Banana.

Mr. C. E. Stevens who has been building the warehouse and storage plant for the Fargo Orchard's, while working on a scaffold at the peak of the building fell to the ground and was severely hurt. A large gash cut in his throat and the tendons of the spinal column being torn loose. Dr. Weaver of Hubbard attended him temporarily. He was then sent to Portland to Good Samaritan hospital, where if nothing else develops will pull through in about three months.

Mrs. Sanders and son Carl left her Friday for their home at Phillip West Virginia after a three week stay with her son D. W. Sanders.

Mrs. F. B. Fargo and sons Robert and James were Portland visitor Saturday.

Mike Brennen was a Portland visitor during the week.

308 X YES IS A VOTE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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STRONG ENDORSEMENTS

Among those who strongly endorse the establishment of the proposed Eastern Oregon Normal School are Governor Withycombe, J. H. Ackerman, President of the Monmouth State Normal; W. J. Kerr, President of the Oregon Agricultural College; P. L. Campbell, President of the State University; Robert C. French, former President of the Weston Normal, and practically all of the leading educators of the State. J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, voices the sentiments of those who are most familiar with the need of more adequate Normal facilities when he says:

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All the above educators insist that a Standard Normal School must be located in a town of 5000 or more population and having enough grade pupils for teaching practice.

VOTE RIGHT

By voting YES for No. 308 you will help to give to the school children of Oregon the same advantages enjoyed by the school children of our neighboring states. Vote YES for No. 308.

Eastern Oregon State Normal School Committee
By J. H. Gwinn, Secy., Pendleton, Ore.

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