

Wool Shearings

Sale Made by Orting Grower to Pincus, of Tacoma.

MARKET RISING STEADILY

Oregon Farmers Refuse to Sell at Current Prices—Spraying Has Begun in the English Hopyards.

The hop market is firmly established on a 35-cent basis for 1909 contracts. Offers lately made at this figure for California hops were followed by actual business in Washington hops at the same price yesterday. The 15-cent transaction in the North was made by Alvin Mueller, of Orting, to 1000 boxes of the coming crop to Tama Pincus & Sons, of Tacoma. The same firm also bought 1000 boxes of 1908 hops at 15 cents.

There is no report of Oregon dealers offering 15 cents yet, but they will come to 10. An offer of 12 1/2 cents was made to John Groves, of Independence, for 30,000 pounds, the surplus over a previous contract at 10 cents, but was not accepted by Mr. Groves. With the market advancing and crop prospects unfavorable, every one is naturally on the bull side these days. All kinds of predictions are being made as to how high prices will go and some extravagant guesses are being made. There is danger, however, of the market being unduly inflated. It is a long time yet before harvest and the world's crop output is still unknown.

The only foreign news received during the day was a cable to the effect that spraying had been commenced in England. So much depends on the outcome of the English crop that news of this kind naturally has a stimulating effect on the market.

Crop conditions in New York State are reported by the latest Waterville Times as follows:

Last frosts have visited this section this week, but no damage seems to have resulted from them. For the past two days we have had some warm rains, which have helped the growth of the vine community. The first tying has been practically completed and work is going on rapidly in most yards. The unevenness of the weather has been a factor in the yard and with seasonable weather these weaker hills may come on and make a better showing than at the end of the growing season. The vines will present a better and more uniform appearance.

LOCAL GRAIN TRADE VERY SLACK.
Offering Light, Demand Slow and Prices Nominal.

Business in the grain market is decidedly slack. In fact, the dealers cannot remember a time when there was less activity in the leading cereals. This is due to the absence of supplies.

The Merchants Exchange reports the weekly Russian wheat shipments at 2,000,000 bushels, compared with 3,400,000 bushels last week; Danubian shipments at 350,000 bushels, compared with 300,000 bushels last week.

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

Wheat—Barley—Oats—Hay
May 26-30-31 8 1 26 3 2
June 1-5 8 1 26 3 2
June 6-10 8 1 26 3 2
June 11-15 8 1 26 3 2
June 16-20 8 1 26 3 2
June 21-25 8 1 26 3 2
Total this week 17 1 26 3 2
Total last week 5 36 10 38

STRAWBERRIES ARE SLIGHTLY LOWER

Coming Week Will See the Bottom of the Market.

The strawberry supply was large yesterday and prices showed some decline. Everything came up, but the close was rather weak. The range of prices on the market was \$2.00 to \$2.25 per crate, the bulk of sales being at \$2.00. Hired buyers moved at \$2.25. At the same time, the public market price range was \$1.75 to \$2.00. The coming week will see the bottom of the season and prices will be at the bottom.

Other fruits were in good supply and moved fairly well. Loganberries sold at 75 cents and peaches and apricots at \$1.75. Cantaloupes held at \$5 per crate and because of the high price but few were wanted. There was an overstock of new beans and a big supply was carried over. Corn was lower at 65 cents and other vegetables were steady.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT MOVEMENT.

Shipments of Deciduous Varieties on the Coast.

The California fruit shipping movement in the past week is reported by the California Fruit Distributors as follows:

Cherries, 33 cars—The weather during the past week has been cool and pleasant until two days ago, when it became quite warm, and has remained so ever since. This will have the effect of accelerating the ripening of fruit and will undoubtedly cause increased shipments for the next seven days. The weather during the past week has been cool and pleasant until two days ago, when it became quite warm, and has remained so ever since. This will have the effect of accelerating the ripening of fruit and will undoubtedly cause increased shipments for the next seven days.

Plums and prunes—The first plums to ripen are the California, and of the fruit the crop averages lighter than of last year. This will necessarily affect early shipments and there will not be as many moving out as in former seasons at this time.

Peaches—Early peaches are generally a very good crop and are now moving out at a fair price, but as to the case with the varieties before mentioned, will be shipped more liberally the latter part of the week and next week the movement should be normal.

In districts where the weather is still a little cooler in the situation from last week.

WOOL SHEARING AT ENTERPRISE.

Thirty Thousand Head of Sheep Sold at a Good Price.

ENTERPRISE, June 5.—(Special.)—The three power wool-shearing plants in this county are now in full operation. There will be a total of 185,000 fleeces, averaging ten pounds to the fleece. It has all been contracted, except four or five lots, at 20 cents a pound. The wool-growers have accepted a 5-per-cent advance on the California firm, and 60 to 65 for Oregon's 50-60 to 20-30.

Thirty thousand head of sheep have been sold by the flock masters of this county, for delivery by July 1. The first shipment of sheep was made from Enterprise Thursday, consisting of 14 carloads of 2-year-old wethers, sold by Falconer Brothers to Alex Taylor and the Rennie Sheep Company, of North Yakima, at \$1.25 a head.

No Buyers or Sellers at Baker.

BAKER CITY, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—Owing to contracts for wool made early in the season, in which practically the entire crop of Baker County wool was engaged, the sales day set apart by the state association, which occurred today, was lacking

POULTRY CLEANS UP WELL.

The Market Improves Because of Lighter Receipts.

There was a firmer feeling in the poultry market yesterday, not because of any better demand, but owing to lighter receipts. Hens cleared up at 14 1/4 cents and Springs moved at 15 1/2 cents.

There was no further change in the egg market. Some eggs are still going into storage.

The butter market was steady with the city creameries, but some front-street butter has been put into storage for lack of buyers. Cheese was unchanged.

Advance in Provisions.

Another advance in the provision list will be in effect Monday. The price of pork hams will be quoted at 15 1/2 cents, fancy hams at 24 cents and kettle rendered lard in 10s at 16 1/2 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland \$1,009,329 34 79.183
Tacoma 1,730,233 101.058
Spokane 1,107,407 39.242
For the past week and corresponding week former years were:

	Portland	Seattle	Tacoma
1908	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1909	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1910	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1911	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1912	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1913	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1914	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1915	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1916	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1917	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1918	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595
1919	2,260,239	2,785,143	45,261,595

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Vegetables and Fruit.
FRESH FRUITS—Apples, \$1.25 to \$2.00 per bushel; cherries, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per crate; 5c per pound; loganberries, 70c per crate; peaches, \$1.25 per box; apricots, \$1.75 per box; cantaloupes, 50c per crate.

POTATOES—Johanna price, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel; 4 1/2c per lb.; sweet potatoes, 4 1/2c per lb.; carrots, 1 1/2c; horseradish, \$1.50 per sack; cauliflower, 50c per crate.

COCAIN FRUITS—Oranges, grapes, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel; lemons, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per bushel; 5c per lb.; bananas, 5c per lb.; pineapples, 14c per crate; onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per crate; radishes, 10c per dozen; rhubarb, \$2.50 per bushel; spinach, 5c per crate; cauliflower, 50c per crate; tomatoes, 4c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus, 50c per bushel; 60c per lb.; beans, 50c per bushel; corn, 70c per bushel; cucumbers, 50c to \$1.25 per dozen; lettuce, 50c per bushel; 10c per lb.; leeks, 10c per lb.; onions, 12 1/2c per lb.; peas, 10c per lb.; radishes, 10c per dozen; rhubarb, \$2.50 per bushel; spinach, 5c per crate; cauliflower, 50c per crate; tomatoes, 4c per lb.

GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED, ETC.
WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem millings, \$1.10 to \$1.20; 2 1/2c; 3 1/2c; 4 1/2c; 5 1/2c; 6 1/2c; 7 1/2c; 8 1/2c; 9 1/2c; 10 1/2c; 11 1/2c; 12 1/2c; 13 1/2c; 14 1/2c; 15 1/2c; 16 1/2c; 17 1/2c; 18 1/2c; 19 1/2c; 20 1/2c; 21 1/2c; 22 1/2c; 23 1/2c; 24 1/2c; 25 1/2c; 26 1/2c; 27 1/2c; 28 1/2c; 29 1/2c; 30 1/2c; 31 1/2c; 32 1/2c; 33 1/2c; 34 1/2c; 35 1/2c; 36 1/2c; 37 1/2c; 38 1/2c; 39 1/2c; 40 1/2c; 41 1/2c; 42 1/2c; 43 1/2c; 44 1/2c; 45 1/2c; 46 1/2c; 47 1/2c; 48 1/2c; 49 1/2c; 50 1/2c; 51 1/2c; 52 1/2c; 53 1/2c; 54 1/2c; 55 1/2c; 56 1/2c; 57 1/2c; 58 1/2c; 59 1/2c; 60 1/2c; 61 1/2c; 62 1/2c; 63 1/2c; 64 1/2c; 65 1/2c; 66 1/2c; 67 1/2c; 68 1/2c; 69 1/2c; 70 1/2c; 71 1/2c; 72 1/2c; 73 1/2c; 74 1/2c; 75 1/2c; 76 1/2c; 77 1/2c; 78 1/2c; 79 1/2c; 80 1/2c; 81 1/2c; 82 1/2c; 83 1/2c; 84 1/2c; 85 1/2c; 86 1/2c; 87 1/2c; 88 1/2c; 89 1/2c; 90 1/2c; 91 1/2c; 92 1/2c; 93 1/2c; 94 1/2c; 95 1/2c; 96 1/2c; 97 1/2c; 98 1/2c; 99 1/2c; 100 1/2c; 101 1/2c; 102 1/2c; 103 1/2c; 104 1/2c; 105 1/2c; 106 1/2c; 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