CROPS.

Ideal Weather Conditions.

Haying Practically Over and Harvest Is Nearing an End.

Normal summer conditions have prevaled during the past week. The mean temperature averaged 66 degrees, which is 1 degree warmer than the preceeding week. The day temperatures averaged 78 degrees, and the night 54 degrees. The highest temperature during the week was 86 degrees, and the lowest 50 degrees. No rain fell during the week. The cloudness was slightly in excess of the normal amount.

Ideal weather conditions have prevailed for all crops during the past weeks except for hops. The hop lice develop and flourish during periods of moderately warm weather with a semi moist atmosphere, and such prevailed the past week. Hops are generally in burr and are making excellent growth, but the lice are numerous; dry warm weather will check the ravages of the lice. Notwithstanding the lice, the hop prospects are good.

Haying is practically finished and the hay safely housed. The hay crop is good, though hardly an average in quantity. The second crop of alfalfa and clover is better than was expected. Fall wheat continues, and the farmers are all well satisfied with the outlook. Threshing will not begin for a week or more. Oats are turning color and will be ready to cut within ten days. Spring-sown wheat and oats are showing color. The spring grain crop is larger than usual, and most excellent prospects are reported for it. Flax for fiber is turning yellow and continues to offer excellent prospects. The success of the growth of flax for fiber in Oregon is assured. Sugar beets sown in May are three inches in diameter; they, too, promise to be most successful.

The fruit prospects continue good. Hale's Early peaches will be ripe to ship this weeek from the southern counties. Several varieties of apples and peache plums are ripe and very plentiful. Blackberries continue to be unusually prolific. Potatoes continue to be reported from all sections as being an immense crop. All garden produce is doing remarkably well. A year of plenty is assured, for all crops are excellent.

The weather conditions today are favorable for continued fair weather, with increasing cloudiness Wednesday Cooler wheather is probable Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, to be then followed by clear and warmer weather.

HOPS IN OTHER PLACES.

In Chehalis Wash., representatives of Eastern hopbuying firms have displayed great eagerness to make contracts for the 1897 crop.

Pier Bros' representative, who has made most of the contracts there, stated that by Monday night he expected to have contracts with almost every grower in this immediate vicinity, who had not already contracted. He stated that he had offered 8½ cents which is one ½ cent more than was stipulated in last week's contracts. It is reported, however, that 10 cents has been offered by buyers, and that it has been refused by several parties. A reliaple grower stated yesterday he had contracted two and a half tons at 10 cents. Farmers who are able to pick their hops will not make contracts. They think hops will bring a satisfactory price this fall.

Henriot Bros., of Cowlitz, sold a three-year-old crop to Livesley this week. No price is mentioned. The condition of the growing crop never was better at this time of the season.

OREGON'S HOP CROP.

Ed Herrin, the hop man, was in Silverton Monday. He says that while lice are appearing in almost every yard, he does not think that the crop in general will be materially injured if the present warm weather continues. He estimates the Oregon crop at 100,000 bales this year, says the Silverton Appeal. As the crop was only about 55,000 bales last year, this is a large increase. From the present indications of the world's crop, Mr. Herrin is of the opinion that the price at picking time will start at about 7 cents.

IN NEW YORK STATE.

Cobleskill, Schoharie Co; Hops are generally in bloom, and the next ten days will decide some important questions. Even if all goes well the crop must be one-half short of last year's. Lice are numerous, and if they increase and ravage the yards, no telling what will happen. Some few sales at 5c. to 6c.

The position of the hop market in New York has not changed much. Dealers are now looking to the new crop in the state. It is sure to be short of last year's crop; but if lice do no further harm, there will be sufficient to meet the wants of the trade. State 1896 choice hops are quoted at 8½@9c. ₱ lb.; good to prime, 6½@7c.; common to fair, 5@6c.; Pacific coast 1896 choice, 10½@11c.; good to prime, 8@9c.; common to fair, 5½@7½c.; state and Pacific coast 1895, 3@4½c., and old olds, 2@3.

A Wheelman's Gossip.

Notwithstanding the oftime asserted claim that there never is a day in Oregon so clear that a cloud can not be found in some portion of the sky, we searched diligently, Sunday morning, and scanned every visible nook and corner of the heavens without finding one.

Bikers going to the Santiam district should take the train to Turner—this avoids all the rough roads—this puts the rider in Turner at 11:30 a. m., just as the wind is rising and a ride over the road to Mehama is then a great pleasure. The road from Turner is in excellent condition. Winding along up the Mill creek bottom it crosses that stream six times between Turner and Aumsville.

The wind always blows towards Mehama in the afternoon, or perhaps after 11 o'clock, materially assisting the bicycle rider.

The great tabernacle, just in the suburbs of Turner, is the most important building to be seen, and is indeed an immense structure.

The sign boards, near Turner and Aumsville, at road crossings and forks, are getting old and are down in several places. Near Stayton the sign boards are in good shape—well painted, but some of them lie. Near Stayton one says: "Turner 6 miles. Stayton 2 miles." A little farther on one says: "Turner 7½ miles, Staytyn 1 mile."

There is a nice, cleanlooking hotel at Aumsville, called the "Southern Pacific Hotel," where no doubt hungry cyclers could get a bite.

We had our lunch along and stopped at a place half a mile beyond Aumsville, where I bought two gallons of delicious sweet milk for 10 cents, and had to make the good people take the money, for although apparently poor they refused pay. I believe the man's name is Levy S. Geer, and I heard him arguing politics with a neighbor and I think he is a Jacksonian Democrat, and perhaps now affiliates with the Populists. He seemed well posted on all the political issues of the day and spoke earnestly. He said the trouble is that all the people think their boys must be educated and that they must go to the cities and that something easy for them must be found. That all must have places in the "professions" which are honorable. This is a mistake. They can't all make a living trying to beat one another and they take to stealing. Keep the boys at home. Teach them to ferm and show to them that it is honorable, that it is better to be an honest farmer than a thieving professional man. He was still talking straight from the shoulder when we rolled on. His little boy said he did not think they were related to T. T. Geer.

Wife and I found A. J. Richardson's "Farmer's Hotel" at Stayton, a pleasant and hospitable place, and the City of Stayton, right in the heart of a rich agricultural region, a beautiful little place.

Most of the grain along the road did not seem to be ripe yet for cutting, but looked exceptionally rank, tall and green for this season of the year. The yield of grain between Turner and Stayton is simply going to be immense.

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Oats—White, 38@40c; grey, 37@39.

Potatoes..New 50a600 per cwt.

Hay..Good, 10@13.50 per ton.

Hops—10a11½c.

Wool..Valley, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon 7@9c.

Mohair. 19@20c.

Millstuffs..Bran, 13.50; shorts 15 50.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed 2 75@3.45, broilers, 1.50@3 50; turkeys, live 10c

Eggs..Oregon, 14 per doz

Hides..green, salted 60 lbs 6½c; under 60 lbs 5c; sheep pelts, 10@70c

Tallow—2½c@3c.

Onions—70c per sack.

Wheat Bags—Calcutta 5.25 per 100

Beans—small white, 1½@1¾c lima 3a3¾

Hogs Heavy, 4.00

Butter..Best dairy 25@30; fancy creamery 35a40c per roll.

Cheese..11½c.

Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated, bleached 6½@7c; unbleached 3½c@4c; sundried @5½c.

Pears—5c@6c

Plums—pitless, 3c@4c.

Prunes—4½c@6c.

Veal—small 4½a5; large 3½@4c per lb.

Mutton Weathers 2a2½; dressed mutton, 4½a5c; spring lambs 6@7c per lb.

Beef—Steers 3 50; cows 2.50@3; dressed 5@6½.

Cured Meats—Hams 10½c10¾c bacon 7¾

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SALEM MARKET

Wheat—64.

Oats, 34c.

Hay Baled, cheat, $6a7

Flour..In wholesale lots, 3.80; retail 4.20; bran, bulk 12@13; shorts, 15.5 @17.75; chop feed. 15.0 @16.00.

Poultry Chicken.5; spring 10.

Veal..Dressed, 3½.

Hogs..Dressed, 4.00.

Live Cattle..2@2½.

Sheep..Live, 1 50.

Spring lambs, $1.00

Wool..Best, 12c.

Hops..Best, 9 a 10c

Eggs..12½in trade.

Farm Smoked Meats Bacon, 7c; hams 10c; shoulders, 5½c.

Potatoes 30c trade.

Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated bleached, 7c—8c: unbleached 4c@5c.

Plums—4c.

Butter—Dairy 10a12c; creamery 12½@15c.

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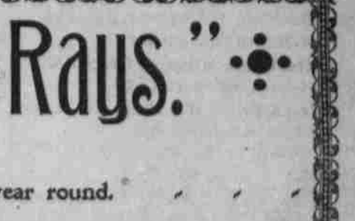

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