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## AURORA HOP CROP IS GOOD

No Price Yet Made and Many Growers Will Not Pick Until It Is

Aurora, Or., Aug. 21.—The hop growers in this section are between the devil and the deep sea this year, as far as prices for their hops go, for there are no prices, and the growers have no means of knowing when a price will be made, or what it will be. In the Aurora, Butteville and Hubbard districts the hop crop is as large, if not larger, than last year. The yield is so heavy in many yards that the hops are breaking down the wires and pulling down the posts. The big bulk of the crop will grade good, but with all these favorable conditions there are many growers who say they will not pick a pound of hops until they see a price in sight that will insure their coming out even on the crop, and if the price does not warrant their picking they will plow up their yards and go into some other branch of agriculture. About 90 per cent of the growers who have decided to pick will pick by weight instead of box measure, as in former years. Nearly every grower is in favor of the weight system, but in the past have had to be governed by the wishes of the pickers, but this year the growers think they can force the pickers to the weight system, and are going to use it. The growers have had no difficulty in securing all the pickers they need. Many of the pickers have worked in the same yards for years, and the growers depend upon them each year. Picking will begin in some of the early yards the 26th, but will not become general before September 2d. Some yards will not begin their harvest before September 10th or 15th. Very few contracts have been made in the above districts this year.

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Editor (to artist)—I refused your drawing a year ago. Why do you bring it here again?

Artist—I thought you would have had more experience by this time and might know a good drawing now when you see it.—Illustrated Bits.

### How Germans Secure Trade.

Consul Thomas H. Norton of Chemnitz calls attention to the fact that German enterprise in establishing financial and commercial relations in various countries, notably in South America, is so persistent, unweary and many aided that it constantly offers most valuable object lessons to American manufacturers and financiers seeking to secure a foothold in similar territories. He adds:

Most instructive is a simple summary of what German merchants and bankers have done in the republic of Uruguay, a country relatively small, but rich in potential possibilities. In area it is nearly equal to the state of Nebraska, although it is much less thickly populated. For a number of years the Deutsche bank has had a branch office at Montevideo. The Dresdener bank is now opening a similar branch. Negotiations are now under way between the commerz-und Diskontobank and the government of the republic for the financing of the project enlargement of the railway system and other extensive public works. German capital has introduced electric traction on the street car lines of Montevideo, while the Hamburg-South American line has provided steam transportation on the Parana river.

In the national agricultural college (for the establishment of which \$750,000 have been expended) the president and fourteen members of the teaching staff are from Germany. A German firm supplied the plans for the new harbor of Montevideo, and a German engineer is in charge of the work. The plans for the new public hospital were likewise furnished from Berlin, and German firms supplied the equipment and furnishing of both hospital and agricultural college. Most of the military supplies for the army come from Germany, and there also the new nickel coinage is minted.

## HOP CROP WILL BE AVERAGE

Prices Remain Low and But Little Business Is Doing

The local market has been lifeless the past week, and no inquiry is noted. A few sales are reported from the Pacific coast at from 4 to 6c, but the volume of business is very small. Brewers apparently are well stocked, and even the low prices prevailing today do not seem to tempt them into the market. The crops continue to make satisfactory progress. From Oregon reports are very favorable, and the hot weather has killed off the lice which threatened to become serious some time ago. The same condition prevails in Washington and California and good crops seem assured. Picking will commence next week in the Sacramento section in California. New York state reports are decidedly favorable, and the early varieties are rapidly ripening. Picking of the regular late hops, however, will be a week to ten days later than usual on account of the backward spring, which delayed the growth of the vine. Fine weather prevailed in England and on the Continent, and their crops are in good condition. The German market is lower and weak, and the English market is said to be in the same position as the market here.

We notice the unusually large export of hops to London the past few weeks, amounting to over 9000 bales since the first of July.

Hop Conditions in England. (Maldstone South-Eastern Gazette, July 31.)

Ashford—There seems to be an increase of vermin, and some gardens, in spite of washing, are going off pretty badly. Others still look fairly well.

Ashford, West—The hops are decidedly improving in this district, and where well washed are mostly clean, but there are many gardens

that, from lack of attention, can grow but very few.

Benenden—The bine in most gardens continue to grow, but on the thin soils the plant is getting very yellow. There is still too much vermin.

Canterbury and District—The brighter weather of the past fortnight has been very welcome. The bine in the well-cultivated gardens is growing well, but in the majority of the plantations it is very backward. Fresh attacks of fly are reported, necessitating continuous washing, whilst mold has made its appearance in several places. During the week prices have remained firm, several smaller parcels having sold from 75s, whilst one good-sized lot changed hands at 80s. The quantity of hops in the hands of factors is exceedingly small, and in view of the fact that it is computed that between 3000 and 4000 acres of hops have been grubbed this year, and that the general crop is certain to be much below the average, it is probable that the demand will very much more than exceed the supply of English hops.

Faversham and District—The plant has grown well and improved in appearance during the past week, but under the best conditions now a heavy crop cannot be looked for.

Maldstone and District—There has been an increase of vermin during the past week, and washing is still necessary. The growth during the week has been satisfactory, and the best cultivated gardens have a promising appearance.

The Medway Valley—Still there is too much vermin, and as fresh fly keep arriving it is a case of wash, wash, wash. The Bramblings are showing burr, and should the lice get into it to kill them would be impossible. Warm nights are much wanted and hot sun to cause the niggers to work and get into the burr to kill the lice. There is a good bit of mold.

Turnbridge Wells and District—In this district there is unfortunately a marked appearance of honeydew in the gardens, and this appears to be fairly widespread, notwithstanding continuous washing.

Worcester—The weather during the past week has been wet, and for the most part cold, so the improve-

ment in the hopes of growers, inspired by the warm weather of the previous week, has not been maintained. The deluge during the thunder storm a week ago did a good deal of damage in places.

Hereford—The hops are making slow growth, but the yards look well on the whole. There is some amount of vermin, however, and mold has made its appearance, this being much earlier than usual for the presence of this pest in the Herefordshire plantations. Washing with horse machines has been impossible during the week, owing to the sodden state of the ground.

Messrs. Manger & Henly, London, S. E., report: Notwithstanding the persistent washing resorted to by growers, vermin still have the upper hand. Unless atmospheric influences intervene quickly, a considerable portion of the plantations will be in a critical position. Market quiet but very firm.

Messrs. W. H. & H. LeMay, London, report: There is a small consumptive trade doing, and prices are exceedingly firm. Stocks are in a very small compass. The reports from the plantations all speak of a continuance of vermin, and washing is general. The bine has made fair progress during the past week.

### Swell Jones in Town.

Ezra Kendall, the alleged funny man of the Swell Elegant Jones company, is in town and will perform tonight. They say that when he opens his mouth it is funny. That must all be on the inside, way under cover, or else he didn't open it right this morning when a Journal reporter accosted him. He evidently had been jolted out of bed too early. At all events he didn't efforce. Mr. Pullman had seemingly jobbed him. In fact he acted as disgraced as if a dining car porter had refused his tip. The porter didn't. He took a hunch, and said he would see his man Killarney for information. But notwithstanding that Mr. Kendall is a very funny fun maker, they do say that he leaps into the vein when he mounts the stage. There the unadulterated article is put on tap. It needs to be to make "Swell" Elegant Jones come anywhere near averaging up to the American standard.

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