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## Local Growers Dream Of Dollar Hops Now

Picking is underway in practically all the hop yards of this section. The hops are coming down fairly heavy, though the average is by no means as heavy as was anticipated, but the quality is reported as excellent. The foliage is light and picking clean is the rule. Some yards show the effects of the dry weather. Yields will run from 800 to 1400 pounds per acre is the common impression among growers. The best yards of the state are estimated at a ton per acre.

The bulk of the crop having been contracted for months, there are all sorts of opinions among growers as to the opening price. Some predict that hops will sell for 60 cents or better within a month.

The estimate of 50,000 bales for Oregon has dropped to a figure which even the most sanguine place at less than 45,000, while some of the more pessimistic place the crop at less than 40,000 bales. The acreage, the weather condition, the "top" crop feature, and yard conditions all lead to the belief that the crop may not exceed the last estimate.

Only a few growers in this section have not contracted their crop, but those few anticipate higher prices for their hops than they have ever before received. Some even have visitors of dollar hops.

Even J. M. Poorman, of the Woodburn Bank, is quoted as asserting that dollar hops are a possibility this season, probably basing his prediction upon the fact that half the hop acreage of England was plowed out and put into grain during the war, and that many Belgian and French hop fields were in the devastated area.

## Selling By The Bushel Declared To Be Unlawful

The state sealer of weights and measures sends out a warning that the state law forbids the sale of apples, peaches, pears and similar fruits by the bushel. He says, "Upon investigation it is found that in Salem and some other Willamette valley towns peaches are being sold by the bushel or at least in boxes that are supposed to contain a bushel, but in many cases the boxes are not filled. The law regulates the sale of apples by creating a standard box of certain dimensions, and apples placed in these boxes should be packed and not thrown in loosely, which now seems to be the prevailing custom. It is not the desire of this department to cause the honest farmer or business man any inconvenience or extra expense in marketing these commodities, but the time has come when the 'short weight artist,' be he farmer, merchant or vendor, must cease operations in this state."

## Denatured Alcohol Very Violent Poison

The collector of internal revenue at Portland has ruled that in addition to the present labels on packages of denatured alcohol, the following also must be printed:

"Completely Denatured Alcohol is a violent poison. It cannot be applied externally to human or animal tissue without seriously injurious results. It cannot be taken internally without inducing blindness and general physical decay, ultimately resulting in death."

Above this notice must appear the skull and cross bones symbol, and under it the word POISON in large red letters.

## What They Think

Judge Bingham is a good roads enthusiast. Returning recently from Lincoln county he was struck with the natural beauty of the roads in the Grande Ronde and the Three Rivers country. He declares these roads when paved will rival the Columbia Highway in scenic beauty.

C. M. Crittenden of Hubbard thinks that "Charley" is an ideal cognomen for grandfathers and postmasters. He has just received a message from Mill City announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Crittenden. Charles is not such a bad name for grandsons, either.

County Clerk Boyer, who with Mrs. Boyer left last week for a trip east, thinks it is quite time to visit his youthful haunts in Hoosierdom. They went via Pasadena, New Orleans, and Cincinnati, and will return by the way of Minnesota. Mr. Boyer will be away a month and Mrs. Boyer two—at least he thinks so!

James A. Miller, formerly a lieutenant in the aviation service, will be on hand at Portland September 17 to hear Theodore Roosevelt Jr., speak before the Portland American Legion. He admires the Lieutenant Colonel and thinks young Roosevelt's advent into the civic life of America full of promise. The American Legion is a non-political organization of which Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt may be chosen head.

## Bank Directors Meet

The directors of the Aurora State Bank held a meeting Tuesday afternoon. Judge Dimick of Oregon City drove up to attend, and the others present were directors R. H. Crisell, Dr. B. F. Giesy, Chas. Kraxberger and Zeno Schwab. Routine business occupied the attention of the board.

Peter Jager was among the White District people transacting business here yesterday.

## Welcome Guests Appear In Unexpected Manner

W. W. Irvin awoke one morning last week to find three deer hanging in his wood shed, and Mr. and Mrs. John Leach sleeping in the Irvin guest room. Mrs. Irvin was somewhat disturbed to find a few things overturned, when she arose in the morning—and began to look for evidences of depredations by burglars. But explanations followed when she found the guest room occupied. Mr. and Mrs. Leach, returning from a successful hunting trip in the Cow Creek Canyon country, found all asleep at the Irvin ranch and simply hung up their game in their father's woodshed and went to bed. Mr. and Mrs. Leach remained a few days before going on to their home in Portland. Mr. Irvin thinks these visits of this kind should be made as often as the game laws allow.

## Garage Man Gives Some Advice On Batteries

"Auto owners should remember that their battery's health depends upon what it drinks. Pure water is all it needs. It must be kept filled to the tops of the plates—fill every two weeks half an inch above the plates to allow for evaporation," says an Aurora garage man.

"As the plates become uncovered one may think that the battery needs acid, but it doesn't. It needs water. There's as much acid in it as ever, but the acid has been absorbed into the plates as the battery was discharging, but when the generator recharges the battery, the acid will be again forced into the solution."

"Pure, distilled water is the only thing you should use in your batteries. Anything else—impurities of any kind—interfere with the proper chemical action between the plates and the battery solution."

"To run a battery without giving it water is battery murder. Filling it too full is about as bad as not filling full enough. Your battery is an electro-chemical apparatus. When it dies from thirst or other sinful neglect, it costs you money—in chunks. Put up a sign in your garage—'Distilled Water, Once a Week in Summer; Twice a Month in Winter.'"

## Fargo Church Notices

An invitation is hereby extended to everybody to spend a day with us at Fargo M. E. church, Sunday Sept. 14. Community Day special services morning and afternoon with dinner in the church basement at noon. We want everybody in the community to plan to spend the day with us as we anticipate a good time.

Sunday School 10 a. m. R. W. Rader, superintendent.

Morning Service—A harvest thanksgiving service at 11 a. m. with special music and speaker.

The Afternoon Service—Community day service 2:30 p. m. At this service different speakers will present the subject of "The Relation of the Church to Community Problems."

Don't miss these services, they will be good. A 1 speakers. Good singing. Every member of the church is working for their success. The church will be decorated for the occasion.

The Right View and the Wrong. "The man who makes good doesn't wait for opportunity to knock; he has the door wide open," says an exchange. That's the right spirit. The other day we heard a chap complaining because old Opp didn't stick his toe in the door like a book agent.—Boston Transcript.

## New Wheat Rules

The grain corporation has notified all dealers in wheat that buying from the producers on an improper grade or dockage, or paying less than the guaranteed price (based on the correct grade and dockage) with a reasonable freight and handling charge, shall be considered cause for the revocation of their license. Dealers also are required to keep a record showing all purchases from the producer, name of seller, date of purchase, quantity, grade, dockage fixed, price paid, and reason for fixing grade under No. 1., including test weights.

If there is any dispute as to grade, a notation must be made on the record, and a sample taken by the dealer and one by the seller, and forwarded to the grain corporation for a decision.

## Wilson Declares League Will Free World of War

The following article is furnished the Observer by its friend Henry Ford. It embodies President Wilson's ideas concerning the peace treaty and the League of Nations. It is given to the reader of the Observer purely as news—not a propaganda.

(By Mt. Clemens News Bureau.)

ABOARD PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRAIN, St. Louis.—Displaying a high confidence that his fellow citizens in the great majority agree with him in his desire to end war forever, and that they will see to it that the peace treaty with its league of nations inclusion is ratified by the senate, President Wilson is making a successful way across the country on the long journey he has undertaken for the purpose of laying before the plain people a report of his work in Paris and explaining to them just what the league means. Thus far in his travels, he has everywhere met with warm greetings.

## People Want No More War.

He feels, and does not hesitate to say so when chatting with his traveling companions, that the American people want no more of war and want to become part of the league so that there may be no more war. He struck his keynote when he said in his first address, in Columbus, Ohio:

"This treaty was not intended merely to end this single war. It is meant as a notice to every government who in the future will attempt this thing (what Germany attempted), that mankind will unite to inflict the same punishment. There is no national triumph to be recorded in this treaty, there is no glory sought for any particular nation. The thought of the statesmen collected around that table was of their people, of the sufferings they had gone through, of the losses they had incurred, of that great throbbing heart which was so depressed, so forlorn, so sad in every memory it had of the five tragical years that have gone by. Let us never forget those years, my fellow countrymen; let us never forget the purpose, high and disinterested, with which America lent its strength, not for its own glory but for the defense of mankind."

## Treaty Intended to Prevent War.

"As I said, this treaty was not intended merely to end this war. It was intended to prevent any similar war. I wonder if some of the opponents of the league of nations have forgotten the promises we made our people before we went to that peace table. We had taken by processes of law the flower of our youth from every countryside, from every household, and we told those mothers and fathers and sisters and wives and sweethearts that we were taking those men to fight a war which would end business of that sort, and if we do not end it, if we do not do the best that human concert of action can do to end it, we are of all men the most unfaithful—the most unfaithful to those households bowed in grief and yet lifted with the feeling that the lad laid down his life for a great thing, and, among other things, in order that other lads might never have to do the same thing."

"That is what the league of nations is for—to end this war justly and then not merely to serve notice on governments which would contemplate the same things Germany contemplated that they will do so at their peril, but also concerning the combination of power which will prove to them that they will do it at their peril."

## Only Way to Prevent Recurrence.

"The league of nations is the only thing that can prevent the recurrence of this dreadful catastrophe and redeem our promises."

A league of nations would have prevented the late conflict, the president asserted, explaining:

"I did not meet a single public man who did not admit these things: That Germany would not have gone into this war if she thought Great Britain was going into it, and that she most certainly would never have gone into it had she dreamed America was going into it. And they all admit that a notice beforehand that the greatest powers of the world would combine to prevent this sort of thing would prevent it absolutely."

## Redemption for Weak Nations.

He pointed out other important features of the peace treaty, how it was the redemption of weak nations, giving them freedom which otherwise they never could have won; how it says, "Those people have a right to live their own lives under governments which they themselves choose," and how "That is the American principle and I was glad to fight for it." That was the very heart of the treaty, he said.

In conclusion, the president said he felt certain the treaty will be accepted, and was only impatient of the delay. He added: "Do you realize, my fellow citizens, that the whole world is waiting on America? The only country in the world that is trusted

day is the United States, and the world is waiting to see if its trust is justified."

Mr. Wilson's Indianapolis speech as like the one at Columbus, an explanation of the league, an appeal for a ratification, and a prediction that was sure to come into being.

## Ex-Service Men Urged To Keep Insurance

Returned service men—whether soldiers, sailors or marines—may not be aware of a recent ruling of Secretary Glass, that an insurance policy that has lapsed because the premiums have not been paid, can be reinstated even after eighteen months (but no longer).

The man is not required to pay his premium for the months intervening between his discharge and the current month. He merely pays for the month of his discharge and for the current month—the month in which he asks reinstatement—making two months back premium all that is required.

A man must, however, be able to declare that he is in as good health as when he was discharged. This is the only requirement. The Home Service Section, American Red Cross, Post Office Building, Salem, Oregon, will be glad to furnish further information to any returned soldier, sailor or marine, who requests it.

Geo. Colclazier and Albert Shimmindrove to Portland Tuesday on business.

## New School Books Cost Too Much Money

Careful estimates of the cost of the new school books, according to grades is given below. This does not take into consideration the small amount allowed for the old books—if they are turned in.

First grade pupil's books, \$1.19.  
Second grade pupil's books, \$1.20.  
Third grade pupil's books, \$1.30.  
Fourth grade pupil's books, \$2.40.  
Fifth grade pupil's books, \$3.75.  
Sixth grade pupil's books, \$4.00.  
Seventh grade pupil's books, \$4.25.  
Eighth grade pupil's books, \$5.00.

These changes of books are made every six years, if the text book commission so decides. This law has been in effect nearly 15 years. It has added many thousands of dollars to the burdens of the buyers of school books, with no positive assurance of benefit, for the books which Oregon discards each time continue in use in first class schools in other states. There is no proof that the new books are any better than the old. The mere opinion of the text book commission is the only evidence of it. This year, of all times, was a poor time to add to the family burden the purchase of a new set of books at a much higher price.

Most educators believe a change every six years is altogether unnecessary, and the common sense of the average man sustains this belief. A 12 or 15-year period is far more reasonable.

## Let Us "Show" You

Fall goods are now coming in. We are able to supply all your fall and winter requirements in Outing Flannels, Suitings, Underwear, Shoes, Rubber wear, etc.

We invite you to come in, examine these goods as to quality and prices. We are satisfied that we can save you money on practically everything you may need—considering the high quality of our goods. Let us "show" you.

**WILL-SNYDER CO.**  
THE STORE OF MERIT

## We Believe

That right now is a good time to buy footwear for fall and winter use. It doesn't matter for what purpose you may want shoes we have them for that particular purpose. Several months ago we placed orders liberally for this season's requirements. Now we have the shoes at seasonable prices. The Drew shoes for ladies are just in—the styles are very attractive. Prevailing colors dark brown and black, medium and high heels.

The Crossett dress shoes for men "Make Lif's Walk Easy". Bergmanns loggers have no equal. Other good makes of equal merit for boys and girls. School and dress purposes.

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## The New CHEVROLET "490"

Has many new improvements, among these are: **New Canadian Semi-Cantilever Springs** that give it proper spring suspension, makes it comfortable to ride in and easy to operate.

**A Genuine Pantasote Upholstering, New Fenders, Lights** and other improvements.

## The Four Ninety

is the most economical car on the market. It makes over **25 MILES** to the **GALLON OF GASOLINE**, not an exception but the average. Standard tires costing about \$19 will average **9000 MILES**. One quart of oil is enough for **800 MILES** driving.

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