

# INDICATIONS OF HIGH PRICES FOR POTATOES

### Shortage Shown Everywhere, Even in California—May Be One Year in Five Whereby It Would Pay the Producers to Study Conditions Before Selling.

By Kyman H. Cohen.

In the present year one of those out of every five when it pays the farmer to turn speculator and hold his potatoes for better prices until the turn of the year?

This is a question that is taking the fancy of the entire potato trade of the Pacific coast and is especially attractive to the producers of this state. It is a question of over 8 per cent in the United States as compared with last year's crop, according to the October report of the United States department of agriculture, there has of late been a quiet search among the dealers of the Pacific coast to find exactly where they could lay their hands upon the fancy stocks of this state when occasion should arise. Some of the most venturesome of the California buyers have purchased quite liberally here in anticipation of a good advance after January 1 when the stocks of potatoes in our southern commonwealth should become rather scarce.

While the government report issued some days ago, before the results of the damage by frosts were fully known, estimates that the Oregon crop will be only 1 per cent smaller than a year ago and 8 per cent smaller than the average for the past 10 years, it is believed from the latest returns from actual digging, that the loss of marketable potatoes in this state will average only 25 per cent from a year ago, despite the larger acreage.

**Damage Is Quite Real.**

That this damage is real and not merely the exhaust air of some one who wants to hull the market is amply shown on all sides. In some instances a larger crop of potatoes will be produced by growers than year ago, but where there is one grower who will have a slightly increased amount there will be several dozen with a severe shortage to note.

The actual loss in potatoes will probably not be much more than 15 per cent as shown by the government figures, but the coming of the frost killed all growth of the vines and among those were many that had been planted so late that they had scarcely begun to form potatoes. Therefore there will be a large amount of very small-sized potatoes which cannot be put on the market.

**Just Looking for Their Health.**

A most laughable feature of the present situation in the potato market is that most of the California buyers now coming here under very heavy expense say that our potatoes are knobby, undersized, rough and several other things, while California has the best quality that could be wished. They also add that growers should let go of their supplies just now to them, although a

# CALIFORNIA IN BRYAN COLUMN

### Claim Based on the Results of Recent Still Hunt—Close of Campaign.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The final meetings of the Democratic campaign here will be held tonight at the Naval pavilion. The chief speaker will be Theodore A. Bell, the Democratic leader, who after stumping several of the eastern states for Bryan and after a brief campaign in California is due here late this afternoon. The Democratic state committee this afternoon claims the state for Bryan by over 50,000.

Bell in his address tonight will review the effect of both his eastern and his state campaign. At the Democratic state central committee's rooms it was announced today that 50,000 men had been quietly discharging through the state and that the result of their work would give Bryan the electoral vote of California.

The Republican campaign will reach its climax in this city with a big meeting at the Drexel pavilion tonight and will be closed by a similar rally Monday evening. At the rally tonight Samuel L. Shortridge will be the principal speaker. Monday night the various Republican candidates will be the speakers. Smaller meetings of Republicans throughout the city will be held tonight. Monday night, Congressman Julius Kahn and E. A. Hayes will be among the Republican speakers.

George M. Stone, chairman of the Republican state central committee, today issued a statement claiming the state for Taft by 45,000.

# MACK SAYS IT'S A LANDSLIDE

### Three Hundred Votes for Bryan—Lamb Makes It About the Same.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 31.—National Democratic Chairman Norman E. Mack claims the election will be a landslide for Bryan, giving the Nebraska 300 electoral votes. He says Bryan certainly will carry New York.

National Chairman Hitchcock, for the Republicans, on the other hand, announced that Taft will have 255 electoral votes and will carry New York, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska and the west with the possible exception of Nevada and Montana.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—John E. Lamb of the Democratic national committee issued a forecast today claiming 295 electoral votes for Bryan. He declared that besides the solid south, the following states would go for Bryan: Kentucky, Maryland, Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, Nebraska and South Dakota. This would give Bryan a total of 295 electoral votes. He conceded that Taft would carry Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Vermont, a total of 78 electoral votes. He calls the others doubtful.

# HOUSE OF A HAINS ATTORNEY ROBBED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 31.—The police were notified today that the home of Joseph Hains, one of the attorneys for the Hains brothers, who are charged with the murder of William B. Annis, was robbed early this afternoon. Jewelry valued at \$1500 and valuable papers were taken. It is believed the thieves sought papers bearing on the Hains case. The Hains brothers, who are associated with Hains in the case, was robbed a short time ago.

moment later they would say that California has enough potatoes this year to supply that state until eternity, besides allowing the residents of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Texas, and perhaps the rest of the American states, to have California potatoes for breakfast, lunch and dinner for a year or so.

While making this funny statement for to the knowing ones it is merely a jest—the California buyers are trying to secure control of all the fancy Oregon potatoes they can possibly secure by outright purchase at present prices or by future option. All of them are eager to speculate upon future prospects, although openly stating that California has the largest and best ever seen in potatoedom.

**Only Rivers Are Feared.**

The river districts of California have large supplies of potatoes this season, and even that section is said from latest reports to be falling considerably from previous estimates. While the river districts may possibly have the best quality potatoes they have ever produced, they are not saying very much for every one at all posted upon potato quality knows that they cannot for a moment be compared to the Salinas of California or the better quality of Oregon. It is likewise known that with a short crop elsewhere in California, except along the rivers, and the latter begin to deteriorate quickly after the first of the year, that California will be calling for our potatoes in former years when there was a shortage in this state and prices looked as if they were about to rise sharply. It was the custom of the larger California buyers to bring in supplies from Minnesota or Wisconsin, but according to the government report Minnesota has 13 per cent less potatoes than a year ago, and 7 per cent less than the average for the past 10 years. Wisconsin this year produced only within 11 per cent of the crop of 1907 and was 7 per cent short of the average crop for the past 10 years. Even Idaho, upon which California usually counts upon supplying that state with cheap potatoes, shows a shortage of 10 per cent from a year ago and 1 per cent from the average for the past 10 years.

While no one can absolutely foresee what may happen in the markets, it certainly does appear as if this is one of the five years when growers do not prove foolish speculators.

# RAINFALL IS AN AID TO INLAND EMPIRE

The rainfall was quite general throughout the inland Empire during the past week and much good was done in the grain belts. Plowing is now general in most sections and preparations are being made to put in a heavy acreage of fall grain. There will very likely be a material increase in the coming season's acreage of oats and barley because of the high prices in effect.

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