

APPLE CROP NOT UP TO EARLY EXPECTATIONS.

PROSPECTS IN NORTHWEST OFF YEAR FOR TREES THAT BORE HEAVILY IN 1913—FORMER ESTIMATES OF OUTPUT ARE BEING REVISED.

Shipments of Northwestern apples this year will be less than most authorities figured on earlier in the season, but also where not yet show much change. The Department of Agriculture estimates the condition of the entire crop at 73.7 per cent this year, as compared with a 10-year average condition of 66.5 per cent. On the same date last year the condition was reported as 67.1 per cent, in 1912 at 72.3 per cent and in 1911 at 68.5 per cent. The commercial shipments of 1913 were only 64 per cent of those of 1912. Apple men believe the country's commercial shipments this year will exceed those of 1912.

According to the Government estimate, the condition of the Oregon crop last month was 84, as against the 10-year average of 84 per cent, that of Washington 88 per cent, with the 10-year average 89 per cent, and Idaho 85 per cent, the 10-year average being 83 per cent. In the Northwest the crop is early. Estimates are somewhat reduced because of the June drop, which was heavy in some localities. Moreover, trees that bore heavily last year are bearing lightly this year, according to recent information. The estimate now made of probable Northwestern shipments this year is 15,000 cars. California presents conflicting reports. The prevailing estimate from the Watsonville district is that the commercial crop will be about 50 per cent, or 2000 cars. The Pacific Valley promises another 2000 cars. Colorado may have the largest crop in its history, totaling between 3000 and 3500 cars. Utah's prospects are good, but from 25 to 30 per cent over last year. New Mexico will be the largest since 1896, it is declared, and the Department of Agriculture conservatively estimates it at 65 per cent of normal and 84 per cent of the 10-year average. There may be a fall-off in Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota, but these States are unimportant in the point of production. There will be large gains in other New England, Southern and Middle West States, particularly in the well-known apple-producing districts.

Canada's apple crop will be very satisfactory, according to its department of agriculture. In Nova Scotia recent developments are poor prospects, Ontario's crop has been reduced by insect ravages and New Brunswick has been injured by frost. But Quebec promises an excellent yield, the result of a heavy crop of apples in general. Ontario and the Okanagan Valley outlook is quite good. England will only have a 50 per cent crop, its apples having been damaged by a frost—the most unfortunate in its history.

ENGLISH HOP CROP GROWS SLOWLY. Prospects on Whole Are Considered Favorable for This Year. The English hop crop has been making slow progress, according to a circular received by Cattie, Grilly & Co., a leading London firm, who say: "Owing to the somewhat cooler weather the plantations have not made a great deal of progress in growth, but on the whole prospects remain favorable. Growers are busy washing. Continental reports also mention an attack of typhoid in most districts, but at present it is not considered serious. The English market is rather more active, and occasional sales are being made, but have not been obtained. Continental markets are quiet, with choice hops extremely scarce."

Reports from other English firms follow: "Wild, Neams & Co. during the past week and available stocks are steadily diminishing. Values keep firm. Thornton & Manger—Trade has been more active, and a further clearance has been made. For some choice lots a few shillings more has been paid, but generally prices are unchanged. Bright is in demand in the country and upon the continent. Manger & Henley—A sound and steady demand continues and a fair business has again been done during the past week. Stocks remain unchanged with a slightly firmer tone. W. H. and H. L. May—The inquiry for good, round, copper hops has increased in a limited way for several parcels have changed hands during the week, further depleting the small stocks on the market."

DEMAND FOR NEW WHEAT IS POOR. Dealers Report Inability to Make Sales. Farmers Not Offered. There was scrambling up the country for new wheat this year, as was the case last season. All the early sales appear to have been covered. The trade is now after later wheat, owing to the difficulty in making sales. At the same time, farmers are not trying to rush the market, but are, in fact, rather reserved in their attitude. Seventy-seven cents is being offered in a limited way for buyers find it very difficult to interest sellers. Oats and barley are quiet. The spot sorts are steady, but there is little demand for futures. Special receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat Barley Flour Oats Hay Monday 1 1 1 1 1 Tuesday 2 2 2 2 2 Wednesday 3 3 3 3 3 Thursday 4 4 4 4 4 Year ago 55 25 6 6 6

SALES OF WATERMELONS ARE LARGE. Cantaloupes Are Also in Good Demand. Peaches and Plums Slow. Watermelons, as might be expected, are the best sellers in the fruit market. Supplies clean up about as fast as received. The cantaloupe trade was also good, but there was no scarcity in this line. The demand for peaches and plums is disappointing. The quality of the fruit now coming in is all that could be asked for and prices are low, but for some reason the peach arrivals from the Dalles were liberal yesterday and some of the lots sold at as low as 20 cents a box. The top quotation was 75 cents. In the berry line there was a good demand for everything except strawberries. The latter are no longer wanted and shipments gain nothing by sending supplies here. Loganberries were quoted at 30 cents to \$1, raspberries at 30 cents to \$1 and the best blackberries sold at \$1.25. Receipts of cherries were not large.

STRICTLY FRESH EGGS ARE SCARCE. Foultry Is Slower and Dressed Meat Trade Is Demoralized. The egg market continues very firm. Receipts are limited and the proportion of strictly fresh decreasing. The general quotation on the street is 23 cents for case count and 25 cents for candled stock. The poultry market dragged, hens selling at 14 1/2 to 15 cents and Springs for the most part at 15 cents. The warm weather has adversely affected the dressed meat trade and meat and pork quotations are largely unsteady. City creamery butter cleaned up in a satisfactory manner.

WHEAT SELLERS AT TOP FOR SEASON. HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR WALLA VALLEY CROP THIS YEAR.

ENTERPRISE, Or., July 2.—(Special)—The highest price paid for Walla Valley wheat this season was given a few days ago when C. L. Harrison received 19 1/2 cents for 4,000 bushels, the clip of more than 5,000 bushels. This price was paid by C. H. Zuercher, representing a Boston house, at 2 o'clock this morning in the Joseph warehouse. There were three bidders, F. A. Clarke offered 18 1/2 cents; E. D. McCully 19 cents, and Mr. Zuercher one-eighth higher. The big clip was sold to the Joseph warehouse by Harrison, more than 100,000 bushels, was sold a short time ago to T. L. Morelock for 17 cents. X. Mitchell made the sale. Galliard sold 18,000 bushels to Mr. Zuercher for 17 1/2 cents.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Balance, Clearing Portland 2,401,112 180,722 Seattle 2,401,112 180,722 Tacoma 2,401,112 180,722 Spokane 2,401,112 180,722

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS. Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Track prices: New club, 77c; new forty-folds, 76c; new bluestem, 80c; new red Russian, 76c; old club, 85c nominal. MILLFLOUR—Bran, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 nominal. FLOUR—No. 1 white milling, \$23.25 per ton. FLOUR—Patents, \$4.50 per barrel; straight, \$4.20; exports, \$3.90; valley, \$4.30; Graham, \$4.20; whole wheat, \$4.50; bran, \$2.50; feed, \$2.00 per ton; bran, \$2.10; shorts, \$2.20; mixed, \$2.30; timothy, \$12.50; valley grain hay, \$10.00; alfalfa, \$11.

Fruits and Vegetables. Local jobbing quotations: TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navela, \$1.75-\$2.25 per box; lemons, \$2.00-\$2.50 per box; bananas, \$3.00 per dozen; grapefruit, \$1.75-\$2.00 per dozen. VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, 50¢ per dozen; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; peppers, 20¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75 per crate; artichokes, 50¢ per dozen; celery, \$1.00 per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.75 per crate; spinach, \$2.00 per crate; rhubarb, \$2.00 per crate; cabbage, 1 1/2¢ per pound; asparagus, \$1.00 per dozen; cauliflower, \$2.00 per dozen; beans, 6¢ per pound; corn, 30¢ per bushel. ONIONS—Red, \$3.25; yellow, \$3.25 per sack; Walla Valley, \$2.25. GREEN FRUITS—Apples, old, \$1.50-\$2.00 per bushel; new, \$1.25-\$1.50 per bushel; peaches, 10¢ per bushel; plums, \$1.25 per bushel; watermelons, 1¢ per pound; loganberries, 90¢ per bushel; raspberries, 90¢ per bushel; black caps, \$1.00 per bushel; strawberries, \$2.25 per dozen; prunes, 12¢ per bushel. POTATOES—Oregon, new, 1 1/2¢ per bushel; Idaho, new, 1 1/2¢ per bushel; California, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.00; beets, \$1.50.

Dairy and Country Produce. Local jobbing quotations: EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case, 20¢; California, 20¢; fresh, 14¢; 15¢; Springs, 15¢; 16¢; turkey, 15¢; dressed, choice, 21¢; 22¢. BUTTER—Creamery prints, extra, 21¢ per pound; cubes, 20¢ per pound. CHEESE—Oregon, 10¢ per pound; California, 10¢ per pound; Swiss, 10¢ per pound; Young America, 10¢ per pound; Vermont, 10¢ per pound. VEAL—Young, 10¢ per pound.

Staple Groceries. Local jobbing quotations: SALMON—Columbia River, one-pound tins, \$2.25 per tin; two-pound tins, \$4.50 per tin; Alaska, one-pound tins, \$2.25 per tin; two-pound tins, \$4.50 per tin. HONEY—Choice, \$2.50-\$3.75 per case. NUTS—Walnuts, 14¢ per pound; Brazil nuts, 14¢ per pound; almonds, 19¢ per pound; peanuts, 8¢ per pound; coconuts, 1¢ per dozen; chestnuts, 2 1/2¢ per pound; pecans, 12¢ per pound. BEANS—Small white, 5¢; large white, 5¢; Lima, 5¢; pink, 5¢; Mexican, 7¢. COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 10¢ per pound; extra C, \$4.50; powdered, in barrels, 12¢. SALT—Granulated, \$1.50 per ton; half-drum, 100 lb., \$1.75 per ton; 50 lb., \$1.50 per ton. RICE—No. 1 Japan, 4 1/2¢; Southern head, 4 1/2¢; island, 4 1/2¢; per pound. PEAS—Green, 14¢ per bushel; black, 14¢ per bushel; apricots, 14¢ per bushel; prunes, Italian, 10¢ per bushel; currants, 9¢ per bushel; raisins, 10¢ per bushel; Thompson, 11¢; unbleached Sulitana, 8¢; seeded, 8¢; dates, Persian, 7 1/2¢ per bushel. FIGS—Package, 8¢; 50 lb. box, 15¢; package, 10¢; 25 lb. box, 15¢; white, 15¢; black, 15¢; 25 lb. box, 15¢; 10 lb. box, 15¢; Calab candy figs, 20 lb. box, 35¢; Smyrna, per box, 11¢.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. HOPS—1914 contracts, 15¢; 1913 contracts, 15¢. FELTS—Dry, 11¢; dry short wool, 8¢; dry medium wool, 8¢; dry long wool, 8¢; dry short wool, 8¢; dry medium wool, 8¢; dry long wool, 8¢. HIDES—Salted hides, 13¢ per pound; salted kip, 14¢; salted calf, 15¢; green hides, 12¢; dry hides, 24¢; dry calf, 24¢; salted lamb, 10¢ per pound; green wool, 22¢; Western Valley, 18¢ per bushel; Eastern Oregon, 16¢ per bushel. CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 4 1/2¢ per pound. GAIN RAGS—in car lots, 3 1/2¢ per lb. FISHERY—Salmon, \$1.10 per cent; halibut, 4 1/2¢; buck shad, 3 1/2¢; roe shad, 4¢; silver perch, 8¢.

Provisions. HAMS—10 to 13-pound, 19¢ to 20¢; 12 to 14-pound, 19¢ to 20¢; 14 to 18-pound, 19¢ to 20¢; skinned, 18¢ to 20¢. BACON—Fancy, 25¢ per pound; standard, 22¢ per pound. DRY SALT CURED—Short clear backs, 12 1/2¢ per lb.; exports, 14¢ to 16¢; plates, 11¢ to 12¢. LARD—Fancy pure, 12¢ to 13¢; compound, 9¢.

Oils. KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagon, 10¢; special, drums, barrels or tank wagon, 10¢; cases, 23¢; motor spirit, bulk, 10¢; cases, 22¢. LUBRICATING OIL—Raw, barrels, 6¢; refined, barrels, 6¢; raw, cases, 6¢; refined, cases, 6¢. TURPENTINE—in cases, 6¢ per gallon; tanks, 5¢.

7000 LOTS ARE POSTED. Weeding-Cutting to Be Resumed 'Tuesday After Cessation.' Work of cutting weeds on 7000 vacant lots in various parts of the city will be resumed Tuesday by city workmen. Totals compiled yesterday in the city Public Works Department showed that men who have been posting notices "cut weeds" notices during the last 10 days have posted that number. The actual cutting of weeds has been at a standstill several days because of the fact that the cutters got ahead of the men posting notices, so the entire working force was set to posting the notices. The posters will be able to keep ahead of the cutters during the rest of the week, it is said. Fire and police officials are to start at once a campaign to require the cleaning up of dry grass and brush on property. Several grass fires in the last few days are responsible for strict enforcement of this feature of the cleanup ordinances.

Bronxville Physician Married. JUNCTION CITY, Or., July 2.—(Special)—Dr. Marie Howard, of Bronxville, Or., and Miss Angie Kyle were married at the home of the bride's parents, three miles west of Monroe, June 30. They left for Southern Oregon to spend their honeymoon. I. F. Belnap, of Alpine, officiated. After the honeymoon they will take up their residence in Monroe, where Dr. Howard will practice with his brother, Emil Howard.

STOCK MARKET AFFECTED BY APPROACHING HOLIDAY. TRADING IS AT LOW EBB.

NEW YORK, July 2.—The approaching holidays doubtless accounted for the idle drift today of prices on the stock exchange. Total transactions were not much above recent low records. Amalgamated Copper Strong Feature of List With Advance of Full Point—Foreign Bank Returns Interesting. The money market was again unaffected by the continuous mild weather. The cash loan is estimated at as much as \$20,000,000. The great foreign banks submitted interesting returns, the Bank of France showing an increase of over \$30,000,000 in discounts, with interest-bearing holdings of \$16,000,000. The German Bank totalled \$18,000,000 gold, twice that much cash and increased loans and discounts to \$15,000,000. In the general bond list, yesterday's irregularity continued. A few of the Rock Island convertible broke 110 to 110 1/2, a new record for the issue. The White House of J. P. 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