PRUNE CROP SMALL

Prospects in Northwest Are Not Encouraging.

LOW LANDS HIT WORST

With Outlook Uncertain but Little Business Is Done by Packers. Advance in California Market Checked--Estimate for State.

The outlook for the prune crop in the Northwest this season is far from encouraging. In orchards situated on lowland the crop will be almost a total failure. Hill orchards, however, and these comprise a high percentage of the total acreage, look fairly well. In some instances a full crop is expected in these orchards, but in some of the others not over half a crop. No accurate estimate or even intelligent guess can be made at this time of the probable output of prunes in Oregon and Washington.

The present unsatisfactory condition is due to the prevalence of excessive cold rains, which have prevented pollenization in some instances and have also prevented the sap from flowing as it should to support the fruit.

Very little, if any, business has been done yet by packers. Growers, realizing this, of course, are not inclined to open negotiations for the sale of their fruit.

About 10 days ago the buying price in California went to a high figure. That market, however, is now about half a cent lower than the highest point that was reached for the new crop. In view of the uncertainty of the situation, European and Eastern buyers are making no inquiries. Europe, in fact, is not inclined to take prunes at extreme high prices. The attitude of buyers in Europe and the East in respect to prunes is about the same as regards other commodities. When the market gets above the normal stage they prefer to wait and buy the article as it is needed instead of speculating in futures.

Commenting on the California crop outlook, the California Fruit Grower of latest date says:

"There is apparently no possibility but that the California prune crop this year will be very small. We do not definitely want to estimate any particular figure exactly, but we shall be very much mistaken if the crop runs materially above last year's figures. Santa Clara Valley is now estimated by good authorities to have in the neighborhood of 60,000,000 pounds dried as a maximum prospect. Districts outside of the Santa Clara Valley are not showing up as well in proportion; many sections in the northern end of the state have even smaller proportionate crops. From this it can be seen what the situation is in a general way."

Mail advices from Vienna, dated April 9, say the carry-over stock of prunes consists of only 10 cars in Bosnia, 30 cars in Servia and about 60 cars in Budapest, a supply that will be exhausted before the arrival of the new crop. The report says of crop prospects:

"As the prospects for new crops, up to this time nothing unfavorable is to be reported. The trees have passed the Winter in good condition and the cold weather in March had a tendency to somewhat delay the blossoming period. Under the arrangements made between all the exporters and dealers, new goods will not be offered before the end of July."

WOOL NEEDS BETTER HANDLING

Large Part of Value of American Crop Is Lost Annually.

A preliminary report of the investigation into the methods of marketing American wool, now being conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, indicates that 10 to 20 per cent of the value of the crop is lost annually through the neglect of a few simple measures. Under existing conditions, when American and Australian wools lie side by side in the warehouse, the poor handling of American wools is so noticeable that the price is inevitably affected. This handicap would be removed to a great extent if all growers would agree to do four things. Sack ewe, lamb and buck fleeces in separate sacks; shear black sheep separately and keep the fleeces separate; tie the fleeces with paper twine, which does not adhere to the wool; remove the tags or dung locks and put them in separate sacks, marked to show their contents.

In the opinion of the investigators the reforms already mentioned would be sufficient for the present to put American wool in a different light. Later it may be advisable to adopt the Australian methods of "skirting," or removing from the fleece the wool of the legs and belly, and grading before sacking, but this is not urged now.

CASCARA PEELING WILL START IN MAY

According to English Handler, Price Is Now Too Low.

Peeling of cascara bark will begin in this state in the coming month. A few small lots of old bark are being picked up now and then at around 5 cents. Stocks are not believed to be large. London mail advices said of cascara bark:

"This valuable drug is too cheap and some of the big American houses have been watching it for years now, carrying big stocks in the meantime in order to gauge the right time to increase their holdings four-fold. Business has been done at 23s 6d c. i. f. and spot is worth 37s. We might mention some 70s; holders here (bought years ago) are still hanging on. Stocks in warehouses still large, but only let a little boomlet come along and then every one says they have none, but want to buy. That's the drug trade. The old Pacific Coast combination seems as far off as ever."

LIMITED DEMAND IN WHEAT MARKET

Oats Are Holding Steady—No Inquiry for Feed Barley.

There is a little demand for wheat and a small amount of business is passing daily, but the market lacks snap. Buyers are quoting a lower range of prices, but this is not having the effect on sellers that would be the case if supplies in the country were larger.

The oats market is fairly steady, with relatively better prices prevailing at points east of the mountains than here. There is practically no demand for feed barley, but there is a little inquiry for brewing barley at $22.50.

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	39	32	11	5	11
Tuesday	13	23	10	3	5
Year ago	8	7	2	2	17
Season to d'te	15215	2438	2487	1542	2497
Year ago	15691	2123	2134	1458	1977

OREGON STRAWBERRIES PLENTIFUL

Good Supply of Florins Is Due Today. Orange Market Higher.

Oregon berries are beginning to arrive more freely from southern parts of the Valley. Some are in fair condition, but many are not more than half ripe. A few days of warm weather would improve the receipts materially. Yesterday's arrivals sold from $4 to $5.25 a crate.

Several small shipments of Fresno and Florin berries were received. The Fresno fruit was of the Marshall variety and sold at $2.25. A large shipment of Florins is due today and will sell at $1.75 for Jessies and $2.25 for Dollars.

The orange market is firm and higher in response to the sharp advance in the South. The best fruit is now selling locally at $2.75.

A car of cabbage was received and a car of lettuce and a mixed car of Texas onions are due today.

HOP VINES ARE TOUCHED BY FROST.

Three Hundred Bales of New-Crop Are Bought at Fifteen Cents.

Reports were received yesterday from a number of hopgrowing sections of damage to the vines caused by the recent frosts. In some yards, where the early growth was considered too rank, the plant had been cut back, and this followed by frost has left the yards looking poorly.

A number of new-crop orders were on the market yesterday. Harris & Lachmund have secured 300 bales on contract at 15 cents around St. Paul and Champoeg.

No further business was reported in the spot market. The Monnar lot, the sale of which was announced in this column yesterday, brought 16½ cents.

ADVANCE IN WOOLS AT LONDON

Opening of Third Series of Auction Sales With American Competition.

LONDON, April 28.—There were 12,500 bales, principally cross-breds, offered at the opening of the third series of wool auction sales today. Competition was active, including a demand for America.

Merinos and fine cross-breds ranged from unchanged to 5 per cent advance and other grades were firm and unchanged.

Poultry Market Is Weak.

From the way that the week has started, the indications are that poultry receipts will be liberal. Buying was not active yesterday and the market was quoted weak. Dressed meats were unchanged.

The egg market was steady with no variation in price, and dealers were enabled to move the receipts without difficulty.

There were no changes in the dairy produce market.

Mohair Sale at Scio Tomorrow.

A pool sale of mohair will be held at Scio tomorrow afternoon. About 3750 fleeces will be offered.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,628,344	$252,897
Seattle	2,010,650	288,570
Tacoma	316,305	52,031
Spokane	620,271	103,081

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 90@91c; bluestem, 96½c; forty-fold, 91@92c; red Russian, 89@90c; valley, 90@91c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.80 per barrel; straights, $4.20; exports, $3.90; valley, $4.50; graham, $4.80; whole wheat, $5.

BARLEY—Feed, $21.50 per ton; brewing, $22.50; rolled, $24.50@25.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, milling, $23@23.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $34; cracked, $35 per ton.

HAY — No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $16@17; mixed timothy, $14@15; valley grain hay, $12.50@14; alfalfa, $12@13.50.

MILLFEED—Bran, $24@24.50 per ton; shorts, $26@26.50; middlings, $32@33.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels $2.26@2.75 per box; lemons, $3.75@4.50 per box, pineapples, 6c per pound, cocoanuts, 1 c per pound; grapefruit, Florida, $4.75@5.75 per box.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, $1.75@2 per dozen; eggplant, 20c per pound; peppers 30c per pound; radishes, 17½c per dozen; head lettuce, $2@2.25 per crate; garlic, 11½c per pound; artichokes, 55@65c per dozen; celery, $3.75@4.25 crate; tomatoes, $4@4.50 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1 per box, spinach, 5c per lb.; horseradish, 8@10c; rhubarb, 1½c per lb.; cabbage, 2@2½c per lb.; asparagus, $1@1.25 per dozen; peas, 5@6c per lb.; beans, 12½@15c per lb.

GREEN FRUIT — Apples, $1@2.50 per box; strawberries, $1.75@2.25 per crate; Oregon, $4@5.25 per crate.

ONIONS—Oregon, per sack, $4.50; Texas, $2.25@2.75 per crate; California, $2.50@3 per crate.

POTATOES—Oregon, 75c per hundred; buying prices, 50@60c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, $2.75@3 per crate; new California, 5@6c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1; carrots, 90c; parsnips, 90c; beets, $1.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 18½@19c; candled, 19½@20c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 13c; broilers, 20c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 17@18c; geese, 10@12c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 18½c; Young Americas, 19½c.

BUTTER—Creamery prints, extra, 35c per pound; cubes, 32c.

PORK—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 13@13½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.40; pine-pound flats, $2.40; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, 80c; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3.50@3.75 per case.

NUTS — Walnuts, 14@20c per pound; Brazil nuts, 20c; filberts, 14@16c; almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 6@6½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; chestnuts, 6½@10c per pound; pecans, 14@16c.

BEANS—Small white, 5¾c; large white, 4.60c; Lima, 7c; pink, 6c; Mexican, 6½c; Layou, 6½c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $4.60; Honolulu plantation, $4.60, beet, $4.40; extra C, $4.10; powdered, in barrels, $4.80.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 10@32c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $15.00 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $10.75 per ton; 50s, $11.00 per ton, dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 4½@5c; Southern head, 6¼@7½c; Island, 5@5¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italians, 8@10c; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¼@7½c; bleached Thompson, 11¾c; unbleached Sultana, 9½c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 4@7½c per pound; fard, $1.40 per box.

FIGS—Package, 8 oz., 50 to box, $1.85; package, 10 oz., 12 to box, 80c; white, 20-lb. box, $1.75; black, 20-lb box, $1.75; black, 50-lb box, $2.50; black, 10-lb. box, $1.15; Calarab candy figs, 20-lb. box, $3; Smyrna, per box, $1.50.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12-pound, 18½@19½c; 12 to 14-pound, 18½@19½c; 14 to 18-pound, 18½@19½c; skinned, 18@19c; picnic, 13c; boiled, 29c.

BACON—Fancy, 26½@27½c; standard, 21½@22½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Short clear backs, 13½@16c; exports, 15@16½c; strips, 16@17½c.

LARD—Tierce basis. Pure, 13½@13¾c; compound, 10c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1912 crop prime and choice, 15@16½c; 1914 contracts, 14½@15c.

PELTS—Dry, 10c; dry short wool, 7c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 10c; salted sheep, 90c@$1; Spring lambs, 13@20c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 13c per pound; bull kip, 14c; salted calf, 19c; green hides, 12c; dry hides, 24c; dry calf, 26c; salted bulls, 9c per pound, green bulls, 8c.

WOOL—Valley, 18@20c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27½@28½c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 5c per pound.

FISH—Halibut, No. 1, 7c per pound; No. 2, 5½c; salmon, 13c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagon, 10c; special, drums or barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 10c; cases, 22c; motor spirit, bulk, 16c; cases, 23c. Engine distillate, drums, 8c; cases, 15c. Naptha, drums, 15c, cases, 22c.

WINTER OIL—Raw, barrels, 65c; boiled, barrels, 65c; raw, cases, 68c; boiled, cases, 70c.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 68c per gallon; tanks, 61c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Lead quiet, 3.85@3.95; London, £19.

Spelter dull, 5.05@5.15; London, £21 10s.

Copper steady. Spot and June, 13.37½@14.00; electrolytic, 14.25; lake, nominal; casting, 13.37½@14.00.

Tin, steady. Spot, 34.37½@34.62½; June, 34.50@34.75.

Antimony dull. Cookson's, 7.25.

Iron steady, unchanged.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Butter, eggs and cheese, unchanged. Receipts, eggs, 33,149 cases.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling uplands, 13.10c; do gulf, 13.35c.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Hops steady.

SHARP GAINS MADE

Advances in Stocks Range From One to Four Points.

BONDS ARE ALSO FIRM

Prices Move Up Steadily Throughout Day, Although Traders Are Cautious About Operating on Large Scale on Either Side Market.

NEW YORK, April 28.—From opening to close today the stock market moved upward. Trading was quiet and the advance was slow, but the showing of strength was none the less pronounced and by the end of the day the upturn ran from 1 to 4 points. All classes of stocks joined in the rise.

Uncertainty regarding the Mexican situation was too great for operations on a large scale on either side of the market. Not knowing at what time the outlook might be completely changed, speculators proceeded cautiously and held down their commitments. Short covering was the mainspring of the movement.

Missouri Pacific was under heavy pressure for a time and fell off 3 points to 16½, the lowest figure in many years.

A rise to new high levels for the year in foreign exchange was coincident with firmer private discounts abroad. Reports that a shipment of $2,000,000 to Paris had been arranged lacked verification.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, $1,630,000. United States 2s registered declined ½ on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Reported by J. C. Wilson & Co., Lewis building, Portland.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Lewis Closing Bid.
Allis-Chal				9½
Amal Copper	24,400	72¼	70¾	72
Am Beet Sugar	200	29¾	29¾	26½
Am Can Co	4,500	26¾	25½	26
do preferred	300	88¼	88¼	88¼
Am Car & Fdy	100	28¼	26¾	28
Am Cotton Oil	100	40	40	39¼
Am Smel & Ref	6,200	61¾	59½	61
do preferred	100	99	99	99
Am Sugar	100	100	100	109½
do preferred				110
Am Tel & Tel	500	120¾	120¾	120½
Am Tobacco	900	225	223½	228
Anaconda	2,900	33½	32½	33¾
Atl Coast Line				118
A T & Santa Fe	2,200	95½	94¾	95¼
do preferred				99½
Balt & Ohio	1,400	90¼	89	89½
Brook R Tran	2,000	90¾	89¾	90
Canadian Pac	28,500	191¾	188¾	181½
C & O	1,700	52¾	52¼	52½
C & N W	100	130	130	130
C, M & St Paul	2,300	98¾	97¾	98½
Central Leather	6,600	35¾	34¾	35¼
Central of N J				305
Chino	3,100	32½	29	29½
Col Fuel & Iron	1,400	26¼	25	25¾
Col Southern				22
Consol Gas	300	130	129½	129½
D L & W				392½
D & R G	500	11¼	11¼	11¼
Distilling Secur	500	16	14½	15
Erie	3,600	27¾	27	27½
General Elec	200	144	144	143½
Gt North Ore	500	31¾	30¼	31
Gt North pf	3,100	121½	120¾	121¼
Illinois Central				108½
Interboro Met	1,800	14¼	14	14¼
do preferred	500	60¼	60	60¼
Inter Harvester	300	103	102¼	102½
K C Southern	700	24¼	23¾	23¾
Lehigh Valley	12,900	137½	134½	136¾
Louis & Nash	1,000	133½	132	132
Mexican Central	100	10¼	10¼	10¼
M, S P & S S M				119½
Mo, Kan & Tex	200	15½	15¼	15¾
Mo Pacific	20,800	19½	16¼	17
National Lead				44
Nat Biscuit				127¼
do preferred				120
New Haven	1,700	69½	67¾	69¼
N Y Central	4,100	90	88¾	89¾
N Y, Ont & Wes	300	26	25¼	25½
Norfolk & West	500	102¾	102¾	102½
Northern Pac	4,100	110	107¾	109¾
Pacific Mail	100	23¾	23¼	23¾
Pacific T & T				26¼
do preferred				86
Pennsylvania	2,200	110¼	109¾	109¾
People's Gas	900	119¾	118¾	120
Reading	60,400	162¼	159¼	162¼
Republic S & I	1,600	22¾	21¾	22
Rock Island Co	300	3	2	2¾
Southern Pac	13,400	90¾	88¾	90¾
Southern Ry	400	23¾	23¼	23¾
Texas Oil	300	140½	140	140½
Union Pacific	59,300	153¾	151½	152¾
do preferred	200	82½	82½	82
U S Steel	60,800	58¾	57¾	58
do preferred	3,300	108	107½	107¾
Utah Copper	6,700	54¾	52½	53¾
Wabash	200	1	¾	¾
Western Union	1,100	60¾	60	60½
Westing Elec	1,400	73¼	72¼	73
Wisconsin Cent				39

Total sales for the day, 415,300 shares.

BONDS.

Reported by Overbeck & Cooke Co., Board of Trade building, Portland, Or.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atch Gen 4s	95½	95¾
Atl Coast Line 1st 4s	93	94¼
B & O Gold 4s	93½	94¼
B R T 4s	87½	88¼
Ches & O 4½s	92	93
C M & St P Gen 4½s	102¾	103
C R I & Pac Gold 4s	53	53¼
Cal Gas 5s	93½	93¾
C B Q joint 4s	96¾	96¾
Erie Gen 4s	72¼	
Int Met 4½s	75½	75¾
Louisville & Nash Un 4s	94¾	95
Missouri Pac 4s	56	59
N Y C Gen 3½s	82½	83
N & W 1st Con 4s	94½	95
Northern Pac 3s	95	95¼
Oregon Short Line Ref 4s	90½	91½
Pac Tel 5s	97½	97¾
Penna Con 4s	101	101½
Reading Gen 4s	94	94¼
St. L & San Fran Ref 4s	77½	78
So P Ref 4s	91	91½
S P Col 4s	89½	90½
So Ry 5s	104	105
So Ry 4s	73¼	73¾
Un Ry Inv 4s	56	56¼
Un Pac 1st and Ref 4s	93½	94
U S Steel 5s	102¾	102¾
West Shore 4s	95¼	95¾
Wabash 4s	51	53
W'house Elec cv 5s	94	94¾
Wisconsin Central 4s	87¾	88
United States 2s registered	98¾	98
do preferred	97	98½
United States 3s registered	101	102
do coupon	101	102
United States 4s registered	109	110½
do coupon	109½	

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, April 28.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	39½	Nevada Con	14¼
Amal Copper	72	Nipissing Mines	64
Am Z L & Sm	16	North Butte	24¾
Arizona Com	4¾	North Lake	1
Calumet & Ariz	68¾	Old Dominion	47
Cal & Hecla	415	Osceola	72½
Centennial	15¾	Quincy	58
C Range C Co	36	Shannon	5½
E Butte C Mine	10¼	Superior	27½
Franklin	4¾	Sup & Boston M	1¾
Granby Con	77½	Tamarack	32¾
Greene Cananea	27½	U S S R & Min	33½
I Royalle (Cop)	18½	do preferred	44¾
Kerr Lake	4¼	Utah Consolid'd	10¼
Lake Copper	6½	Utah Copper Co	53¾
La Salle Copper	4¾	Winona	3
Miami Copper	22½	Wolverine	45½
Mohawk	44	Butte & Superior	33¼

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Call money, steady, 1¾ @2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1¾@2 per cent.

Time loans, easy; 60 days, 2¾@3 per cent; 90 days, 3¼ per cent; six months, 3½ per cent.

Mercantile paper, 4 per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady. Sixty days, $4.8525; demand, $4.8765.

Commercial bills, $4.84½.

Bar silver, 59¼c.

Mexican dollars, 45¾c.

Government bonds, easy; railroad bonds, firm.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Silver bars, 59¼c.

Mexican dollars, nominal.

Drafts, sight, 1c; telegraph, 3c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85¾; do, sight, $4.87¾.

LONDON, April 28. — Bar silver steady, 27¼d. Money, 1½@1¾. Short bills, 2¼@2¾; three months, 2¾@2¾.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City on Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Fruit—Pineapples, $1.50@2; apples, Newtown Pippins, $1.25—1.75; Hoover, $1.25—1.50; No. 2, 60c@$1; Mexican limes, $9@10; California lemons, $1.75@3.50.

Potatoes—Delta whites, 40@80c; Oregon Burbanks, 90c@$1.25; sweets, $2.10@2.15.

Vegetables — Cucumbers, hothouse, $1; green peas, $2@3 per sack.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 32c; store, 21½c.

Onions—Australian, $4.25.

Cheese—Young American, 15½@16c; new, 12@13c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 23c; seconds, 22½c.

Receipts—Flour, 2832 quarter sacks; barley, 68,660 centals; potatoes, 1479 sacks; hay, 14 tons.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Coffee opened steady 7 to 10 points higher today on higher European cables. Prices here eased off to within 4 or 5 points of yesterday's closing figures under realizing. Offerings were limited and the market advanced in the late trading on renewed coverings with the close firm 9 to 12 points net higher. Sales, 30,000 bags. April, 8.41c; May, 8.41c; July, 8.59c; August, 8.68c; October, 8.82c; December, 8.99c; January, 9.05c; March, 9.19c.

Spot quiet. Rio No. 7, 8¾c; Santos No. 4, 11½c. Mild quiet. Cordova, 12½@16½c nominal.

Raw sugar firm. Molasses, 2.36c; centrifugal, 3.01c; refined, steady.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 28.—Turpentine firm, 42½. Sales 1350 barrels; receipts, 1024 barrels; shipments, 431 barrels; stock, 11,252 barrels.

Rosin firm. Sales, none; receipts, 2159 pounds; shipments, 1178 pounds; stocks, 101,611 pounds. Quote: A, B, $3.75; C, D, $3.95; E, $4; F, G, $4.10; H, $4.20; I, $4.30; K, $4.45; M, $4.80; N, $5.40; WG, and WW, $5.90.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Evaporated apples quiet. Prunes firm. Peaches steady.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, April 28. — Linseed, $1.54¼; July, $1.57; May, $1.54¼.

HOGS ARE DIME LOWER

BUYERS WILL NOT BID OVER $8.60 AT YARDS.

Firm Undertone in Sheep Market—Cattle Prices Are Steady—Day's Receipts Small.

The hog market was the weak feature of the livestock trade yesterday. Only three loads came in, but buyers refused to bid closer than a dime to the old price. Other lines held steady.

Steers ranged in price from $6.75 to $8.25, most of the sales being at $7.50 to $7.65. Very little was done in other branches of the cattle market.

The newly established top in the hog market was $8.60. Good heavy hogs sold at $7.60.

The few transactions in the sheep division indicated a firm undertone for lambs, wethers and ewes. A small bunch of Spring lambs brought $7.25.

Receipts were 60 cattle, 231 hogs and 509 sheep.

Shippers were: With cattle, William Hodgkiss, Shawmut, 1 car; T. H. Vosson, Shawmut, 1 car. With hogs, C. R. Belshee, Moro, 2 cars; Guy Archer, Roosevelt, 1 car. With sheep, M. Marshall, Nampa, 1 car; H. A. Hacker, Albany, 1 car. With mixed loads, J. S. Meyer, Sweetgrass, 2 cars cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
26 steers	1138	$7.50	127 hogs	189	$8.60
24 steers	1178	7.50	2 hogs	237	8.00
14 steers	1194	7.20	2 hogs	275	7.60
12 steers	1138	7.20	74 hogs	192	8.60
4 steers	1133	6.45	1 hog	150	7.50
12 steers	1151	6.85	1 hogs	116	8.00
8 steers	1196	7.65	55 hogs	192	8.60
6 steers	1317	7.65	32 hogs	217	8.60
1 steer	1330	7.65	4 hogs	512	7.60
1 steer	1720	8.25	6 hogs	122	8.00
1 cow	1060	6.75	81 hogs	193	8.60
1 cow	1190	7.75	299 wethers	95	5.25
95 lambs	98	6.75	155 wethers	86	4.75
20 ewes	125	5.50	27 lambs	118	6.75
51 wethers	123	6.00	1 m. sheep	135	4.50
7 hogs	206	8.60	81 hogs	188	8.60
4 hogs	293	8.25	1 hog	300	8.10
43 lambs	71	7.25	7 hogs	354	7.60
12 steers	1013	7.65	7 hogs	183	8.60
2 steers	1025	7.65			

Current local quotations on the various classes of livestock follow:

Prime steers	$7.75@$8.20
Choice steers	7.75@ 7.25
Medium steers	7.00@ 7.25
Choice cows	6.50@ 7.00
Medium cows	6.00@ 6.25
Heifers	6.00@ 7.25
Light calves	8.00@ 8.50
Heavy calves	6.00@ 7.50
Bulls	6.00@ 6.25
Stags	6.00@ 7.50
Hogs—	
Light	8.00@ 8.60
Heavy	7.00@ 7.60
Sheep—	
Lambs, wool	6.50@ 6.75
Lambs, sheared	5.75@ 6.00
Wethers, wool	5.75@ 6.00
Wethers, sheared	5.25@ 5.50
Ewes, wool	4.75@ 5.00
Ewes, sheared	4.25@ 4.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 28.—Hogs—Receipts, 7300; market, lower. Heavy, $8.20@8.30; lights, $8.10@8.30; pigs, $7.50@8.10; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 3500; market, higher. Native steers, $7.65@9.00; cows and heifers, $6.25@8.40; Western steers, $6.50@8.50; Texas steers, $6.00@7.75; cows and heifers, $5.85@7.25; calves, $8.50@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 8700; market, steady. Yearlings, $6.80@7.40; weihers, $6.25@6.90; lambs, $7.25@8.25.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market, slow, 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, $8.50@8.65; light, $8.45@8.72½; mixed, $8.40@8.70; heavy, $8.20@8.62½; rough, $8.20@8.35; pigs, $7.35@8.40.

Cattle — Receipts, 3000; market, slow. Beeves, $7.10@9.40; Texas steers, $7.10@8.20; Western steers, $7.00@8.10; stockers and feeders, $5.50@8.20; cows and heifers, $3.70@8.50; calves, $6@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 23,000; market, steady to a shade lower. Native and Western, $5.00@5.75; yearlings, $5.80@6.50; lambs, native, $6.00@7.15; Western, $6.00@7.25.

(Quotations are for shorn stock.)

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, April 28.—Maximum temperature, 59.6 degrees; minimum temperature, 37 degree. River reading, 8 A. M., 10.5 feet. Change in last 24 hours, .1 foot fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none. Total rainfall since September 1, 1913, 35.73 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 39.62 inches. Deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1913, 3.89 inches. Total sunshine, 10 hours 44 minutes. Possible sunshine, 14 hours 12 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 5 P. M., 30.26 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

STATIONS.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Temperature.	Wind Velocity.	Wind Direction.	State of weather.
Baker	48	0.00	16	N	Clear
Boise	56	0.00	16	NW	Cloudy
Boston	60	0.00	10	SW	Cloudy
Calgary	54	0.00	10	SE	Cloudy
Chicago	74	0.62	14	SW	Cloudy
Colfax	58	0.00			Pt. cloudy
Denver	58	0.01	10	NE	Cloudy
Des Moines	54	0.06	6	W	Cloudy
Duluth	32	1.10	34	NE	Sleet
Eureka	54	0.00	34	N	Clear
Galveston	74	4.38	4	NE	Clear
Helena	44	0.12	8	NW	Cloudy
Jacksonville	88	0.00	8	SE	Clear
Kansas City	54	0.04	16	NW	Cloudy
Klamath Falls	46	0.00	6	NE	Pt. cloudy
Laurier	54	0.01	6	SE	Cloudy
Los Angeles	64	0.00	10	S	Cloudy
Marshfield	54	0.00	12	NW	Clear
Medford	60	0.01	6	NW	Clear
Montreal	62	0.02	16	NE	Rain
New Orleans	82	0.02	16	S	Cloudy
New York	54	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
North Head	50	0.02	24	NW	Clear
North Yakima	60	0.00	6	N	Pt. cloudy
Phoenix	78	0.00	16	W	Pt. cloudy
Pocatello	54	0.00	8	N	Cloudy
Portland	59	0.00	12	N	Clear
Roseburg	58	0.00	10	N	Clear
Sacramento	66	0.01	22	NW	Pt. cloudy
St. Louis	74	0.70	8	NW	Pt. cloudy
St. Paul	44	0.04	6	NE	Rain
Salt Lake	50	0.12	6	SW	Rain
San Francisco	60	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Seattle	56	0.18	10	NW	Pt. cloudy
Spokane	52	0.01	4	NW	Cloudy
Tacoma	54	0.00	6	N	Clear
Tatoosh Island	52	0.00	10	W	Clear
Walla Walla	50	0.00	4	N	Pt. cloudy
Washington	72	0.00	6	SE	Clear
Winnipeg	48	0.00	18	NE	Cloudy

THE WEATHER.

A well defined low pressure area is central over Southern Utah and a moderate high pressure area overlies Washington and British Columbia. Another disturbance is central over lower Michigan, which is being followed by a high pressure area located north of the Dakotas. Heavy rains have fallen in the Upper Mississippi Valley and lighter amounts are reported in the surrounding territory. The Utah disturbance has caused rain in that state and in portions of the adjoining states. It is slightly warmer in this district and decidedly warmer in the lower lake region and Upper Ohio Valley. The temperatures have fallen from 10 to 26 degrees in Eastern Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Wednesday except in Southeastern Idaho, where showers will occur.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; northwesterly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Fair; northwesterly winds.

Idaho—Probably fair, except showers southeast portion.

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