

### REPORTS APPLE PRICES SOARING

Since the last report of the Northwestern Fruit exchange, of October 6th, the market has undergone some rapid and radical changes, and the whole situation taken on a more settled and a very different complexion. Perhaps the season of 1911 will stand out in the history of the northwestern apple deal, as being without precedent, in many of its phases.

"The feature of the market," says the report, "at the time it opened, was a very bearish sentiment on the part of the eastern dealers and operators, practically all of whom 'laid down' completely, being scared by the large eastern crops, and disbelieving the reports of a very short crop in the northwest. However, it began to be borne in upon their minds that the crop in the Pacific northwest really was short, and

that certain of the important districts not only had a small crop, but of small sizes. The supply of strictly fancy fruit of large sizes has turned out to be tremendously short, and the demand for such fruit has developed very strongly, at prices quite a little better than last year.

"The situation in a nutshell is this: for extra fancy fruit of large sizes—4 tier and larger—the supply is insufficient to supply the demand; and prices, therefore, are very strong. On the other hand, there is no demand for off grades and especially for small sizes—4 1/2 and 5-tier. Unfortunately certain districts, notably Idaho, are producing a preponderance of small sizes—from one-third to one-half of the total being 5-tier."

Authorities estimate that the deal will clean up at a very early date this year, earlier than ever before in recent years.

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### BIG APPLE GROWER SAYS GOOD PRICES

Louis Erb, one of the largest apple producers in the United States, who has a mammoth orchard in Missouri, takes a whack at distributors who have misrepresented the apple crop situation. In writing to the New York Fruitman's Guide he says:

"I notice some of your New York trade papers are telling nothing but Job-like tales of woe about apple crop conditions from the grower's standpoint, and I suppose when the honest growers read this rubbish they will cry out like the men of old, 'What shall we do to be saved?' I am now filling orders at Cedar Gap, Mo., for 10 cars at \$3.25 per barrel on track, while in Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and parts of Ohio they are said to be going for next to nothing. While I do not deny that the crop is turning out larger than was expected two months ago, I can't see where the 'immense crop' comes in that they are making so much noise about.

"All through the central west the quality is not nearly so good as what it was cracked up to be, and the waste—i. e., faulty, wormy fruit—that has to go to elder mills and evaporators is greater than ever known, so that the quantity of really good stock will be comparatively light. The 'wind-up' will tell the tale."

**Eugene Will Have Apple Show**  
Eugene will hold a big apple show on November 3 and 4. The annual fruit exhibition at Eugene is growing all the time in importance because of increasing orchard acreage around that section, and this year the festival will take on more than local interest. Prizes have been offered that make it an object for fruit growers to compete.

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The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

### Some Pumpkins

Brice Martin contributed two giant squashes to the Grant & Staples real estate establishment this week. One of them has reached the astounding growth of six feet four inches in circumference—any way you run the tape line around it. Its weight is 136 pounds. The other squash is a freak of nature. The vine on which it grew ran over a rail fence and the baby squash started life on top of the rider and right between two stakes. It grew so large it hung down on both sides of the rider and pushed against the stakes so that their impression is marked on its contour. This squash is four feet long on the convex side and about three feet long on the concave side. It is about two feet wide. It has somewhat the appearance of a huge Scotch cap.—Ashland Chronicle.

### Book on Farm Business Free

"I wish to explain that the second edition of my publication, 'The Business Side of Farming,' is free for distribution, on request, to those interested," says Dean J. A. Bexell of the commerce school of the Oregon Agricultural College.

"There seems to have been some confusion in the minds of those who read the recent review of the book, for I find that it has been mistaken for my 'Farm Accounting and Business Methods,' of which there was also a recent second edition. 'The Business Side of Farming' is for free distribution to those who are interested enough to write for it."

### A Good Position

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cottage Hospital Association will be held at the office of the secretary Monday, Nov. 13, 1911, at 7 p. m. for the transaction of the usual business and the consideration of the increase of the board of directors to seven or more, also to consider the changing of the annual meeting to some date after the first of the year. F. C. Bussis, Sec'y.\*

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### WENATCHEE HOLDS OUT FOR F. O. B. PLAN

Distributors are unanimous in declaring that a less proportion of the crop of the Wenatchee Valley winter apples is going forward on commission this season than in any former year; and another fact, says the Wenatchee Republic, which is quite surprising in view of the report early in the summer of heavy yields in the east, is that the fruit is moving to market without the least difficulty.

Representatives of eastern houses a few months ago said that on account of the scarcity of money and the enormous crop in the east, the apple market here could not be opened on a cash basis; and for a while their assertions were given considerable credence. Their statements, however, relative to conditions, were unwarranted in fact, and as a result their predictions have failed of fulfillment. The crop of good apples in the east is short, and growers there, according to all the trade journals, are getting as good, if not better, figures for their fruit than they did last year.

The experience of the present season, like that of almost every previous year, demonstrates that no reliance can be placed in the reports and statements of eastern distributing houses as to crop conditions.

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