HOP CROP HERE AND ABROAD

Indications That World's Crop Will Be Slightly Below Average

Waterville Times, Aug. 9: The local market has continued very quiet the past week, dealers showing no inclination to buy at prices asked. With concessions in prices it is understood some business could be transacted. The coast markets are also very quiet, business being of small volume at last reported prices. Growers are still holding their remaining stock firmly, but if the inactivity continues there is no doubt they will be willing to sell at the best price obtainable before long. Crop news is practically unchanged. A heavy wind storm in New York state did some damage to the vine, but not to any serious extent. Otherwise there is no change reported, the vines being absolutely free from mold. The coast crop continues growing steadily with good weather. There are some reports of lice from Oregon, but reliable parties claim this is greatly overestimated. Cables from England report the crop making good progress, and the outlook fair for an average yield. Germany reports cold weather, but hops making good progress, and a good crop expected. The London and Continental markets are reported somewhat easier for 1906 hops.

Hop Conditions in England.

Maidstone South-Eastern Gazette, July 23:

Ashford, West—Though the weather has been more favorable during the week, the state of the gardens in this district cannot be called satisfactory. There is much weak bine, and vermin has greatly increased.

Benenden—The hops are very platty. Some pieces look remarkably well, whilst others are weakly. There has been a decided increase of vermin during the past week, and washing is still going on.

Canterbury and District—The warm sunshiny weather of the past week has materially helped to develop the bine, but the cold nights are detrimental. Owing to the east wind fresh appearances of fly are reported, and constant washing is necessary in most of the plantations. It is generally agreed that the crop cannot be a heavy one, but with favorable weather nearly an average one may be obtained.

Faversham and District—The bine is looking better, but it is rather too late now for there to be much of it. Fly continues troublesome.

Maidstone and District—In the continued warmer weather the hops have done very well. There is, however, an increase of vermin, and washing is imperative.

Harlow—Last week saw a very severe attack of both fly and lice, and the result is very noticeable in many gardens. The bine is yellowing up, owing, no doubt, to the extreme changes of temperature.

Paddock Wood—Thanks to the very warm weather, the bine is improving daily, and the burr is coming out well. There has been a fresh outbreak of vermin; in some gardens this outbreak is very severe, and washing is now being carried on in earnest. To add to the growers' difficulties, mold has put in appearance, and sulphuring has begun.

Hereford—The hot weather is bringing the crop on splendidly, and a great improvement is noticeable throughout most of the yards. The previous cold weather has rendered crop. The fly is in a very limited fly, and washing is imperative. On the market the small amount of business passing in old hops is decidedly in buyers' favor.

Worcester—Continuous sunshine by day and warm nights have greatly improved the outlook, and there is promise of a very satisfactory crop. The fly is a very limited quantity, and very little washing has been necessary. The plantations are in an exceptionally good state of cultivation, and the only drawback has been the retarding of the growth by the bad weather of the early part of the season, a disadvantage which the present conditions have done much to mitigate.

Messrs. Manger & Henley, London, S. E., report: Fresh fly makes its appearance almost every day, and the increase in vermin is very marked. The bine is slack in many places, and everything points to only a medium crop. Market continues very firm.

Messrs. W. H. & H. Le May, London, report: The market remains extremely firm, stocks being in such small compass. The reports from the plantations speak of vermin being still troublesome, and washing is general.

Notes.

The Cooperstown Farmer, August 1, says: Hops are coming into view very quiet the past week, no sales being reported. The growing crop has been damaged to a considerable extent by the high winds prevailing since Thursday last. It has been reported that the vines are infested with lice, but we are informed that the report is false.

The Schoharie Republican, August 1, says: Hope are coming into view in the early yards and will soon appear in the late ones. The cool nights which have been in evidence lately do not favor their rapid growth. Growers are cultivating their yards with care in the belief that the price will yield a fair return this year.

The growing crop has improved with the fine weather we have been having. The wind storm last week did considerable damage. A careful estimate places the crop fully one-third short of last year. The yield promises to be of good quality, and if present indications and reports of the crop continue, the price will probably start for new hops around 20 cents.

For Lightweight Championship.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—Joe Gans and George Memsic, otherwise known as Jimmy Burns, are going through their final training stunts preparatory to the battle for the lightweight championship of the world before the Pacific Athletic club tomorrow night. Gans is to get $8,000 and Memsic $2,000 for the scrap, win, lose or draw. Sturdy and clever a fighter as Memsic is admitted to be, the pugilistic colony believes to a man that he has no chance of defeating or even getting a draw with the Baltimore negro. Gans is so much quicker and cleverer than his opponent that if he finds things getting too hot at the mixing game, he can win out by sparing and footwork.

Jim Jeffries will act as referee and will receive $1,000 for his services. As a protection to the public, Jeffries declares that if anything develops that looks like a fake he will declare it no contest.

Memsic belongs to a famous fighting family, two of his brothers, Mike and John, having won considerable success in the ring. Both have now retired from the game. John Memsic was perhaps one of the hardest hitters of his size who ever entered a ring. He was slow and clumsy, but the way he could stand up under the most severe punishment and occasionally get in a sleep producer made him a popular idol. Mike Memsic, who quit the ring to take a good job in Chicago, was the cleverest of the three Memsics and was the Beau Brumel of the prize ring, being gifted with an extraordinary amount of good looks and always dressing in the height of fashion. George Memsic, who goes up against the negro champion tomorrow night, is a quiet, self-contained little chap and is said to have acquired a goodly pile of long green during his pugilistic career.

Birthday of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady of the Angels and the 126th anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles will be observed with an elaborate celebration today. The event is among the most important on the Franciscan calendar and the fathers have made great preparations for the festivities. The program includes old Spanish dances and amusements, presented in the costumes of the time when Los Angeles was a straggling Spanish village instead of a bustling American city.

The early history of Los Angeles is an intensely interesting one. It was on August 15, 1781, that Felipe de Neve, governor of Alta California, came from the San Gabriel mission to the Indian village of Yang-na, and gave to the settlement the name of El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora, la Reina de Los Angeles—the imposing title, translated into English, meaning the Town of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels. As is proper, the commemoration of this historic event today falls to the Spanish priests, who were the earliest white inhabitants and who controlled the destinies of the pueblo for nearly a century. The church of Our Lady of the Angels—now known as Plaza church—will be the scene of all the more important festivities, which are in charge of Father Juan Caballeria.

As usual, the celebration will hark back to the sleepy days of the vacquero and the guitar—to that yesterday when the motto of Los Angeles was "tamana" instead of "now." In the old church on the plaza, surrounded by masonry mellow with years and by Spanish relics and paintings of other days, a day will be taken from the dead past and lived over again.

The ancient will be revived for the benefit of the modern. Old games will be played and the feast of Our Lady of the Angels will be spread as it was on the gala days when the dark and beautiful senoritas and their dusky admirers tripped the light fantastic on adobe floors and the Indian lads swam naked in the river of Portiuncula.

Within the walls of Plaza church, beyond the noises of the city, the fathers will today wave the wand of fancy and the sky-scrapers, ugly and hideous, will come tumbling down, the stifling, brick-paved streets will vanish and the stone and brick and mortar of the modern city melt into fields covered with green maize and vineyards, with here and there an adobe hut occupied by naked aborigines—all as it was on August 15, 1781, when Governor Falipe de Neve first cast enraptured eyes upon the town of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels.

Pacific Coast Dog Derby.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Entries closed today for the Derby, the features of the twenty-fifth annual meet of the Pacific Coast Field Trials club, which will be held in January at Bakersfield. Only pointers and setters whelped after January 1, 1906, are eligible. Eastern fanciers will send out a string of their best dogs for competition in the Pacific coast trials, which have become the most famous sporting events of their kind in the country.

Entire Town Is Deserted.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—The beautiful little city of Pasadena, Los Angeles' suburb of wealth and fashion, is almost entirely deserted today while the citizens are celebrating beach day at Long Beach and Naples. The day at the seaside is an annual event, all business houses, including even the restaurants, closing for the occasion.

Sullivan to Meet Flynn.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 15.—[illegible] have been completed for the [illegible] round fight here tomorrow night between Jack Twin Sullivan of [illegible] and Jim Flynn, the big Pueblo man. The Denver Athletic club will attempt to match the winner with Mike Schreck for a September [illegible] here. The fighters are to get [illegible] cent of the receipts, divided [illegible] 40. Flynn is a favorite in [illegible] and will be heavily backed by local admirers.

Mrs. Mathis Graves left for Johns, Oregon, this morning to [illegible] her sister, Mrs. Williams.

Eczema.

For the good of those who are with eczema or other such troubles I wish to say, my wife had something of that kind and after using the doctors' remedies for some time she concluded to try Chamberlain's Salve and it proved to be better than anything she had tried. For sale by Stone's drug store.

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