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HOP GROWERS' ASSOCIATION MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

H. J. Ottenheimer Says the Association Has Been a Strong Factor in Disposing of 1899 Crop.

Thorny, indeed, has been the path, and eventful the career, of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association since its inception and permanent organization last November. But every cloud has a silver lining and the officers who have so faithfully administered the affairs of the association, now see a brighter prospect ahead. In fact they now begin to realize that the association is in control of the situation and will have little difficulty in disposing of all the hops in the association pool, at fair prices.
As the 1899 hop season nears a close, the fact becomes more apparent that the association has been a strong factor in handling the crop and has exerted a greater influence on market conditions than even its promoters had expected could be accomplished in the inaugural year of its history. The experience of the association during the past year has greatly strengthened the organization, which will be more capable of handling the situation for the ensuing year.
The unexpected appearance of blue mold in the hops was a condition with which the grower, dealer and association had to contend, and which could not be controlled by any. As a consequence the market was embarrassed and under the adverse circumstances the progress of the work of the association was retarded.

A number of interviews were yesterday obtained with prominent local dealers regarding the work of the association since its organization.

H. J. Ottenheimer, local representative for Lillenthal & Co., of New York, made the following frank summary of the present situation:

"While the association has not been as successful as some people have hoped, it certainly had been a great benefit to all the hop growers. There is no question in my mind but that, were it not for the association, hops would have been selling at two and three cents per pound ever since the first of January. At the start some growers feared that the pooling of a part of the hops would only result in giving those outside the pool a chance to sell, while those in the association would get left. But the result proved differently. Not only has the association enabled its members to sell, but it has sold and is selling larger quantities of hops of its own at better prices than those sold outside.

"For a long time buyers were enabled to buy outside of the association to better advantage than from the association, but now that all the weak holders have let go, the association is stronger than ever. When the association was first formed there was at least 50 per cent of the hops outside of the association, but now the association controls over 80 per cent of the stock remaining, so that they virtually control the situation if the growers only stick together.

"The stock in California is almost exhausted; what little is left is held at good figures by firm holders, and the same can be said of Washington.
"The Oregon association has the key to the situation, and if its members will stand firm, and stick together, the officers will have no difficulty in disposing of all the hops on hand at good prices. In order to sustain and enhance values, growers should stick together and work in unison. It would be suicidal to break away from the association at this stage of the game. Now is the crucial test and if growers will stick it out for thirty or forty days longer they will win the day.

"If those growers outside the pool would stand firm and not cut under the association prices they will get better prices than they are getting now. There is no use in trying to force sales, the demand for all grades is good, and it certainly looks as if prices have reached bedrock.
"Should we get any unfavorable crop reports from England and Europe, there will be a much stronger demand for the 1899 crop, and in this event the association, by good management, will get a great deal more for the remaining crop than the individual grower."

Wm. Brown, of the firm of William Brown & Co., said:
"There is only a fair demand, but it may continue at present prices until another crop is harvested. The association is doing the best it can do, selling whenever a fair order is made. We do not believe in holding crops beyond the reach of dealers, as they will do without or go elsewhere to buy.
"The management of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association is certainly in the very best of hands and every grower's interest is very carefully and conscientiously looked after, much more so than they could do themselves individually. The officers have sold the members' crops and kept their own, showing how fair they have been to their fellow members. With a constantly declining market, almost anyone else would have done otherwise and saved themselves.

"The association now controls the situation in Oregon fairly well and prices asked are certainly reasonable and we think it will be able to sell all good and useful hops."
D. W. Hewett, a hop dealer of Waterville, New York, was in Salem yesterday, the guest of Squire Farrar. Mr. Hewett comes from the center of the hop growing section of New York state and his trip to the coast is for business and pleasure combined. The firm of which Mr. Hewett is a member has for a number of years had business dealings with Washington growers, from whom many hops have been annually purchased. Mr. Hewett's firm has never bought any Oregon hops recently and on the occasion of his trip to Washington at this time, Mr. Hewett decided to extend his visit to Oregon and acquaint himself with conditions existing here, with a view of possibly dealing with Oregon hop growers also, in the future.

Mr. Hewett says the growers of New York state are gradually going out of the hop growing business and engaging in the dairy business, which they consider more profitable. As a consequence, the acreage grown to hops is

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THE OREGON PRUNE

PROSPECTS FOR AN ENORMOUS CROP ARE GOOD.

All Fruit Growing Districts Report an Excellent Outlook, and Prices May Rule Low.

Charles L. Dailey, the fruit grower and dealer, as a matter of course keeps track of the prospects and all other things of interest concerning fruit. A Statesman reporter asked him, last evening, concerning the coming fruit crop.
Mr. Dailey said that the critical time for the Oregon crop is now practically past, and that there is almost certain promise of by far the greatest yield in the history of the state.
He declared that the thing which worries him most, in this connection at the present time, is the prospect of the crop being too large; that is, all the fruit districts from which he has heard, the country over, are looking forward to most abundant yields. The prune districts of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, and in parts of New Mexico and Colorado, all promise exceedingly well. Of course, the critical point for Utah and some of the other districts of the inter-mountain region has not yet been passed, but there is little likelihood of anything happening to mar the prospect of an abundant yield. Of course, the Eastern states do not raise many prunes. But the districts of the East raising apples and other fruits are expecting large yields the coming season, and these will, of course, compete in some measure in the markets, and make the demand less and the prices lower for our prunes.

Even though prices for prunes may rule low, the abundant crop will bring into Oregon an enormous sum of money if it is all taken care of.
A prominent prune grower told a Pacific Homestead reporter, a few days ago, that prunes can be picked and dried, by one having his own drier, for less than one cent a pound; and there is no likelihood of the price being that low.

THE FISHING LAWS

LICENSE FEES COLLECTED DURING MONTH OF MARCH.

Restrictions on Catching Salmon as Prescribed by the Legislature at its Last Session.

Hon. F. C. Reed, the state fish commissioner, yesterday, filed his report, with the state treasurer, for the month of March, showing the moneys collected for that month for licenses etc., as provided by the state law, and deposited the amount so collected. The report does not show very heavy collections, as salmon fishing does not begin until April 15th, in the Columbia river, after which date the fishermen on that river, the principal source of wealth in salmon fishing, will secure their licenses.
The report shows collections on account of licenses as follows:
Individual licenses.....\$ 32
Drag license licenses..... 30
Gill net licenses..... 50
Set net licenses..... 12
Pound net, trap or weir licenses... 30
Dealers licenses..... 320
Total.....\$480
Of the above amount, district No. 1 contributed \$12; district No. 5, \$38; and district No. 6, \$430.

The law prescribing the limits of the fishing season, passed at the last session of the legislature says in part:
"Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful to take or fish for salmon in the Columbia river or its tributaries, or within three miles outside of the mouth of said Columbia river, by any means whatever in any year, between 12 o'clock noon March 1st, and 12 o'clock noon April 15th, or between 12 o'clock noon on the tenth day of August and 12 o'clock noon on the tenth day of September; provided, that it shall be unlawful at any time to take or fish for salmon by any means whatever, except with hook and line, commonly termed angling, in the Clackamas river, the Willowa river, Eagle creek and Tanner creek; provided, that this provision shall not apply to Willowa river until a salmon hatchery is built thereon; provided, further, it shall be unlawful at any time hereafter to take or fish for salmon fish in the waters of the Willamette river in any manner whatever, except with hook and line, commonly termed angling, between the tenth day of August and the first day of November of any year, or to fish for any salmon with anything but gig or hook and line, commonly called angling, at any time, above the mouth of the south fork of Coos river, or above the mouth of the north fork of the Coos river, on Coos bay, in Coos county, Oregon. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or fish for salmon in the waters of any stream or bay in this state, except the Columbia and its tributaries, and excepting the Necanicum and Ohana creeks, as provided in this act, from the twentieth day of November until the twentieth day of December, or between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of June; nor shall it be lawful to fish for or take any salmon in Rogue river from November 1st to April 15th, nor from August 15th to September 1st; nor shall it be lawful to fish for or take any salmon in Tillamook bay, or any of the waters of any stream flowing into such bay, from the twentieth day of November until the twentieth day of December, nor between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of July; nor shall it be lawful to fish for or take any salmon in the Siuslaw river between the twentieth day of November and the twentieth day of December, or between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of June, of any year. (And any person or persons fishing for, taking or catching salmon fish in violation of this section, or fishing for salmon fish by leaving or having in any of the waters of this state, or in any of the waters over which this state has concurrent jurisdiction, or who shall leave or cause to be left or have or permit any fish-traps, weir, pound-net, setnet, fishwheel, seine or any device intended for, or which is capable of being used to catch fish in any of the said waters in a condition to take or catch fish during the closed season provided in this act, or by purchasing salmon so unlawfully caught, or having in his or their possession any salmon so caught, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$100. * * *")
The law prescribes the following license fees for fishing appliances:
For each drag seine not exceeding five hundred feet in length, \$10 00
For each additional foot in length, the further sum of..... 02
For each gillnet..... 2 50
For each setnet used on the Columbia river or its tributaries..... 2 50
For each setnet used on any other waters in the state than the Columbia river and its tributaries..... 1 00
For each poundnet, trap or weir, 15 00
For each scow fishwheel..... 15 00
For each stationary fishwheel..... 25 00

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PAY BICYCLE TAX

WHEELMEN SHOULD BE PROMPT IN LIQUIDATING THE ASSESSMENT.

Salem Cycle Association to Meet Monday Evening—Ramp Case to Be Tried Today.

There is manifested a hesitancy on the part of Marion county wheelmen this year in the payment of the annual bicycle tax. This should not be the case. Wheelmen should promptly respond and pay their tax, making it possible to continue the cycle path construction that was so extensively inaugurated last season.
The delinquency of the payment of this year's tax and the apparent indifference that is being shown among the large majority of cyclists, is accountable for the fact that the tax collector last year made no attempt to enforce the collection of the tax, all who liquidated the amount of their assessment doing so voluntarily.
The tax became due this year on March 1st and falls delinquent on May 1st, in Marion county. It is improbable that the county court will grant any great extension of time in which to collect the tax. Sheriff Durbin says that when the tax falls delinquent he shall use every effort to compel negligent wheelmen to pay up. When the tax is declared delinquent by the county court, costs amounting to \$1 are added to each tax. Less than fifty of the 3500, or more, wheelmen in Marion county, have procured tags.
The value and general convenience of the cycle paths to both wheelmen and pedestrians is quite apparent. In fact, the cost of maintaining the paths is an insignificant consideration, when the general utility they afford is considered. With the start that was made last year, even more could be accomplished this year with the same amount of funds. The paths that were begun last year can this year be completed, while the ones that were finished last season could be graded some and placed in a most satisfactory and serviceable condition. With the funds that would be available with a general response to the tax this year, all of the paths that the needs of wheelmen in all sections of the county would require, could be provided. In another year, with an augmented fund, which the constantly increasing number of wheelmen will produce, all paths could be treated to a coat of fine gravel or granite sand, that would contribute to their permanency and great improvement. It is the dream of local wheel enthusiasts to eventually have a system of cycle paths, penetrating all sections of the county, that will be equally as good as that bordering the south side of Willson's Avenue in this city.
A meeting of the Salem Cycle Association has been called for Monday evening next, the same to be held in the city police court room. The annual election of officers will take place and much important business will come up for consideration. The Salem wheelmen propose to have an active organization again this year. The wheelmen of the Capital City are unanimous in support of the bicycle law, and the tax it imposes. They will do all in their power to assist the officers in the collection of the tax and for the protection of the paths by assisting in securing the conviction of persons trespassing thereupon.

The case of State vs. Samuel Ramp, charged with driving upon a bicycle path, will be re-tried before Justice H. A. Johnson at 10 o'clock this morning. This is the same case heard in Justice Johnson's department on Wednesday, when the jury failed to agree.

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TO PREVENT POTATO ROT.

Bulletin of the Oregon Experiment Station Recently Issued, Which May Prove Helpful.

The Oregon Agricultural College and Experiment Station, at Corvallis, Oregon, issued a bulletin, under date of April 2d, regarding the potato rot, and the remedy for the same, which, if taken due note of by the agriculturists, may prove of great benefit, and prevent the production of a defective crop. The bulletin says:
"There seemed to be a general complaint last year of black or brown spots in potatoes. Those examined at the bacteriological laboratory of the experiment station were found to be affected with two diseases, one called brown rot, which is caused by a germ known as bacillus solanacearum, the other caused by bacillus of potato rot, producing a wet rot.
"These diseases prevailed last year more generally, perhaps, because of the moist, warm weather in August, a condition conducive to the development of those micro-organisms.
"Every effort should be made to prevent perpetuating brown rot.
"One of the first steps is, never to plant a seed potato that has the least spot or blemish; the next precaution is to dip the seed potatoes, after they have been cut, in a solution of corrosive sublimate (bichloride of mercury) five ounces to thirty gallons of water.
"Place the cut seed in a sack and submerge them in this solution for one hour; this will kill all germs and spores present, and insure a more wholesome crop of tubers.
"This treatment has been highly recommended for the prevention of potato scab.
"It must be borne in mind that corrosive sublimate is a poison, and must be kept from children, animals, sore hands, etc."

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GUINEA FOWLS.

(From Pacific Homestead, April 5).
A. H. Wright, who lives about three miles west of Mehama, Oregon, thinks he has discovered an aid to orchardists in Guinea fowls. They are great rustlers, and they exist almost entirely on insects. They pick the bugs from the trees and wherever they can find them—and they have very sharp eyes and keen instincts in this direction. Mr. Wright says their eggs are as good as hens' eggs, and that their meat is excellent, especially when young. They also fight the hawks away from the little chickens. There are not many of these African fowls in the Willamette valley now, and Mr. Wright thinks it would pay farmers to try them.
Mr. Wright has made a good record, in a small way, with his poultry. He started in last spring with fine chicken hens and a rooster and three turkey hens and a gobbler. He has had about \$35 in cash out of his poultry, without selling any eggs, and he has his original stock and eighteen extra hens.

Market Reports

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:
Wheat—42 cents at the Salem Flouring Mills Co.'s office.
Oats—28 and 30 cents (buying).
Hay—Cheat, buying \$8; timothy, \$8.50 to \$10.
Flour—75 cents per sack.
Mill feed—Bran, \$13; shorts, \$15.
Butter—12 1/2 to 17 1/2c.
Eggs 9 1/2 and 10 cents, cash.
Poultry—Chickens 8c. per pound.
Pork—Fat, 4 1/4 gross, 5 1/2 net.
Beef—Steers, 4@4 1/4c; cows, 3 1/2@3 3/4c; good heifer, 4c.
Mutton—Sheep, 4c on foot.
Veal—7c dressed.
Potatoes—20@25 cents.

FOR THE CHANGES

JANITORS AT THE CAPITOL REMOVING THE FURNITURE.

Placing the Building in Readiness for the Contractors—Business Not to Be Interrupted.

The force of janitors, at the capitol, yesterday began the work of arranging the south part of the building for the changes recently authorized by the State Board of Capitol Building Commissioners. Carpets in the rooms on the ground floor in the south wing were taken up, and furniture shifted, so as to be out of the way of the workmen. Several more men have been engaged to aid in this work, and the furniture, carpets and other movable fixtures in the representative hall will be taken out this week, so that, by the beginning of next week, the building, or that part of it, in which the changes will be made, will be ready for the operations of the contractors.
After the work of the contractors begins, the doorways connecting the representative hall with the main building will be closed, so that no communication may be had between the two and that the work in the hall may not interfere with the transaction of public business in the several state departments.

In giving the contractors, who submitted bids, in yesterday's Statesman, the name of one was inadvertently omitted, and the list of bidders is again given below, including all who submitted bids, the figures being for yellow fir and oak floor, respectively, for the room above the representative chamber to be used by the state library:
Erb & Van Patten, Salem—Yellow fir, \$8244; oak, \$8844.
Erixon & Van Patten, Salem—Yellow fir, \$9202 oak, \$10,522.
N. Ely, Salem—Yellow fir, 9500; oak, \$11,000.

W. H. Lang & Sons, Indianapolis, Ind.—Yellow fir, \$10,079; oak, \$12,379.
L. N. Roney, Eugene—Yellow fir, \$11,000; oak, \$13,100.
Bentley Construction Co., Salem—Oak, \$14,450.

GOOD ADVICE.

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