

PRUNE CROP LARGE

Outlook Is for Heavy Yield in Northwest.

PRICES ARE UNCERTAIN

California Market in Large Way Determines Values Here—Light European Output of Fruit Is Predicted.

There is some difference of opinion in the trade regarding the prospect for the prune market this fall. That the crop in this state and Washington will be a large one, yielding something like 600 cars, is generally conceded, and the California output for the season promises to compare well in size with those of recent years. Fluctuating on the heavy output for the coast, prunes are in the belief that relatively low prices are to be expected.

"It is of course a matter of common knowledge that California is the ruling factor in the fruit market, and that the output of the western local packers," the prices paid there determine values here in a large way, and buyers always expect to get Oregon prunes at prices a shade below those quoted on California goods. Rather low quotations here have been given out in this state already. It must also be remembered that the yield of such other fruits as go to the market on the coast this year is good, and other dried fruits are always a factor to be reckoned with in the prune trade."

On the other hand, reports from the East indicate that in a number of the great prune-producing districts of Europe the crop this year will be materially reduced, and on this account Eastern traders look for a materially larger export business this fall and winter than a year ago. If conditions in Europe are as represented the result cannot but be favorable for the growers in this country.

It is too early yet for an accurate estimate of the size of the Northwest crop, for the usual summer "drip" is now on, and until this is ended the size of the yield will be a matter of some uncertainty.

Reports from the Valley indicate that the prospect for the sale of a considerable portion of the crop of this year is good, and that the quality of the fruit in the west state is good.

CANNERY PACK FALLING OFF

Asoria firms considerably behind and Shortage Is Feared.

ASTORIA, Or., July 17.—Up to July 10 the canners pack of the Columbia river, but since that time it has been falling back, and is now behind so far that it will be almost impossible to get up to last year's pack, under the most favorable circumstances. One canner, who is a Chinese, has contracted for 3,000 cases for the season, but had 1,000 cases packed on Friday night, and this is of a canner who secures its fruit most exclusively from the local market.

Taking this fact into consideration, the other canners have not done so well. The cold storage people are really in a worse position, and as the season draws to a close the quality of the fruit always deteriorates to a certain extent, even if there should be a good catch of the large crop this year.

Now that there is a glutted run on, when the cold storage people should have a chance to make a little money, there is a three-cornered fight between the two combinations and the independent growers, and the quality of the fruit per pound and over. If these facts could be purchased for 4 cents per pound there would be some money in it, but at the present figures a prospective loss.

LAMBERT CHERRIES NOW COMING

First Offerings Seen on Street Yesterday.

Lagans Are Lower.

The first important shipment for the season of Lambert cherries reached the city yesterday, and the quality is good. The cherries, which were packed in a box, moved in a fair way as to 125 cases a box, while other sorts sold at a range of 100 to 150 cases a box. The quality of the cherries was better than the Royal Anas, which were sold at 100 cases a box.

Lagans were in better supply, and with only a moderate demand, they sold at 100 cases a box. The cherries were sold at 100 cases a box, and the lagans were sold at 100 cases a box.

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PACIFIC CUP

Stock Rises Suddenly and No Reason Is Apparent.

STEEL'S NEW RECORD IS 73

Under Cover of Rise in Railroad Stocks Profits Are Taken in Steel, Stopping Further Upward Tendency.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Union Pacific jumped the place in the market today that had been held for several days by United States Steel. Union Pacific soared to new record prices on very unaccounted business, but without any apparent explanation for the rise. The recent general rise in the market had included stocks held in the Union Pacific treasury, and several of these new subjects, in their turn, of rumors of coming dividend increases, which will add to the Union Pacific income.

This company, in common with Southern Pacific stockholders, was a subscriber for its full quota of Southern Pacific convertible bonds, which were allotted to stockholders in 90 and have since sold above 100. Reports are circulated, but without official confirmation, that Union Pacific has marketed its share of these bonds with corresponding benefit to its treasury.

United States Steel touched 73, bettering its record price by a fraction, but profit-taking in the stock was plainly manifest, under cover of the Union Pacific movement.

Only about \$2,000,000 of the expected \$8,000,000 cash decrease was traceable in the bank statement, and the contraction continued the effect of this.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$2,300,000.

United States Steel has declined 1/2 and the coupon 1/2 per cent on call during the week.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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WHEAT IS WEAKER

Trading at Chicago Characterized by Nervousness.

NEW CROP IS COMING OUT

Corn Weak to Firm, and Oats in Sharp Break, Owing to Impending New Arrivals—Provisions Also Are Weak.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Ideal weather for harvesting and increased receipts of new wheat here and in the southwest had a weakening effect on the wheat market here today. Extreme nervousness characterized trading, but the prevailing sentiment was one of weakness. July moved over a wide range, selling between 125 and 127. The market closed weak with prices slightly above the lowest.

Nearly 40 cars of new wheat were reported to have arrived here today. Owing to the increased arrivals there, the price of cash wheat at St. Louis was off 1/2 to 1/4 per bushel.

General selling caused early weakness in corn, but a firmer tone developed during the last half-hour on improved demand for cash grain by shippers. The selling at the start was due to weather conditions. The market closed steady with prices 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher than yesterday.

Heavy realising sales in the oats market, prompted by impending arrivals of new oats here next week, caused a break of nearly 2 cents in July. The close was 1/2 to 1/4 lower than yesterday with July at 25 1/2.

Provisions were weak all day in consequence of heavy liquidation by local holders. The close was 1/2 to 1/4 lower than yesterday.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

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