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Hop Culture.

The cultivation of hops in this district has been prosecuted for many years, but of late not to the extent of former years. The production of hops up to in the '90s was a lucrative business. The good prices realized and the tremendous yield to be obtained from the rich bottom lands of the Willamette River allured many farmers to try their luck in the hop business. Not only here, but all over the world, people became infatuated with the idea of immediate riches from hop culture. The outcome was not far to seek. The market was glutted, prices dwindled and ruin followed. The buyers had full swing in naming prices, with the fact before them that the growers were completely at their mercy, and, as is common in such cases, the flexibility of their consciences admitted of colossal thrift. During this ordeal the small and inexperienced growers were well weeded out, many qualified and well equipped fell badly behind, while others failed entirely. Under these conditions many fine gardens were plowed up and appropriated to other uses, thus reducing the output about one half in this district. Statistics reveal the fact that the same condition exists in the whole Northwest.

Under this State of affairs, and the short crop of 1900, the production of hops was under the consumptive demand, resulting in stiff prices and a buoyancy in the spirits of growers that had not been felt for a long time. Last year's work, in most cases, placed the producers who had managed to keep their heads above water well on their feet. Hop raising as a business is in a better condition now than it has ever been, in that those who have been able to weather the storm have the control of their holdings well in hand, and the buyers have narrowed down to men who have deposits upon which they can draw at sight for any amount needed for purchases.

In this connection we cannot forego to mention that the new conditions in the hop business has eliminated, to a great extent, the worst curse known to the business. Reference is had to the host of "side" contractors, who made it their business to take every possible advantage of the unwary grower. A favorite method with them was to contract to pay a full market price for hops to be delivered when cured, and at the time of delivery condemn a good portion of the lot without cause. Of course, this would bring on a controversy, the end of which would be a compromise wherein the grower would get much the less of the bargain. He was compelled to accept whatever the offer might be; otherwise his hops would be on his hands as a condemned lot and be neglected by buyers.

The present outlook for a full crop in this district is very encouraging, and with the prospects for a fair price the growers are in fine spirits. They are putting in their best legs, and since scientific methods have been discovered whereby hop lice and their destructive work can be safely provided against, the country is assured an immense amount of money for the channels of trade this fall. The hop industry sends more money into circulation than any other industry in proportion to the volume of business. Last year there was sold from the hop fields hereabouts an aggregate of \$18,000. Of this amount the handsome sum of \$9500 was distributed for labor and supplies. When it is remembered that in harvesting, curing and preparing the crops for market, there are employed six to seven hundred people for about eighteen days, it is conceivable that so much money is needed for this purpose. A large proportion of this money is paid to people who depend upon their labor for the necessities of life. These people look forward to hop picking with a greater degree of delight and expectancy than to any other event in their routine of toil. This opportunity affords them means to have comforts in their living which they would be strangers to without. In the mean time, many people, who are well-to-do, go to the hop field at harvest time more for an outing on the camp ground than for the money they can make while there, the object being a relishing good time. All conventionalities are cast aside. When picking hops, the multitude forms a common family. They mingle and intermingle in an informal way until within a short time all feel to be at home and on a basis of equality. But unlucky are they who by mischance become the butt of a joke, for, without doubt, the batteries of ridicule are better concentrated, more effective and worse to be dreaded in a hop-camp than anywhere else on earth.

The protracted meeting being held at the Methodist Church, and conducted by Revs. Marshal of California, and Skidmore, of this city, will be continued throughout this week. Saturday, June 1, an all day meeting will be held. It is to be a basket meeting. Tables and seats have been prepared in the basement of the church building, and everybody is invited to come, bring their basket and spend a day in religious work. The attendance increases nightly, and the meeting is a successful one.



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