

HOPS,

The Crop Almost a Failure.

New York State Suffers Severely—Oregon Prospect.

The weather has been perfect for the development of hops, and lice are fast disappearing. The hot weather has given the lice a set back. Never before have Oregon hops had a better prospect and with diligent spraying hop men will be able to harvest a superb quality and an enormous yield.

More spraying is being done than ever before. Oregon has a larger acreage under cultivation this season than last and from present indications will harvest a crop of about 80,000 bales. California is estimated at about 40,000 bales. Washington is now the smallest of the Pacific coast hop growing States and promises a crop in western Washington of about 12,000 bales of choice quality, and in eastern Washington of about 8,000 bales of indifferent quality.

It is altogether likely that the surplus stock of hops in the United States, held principally by brewers will have some serious inroads made into this year for export to England, because of the smallness of the crop there, the acreage being smallest known in 20 years, and with an average yield of 800 weight per acre, which is above the average. The product will probably reach 400,000 hundred-weight and the chances are that this will be reduced by the vermin, which are reported plentiful in all the hop gardens of England. If the insect pest holds until the flowering time, the yield will be still further curtailed.

Louis R. Searles, one of the largest dealers in New York and Pacific coast hops, says that even with the most favorable crop report in England that can possibly be made, there must be large importations from the continent and the United States and the brewers will be obliged to use considerable of their surplus of two years ago. New York will produce about 20,000 bales less in 1897 than in 1896 when the yield was 90,000 bales. This is due to reduced acreage and poor cultivation. Under the most favorable circumstances, we cannot look for more than 70,000 bales, and there is a possibility of even less than that because of the vermin which are alarmingly plentiful in all the hopgrowing sections.

These insects are worse now than they have been since 1886, when the crop was entirely destroyed, and if they continue to increase during the next two weeks, the damage will be great and the estimates for the '97 crop may have to be revised.

New York price today: Reports have been such as to cause prices to look up a little, and market has a firmer tone. The movement is not large; but if there is no improvement in crop reports here and abroad, a further advance may follow. State 1896 choice hops are 9c. P. B.; good to prime 6 1/2 @ 7c.; common to fair, 4 1/2 @ 5c.; Pacific coast 1896 choice, 11c.; good to prime, 8 1/2 @ 9c.; common to fair, 5 1/2 @ 6c.; State and Pacific coast 1895, 3 1/2 @ 4c., and old olds, 2 @ 3c.

A Suggestion.

Now that we have the spans and floor of that needed Willamette bridge in good repair again, so that it is safe to cross. We have reason to congratulate ourselves. But why could not that gate to the city of Salem and to our county from the other be made, not only a convenience but also a profitable ornament? By giving the railing a painting, having the approaches planked with a single floor, instead of a double floor, which only causes the whole thing to rot in one fourth of the time. Have a man equipped with a saw, a hammer, a broom and a shovel, guarding against abuse of the bridge and keeping it clean and in repair. Such a man would not cost over \$400 a year; and it would not only give a good man a chance of earning his bread and butter but would also be a saving to the taxpayers indeed.

P. V.

The Eugene creamery is to start up again next week.

STATE NEWS

Fagle valley, in Baker county has a town. It is named Richmond. Located upon the survey of the Seven Day Railroad.

W. P. Dutton sold his wool of 100 bags, aggregating 43,000 pounds, at 10 cents on last Wednesday. This is Willow Creek wool.

Word comes in that Rob Currie's sheep have been fired into over in the John Day country. There is no information as to the loss.

Miss Henrietta Woodruff, ex-school superintendent of Umatilla county, was married in Pendleton, last Thursday, to John Lyette, foreman of the Pendleton scouring mill.

La Grande has been compelled to borrow \$400 from the La Grande National bank to complete the amount required to make the semiannual interest payment on bonds.

The residence of John Deadmond, who resides on the north side of Orford lake, in Curry county, was entirely destroyed by fire one night last week, together with all its contents.

Charles Riley, jr., was kicked on the side by a horse, at the Keeney ranch, in Harney county, last week. Mr. Riley was found lying unconscious and was taken to Harney. His recovery is doubtful.

The county court of Lane county has purchased a 16-horsepower traction engine to furnish power for the county's rock-crusher. The engine is a second-hand machine, and was bought for \$800.

Jacob Marr, helped himself to about 500 pounds of hay in the meadow of William Hanna, near The Dalles, and paid dearly for it. He was arrested, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$25, which he paid.

Oat stalks on the ranch of Jonas Drugg, near Junction City, have reached a growth of six feet. The Junction City Times says Mr. Drugg estimates that his crop this year will be 4000 bushels.

The grasshoppers that were devastating the fields around Olex, in Gilliam county, migrated to the west and south last week. The sun was partly obscured the greater part of the week, while they were flying over.

J. M. Scrugg, who is in the Jackson county jail, held to answer for the murder of L. C. Quisling, takes things coolly, and thinks it merely a matter of time when he will be released on the ground of self-defense.

Washington, a Republican county, has reduced its county expenditures \$3,768.68 during the past year, \$2,858.88 of the reduction being on road and bridge work. Interest charges and official salaries are increased. County debt June 30, 1896, \$25,817.77. Debt June 30, 1897, \$38,150.70. There is \$14,180.20 on the 1896 delinquent tax roll.

Hop contracts are being offered at Dallas at 12 1/2 cents, and an advance of 5 cents, but very few growers are contracting their crop. The prospect for a good crop is somewhat better than it was reported a week ago, although the hop louse is multiplying on the vines of nearly all the yards. A number of growers have begun spraying.

An altercation took place at the farm of Mrs. Martha McDonald, near Dallas, Mr. Galbraith, who rented the farm on shares, refused to give his landlady her share of the crop, and Mrs. McDonald took a team to haul in her portion of the hay, when she was assaulted by Galbraith with a pitchfork, and her arm broken. Galbraith was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Another Populist county heard from: During the year covering the 12 months from July, 1894, to July, 1895, the warrants issued and contingent fund paid out on current running expenses in Baker county, amounted to \$53,837.59. The next year from July, 1895, to July 1896, the amount was \$33,661.29. During the past year ending with the present July, the amount was \$29,978.96, \$3,682.33 less than during the year previous, and \$23,858.63 less than the first year's expense given above.

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ARMORIES.

More About Renting Two Places for the Salem Militia.

EDITOR JOURNAL: Knowing that you desire to give both sides a hearing in all matters pertaining to public business, I take the liberty to make the following brief explanation in regard to the "Two Armories." Last fall before Capt. Leabo assumed command of "B" company I was in charge of the state property belonging to the two companies stationed at this place, and also virtually in charge of the companies. Feeling that the rent which we were charged for the armory owned by Mrs. Hubbard was rather exorbitant in view of the fact that there were no sanitary accommodations in connection with the building and that the roof was very leaky. There was a committee appointed to interview Mrs. Hubbard in regard to making the necessary repairs or reducing the rent so that we might be enabled to do it. She refused to do either, so I rented the upper floor of the building owned by Mr. Hughes for the sum of \$501 per year and moved into it, we were thus enabled to secure better accommodations at a saving of \$100 per year. When Captain Leabo assumed charge of "B" company he moved back into the old armory and endeavored to persuade me to do the same. Mr. Hughes then cut my rent to \$300 per year which was the same amount that we would have to pay Mrs. Hubbard. Then I sublet the drill hall for dancing purposes to E. M. La Fore who assumed the expense of decorating the hall and plaining the floor besides paying us \$3.00 per night for the use of it thus we were enabled to save from \$10 to \$12 per month. As far as the county or state is concerned in renting the armory for the companies it is misunderstood. The state allows \$15 for running expenses. The extra allowance made by the county court was used by me in fitting up a rifle range and not to pay armory rent or to maintain a smoking club as your correspondent suggests. Hoping you will see the fairness of my position in this matter. I am yours,

JOHN A. EVANS,

Captain Commanding "B" Company Second Regiment.

Call for County Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that I have funds on hand to pay all warrants presented prior to July 13th, 1896, and interest will cease on the same from the date of this notice.

Dated July 12 1897.
G. L. BROWN,
County Treasurer.

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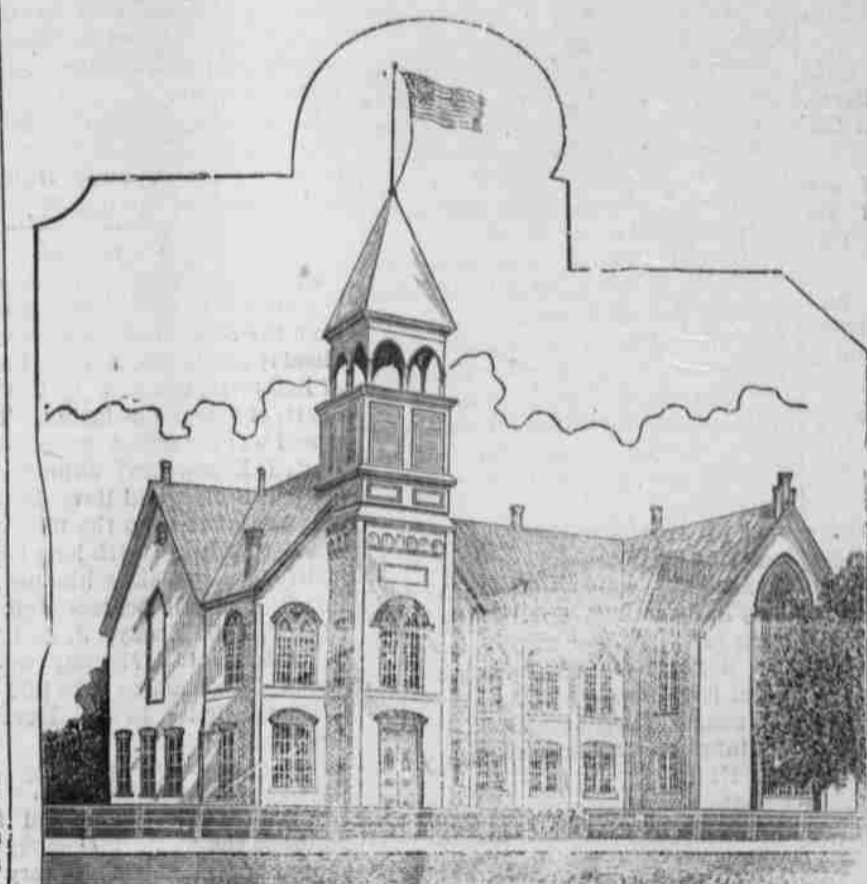
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