

CONTRACTS GO UP
Twelve Cents Freely Paid for 1906 Hops.

FOREIGN NEWS CAUSE OF IT
Flurry Follows Receipt of Advices of English and German Crops.

Some Crop Estimates.
Produce Trade Active.

The definite news from London of increasing damage to the English hop crop has caused a flurry in the hop market here. Contracts have advanced a full cent to 12 cents and are strong at that. Business in futures at this price was reported from various parts of the valley yesterday. Nothing higher than 12 cents was announced during the day, but the opinion was freely expressed that the market would advance.

Among the buyers at 12 cents was Krebs Bros., of Salem, who contracted for 50,000 pounds. L. Lechmund & Co., of Salem, bought the Major and Jacobson crops in Ankeny Bottom at that price, and the Salem agent of Krebs was also reported to have agreed to 12 cents, but this was not confirmed at Krebs's local office. Buyers around Woodburn have been offering this price and word was received from McMinnville that 12 cents was also paid there.

There is no doubt now that the English crop in a bad way. Yermyn, according to all reports, are multiplying, and repeated spraying does not check the evil. Various estimates are made of the size of the coming English crop, ranging from 500,000 cut, downward. What is of equal importance from a market standpoint is the news received from the subject of German crops. It will also be less than first estimated. Yermyn and cold weather have caused the damage there.

The New York crop, according to most of the information at hand, will be less than last year's. On the Pacific Coast, everything is favorable, fortunately, for the growers. In this regard, many dealers are making their estimates on the picking capacity rather than the capacity of the yards.

The statistical crop situation is viewed by some of the local traders as follows. The figures are not given as accurate, but are as close as can be estimated at this time:

Table with 2 columns: Crop Name and Quantity. Includes Hops, Wheat, Corn, etc.

The surplus, according to the above reckoning, is not alarming when the foreign situation is considered. England last year, with one of the largest crops on record, imported about 45,000 bales of American hops.

This same quantity of foreign hops was brought into this country, and balanced things, so far as the American market was concerned. Two years ago, when England's crop was almost a failure, she bought nearly 80,000 bales of American hops. At that time, however, Germany had a fairly large crop and supplied the bulk of England's requirements. This year the crops of both England and Germany are suffering and that's what makes the bulls happy.

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Several California packing companies that are outside the California Fruit Growers' Association have issued the following revised prices on the 1906 pack of California fruits:

Table with 2 columns: Fruit Name and Price. Includes Apples, Peaches, etc.

On gallon price a price of \$3.25 is made on apricots and on yellow free peaches \$3 is quoted for A. B. Coats.

Poultry in Better Demand. A better demand for poultry was reported yesterday, buyers asking for old chickens as well as young ones.

The egg market held steady with a fair movement. Butter was unchanged in price. Some of the city creameries noted the market weaker, but others were satisfied with the demand.

Clark County Prune Crop Immense. A Portland man who visited the prune districts of Clark County, Washington, yesterday, stated that everywhere the growers were

busy building new drying houses or additions to the old ones. Unskilled laborers were being given work at \$2.50 a day and board. The orchards never looked better than they do now, and even to those should be no more rain, the crop will be a phenomenal one. The only damage that could come now would be from rain in the drying season.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings of the leading cities of the Northwest yesterday were:

Table with 2 columns: City and Amount. Includes Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane.

Portland Flour. FLOUR—Patents, \$4.10 per barrel; straight, \$3.45; Dakota hard wheat, valley, \$3.50; \$3.65; clear, \$3.25; Graham, \$3.50; Eastern, \$4.40; cornmeal, per bale, \$1.90; \$2.10.

Portland Beans. BEANS—Black, \$1.17; country, \$1.19; per ton, \$18.00; \$18.50; dried daily food, \$18.00; \$18.50; \$19.00; \$19.50; \$20.00; \$20.50; \$21.00; \$21.50; \$22.00; \$22.50; \$23.00; \$23.50; \$24.00; \$24.50; \$25.00; \$25.50; \$26.00; \$26.50; \$27.00; \$27.50; \$28.00; \$28.50; \$29.00; \$29.50; \$30.00; \$30.50; \$31.00; \$31.50; \$32.00; \$32.50; \$33.00; \$33.50; \$34.00; \$34.50; \$35.00; \$35.50; \$36.00; \$36.50; \$37.00; \$37.50; \$38.00; \$38.50; \$39.00; \$39.50; \$40.00; \$40.50; \$41.00; \$41.50; \$42.00; \$42.50; \$43.00; \$43.50; \$44.00; \$44.50; \$45.00; \$45.50; \$46.00; \$46.50; \$47.00; \$47.50; \$48.00; \$48.50; \$49.00; \$49.50; \$50.00; \$50.50; \$51.00; \$51.50; \$52.00; \$52.50; \$53.00; \$53.50; \$54.00; \$54.50; \$55.00; \$55.50; \$56.00; \$56.50; \$57.00; \$57.50; \$58.00; \$58.50; \$59.00; \$59.50; \$60.00; \$60.50; \$61.00; \$61.50; \$62.00; \$62.50; \$63.00; \$63.50; \$64.00; \$64.50; \$65.00; \$65.50; \$66.00; \$66.50; \$67.00; \$67.50; \$68.00; \$68.50; 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