

A GOOD HOP CROP

YIELD OF THE HOLMES YARD IS VERY SATISFACTORY.

In Quantity and Quality It Surpasses the Output of 1898-In Other Hop Sections.

The hop crop is nearly harvested, and as the stocks are being placed in the hop houses, it becomes apparent that the majority of the growers have a larger crop of hops, with a quality equal, if not superior, to the product of 1898.

Mr. Holmes employed 225 pickers during the season and with careful oversight of the work secured the very best results—clean hops, free from mold, leaves, vines, etc.—and he considers the quality of the crop superior to that of the season of 1898.

The hops of these two yards last year were of excellent quality, and the fact that this has been improved upon this year, makes the crop a most valuable one, and promises a good price.

The report from the Holmes yards is in line with similar accounts from many other yards in the valley, and it is likely that, when complete statistics are received from all the growers, the output of Oregon will be found far above that of last year or any preceding season.

M. W. Hunt has finished the harvesting in his 15-acre hop yard, in the Waldco hills. His output was 1060 boxes of fair quality.

P. Gorley's hop crop, near Brooks, has been gathered, the last hop being picked on the 19th inst. The crop yielded 1144 boxes, or 121 more than in 1898.

J. Blanton's 7 1/2-acre hop yard, near Brooks, yielded 945 boxes, or 10,900 pounds, an excess of 400 boxes over last year.

The New York Producers' Prices—Current of the 15th inst., has the following article:

Receipts for week 614 Exports to Europe for week 64

There is practically nothing doing on this market at present. A few lots of new hops, and some of the '98 crop, are arriving, part of which are delivered to brewers, and the remainder go into store here.

A good many samples of the new crop have been shown this week, and it is a rare thing to find them without mold; some samples are only slightly speckled while others are very bad. The flavor is good, and it looks as if the hops will be richer than for several years past.

Picking has been delayed somewhat by a scarcity of pickers, and the quantity that has been grown in this state is still uncertain.

Some are figuring on a heavy shrinkage from last year, and we think everyone will concede a shortage. The damage done to the crop was during the last half of August, since then the weather conditions have been favorable.

A few samples have arrived from California, most of which show premature picking, especially in the Sonoma. We see no occasion to make any change in our previous ideas as to the yield.

Up to ten days ago all reports from England were very favorable both as to quantity and quality, but cables received within a day or two say that the crop has appeared and that the quality will be poorer than was looked for.

The Waterville (New York) Times, of the 15th inst., has the following: "Owing to the cold weather this week not as rapid progress was made with the picking as was hoped, but the few growers yet picking will nearly, if not quite, finish the week."

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