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THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1913.

PRICE TWO CENTS. ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, FIVE CENTS.

RECORD PRICE OF 25 CENTS PAID FOR HOPS

1500 BALES INVOLVED IN GREAT DEAL

Several Firms Profit by Remarkable Advance in Price of Crop Here.

PREDICTIONS VARY REGARDING YIELD

Hopmen of Salem Do Not Agree as to Total Crop, But Quality Is Good.

Today the local hop market experienced an aeronautic tendency, 1500 bales of hop blooms changed ownership, and the original owners received the 1913 record price of 25 cents per pound for the lot. Among the sellers were Catlin & Linn, Louis Laehmond, Ben Cooper and the Buena Vista Hop Co., of Independence. The T. A. Livestock & Co. and Ralph Williams of Portland, were the principal buyers of the 1500-bale lot.

According to the local hop men, who have been studying the hop market closely during the past few months, the 25-cent price will hold on tenaciously hereafter, and it is possible that the Oregon market will experience another boom before long, in the event the outside hop districts continue to report shortages as they have been doing.

Predictions as to the output of hops in Oregon this year vary. Julius Pinner, who is recognized as first-class authority, and who is one of the principal merchants of the state, predicts that the yield this year will be at least 120,000 bales. In giving his opinion, Mr. Pinner offers nothing more than mere prediction. Kola Neis, another leading hop man, declares that the 1913 crop will be between 140,000 and 150,000 bales. Mr. Neis' opinion is backed by Ben Schucking and several other buyers and growers.

In view of the fact that many of the reports have not been completed as yet, it is almost impossible for the growers and merchants to form any definite conclusion as to what the output will be this season, but, owing to the favorable reports coming from every yard in this county and in the Polk county district, the yield will undoubtedly be very large.

Quality Excellent. Probably never before in the history of the valley hop fields have the crops been so good in quality as they are this year. While the quantity of the 1913 crop is of great moment to all concerned, the quality is playing a material part also.

The growers have been exerting every effort this year to harvest their hops clean, and they have succeeded wonderfully well, according to the reports given out by those who have had occasion to examine the baled product. Few leaves and stems can be found in the majority of bales, and the natural condition of the blossoms could hardly be better. No mold can be found and no vermin of any kind has been noticed by the merchants so far.

These facts mean a lot to the local growers, and that their hops will be in great demand remains without question, even though the outside hop districts flood the market, which is not at all likely.

Half Million Pounds Sold. Portland, Or., Sept. 19.—More than half a million pounds of hops changed hands in the Willamette valley today at 25 cents a pound, two cents over this year's highest price. London firms were the principal purchasers. Indications are for still higher prices.

DETROIT GETS IT. Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 19.—Detroit was chosen today for the next national encampment of the G. A. R.

Crumbling Earth Blocks Efforts

Men Fighting Fire in Southern Pacific Tunnel Unable to Head Off Costly Blaze.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Luis Obispo, Cal., Sept. 19.—Crumbling earth at the south portal of the Santa Margarita tunnel on the Southern Pacific coast line blocked today the efforts of 200 men who are fighting a fire that is consuming the tunnel's staging. The fire, which spread from burning mountain brush, is reported to have eaten its way a quarter of a mile into the bore. Fires in the mountains in the Santa Margarita district are being held in check, and no damage to ranch property is anticipated.

General Manager W. R. Scott, of the Southern Pacific, overcame by heat, while directing the fire-fighters at the tunnel last night, had recovered today. He started for San Luis Obispo with Vice-President E. E. Calvin.

HOFER HIT HARD BY THIS BOOK REVIEWER

Does Much Violence to English Language and Evidently Woman, According to S. P. Chronicle.

In a spirit of the utmost charity, the San Francisco Chronicle makes a few comments on that collection of depraved ideas and badly juggled English entitled "Jack Norton," forced upon an indulgent and unsuspecting public by E. Hofer, who is now traveling through the East, visiting Chattanooga and other cities at the expense of the Oregon Sons of Veterans. The reviewer for the Chronicle, who was perhaps threatened with the loss of his job if he didn't read the book, and who, in justice to himself, finally did so on a full stomach, has the following to say: "A book embodying the material for a novel, but far from being one, is 'Jack Norton.' The author, E. Hofer, is evidently a woman so bent upon 'writing like a man,' that she occasionally verges on a coarseness at which most men would draw the line. She gives us a book with no constructive merit, made up largely of analysis—often wordy and tiresome—of the character of Norton, a successful, self-made man, and of letters written by him to Luanna Wadsworth, the woman with whom he becomes infatuated at a time when his married life had ceased to furnish excitement. The letters are doubtless true to type—they sound like some of those perfervid exhibits in divorce suits, where otherwise hard-headed business men are shown up in an unbelievably maudlin phase. "There is nothing dramatic about the book, though the crude materials of drama are included between its covers. The character of Norton seems genuine, and his psychology accurately studied.

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AGED BLIND PRINTER IS DEAD FOLLOWING HIS JUMP FROM WINDOW

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Alone in the world since his sister was run over and killed by a Market street car a few days ago, Alfred Overend, an aged blind printer, jumped from the window of his second story room today and suffered injuries from which he died soon afterward. When his sister, Elizabeth Overend, failed to return from shopping one day last week, her brother, distracted with anxiety, started out alone to hunt for her. After three days wandering he found her body in the morgue.

SULZER CHALLENGES ARE THROWN OUT BY JUSTICE PRESIDING

Record Vote Unanimously Sustains Cullen in His Ruling in Case.

THE CHARGES ARE READ

Sulzer's Counsel Preparing Brief Denying Every Allegation Made Against Governor.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The fitness of Senators Frawley and Wagner to sit as members of the impeachment court organized to try Governor William Sulzer was challenged today by the defense when the court convened at noon.

"As presiding judge," ruled Justice Cullen of the court of appeals, "it is my opinion that the court cannot entertain these challenges. As senators, I believe the persons challenged are entitled to sit and I don't think a member of the court could be excused legally, even if he so desired. However a record vote will be taken on the point." Blow to Governor.

Cullen added that he did not believe there was the slightest basis for the defense's claim that Frawley and Wagner were unfit to participate in the trial. He expressed himself with much emphasis, and there was no question that the ruling was a distinct blow to the governor.

As soon as the two challenges had been overruled the articles of impeachment were read.

The defense replied by calling in question the regularity of the proceedings and moved that they be dropped on the ground that the assembly had acted illegally.

Attorney Louis Marshall, for the defense, had begun an argument in support of this motion when a recess was taken.

By the vote, the court upheld Cullen's ruling unanimously.

The court was in session for only 30 minutes before adjourning until 2 p. m.

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STORY PROVES TOO MUCH FOR SEEKERS AFTER SENSATIONAL

Many Leave Court Room When Cleo Barker Tells About Millionaire Bixby.

GIRL'S HEALTH BROKEN

Defense Makes No Attack Upon Her Story After She Has Concluded Her Testimony.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 19.—Stripped of everything a woman holds dear, Cleo Helen Barker, star witness against George H. Bixby, millionaire banker, of Long Beach, in his trial on a charge of contributing to her delinquency, left the witness stand today after the most shameful secrets of her life had been dragged from her and held up for the inspection of an avid court room crowd.

The girl's recital apparently satisfied the more prurient of the spectators, but it proved too much for many of the curious, who hurried from the room as she went further into revolting detail. No prisoner on the rack ever suffered keener torture than the girl on the stand, if her manner was indicative of her suffering. With scarlet face and nails sunk into her palms, she twisted and writhed under the pitiless questioning of the state's prosecutor, and gasped out broken, quivering replies.

She prefaced her story with the assertion that Bixby had acted "unnaturally" toward her, and that through her association with him her health was broken. When she had concluded the defense made no attack upon the story she had told.

All Filed Damage Suits. During her examination Miss Barker admitted, under close questioning, that she, Jeanette Ellis and Marie Brown-Levey, also known as "Jonquil girls," all of whom have filed damage suits against Bixby, decided together to take legal action. The suits, she declared, were the result of conferences together. She denied that they were prompted by an attorney.

Davis then introduced as evidence a copy of the girl's charges in her damage suit, in which she asks judgment for \$50,000.

The Weather

The Diekey Bird says: Oregon: Fair tonight, warmer southwest portion; Saturday fair, cooler west portion, northeasterly winds.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Sept. 19.—To afford students an opportunity to perfect themselves in theoretical navigation, the city board of education today decided to establish a nautical school. John McNulty, United States hydrographic expert, was chosen instructor.

Seven Aldermen Would be Enough Insists Stockton

That the present system of city government should be made less complicated and cumbersome was asserted yesterday by J. L. Stockton, the well-known Salem business man. Mr. Stockton has served as councilman, and knows how unsatisfactory the present system has proven. He said, in discussing the matter:

"I am not in favor of the commission form of government and believe that by amending the present city charter to provide for but seven aldermen, instead of 14, and placing the police and fire departments directly under the control of the mayor, Salem can secure a system of government which will be satisfactory. Two aldermen from each ward only complicates matters, and one could handle the work much better. "The present method of handling the police and fire departments is unsatisfactory, and they should both be placed under the absolute control of the mayor. "If necessary, I would have the mayor paid a fair salary for his work, as his duties would be increased. "By reducing the number of councilmen, and giving the mayor some power, responsibility can be better fixed, and something be accomplished. "I was a member of the council some years ago and learned that the changes I have mentioned were necessary to secure better results. "The charter amendments I suggest could be voted on at the same time as the proposed commission form charter. In the meantime, the matter can be fully discussed."

NEWSPAPER MAN DEFILES "BUNCH OF CROOKS"

Declares in Jail Cell, Where He Is Sent for Contempt, He Will Fight It Out to Bitter End.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Albany, Sept. 19.—James Garrison, the newspaper man, who was declared in contempt by the state assembly for refusing to answer questions, issued the following statement this afternoon: "I should worry. I have a good place to sleep and fine meals. I can stand it until January 1 if that bunch of crooks who sent me here can. "Take it from me—they'll weaken. When the people realize that a man who commits no offense can be practically kidnaped, sent to jail and denied legal advice, Tammany is going to hear from the corn fields."

MOLALLA LINE IS OPENED BY STRAHORN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Molalla, Sept. 19.—The completion of the Molalla branch of the P. E. & E. line was celebrated today with appropriate ceremonies, great crowds gathering, and Salem, Portland, Silverton and other cities had delegations present. In his address, President Strahorn, of the P. E. & E., pleaded a better understanding and closer relationship between the public and the railroad. He suggested that it was only fair to ask the people, who inspire public authority, not to "enact conditions which can only defeat what they are intended to accomplish and work real hardship upon the honest and interested the railway honestly tries to promote and develop."

RUNS AWAY BECAUSE OF ANGER TOWARD HER SCHOOL TEACHER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Sept. 19.—"I ran away from home because I was angry with my teachers for putting me back in my classes."

This was the explanation given here today by Miss Gertrude Bettenourt, of Santa Clara, who was located in San Francisco last night after disappearing from her home Tuesday. Miss Bettenourt came directly to San Francisco, and confessed her plight to Mrs. W. Peters, who cared for her. The girl's parents arrived here today and took her in charge.

GOLF CONTEST

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Brookline, Sept. 19.—Francis Oulmet, a Boston amateur, made a morning score of 74. He is now tied with Bay and Vardon, with a total of 225. This afternoon's rounds will determine the winners.

PRIVATE IS SHOT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Calumet, Mich., Sept. 19.—Private Randolph Harvey, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was shot from ambush and probably fatally injured here today. The shooting occurred at daybreak near the Isle Royale mine.

DESTROYER ASHORE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Sept. 19.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer Terry is ashore on Gardiners Island, L. I., according to wireless messages received today. It was taking part in maneuvers.

THREE SHOT BY HUSBAND OF TRIFLER

Mrs. Kate Coulson Fatally Wounded and Two Men Are Dead.

MURDERER MISSING FOLLOWING CRIME

Believed He Committed Suicide and Search Is Being Made for Him.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Sept. 19.—"My husband shot me down before I knew of his presence. Then he leaned over and kissed me and asked if I was badly hurt. Then he shot the two men."

This was the statement alleged to have been made here shortly before noon today by Mrs. Kate Coulson, wife of A. R. Coulson, proprietor of Coulson Hatchery and Feed company, who was shot and probably fatally injured here early today while eating a luncheon at the Atlas garage with William Acker, a chauffeur, and George Kovack, night clerk of the garage. Kovack and Acker, Mrs. Coulson stated, were shot dead in their tracks by her husband. Statement to Clerk.

Mrs. Coulson's statement is alleged to have been made to Eugene Rees, a clerk in her husband's employ. She is so seriously wounded that Rees was the only person allowed to see her.

Efforts throughout the forenoon to locate Coulson were futile. The police do not expect to find him alive. They think he committed suicide after shooting Mrs. Coulson and the two men. At first Mrs. Coulson flatly refused to give the name of the slayer, although she admitted that she knew who did the shooting. She then lapsed into unconsciousness and for a time it was feared she would die without revealing her secret. In the meantime, however, the police had suspected Coulson was the slayer.

In an effort to find Coulson, the police have telegraphed to Petaluma, where he is said to have a large chicken ranch.

Woman Companion Talks. Mrs. Mary G. Stafford, wife of an automobile salesman, admitted here today that she had made the rounds of the beach resorts in company with Kovack, Acker and Mrs. Coulson.

"After visiting resorts along the Great Highway," she said, "we started home about 1:40 o'clock this morning. When we reached the Claremont Apartments, I was all in and decided to spend the night there. Mrs. Coulson, Acker and I went up to a room. Mrs. Coulson and I disrobed, but after a while Mrs. Coulson said she was too nervous to sleep, and leaving me alone she returned to the automobile with Acker. That's all I know about it."

Fought Two Desperate Rounds Now Wants to Take the Count

The morning paper says it has helped fight two losing battles for a commission form of government, and hopes the present one may be successful. We hardly know whether it is expressing this hope with its fingers crossed, or being really in favor of the commission form of government. It has concluded, very wisely, that by opposing it, it could help the cause the most. If it has made two highly unsuccessful "battles" for the commission form, why this sudden change? Why the sudden desire to have the matter postponed until the term of the present mayor expires? Why put it off until 1914?

If the morning paper has made two campaigns for a commission form of government, is it not too bashfully diffident in now claiming that the people should have a year to examine into the subject? Is it possible, or is it even thinkable that after two battles in which the morning paper fought nobly and shed its ink like water, in which the whole matter was argued out with that minuteness of detail and pellucid clearness that adds such charm and interest to the editorial expositions of our morning contemporary that the citizens of Salem need still more light? The daisy-like modesty, the innate bashfulness, the adolescent diffidence of our morning contemporary is, one of its most charming and lovable characteristics, but it carries it and them too far. It fails to take itself at its true worth and to consider itself seriously.

With two campaigns fought to a hard-boiled finish, with the subject illuminated with the X-ray light of the morning paper's wisdom, why should that paper still demand more time for the discussion of the matter? Has it left anything to be said? Has it neglected or over-looked anything in the way of argument that might still further jeopardize the movement?

It is none of our business, of course, why our contemporary does, or leaves undone anything; but that curiosity which humanity inherited from our common ancestress, Eve, impels us in the interest of the public to ask the morning paper to throw a little light on the matter of its sudden change of heart. Why did this change of feeling toward a commission form of government take place the same night that our peripatetic mayor arrived home from a post-graduate expedition in the search of medical wisdom? Was it from this source, fresh from the eastern seats of learning that our contemporary learned of the Journal force's usual condition, that it was wandering around with its puceon-painted proboscis rivaling the Salem are lamps? Was it from this source that it learned that the Salem people after two campaigns so hardly fought are so dense that they need a whole year in which to find out whether or not they want a commission form of government? Was it from this source that it discovered in a single night that issues were about to be confused? It is really none of our business

and the morning paper would be justified in telling us so, but still as the public is interested and would like to know, we cannot refrain from asking. Hop-picking is about over and the prune is well along on its way to the drier, and only the state fair remains to distract the Salem voter's attention, and even a Salemite need not devote more than twelve hours a day to that. Indeed it is possible for the voters to do some thinking about the commission matter even while the fair is on. There are six weeks yet in which to think about the proposed change and we are certainly far off in our guess if it takes the average Salem voter more than a week to make up his or her mind as to the advisability of making the change.

Besides, under the law the charter can be changed at any time if it is found defective in any manner, and this will probably occur no matter how much thought is given it beforehand, for the simple reason that some things are certain to be overlooked.

The election in November need not interfere with any other issue. If desired the things that might be passed upon in December can be incorporated in the commission charter. There is absolutely no argument to be made in favor of delay, and the present conditions demand prompt action. It is up to Salem to act and act quickly. If the commission form is good we cannot get it too quickly, and if it is not desired, the sooner we find this out, and get ready for something else, the better.

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