

FROM SUNDAY'S DAILY

MR. JONES' ANSWER

HE RIPS A GROWER UP ONE SIDE AND DOWN THE OTHER.

Is Able to Give a Few Statistics Himself—Claims the New Association Has Stood the Market.

In the Portland Oregonian, of Dec. 23, a hop communication appeared, under the date of "Butteville, Dec. 23," and over the signature of "A Grower." The main point of the writer seemed to be to ridicule the Oregon Hop Growers Association, especially the principal officers, and after giving a lot of statistics as to the yield of hops in the United States, he makes the assertion:

"If these figures are only half true, Mr. Jones can load the whole Oregon output on a ship, steam down the grand old Columbia, cross the bar into the boom of the mighty Pacific ocean, dump the whole cargo into her briny waters, and the world's market would not be affected more than would the waters on her shores."

In answer to the "Grower" Mr. Jones requests the Statesman to publish the following communication:

"Brooks, (Or.) Dec. 30, 1899. 'To A Grower' and other Dealers: Permit me, as you request in your article in the Morning Oregonian of Dec. 23, to reply. As to statistics, our estimate of the Oregon crop is 60,000 to 70,000 bales, Washington crop, 30,000, California crop, 35,000, and the New York crop 60,000 bales, and as a conservative estimate the export demand from 40,000 to 50,000 bales."

As to the European supply that does not cut any figure as the import duty is 12 cents per pound, the market price for our goods here. We still claim that the Oregon Hop Growers Association has had a good deal to do with steadying the market, and were all the hops pooled on our outlined plans, the market would still be in advance of what it is at present. But taking everything into consideration, we think that we have done very well and that the growers are reaping substantial benefits from our efforts. As to the personal slurs on the members of our association, we pass that by. I will add, Mr. Grower, that dealers have repeatedly said that it was their desire to advance prices, and that it could be done to the amount of at least 3 cents per pound, which according to his estimate of the Oregon hop crop, would mean \$320,000 in round numbers to the Oregon hop growers; and as a test of your and other dealers' sincerity, we asked them to put their hops in the pool. And we beg also to assure them that had they done so they would have received honest and fair treatment, which we, as growers, have not always received from their hands."

"We have never at any time cast a slur upon the brewers, and we have at all times said and do now believe that they are willing to pay fair prices for their hops; and could the growers receive what the brewers actually pay with reasonable commission only to the middle-men, they would not need to pool their hops and fight their own battles. The law of supply and demand would sufficiently fix the price. Furthermore, we would think more of any dealer or the firm that he represents if, when he finds it necessary to resort to newspaper criticisms, he would please insert the articles over his own signature. Also that if he would enter the field openly and say, as we are informed and believe to be true, that his firm is a short-seller and is attempting by every means, by hook or crook, to get our goods at the lowest prices, in fact at no price at all, in order to increase their profits as short sellers, we would have more respect for them than we can now have knowing their methods of indirection in order to increase their profits as short sellers."

"New dealer or grower, were your figures true as you state, or did you believe them, as you possibly do. On the theory that a lie often repeated comes to be taken for truth by the maker, you will surely take the first conveyance to China, Japan, or elsewhere in search of markets for hops, as that's what you advised us. Doctor, take your own medicine."

"The statistics show 200,000 bales used last year, not 125,000 as you state. There is quite a percentage of increase in the use of hops on account of augmented demand for beer, and the increase will be further added to on account of cheaper hops and thinner goods."

"Now, confidentially, with California hops pooled, Washington hops in strong hands, New York pretty well sold out, and Oregon hops pooled from what source will these short-sellers be supplied? Don't you think you had better cultivate us? We were offered orders yesterday for 2,000 bales. We might, you know, if you were real good, consider an offer from you; just to help you out, at about 15 cents c. o. b. We are not so particularly anxious of getting rid of these dealers as individuals, there is a lot of good Oregon soil that needs clearing. But it is their infernal methods of handling the farmers' products that we wish to have swept off the face of the earth."

"Before closing the contract with Mr. Ray, whom the banks recommended as selling agent, the association satified itself that he would act entirely for its interest exclusively and it is so entered on the bond."

"M. L. JONES."

MATED IN DECEMBER.

Seventeen Couples Were Provided With Glory Tickets During the Past Thirty Days.

During the month of December seventeen young couples made applications for marriage licenses in the county clerk's office and were provided with tickets entitling them to marry, as follows:

December 4th—E. Palmer and Grace Ruble, Charles Long, witness: Charles Moore and Della Plumb, I. S. Moore, witness.

December 5th—J. D. Brower and Ad-

die Porter, A. Eschelman witness; Walter D. Magee and Tilda Ratzburg, Geo. Bayne, witness: R. W. Craig and Josephine Taylor, A. L. Downing witness.

December 6th—J. C. Siegmund and Inez I. Hale, J. H. Roland, witness. December 12th—M. T. Miller, and Miss Stella Lucas, A. J. Miller, witness. December 15th—Charles A. Bort and Lottie M. Hanshaw, S. A. Hughes, witness.

December 21st—G. W. Hunt and Frances Mason, C. H. Merryman, witness.

December 22d—August Lucier and Ross Chavis, Thos. W. Potter, witness.

December 26th—Tusa Oglesby and Lillie E. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, witness; D. E. Flory and Dennis Boyles, C. I. Boyles, witness; J. W. Shepherd and Iva L. Sullivan, Lulu Coffey, witness.

December 27th—Ira E. Thomas and Estella Houser, Wm. Thomas, witness; Wesley Edwards and Iva Irvin, H. T. Irvin, witness.

December 29th—C. F. Epley and Calie J. Richardson, O. O. Epley, witness.

December 30—R. W. Tucker and Alice Pearl, Arthur Pearl, witness; John Miller and Leah Elsie Carroll, J. H. Roland, witness; Ralph DeSart and Mabel Wanless, M. R. DeSart, witness.

FOR SIXTY DAYS.—George Lloyd, a morphine fiend, is in the county jail for 60 days, having been given such a sentence for the crime of stealing some tools from the rear of the Musser home, at the foot of Court street. The stolen property was found in his possession while he was in the act of returning them to the place from which he purloined them. He was arrested and taken before City Recorder Judah, sitting as an ex-officio justice of the peace, who set his trial for 4 p. m., the result of which was the imposing of the penalty aforementioned.

A FORECLOSURE SALE.—Sheriff F. W. Durbin yesterday sold a tract of land, containing 46.51 acres near the fair grounds, under an execution out of the circuit court, it being the property involved in the suit of E. E. Wild, plaintiff, vs. Mattie A. Parrish, defendant. The suit was brought for the collection of \$2,399.30, and the property was bid in by W. S. James, at \$2,900. Sheriff Durbin stated that the property sold was one of the best tracts of farming land in Marion county.

NOW FULLY ORGANIZED

VETERANS ADOPT A CONSTITUTION AND ELECT OFFICERS.

Worrick Post Is the Name Chosen in Honor of the Brave Captain of the Salem Company.

In response to a call, a large number of the former Oregon volunteers met in the office of H. A. Johnson last evening, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization of the Spanish-American War Veterans Association. The temporary officers, elected at a preliminary meeting held several weeks ago, had charge of last night's gathering, Chas. A. Murphy presiding. The constitution, as adopted by the Portland post, was read and adopted as a whole and it was promptly signed by those present, about thirty-two veterans, affixing their names. Officers were then elected as follows:

Chas. A. Murphy, captain. A. M. Southwick, first lieutenant. R. M. Gilbert, second lieutenant. G. W. Jones, quartermaster sergeant. H. K. Hall, first sergeant. D. N. Barrett, sergeant of the guard. G. P. Litchfield, sentinel. J. Rex Byars, S. A. McIlwain and Edward Fane, trustees.

R. M. Gilbert, C. A. Murphy, D. N. Barrett, J. Rex Byars, Frank Colliers, A. M. Southwick and G. W. Jones, were elected as delegates to attend the state meeting at Portland, on January 4th.

The naming of the post was the next matter under consideration. One volunteer, who had gone through the hard campaign in the Philippines, following Captain Elmer O. Worrick, and had great admiration for that officer's soldierly qualities and gallant services, suggested that the post be named after the former captain of Company K. The suggestion met with approval, and Worrick Post will hereafter be the name and title of the volunteers' association in Salem.

Those present who signed the muster roll, and those who, though absent, had authorized their names being added, are:

Charles A. Murphy, David N. Barrett, C. A. Johnson, Leon Grod, James P. Aitken, Herman A. Miller, Walter A. Swarts, Philip J. Mueky, G. A. Litchfield, Edward Fane, Charles C. Savage, J. Rex Byars, Arthur Grod, Leon G. Holland, Marion F. Porter, Frank O. Collier, S. A. McIlwain, A. M. Southwick, R. M. Gilbert, John Armstrong, Jerry Desort, G. W. Jones, H. K. Hall, H. A. Johnson Jr., Henry Zeller, Samuel C. Jones, Silas W. Thornton, A. Hadden, W. F. Schwarz, W. F. Harris, Percy Pugh, Samuel Feldman, W. O. Hayden, Clell Hayden, R. C. Churchill, O. J. Hall, Walter White, John Bernhard, C. O. Bort, Willard Stevens, Ray L. Antrim, George A. Durette, Fred Peterson, H. W. Ross, Wm. L. Batchelor, Henry Janzen.

The new organization adjourned at a late hour to meet again on Saturday evening, January 6th, at the city hall armory.

IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Taylor, of Ohio, chairman of the special committee investigating the case of Roberts, says the case will not come up for action in the house before the middle of January.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and Biliousness is a bottle of GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50 cents.

THE TRADE WAS GOOD

SALEM ENJOYED A FAIRLY PROSPEROUS YEAR'S BUSINESS

Notwithstanding the Adverse Conditions with Which They Had to Contend—Custom at the Banks.

(From Daily, Dec. 31st.)

The volume of business transacted is a reliable index of the prosperity of a community.

From interviews had yesterday with local merchants, whose expressions are herewith presented, it is quite apparent that a remarkably prosperous condition exists in Salem and vicinity, notwithstanding the unpromising weather conditions, the failure of the fruit crop and the prevailing low prices for certain farm products and other unexpected and adverse conditions with which the business world has been obliged to contend. Taking these circumstances into consideration, the year of 1899 has been a fairly prosperous one. In spite of the unfavorable conditions enumerated, the volume of trade has been practically as great as for the preceding year, which very clearly evidences an improvement in business relations and is conclusive testimony of a more prosperous condition, generally speaking.

The first serious reverse of the season was the complete failure of the fruit crop, which, under favorable conditions, annually places thousands of dollars in circulation in this section of the Willamette valley. Following the damage to the fruit, came the untimely rains in August, which did extensive damage to the grain, while one of the most unfortunate misfortunes of the season was the destruction of the Salem Flouring Mills plant in this city, together with over 200,000 bushels of wheat, which was largely the property of Marion county farmers. Again, the low prices for wheat and hops made money more scarce and to cap the climax, came the smallpox, which completely demoralized business for several weeks. When these conditions are considered it is only remarkable that the merchants enjoyed the trade that they have.

A representative of the Statesman yesterday called on the local banking institutions, obtained interviews from the officers relative to the amount of business done during the past twelve months. A. T. Gilbert, of Gilbert Bros' bank, was out of the city and could not be interviewed, but representatives of the other banking houses were seen with the following result:

Claud Gatch, of the Ladd & Bush bank: "Owing to the failure of the fruit crop, the low price of wheat and hops, business during the year just closing has not been above the average. The uncertain conditions that prevailed prior to and during the harvesting season, reduced the practice of borrowing money to a minimum. Current banking is now on the increase. Our list of depositors is larger and individual deposits are greater than at the corresponding time last year or ever before."

J. H. Albert, of the Capital National Bank: "Business conditions are very satisfactory. The legitimate demand for money has been light and the banks have been carrying large balances. It has been a problem this year to find investment for the funds. Deposits have been steadily increasing, which is the case of all of the banks of the state, notwithstanding the low price of wheat and hops and the failure of the fruit crop. I attribute the present improved condition to the experience derived during the late panic, when people learned to trench and live within their means, hence a surplus exists."

Several business men were interviewed regarding the trade of the year as compared with that of the year before, and the following expressions were offered:

Patton Bros.: "Not taking into account our toy department, we have done the largest business since the organization of our present firm. Our toy department realized far above our expectations."

Geo. C. Will, dealer in pianos, etc.: "Business for the past year was better than ever with us. Sales were larger and there was a demand for a higher grade of goods than ever before."

Friedman & Greenbaum: "All the year round, business was 10 per cent better than last year."

Buren & Hamilton: "Our sales for the year average those of last year. Our holiday trade was good."

Willis Bros.: "Trade up to the August rains was better than last year, but since then has not been so good."

Krause Bros.: "Considering the adverse conditions with which we have had to contend, our business has exceeded all expectations."

J. J. Dalrymple & Co.: "Business with us has not been quite as good as last year."

F. A. Wiggins: "My business shows a gain over that of last year."

E. T. Barnes: "Our business was not as good as last year, which was an extraordinarily good year, but trade was very good considering general conditions."

T. Holverson: "Business was not as good with us during the past year as it was during 1898, but general conditions were detrimental to trade."

POLK COUNTY NEWS

The 1895 delinquent tax roll for Polk county is printed in the Independence Enterprise. The sale is advertised to take place on January 27th next.

Circuit court, for Polk county, department No. 2, R. P. Boise, judge, will convene next Tuesday at Dallas. The docket contains 34 cases.

W. G. Mager, the lone occupant of the Polk county jail, and who is under sentence to be executed on Friday, February 2, 1900, spends most of his time in reading, and does not appear concerned in the least as to the fate which awaits him.

Suttor & Thurston's big sawmill at Dallas is running on full time, and is turning out lots of lumber. The pond

is well filled with logs from near the summit of the Coast range. The switch from the Southern Pacific company's track to the mill yard is nearing completion.

Work on the interior of the new court house at Dallas is progressing nicely. The stone work is all finished, and carpenters are now putting the windows in the tower. The metal ceiling of the court room is being put on and presents a handsome appearance. The failure of the heating apparatus to arrive when expected has delayed the work of plastering the rooms, causing the contractors considerable annoyance. As soon as this plant arrives and is put in operation, the plasterers will hurry their work to a finish. Contractors Erb & Van Patton are rushing the building to completion as rapidly as thorough work and weather conditions will permit.

A. Jones has sold his farm in the Eola hills for \$2,000.

The smallpox patients in the Pop Corn district are all recovering. Mr. Gryce, whose case was the worst, is able to be out following the plow.

Mrs. Percy Willis is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Purvine, in Spring Valley. She expects to return to the Philippines to join her husband, Captain Willis.

From ten geese Mrs. B. L. Hastings, of the Peedee section, raised four dozen goslings, and after picking twelve pounds of feathers sold them at 88 a dozen. Their keeping cost not a cent except the grass they ate.

The 1899 assessment roll of Polk county, foots up \$60,000 more than for 1898. The summary of the roll shows the following: There are in the county 117,586 acres of tillable land valued at \$2,069,375; 232,234 non tillable, \$669,375; value of improvements, \$250,990; value of all lots, \$159,715; value of improvements on lots \$287,410; improvements on land not deeded, \$8,975; sixty-two miles of telephone, \$4,650; fifty-four and one-half miles of telegraph, \$2,400; sixty miles of railroad, \$190,230; rolling stock, \$25,000; stationary engines, steamboats, etc., \$5,675; merchandise, stock in trade, \$129,314; farming implements, \$107,115; money, \$46,000; notes and accounts, \$235,585; 1,412 shares of stock, \$105,800; household goods, \$189,340; 4,420 horses, \$142,435; 5,516 cattle, \$466,250; 25,958 sheep and goats, \$21,840; 4,616 swine, \$12,355. Total, \$4,812,950; exemptions, \$294,630; total taxable, \$4,518,320. There are 1,642 polls.

A PRISONER IS FREED

PARDON GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO THOS. GOLDSWORTHY.

Was Sent to the Penitentiary from Baker County for Manslaughter—Change at the Asylum.

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday granted a full pardon to Thomas Goldsworthy, sentenced to the penitentiary from Baker county, having been convicted of manslaughter, on December 1, 1899, and sentenced to serve ten years imprisonment. The pardon was petitioned for by a large number of the citizens of Baker county, executive clemency being requested on the ground that the man was sufficiently punished for the crime he committed, the case having had many extenuating circumstances connected with it. The trial judge, Hon. Robert Eakin, also recommended the pardon, urging the justice of the same, and the district attorney interposed no objections.

The pardon was issued as prayed for, and the man was given his liberty, and sent to his home.

A. Lawson, the colored bootblack, who shot and killed a gambler in Baker City on November 23d, has been received at the penitentiary. His trial, which was had within a month after the shooting, resulted in a verdict of murder in the second degree, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment. There are now 336 prisoners in the penitentiary under the care and custody of Supt. J. D. Lee and Warden J. T. Janes.

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A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

TO BE HELD IN SALEM DURING THE COMING MONTH OF MAY.

Will Be Under the Auspices of the Willamette Valley Choral Union—A Grand Feast.

(From Daily, Dec. 31st.)

Yesterday the officers and executive committee of the Willamette Valley Choral Union met in Albany for the transaction of business connected with the May festival of music to be held the coming May.

Salem was decided upon as the place of meeting, and Francesco Seley, dean of the College of Music of Willamette University, of this city, was elected festival director.

To fill vacancies, H. S. Gile and H. W. Swafford, both of Salem, were elected president and vice-president, respectively.

The committee voted to produce two master works at this festival—Haydn's "Creation" and Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," with soloists, chorus, and orchestra.

The choruses from Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and Salem, will participate, making a grand massed chorus, which will be directed in "St. Paul" by Mr. Seley, and in the "Creation" by Gifford Nash, of Eugene. The orchestra will be a large one, consisting of the best obtainable players in the valley.

The soloists will probably be secured in Portland, Eugene and Salem.

This festival means much to Salem, and should unite all music-lovers in the effort to prove that the Capital City is large enough and sufficiently musical to prepare for a grand May festival and carry it to a successful issue, both musically and financially. The Salem chorus should number 150 members, at the lowest estimate; and every member should be filled with enthusiasm for the May festival and the good of music in general.

Every singer who reads music will probably be admitted to the chorus, and those who do not sing will be admitted to the choral union as honorary members, and may enjoy the feast of music during the three days of the May festival.

Besides the oratorios, there will be one or two concertos. The days will be occupied by rehearsals of the massed chorus and orchestra, and the evenings by the oratorios and concertos.

Let all of Salem's music lovers awaken to the importance and the opportunities of this musical festival, and unite in making it the success it must surely be, provided every one helps.

It is expected that the local chorus will begin rehearsals Tuesday evening, January 9th. All who will sing in the chorus will be expected at the first rehearsal, provided with a copy of the "Creation." At this oratorio has been given in Salem, there should be no trouble in securing plenty of copies.

RECEIPTS OF A YEAR

COLLECTIONS MADE BY THE COUNTY OFFICERS DURING 1899.

Marion County Has Paid a Large Part of Its Old Debt—The Past Year a Prosperous One.

The business of the various county offices, for the year just closed, shows a very satisfactory state of affairs, and especially is the financial condition of the county in a most excellent condition, as compared to former years. According to a statement, made by County Treasurer A. L. Downing last evening, at the close of office hours, the county had, on January 1, 1899, an indebtedness of \$86,396.87 on outstanding warrants, while the close of the year saw this amount reduced to \$57,811.33, a net decrease in the county's indebtedness of \$28,585.54. The officials pride themselves upon this record, especially since the outstanding indebtedness of the county is principally on account of the year 1899, there being only about \$2,800 of this debt incurred prior to January 1, 1899.

The receipts on account of fees in the offices of clerk and recorder, during the past 18 months, since the present officials went into office, show up well, as shown in the following statement; the receipts of the clerk were:

1898—

July.....\$ 245 30
August..... 22