

APPLE MARKET IS OPENED

Season Proper Is On—The Supply Is Heavier Than For Some Time

The Telegram of September 24 says: The apple season proper opened this week. A good deal of the fruit has of course been moved since the first offerings of the fall varieties appeared, but to date it has been a comparatively slow seller, peaches and other fruits practically dominating the market. But the peach season is near the end, and some of the early rivals of the apple have disappeared. From this time on Oregon's staple fruit will play an important part in the local market.

Today, for the first time this season, front street showed a fairly liberal display of Hood River apples, all fall varieties, and there were also a good sized offerings of the fine early apples from other parts of the state. Lacking the keeping qualities of the latter sort these cannot be held very long, and the prices quoted today were such as to move them.

The apples displayed today were for the most part Gravensteins, Wealthy, Goldenblush, Bailey Sweets and Alexanders, and all were offered at \$1 to \$1.25 a box. Dealrs said that the sales yesterday and today were greater than for any week since the first grades of the season appeared, which shows that the demand for the fruit is on the increase. In the market today there were a few small lots of extra fancy fruit that sold at \$1.50, but generally the lower prices prevailed.

There is little likelihood that apple prices will go to the high points reached last season, for the crops this year, especially in this state, is above the average in size, and the abundance of nearly all other fruits this year will also tend to keep the apple values down.

"There is money for the growers of apples at \$1 a box in the wholesale market," said a dealer today, "and I look for a time to come when apples will be plentiful at price around that figure. The high prices that have ruled here in the years past, when a really fine grade of fruit was something of a novelty, are a thing of the past. My prediction should not be construed as discouraging to the apple growers. Their industry is sure to prosper. I merely mean that the extraordinary prices they have secured in the past are not likely to occur again, except in seasons of light production."

A better demand for pears is also reported since the call for peaches lessened, and today the better grades of fruit were held at 75 cents to \$1 a box. The supply of overripe fruit with which the market has been loaded for several days past has been generally disposed of. One front street firm yesterday sent 150 boxes of pears to a local cannery.

Eastern Prices.
A New York bulletin for the week ending September 19 says:

Apples—We have had a fair supply of apples from this state during the week, and a very irregular market, but with a hardening tendency on fancy grades under decreasing receipts. There is a good deal of ordinary stock offering, comprising common varieties and common to fair qualities of all sorts for which receivers have been obliged to accept a low range of prices; a good many lots, selling in range of \$1.50@2 per barrel; choice to fancy lots of the more desirable lots, especially those showing good size, have been in very fair demand and firm, with the tendency in the seller's favor and some advance realized. Occasional lots of very fancy goods have been placed even a little higher than we quote. A car of Oregon Gravensteins arrived during the week of which sales are reported up to \$2.25@2.50 per box for very fancy quality.

Pears—Receipts of fresh packed Bartlets have been small, most of the supply both from up river and western New York, have been from cold storage. In western New York receipts have met a good demand when showing size, with sales mainly from \$3.50@4.25 per barrel for fair to fancy, and occasional lots of extra large and fine bringing a little more money. A good many ice-house Bartlets have been taken out this week chiefly of up river stock of medium to small size and generally packed in short barrels; these have met a moderate demand generally in range of \$3@3.75, with occasional lots of better than usual size reaching \$4. Toward the close the market has ruled slightly in the buyer's favor under quieter trading. Stock met some demand when large, but otherwise they are very dull and the other varieties of pears have met only a moderate demand in the ranges quoted unless the quality is exceptional fancy; occasional sales of such are reported a little above our top figure.

SPECKELS WILL RETIRE FROM RACING GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 26.—Nudolph Speckels has announced his intention of retiring from the turf because of the disrepute into which horse racing has fallen, and today he is making arrangements to dispose of his string of races in the Sobravista stable controlled by him. The horses will be thrown upon the market as soon as they arrive here from Seattle.

"After careful consideration I have decided to retire from the racing game," said Mr. Speckels today. "The bookmaker has been encouraged to such an extent that he occupies an altogether too important place. Until such time as the management of tracks delegates gambling to the rear, racing will continue to be held in disrepute."

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MANY GET AFTER THE UNITED STATES FOR DECISION

PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—Denying that the United States Court has authority to declare a forfeiture of that portion of the unsold lands granted to the Oregon & California Railroad, by act of Congress, for the purchase of which they have made regular application as provided in said act, 628 residents of the state of Oregon this morning petitioned the court to allow them to intervene in the case of the United States against that company for the recovery of the lands alleged to have a value of \$40,000,000.

The petitioners are standing on the fact that each of them made due application for the acquisition of not more than 100 acres and offered the railroad company \$2.50 an acre in payment. The railroad is alleged to have refused to accept the price, but it is claimed that the persons who made the offers in good faith required an estate interest, and now stand ready to settle upon and improve the tracts of land selected. It is alleged that the acts of Congress intended that the land should become of use to the people who desired to be residents thereon, and that when they made bona fide offers to purchase they fully complied with the requirements of the law in so far as they were able to do so. Attorneys A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, D. R. Murphy of Portland, and A. C. Farren of Marshfield are representing all of the petitioners. They say that this action will avoid a multiplicity of suits if the court allows them to submit their case. They ask that the court shall enter an order requiring the company to accept the payment of \$2.50 an acre and issue deeds.

The case involved is that of the United States vs. the Oregon & California railroad and others, wherein it is alleged that the terms of the grants by Congress of certain alternate sections of land had been violated by the action of the company in that it is said that the company has sold tracts of more than 100 acres and for larger prices than \$2.50 an acre.

GOES EAST TO LOOK UP MARKET FOR APPLES

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 26.—Satisfied that he can get better prices for his fruit than the eastern buyers are now offering, J. I. Dumas, proprietor of the Pomona ranch at Dayton, Wash., will, soon after the first of October, start for the east in an effort to find his own market. The Pomona ranch is one of the largest apple farms in the state, comprising 100 acres, from which Mr. Dumas this year expects to take 50,000 boxes of principally, Jantons, Rome Beauties and Yellow Newtown Pippins. There are upwards of 8000 apple trees on the ranch, from nine to 12 years old, which will average six boxes to the tree.

"There have been a number of buyers to see me this season," said Mr. Dumas while in Spokane this week, "but so far they have not made advances for my crop. They are later than ever this year, and I cannot afford to wait longer for their offerings. I shall place a man in charge of my ranch the first of October and leave for the east in an effort to dispose of my fruit satisfactorily. I shall make my headquarters in Chicago, and work out of there, mostly, although I shall state some of my apples in New York."

PHACTS FROM PHOENIX

Howard Fox of Virginia, Ill., is here the guest of Will Bathe. Mr. Fox is looking for a location for his father who lives in Illinois.

Ben Stiles had a well dug for irrigation purposes and before they were down 15 feet there was more water than two men and a boy could keep pumped out.

W. P. Fizer, the energetic real estate merchant of Medford was in our city Tuesday.

Messrs. Cole and Shaffer are cleaning the mill ditch out so that it will carry enough water to run the mill this winter.

Mrs. Jack Tugate of Butte Falls is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

Mrs. W. R. Coleman and son Albert of Jacksonville spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

T. E. Hall, the merchant at Brownsboro, and family spent Saturday and Sunday here at the camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists.

The school board is planning to have school commence October 5 in the W. O. W. hall. The schoolhouse will not be finished for six weeks or two months yet, says Contractor Reinhart.

N. C. Purkerson has traded half of his 20-acre place just north of town to a Mr. Carlock of Ashland for a house and half a acre of land in Ashland. The other half he has rented to a Mr. Mayfield, a newcomer here.

Fred Purry has sold his ranch on the east side to A. A. Davis of Medford, the consideration said to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Mr. Purry has purchased the mill property here on Main street and will run a hotel and livery and feed barn.

Misses Jennie Ferns, Ada Reynolds, and Clara Allen packed pears at the Lewis ranch Monday and Tuesday. The pears that they packed were for President Roosevelt.

G. A. Morse, John M. Mast, John E. Roberts and S. G. VanDyke have been attending circuit court this week as jurors.

J. A. Griffin and wife, and G. A. Hoover and daughter Pearl, spent Tuesday in Medford among the merchants.

Floyd Colver has returned from Salem where he attended the state fair.

The S. P. Co. are talking of putting an agent here in charge of the depot. We hope that they do it.

"Jack Frost" visited us and our garden stuff Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Ralph McCulloch of Corvallis who has been spending his vacation here working for G. A. Morse, left yesterday to take up his studies at the O. A. C. again which starts Monday.

G. A. Hoover says that the son who is hot at his place Thursday that it will be gasoline on his side, says he is not sure about the cause and the weight.

PORTLAND COUNCIL AT LAST FRAME SALOON LAW

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 26.—After turning down two ordinances aimed at the exclusion of women from the saloons, the council surprised itself and everybody else late Thursday afternoon at the closing session by the passage of a measure which, the city attorney says, can be enforced, and which its framers believe to be the remedial legislation long sought by those who desire to see women barred from saloons.

The ordinance also excludes young men under 21 years of age from entering boxes in restaurants that have not 400 square feet of floor space at least.

BELLINGHAM JEWS WILL CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 26.—The local Jews are preparing to celebrate their New Year's day, which begins tonight at sundown and lasts until the sun sinks behind the hills in the west tomorrow night.

All the Jewish stores in the city will close their doors from 6 o'clock this afternoon until tomorrow at 6 p. m., during which time they will collect at the synagogue to feast and otherwise enjoy themselves.

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