William Uhlmann & Co.
Hops

SANTA ROSA, CAL. March 14, 1917.

Becker Brewing & Malting Co.,
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

We acknowledge your favor of the 12th and certainly regret to hear that you will be compelled to discontinue your brewing plant on August first. The matter of the legislation of the liquor traffic in California is now before our legislature and no doubt you have read of the Rominger bill which is before both houses. It is the sense of this bill to eliminate the saloon in the State of California but to permit the manufacture and sale of beers and wines containing not to exceed 14% alcohol, and sweet wines 21%. Ardent spirits would be eliminated. Whether this bill will carry will be known within the next thirty days. It is our opinion that if a moderate such as above mentioned, would be legislated in some state and it should prove of merit—and there is no doubt as to this—that it would eventually be adopted by the other states in the Union, and we cannot convince ourselves that the restriction of beers and wines to the people of the United States will be in effect for any great period.

According to your remarks stating that you will need some more hops before you go out of business, we are sending to you by this mail two samples of choice Sonoma county hops. The greenish sample marked No. 1 represents 60 bales and No. 2, which is more on the yellow cast represents 45 bales. They are both elegant quality and raised in Sonoma county, but we think sample No. 2 is of similar quality to the hops we have shipped to you heretofore and will no doubt give you utmost satisfaction. We guarantee them choice. Whatever quantity you may want, please reply by return mail, and we will ship the hops to you at any time you may designate. The price will be 11¢ f.o.b. Santa Rosa.

Yours truly,

WM. UHLMANN & CO.