

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1895

SPECIAL HOP REPORT.

Prepared by Government Weather Service at Portland.

Preparations are now being made by hopgrowers for the picking of their products, hence it was deemed that much timely information could be obtained by having the correspondents in the hop producing districts, make a special report on that product. The main facts gleaned from these special reports are given in this bulletin. The hops of Oregon are principally grown in the Willamette valley, in the counties of Marion, Polk, Clackamas, Levee, Yamhill, Washington, Linn and Benton; a few are grown in Multnomah county. Some few are grown in Douglas and Josephine counties, in the south, and a few in Wasco and Union counties, in the east. The total product last year in Oregon was 70,000 bales.

With the advance of the season, speculation as to the maturity, quality and yield of the hop, together with its probable deflection by the hop louse, has become general. Out of several hundred special hop reports received from as many persons interested in the present condition, and the future of the hop crop, not one has reported the hop louse as having entered the burr, though the invariable tenor of each report is that the hop louse is numerous in the yards. There is a wide difference of opinion regarding the probable yield, as must necessarily follow where the crop is grown over a vast territory as is the case in Oregon. Flattering reports come from each section in which the hop is grown. In Washington county the outlook for yield is cheerful and the crop differs so much that the date of commencement of picking ranges from August 25 to September 8. At Dilly, Washington county, one correspondent writes that the hops are ripening so rapidly that hop picking will likely commence about August 25, and this is the earliest approximate date of commencement. In Washington county the lice are not so numerous as they were during the season of 1894. One correspondent states that hops are in a superior condition, with very few lice, while the majority wish to emphasize the fact that they are in good condition, and it is the general opinion that the yield in Washington county will largely exceed that of 1894. There is, however, an exception coming from the correspondent at Sherwood, stating that a two thirds crop may be expected.

Our correspondent from Aurora, Clackamas county, writes: "The burrs are rapidly forming and will have formed in a few days. Lice are numerous in every yard, but no one can tell what damage they may do until picking time comes, which will be about September 4. No grower in the entire Butteville district has sprayed." The correspondent of Aurora expresses his opinion that the yield in Oregon for the present season will exceed that of the season of 1894 by about 10 per cent; this opinion is counter-balanced by the crop correspondent at Gervais, Marion county, who is of the impression that the crop will be about 10 per cent less than that of 1894. From a careful consideration of all the information on the subject it appears that the hop is more extensively grown this year than in previous years. Notwithstanding the fact that many acres were plowed down that bore last year, the crop will be larger in acreage since a large acreage of young hops which was unproductive last year are in full bearing this season.

Hops appear to be making a good burr. The condition of Marion county is explained in the following report received from the correspondent at Silverton: "The hop crop in this vicinity is fair, but not as good as last year's crop; lice are increasing rapidly, and most of the growers are spraying, but the crop is far developed that results are uncertain; the acreage has increased about 10 per cent, which will make the hop crop about an average. In other portions of Marion county the louse is not so numerous, and spraying is not being done as a general rule, yet in the yards not being sprayed the

opinion is that the hop louse is on the increase. There is an excellent prospect for the hop crop in Polk county, where there are extensive hop districts. In Polk county very few hops were plowed down; therefore the acreage has been increased. It is the opinion of some of the oldest growers in the county that the product will exceed the yield of the previous season, and that the quality will be superior. Some yards in that county have been left undisturbed. The correspondent at Buena Vista states that the sprayed yards are comparatively free from lice, in Linn and Benton counties the crop is up to the average, but in Lane county it is thought the yield will fall below that of 1894. A superior crop is maturing in Douglas county, where the lice are so few that in some sections none have been seen. In Jackson and Josephine counties a few hops are grown and those few are superior and free from lice. Throughout the state where the hop is grown there seems to be sufficient moisture in the ground to mature the crop and from a careful consideration of all information pro and con it is thought the crop will be in excess of that of 1894.

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