

HOPS LOOK WELL

Lice Have Been Vigorously Fought and Killed

Some old Yards will not Have full Crops but new Yards will Make up the Deficiency.

The outlook for the new hop crop continues very good, though vermin is making some inroads on the yards. This, however, is not dangerous now, as the growers are taking prompt steps to protect their growing crops from this menace. The yards generally look well, and promise good yields, and the Oregon crop, while not as heavy as that of last year, will still be an excellent one, and will be the source of considerable wealth to this portion of the state, especially in view of the fact that the market promises better than it did a few weeks ago. Growers are already making arrangements for the harvesting of the crop, and many have engaged pickers to be placed in the yards as soon as the crop is ready for picking. There are a number of early hops in this district, and these look exceptionally promising. One of these yards, that of Gilbert & Patterson, at Lincoln, on the Polk county side of the river, promises a better yield than has been secured there for several years, and the quality, so far as it can be predicted now, will be excellent. Some of the growers having old yards do not look for more than half a crop, but these are not the rule, and while this condition will have a tendency to cut the output down somewhat, some of this shortage will be made up by the new yards coming into bearing this year, the acreage being larger this season than ever before.

The reports from other hop sections of the world, which, up to a short time ago, were very flattering, are not so good now. The California crop is said to have suffered somewhat, and the yield there will be less than was expected earlier in the season, while reports from New York state indicate a falling off there, owing to unfavorable weather conditions. The English crop, too, is suffering, and the yield there will not be up to expectations, though it will be a better one than was produced in some of the recent seasons.

The market on hops is stronger, and the dealers are more anxious to buy than was the case a few weeks ago, owing to a somewhat brisker demand in the Eastern states, and contracts for the new crop have also felt this stimulating influence, 15 to 20 cents being offered on contracts for the best grades. Some of the dealers are looking forward to a strong market this year, and it is even predicted that the price will not be far below that of last season, which was the best in many years.

The Tacoma News, of recent date, in discussing the condition of the hop market, says:

"The hop market is extremely unsteady, with a decidedly upward tendency. Only a few days ago the best that could be offered for the 1902 crop was 15 cents, and dealers were not anxious to buy at that price. At the same time they were offering to contract at 16 cents, though there were few deals being made, as the farmers were not anxious to part with their crop at that figure. Activity in the London market, and a consequent skimming for stock in the American market, has brought about the change.

"The hop market at all times is a gamble, and this season it is fully as much so as usual. The buying of the old crop is, of course a more certain

proposition, as it is safe to presume that dealers have orders to buy, and, if speculating, are doing so on a reasonable certainty of receiving their money out of the proposition. New contracts are, however, purely speculative, and at this season of the year it is purely a guess as to what the crop will bring. The price offered is still a few cents less than was being offered at this time last year.

"The crop in Western Washington and the Yakima valley never looked better than at the present time. A prominent dealer, who has been among the fields most of the time for the past week or so, says the indications are that the Washington crop will be the best grown in the last several years. Although there have been a few lice, the growers, with the aid of sprayers, have kept them from doing any damage. Oregon and California crops are said to be slightly below the average."

Albany Has a Fire Bug

A fire was discovered in the closet of the Last Chance saloon about 9 o'clock last night, having started in some rubbish and paper piled up. Fortunately it had not gotten much of a start, and was easily extinguished. About 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Case, residing in the Baltimore block, discovered a fire at the end of the Albany Planing Mill Company's building, set in a pile of sticks and kindling wood. Inside was the sawdust pile. They had been thoroughly wet down the evening before. An alarm was given, but the flames were extinguished before the arrival of the engine. Just afterwards another fire was discovered at the end of a pile of boards in the warehouse of Turner Bros' wood working shops, by N. C. W. Raley, and promptly extinguished.

In the brick warehouse, now owned by the Albany Iron Works, there was found a pile of shavings and kindling wood, and just before the fire the door of the building was heard to slam to by a neighbor. It had been locked the night before.

All were of incendiary origin. There are strong suspicions of who the firebug was, but hardly enough evidence at the present time to justify arrest. Two men were seen running about that time towards the southeastern part of the city, but they were probably not connected with it, as reported.—Albany Democrat.

Foul Play Suspected

Anthony White Loughlin, known to many Lane county residents as "Grandpa" Loughlin, died suddenly Saturday morning last in Butte, Montana, under circumstances which arouse suspicions that the old man might have been poisoned.

He was formerly a resident of this county, and an Indian War veteran of repute. Of late years he had become quite feeble, and desired a nurse to care for him and keep his house. Miss Lillian Hare, a young lady of Montana, was selected, and two years ago the old man deeded his entire property, valued at \$10,000, to Miss Hare in recognition of her services. From that time on Miss Hare's good treatment of the old man slackened, and at times he has actually wanted for food, so it is said.

Two days prior to his death he was about the streets, and friends expected that he had many years before him. Saturday night, however, he suddenly died. Miss Hare purchased a coffin before noon, and made arrangements for the funeral to be held at 4 o'clock, which was done, and the remains were laid away almost before they were cold.

No physician and no friends were called during the illness. The coroner viewed the remains, but no action was taken. Detectives were at the funeral.

The deceased was an old soldier of the Rogue river uprising nearly half a century ago, serving with the Oregon volunteers. He had recently received \$212 as his share of the pension distributed.—Eugene Guard.

Played Good Ball.

At Marshfield Tuesday afternoon, the league baseball team of that city defeated the Roseburg club by a score of 3 to 2. Kostal occupied the box for Roseburg, and the game lasted 10 innings. Not a run was made on either side until the ninth inning, Roseburg made two runs in her half, and an error by Kostal allowed Marshfield to tie the score in the remaining half of the inning. Marshfield won the game in the next inning, by shutting Roseburg out.

Any Color, If Its Red.
G. E. Woodworth and Carl Scherquist, members of the Southern Pacific Company's force of painters, are

at work putting a new coat of paint on the water tank at the passenger station. The men have just completed the painting of the new depot at the fair grounds station, and considerable work of a like nature at the freight depot. They are traveling over the entire system of the company in this state, repainting the buildings wherever it is necessary.

Market Quotations Today

- "Make Salem a Good Home Market"
- Poultry—at Steiner's Market.**
 - Spring chickens—12@13c.
 - Hens—10c.
 - Eggs—Per dozen, 18c.
 - Hop Market.**
 - Hops—17@18c.
 - Potatoes, Vegetables, Etc.**
 - New potatoes—60c.
 - New onions—2c per pound.
 - Watermelons—1 1/4c per pound.
 - Wood, Fence Posts, Etc.**
 - Big fir—\$4.00.
 - Second-growth—\$3.50.
 - Ash—\$3.00 to \$3.75.
 - Body oak—\$4.50.
 - Pole oak—\$4.00.
 - Cedar Posts—10c.
 - Hides, Pelts and Furs.**
 - Green Hides, No. 1—1@7c.
 - Green Hides, No. 2—2@5c.
 - Calf Skins—4 to 5c.
 - Sheep—75c.
 - Goat Skins—25c to \$1.00.
 - Grain and Flour.**
 - Wheat—69c.
 - Oats—28@30c.
 - Barley—\$17 per ton.
 - Flour—Wholesale, \$3.65.
 - Live Stock Market.**
 - Steers—3 1/2c.
 - Cows—3c.
 - Sheep—\$1.50.
 - Dressed Veal—6c.
 - Hogs—5@5 1/4c.
 - Mutton—2c per pound.
 - Veal—6@6 1/4c.
 - Wool and Mohair.**
 - Wool—15@17c.
 - Mohair—37c.
 - Hay, Feed, Etc.**
 - Baled chest—\$7@8.
 - Baled clover—\$3@3.50.
 - Straw—\$1.
 - Shorts—\$2.25.
 - Creamery and Dairy Products.**
 - Good dairy butter—15@20c.
 - Creamery butter—23 1/4c.
 - Cream—separator skimmed, at Com. Creamery, 24c. minus freight.
 - Portland Market.**
 - Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@78c.
 - Wheat—Valley, 75@78c.
 - Flour—Portland, best grade, \$3.80; Graham, \$3.35@3.75.
 - Oats—Choice White, \$1.07 1/2c.
 - Barley—Feed, \$19 per ton; rolled, \$21@22.50.



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