

HOP CROP THREATENED.

Pickers Organize and Demand Higher Wages.

SMARTING UNDER PAST USAGE.

Resident Hop Pickers Say They Were Victimized by the Growers Last Year and Underbid by Transient Pickers and Tramps.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The World today says:

The hop crop of this state is in danger of ruin because of the refusal of hop pickers to work for the prices which the growers are willing to pay.

It is reported that the growers expect to get their crops harvested on the same basis as to wages as last year, but the hop pickers have organized a union to enforce their demands, and if these demands are not granted at once, they will strike.

The honest hop pickers in the counties of Madison and Oneida in this state claim that they are having a "hard time" of it. Last year they assert that there was a disposition on the part of the growers and the "transient pickers" to take advantage of them. They supposed that they were to receive a dollar a day and board. It was noticed that the baskets given them, in many instances, were larger than usual. When settling time came the pickers were paid, instead of \$1 a day, only 80 cents a basket. It was a good worker who could fill more than two baskets per day.

The regular pickers objected strenuously to this new order of things, but the "transient pickers" cut the rates and in some instances, it is represented, openly robbed the honest pickers.

Just now the New York Central Railroad company's detectives and the police are having a busy time with the tramps who are flocking to the hop regions of New York state. These tramps watch their opportunities to steal rides on the trains bound north and west, and despite the best efforts of the officials it is almost impossible to drive them away from the cars. These tramps go to the hop fields for a good time.

There is plenty to earn in the hop picking season, good hay and straw stacks to sleep in, and bear and deer abound. They lead an easy life for a few weeks and rob whenever the opportunity is presented. The police estimate that within the past 15 days over 200 tramps have left New York on freight trains bound for the hop districts. The Hop Pickers' Union, which attempts to commence a war upon these gentlemen, is said to have already over 600 members.

SUNDAY DROUGHT CONTINUES.

New York Sales Men Give Up the Ghost and Close the Doors.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—It was another dry Sunday in New York city. A tour made through various sections of the city pointed to the fact that only the smallest proportion of the saloons made any attempt to do business and drawn inches in some of the doubtful places were not always an indication that the traffic was going on within.

The police of the central office received occasional reports from officers that it was the driest Sunday ever known in the history of the municipality.

In spite of the promises of the Wine and Liquor Dealers' association that they would urge all members of that body to close their saloons, instead of waiting until next Sunday, the police in no wise relaxed their vigilance and men in uniform were stationed at the doors of all suspected places.

An army of police officers in citizen's attire were on the constant lookout for violations of the law and made every possible effort to secure evidence against saloons where it was evident that liquor was being dispensed. Such evidence the policemen found it very difficult to collect, for the saloon keepers were extraordinarily vigilant and suspicious of any one who seemed to be in search of a glass of beer or whisky.

National Bank Goes Under.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 26.—A Franklin (O.) special says the community was astonished to find the doors of the First National bank did not open. It afterward developed that Comptroller Ekelas had been advised of the suspension and Examiner Bettis had been ordered to take charge. It is the general impression that depositors will be paid in full as the sums are largely in excess of liabilities. The deposits are said to be only \$100,000.

Todays Gold Experts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The treasury department was informed of the withdrawal of \$20,000 gold from the treasury in New York for export today. This will reduce the gold reserve to \$1,200,000. The total loss of gold since last Saturday, exclusive of the withdrawal of today, is \$2,000,000, and the net loss is \$200,000. The syndicate deposited \$2,000,000 and \$200,000 in gold was passed to the reserve from miscellaneous sources.

No Profit In Oil.

FINDLAY, O., Aug. 26.—Owing to the reductions made in the price of Ohio oil last week, the leading producers of this field have ordered the suspension of all drilling operations as soon as possible, now in progress, are completed. It is claimed the present price of oil does not afford profit for continued operations.

Change of Venue Denied.

ALBANY, Aug. 26.—The motion in special term for a change of venue for the trial of Charles N. Davis, accused of the murder of Little Anna May Shannon of Cohoes, was denied by Judge J. J. Murphy.

Kept That Nurse.

The proceedings of the summer school at Harvard affording a certain amount of amusement even to the professors and instructors. It is said that the students have attracted some very independent as well as gifted young women from a distance. Lately one of the instructors informed his class, chiefly composed of women, that a daily theme would be required to give facility in composition. This seemed to surprise one of the young ladies, who went to the instructor after the session was over, in the presence of others, and said archly and coquettishly, "And what will you do to us if we do not present any theme?" "We do not," the professor answered gravely, "employ any form of corporal punishment." —Boston Transcript.

NOTING STRIKE.

Three Men Shot, One Probably Wounded.

WAPAKONETA, Aug. 26.—The strike here on the wickerware trenches developed into a tragedy and three men, Justice Tiller of Pittsburg, and Albert Seifert and Oscar Voorhees of this place were shot; the first named through the bowels, Seifert through the arm and Voorhees through the hand. Tiller will die.

Monday morning the men went on strike and declared no one should go to work until their demands were satisfied. Some of them went to work, but were driven out. The trustees and the contractor ordered Lewis Van Skiver and another party to fill some trenches and cover some pipes in the Second ward. They began to work and a crowd of strikers congregated and commenced beating Van Skiver over the head with clubs and shovel handles, breaking the largest ones by the force of the blow.

After he had been struck several times he drew a revolver from his pocket and fired into his assailants three times, with the above result. Several of the participants have been arrested and the officials are after others.

Van Skiver is a resident of this place and is considered a good straight fellow. Public sentiment is apparently with him. Other men will be brought in and put to work immediately, and every man connected with the assault will be tried.

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