

# BEER ON ICE AT B. AUDIBERT'S.

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### What Causes The Difference.

We have before us the return of sales of 40 barrels of Irish potatoes shipped by Mr. W. H. Crews of this place to Messrs. W. C. Moore & Co., of Cincinnati, dealers in fruits, vegetables and produce, and the net proceeds foot up \$72.95 or nearly two dollars per barrel. They were shipped about the 1st of this month. A shipment to New Orleans by another party yielded the shipper 45 cents net per barrel. With such facts staring them in the face it is not to be wondered at that our small farmers are disposed to give New Orleans the cold shoulder in produce traffic, and seek for a market where they can realize something for the fruits of their labors. Mr. Crews has been dealing with the firm of W. C. Moore & Co., this spring and found them prompt and honorable in their dealings, and those of our people having a surplus of garden truck to spare that will bare shipment may make a note of the above fact and give the firm a trial. To be gouged out of 75 per cent of one's hard labor is too much to be patiently endured. Some difference in the market value of produce in different places is reasonably to be expected and shippers must anticipate occasional disappointment, but it is out of all reason to believe that with the known rates for freight charges and telegraphic information as to prices such a difference in sales can exist as the returns above recorded would indicate.

There is a marked difference also in freight rates between the two roads handling the potatoes, the charges on the forty barrels from this place to New Orleans 125 miles distant over the Morgan road, being \$20, and from New Orleans to Cincinnati, 704 miles over the North-eastern road, \$15-05.—*New Iberia Enterprise*.

### American Unpreparedness For War.

The relations between this country and Canada in the matter of the fisheries do not improve with time. Notwithstanding Secretary Bayard's Pacific assurance the situation is far from peaceful. When the schooners Adams and Doughtry were seized the secretary was quite confident there would be no more, because he had seen the British minister and the latter had assured him the imperial government would not sanction such proceedings. Since that time another American vessel has been seized and searched at Canso straits. The schooner Joseph Story was also seized on mere suspicion at Kelly's Cove. American vessels have been stopped from buying herring. A law has been passed authorizing the Canadian cruisers to seize any American vessel they suspect.

The number of these cruisers has been increased and British men-of-war are on their way to Canadian waters. Meanwhile it is given out that some of the American fishermen are arming them-

selves. As Mr. Dawers remarked in the Senate: "There seems to be a disposition on the part of the Canadian government to harass and embarrass citizens of the United States engaged in what cannot but be considered lawful commerce."

Under such circumstances as these, every day adding to their aggravation and passions growing hotter, no one can tell at what moment a collision may occur or what trifling circumstance may precipitate an outbreak that will bring English vessels of war on the scene and lead to an attack. In such a case we are practically helpless. We cannot defend our own vessels. We cannot even defend our own cities on the seacoast or along the great lakes.

Have members of Congress, particularly the older members, stopped to think of the consequences? Session, year after year, they have steadily refused to buy ironclads or build them, to buy big steel guns or make them, or to pass any legislation looking to the defense of the country. They have squandered money in every other direction. They are ready to take hundreds of millions out of the people's pockets for the payment of pensions to a million men whose health was not hurt by their military service, all the others being already on the pensions rolls. They can vote to take \$77,000,000 out of the treasury for the purpose of demoralizing the educational system of the South and destroying all self-reliance. They can throw away fifteen millions of money in alleged river and harbor improvements. No scheme is too wild or demagogical which allows them to get into the tax-payers pockets by which they think will manufacture votes for them. Meanwhile, here we are unable to strike back if England strikes us. Should that event occur, as is not improbable, the people will hold the members of Congress personally responsible. The demagogues who so recklessly squandered the people's money, and who have left the country unable to defend herself, in that day will call upon the mountains and rocks to cover them from the people's indignation. They have been notified of their duty year after year and left it undone. Now if the blow should be struck those members who live along the ocean frontier or in the lake States will be more comfortable anywhere else than among their own constituents. Canada even would be preferable, provided they could get there.—*Chicago Tribune*.

### An Unexpected Result.

The Oregon election resulted in a substantial and unexpected Democratic victory, the majority of the Democratic candidate for governor being about 1,800. The Republicans pull through their candidate for Congress by 600, which is less than a third of his majority two years ago. The verdict is significant, showing that there is small hope of capturing the next Congress. The voting in Oregon forshadows the result in all of the Pacific coast States. There is scarcely a doubt that California will be revolutionized. In the present House the Democrats have only one of six representatives from that state. In the next House the Democrats will probably have not less than four. This gain will offset all that they will lose as the result of the Republican gerrymander in Ohio. In the remainder of the country the gains and losses will about offset each other, making the Democratic majority of the Fiftieth Congress in the neighborhood of 40 as at present.

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