

Over 600 Bales of Oregon 1913's Change Hands.

TRADING IN CALIFORNIA No Business Passing in New Crop Contracts in Any of Pacific Coast Markets - Vines Making Slow Growth.

The week started off with an encouraging display of activity in the hop market. Over 600 bales changed hands within the range of prices prevailing. It is worth noting that the bulk of purchases were for shipment to England.

Ralph Williams bought 570 bales from Square Farrar at 25¢ cents. The William Shafter crop of 130 bales, at Independence, was sold to Louis Lachmann at 25¢ cents. T. A. Livesley & Co. bought the Esch lot of 25 bales at Salem at 15¢ cents, and William Brown & Co. paid 11¢ cents for the Cooley crop of 75 bales at Silverton. Other deals were pending at the close of the day.

The California market is holding its own, as 100 bales of Sonomas have just been sold at 14¢ cents, according to a wire received yesterday.

No business was reported in the contract market. According to word received from the Independence, Silverton and Salem sections the crop has not been making much progress. Similar reports come from the County. In several sections the young vines have suffered some damage from frost. More than the usual number of missing hills have been found in a number of the larger yards.

There is no intimation yet as to how the European hop districts have fared. Conditions in New York state are described by the Waterbury Standard as follows: "This section has been visited by steady rains for several days, but has come off bright and looks more encouraging for work in the hop yards. The vines have begun in some yards where the ground is in condition to be worked. The general report is that the roots have wintered well, although the old yards there are said to be a scarcity of roots and consequently the hills are somewhat weak. Grubbing is not general yet, however, and conditions will probably be known until a little later. Good, well-cultivated yards are said to show an abundance of roots."

WHEAT MARKET HOLDING ITS OWN No Improvement in Volume of Business Expected This Week. There was but little doing in wheat at the opening, and the week does not promise any improvement in the volume of business. Prices have changed. Trade in the other cereal lines was quiet. The flour market was quiet. Mill feed continues strong, as supplies are limited.

The European wheat market was firm and prices were also good. In an interview, James A. Patten, predicts that wheat will sell at 70 cents at Chicago before the season is over. He looks for crop in this country aggregating 800,000,000 bushels in 1,000,000,000 bushels, which would mean a large over production and from 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels over the record crop of 1913.

Broomhall says of the European situation: "The producing countries of Europe are now experiencing a spell of dry weather, which is not conducive to the favorable growth of the wheat crop. There have been no complaints, except from Hungary, which is in need of good rains. Weather conditions here, however, are abnormal and may be followed by continued abnormal weather, which, whether dry or wet, would be unfavorable for the growing crop. Argentina and India and the moderate Australian crops, importers are not able to obtain sufficient wheat for necessary requirements. The United States has a surplus in the future from both Russia and North America. My correspondent in Russia says that supplies are moderately large, 90 per cent of wheat is reserved, and although stocks are large, the market is led to believe, still there is no indication of really large shipments. The outlook is somewhat pessimistic. Winter crop is the greatest predominating feature of importance to the European trade."

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat—Buckley, 100; Oregon, 100; Monday, 100; Tuesday, 100; Wednesday, 100; Thursday, 100; Friday, 100; Saturday, 100; Sunday, 100.

Advance in Sugar Expected. There was a 10-cent advance in all grades of refined sugar in the Eastern markets yesterday, and the trade looks for a similar rise in Pacific Coast prices today.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with columns for city and amount. Includes Portland, Astoria, Eugene, Salem, etc.

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