

# OREGON GROWERS SLASHING PRUNE PRICES IN EAST

## 40-50S OFFERED AT RECORD LOW MARK IS REPORT

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## 1923 Cherry Pack Record Breaker, Figures Reveal

The pack of cherries last year in the Pacific Northwest was by far the largest of any in the last four years, the total running to 327,744 for 1922 and 323,462 for 1923. The pack in 1921 was very light comparatively with but 194,099 cases.

CHERRIES		No. 1s			
		1920	1921	1922	1923
Fancy, Wash.	1,110	12	2,876		
Choice, Wash.	2,951	3,541	15,438		
Stand., Wash.	1,470	2,605	2,931		
Water, Wash.	66	1,290	3,056		
Water, Wash.	6,680	1,675	2,716	1,876	
Water, Ore.	2,406		27		
<b>Total No. 1s</b>	<b>9,086</b>	<b>7,272</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>27,809</b>	
No. 2s					
Fancy, Wash.	10,208	530	4,343	2,728	
Choice, Wash.	2,812	4,844	684	2,146	
Stand., Wash.	6,528	2,294	4,789	11,651	
Water, Wash.	916	6,066	3,656	8,814	
Water, Ore.	824	1,231	3,521	252	
Sub. Std., Wash.	615	1,473	2,182	376	
Water, Wash.	32	25			
Water, Ore.	4,918	58	809	619	
Water, Ore.	30	88			
<b>Total No. 2s</b>	<b>26,683</b>	<b>16,649</b>	<b>18,984</b>	<b>26,280</b>	
No. 2 1/2s					
Fancy, Wash.	63,208	2,570	13,633	17,706	
Choice, Wash.	18,365	26,417	39,369	57,689	
Stand., Wash.	51,686	41,296	57,341	35,795	
Water, Wash.	7,826	3,408	14,884	12,026	
Water, Ore.	13,770	20,426	21,712	12,331	
Sub. Std., Wash.	1,439	725	2,992	1,234	
Water, Wash.	5,336	2,873	4,919	1,815	
Water, Ore.	2,364		138	285	
Water, Ore.	2,779		1,945	2,908	
<b>Total No. 2 1/2s</b>	<b>162,995</b>	<b>106,857</b>	<b>191,875</b>	<b>182,154</b>	
No. 10s					
Fancy, Wash.	8,662	300	2,454	4,063	
Choice, Wash.	1,775	3,596	6,798	7,028	
Stand., Wash.	1,794	2,783	6,375	7,028	
Water, Wash.	25,504	9,825	6,873	10,979	
Water, Ore.	2,972	2,024	2,357	5,438	
Sub. Std., Wash.	6,038	3,362	6,623	6,444	
Water, Wash.	78		146	14	
Water, Ore.	43,921	15,406	46,267	46,375	
Water, Ore.	35,000	27,845	32,050	33,674	
<b>Total No. 10s</b>	<b>121,099</b>	<b>63,321</b>	<b>106,094</b>	<b>120,815</b>	
<b>Grand Total—All sizes</b>	<b>323,462</b>	<b>194,099</b>	<b>327,744</b>	<b>357,067</b>	

## MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Daily Report of Sales by Jobbers to Retailers of Federal Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, from Portland Office

Apples—Newtowns, large X. F. \$1.75@2.00; F. \$1.50@1.75 per box; Ore. Delicious XP large \$2.25@2.75; Rome Beauty XP large \$1.75; F. \$1.25@1.50; Spitzenberg XP, \$2.00@2.25; F. \$1.50@2.00; C grade various varieties \$1.25; cookers \$1.

Broccoli—Oregon per doz fancy \$1.75@2.00, choice \$1.00@1.25; California fancy \$2.00; Brussels Sprouts—Calif. per lb. 14@15c.

Spinach—Walla Walla crates \$1.75@1.90.

Sweet potatoes—Ark. bu. basket \$3.50.

Unchopped vegetables—Calif. beets and turnips and radishes \$5@1.10; carrots 75c; Walla Walla onions 50c.

Sacked Vegetables—Per cwt., carrots \$1.75; turnips, beets, rutabagas and parsnips \$2.00.

Cabbage—Crates, per cwt., Oregon and California \$4.25@4.50; Celery—Crates \$4.50@5.00; hearts per doz. \$1.75@2.00; lettuce, poorer quality low as \$2.25; Lettuce—Imperial Valley per crate 3 to 4 doz. \$2.25@3.50; 5 doz. \$2.50@2.75.

Onions—Per cwt., Oregon No. 1, \$1.75@2.00; bullers \$1.00@1.25; No. 2 \$1.00@1.25; Idaho No. 1, \$2.00; Deschutes Nettle Gens U. S. No. 1, \$2.25; Wash. Nettle Gens U. S. No. 1, \$2.00@2.25; No. 2, \$1.50@1.75; Fancy bakers \$2.50.

Tomatoes—Mexico, lug, repacked \$4.75@5.50; as is \$2.75@3.50.

## SALEM MARKETS

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of the Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily)

Grain: No. 1 white wheat 86c; No. 2 mixed wheat 84c; No. 3 red wheat 83c, (sacked).

Hay: Cheat hay \$12@13; oat hay \$14@15; clover hay (baled) \$12@13.

Wholesale Prices

Ment: Hogs 8c; dressed hogs 11c top steers 6@7c; cows 2 1/2@5c; bulls 2 1/2c; lambs 10c; veal 11c; dressed veal 14c.

Poultry: capons 26c on foot; light hens 16c; heavy hens 20c; 21c; old roosters 8c; cockerels 20c.

Butterfat 56c; creamery butter 54@55c; country butter 42@47c; eggs 30, 33 and 35c; milk \$2.25 cwt.

Vegetables: New potatoes 1 1/2 lb. dried Oregon onions 2c lb.; cabbage 3c lb.; celery 80c doz; bunch beets, carolus, onion turnips, 80c doz.; squash 50c doz.

Fruit: Apples 75c and \$2.00 bu.

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Reports received by independent packers in telegrams from New York coming in here yesterday are to the effect that the Oregon Growers Cooperative association through its representative on the ground there has thrown into the market offerings of 40-50s in 5 and 10 car lots at 5 1/2 cents, f. o. b. dock. This is the lowest offering price of the season and independent buyers who have been selling prunes in the same sizes at 6 and 6 1/2 cents, apparently with guarantees against market decline, are fuming about the New York reports.

General Manager Paulus of the association is now in New York and it is considered more than likely that he has made the offering with the hope of making a cleanup of the 40-50s for export trade.

Assistant General Manager Newhouse, who is in charge of the association offices here, stated today that there is a representative on the ground in New York for the purpose of selling association prunes. He states he does not know what offers he has made although he has been authorized by the board to endeavor to clean up the prune crop.

"Whatever offer is made, however, must pass the scrutiny of the dried fruit committee and receive its sanction before the prunes can be sold at any price," said Newhouse today.

It is understood that only one sale of northwest 40-50s has been made at a lower price than the 5 1/2 which it is reported the association is offering to sell prunes for in New York and that was a price of 5.40 on some Clatsop county, Washington prunes. This sale, however, it is further understood was made at the big auction in Portland a few weeks ago of prunes which had been turned back to the Washington association on a contract with a California buyer which was repudiated by that buyer.

Portland, Feb. 21.—Favorable trend continues in the butter market. No general price changes, either in prints or sub-cases, general sales of good quality, cubes around 47 cents to 47 1/2 cents.

Egg values indicate stiffening tendency, with some advances quoted after the recent fast decline. There are signs that the recent bearish activity was out of line.

While buyers no longer are willing to pay an extreme premium for heavy hens, all chickens are moving well. Receipts continue moderate. Turkeys remain a glut on the market.

Very good trading continues at country points for potatoes in carload lots. General top buying price is still at \$1.50 per cental, main line loading points. For occasional limited business, select stock is a fraction higher.

Onion trade is congested locally with poor stock. No. 1 stock is moving in carload lots at prices quoted.

Supplies of broccoli are spilling up.

**LIVESTOCK**

Portland, Feb. 21.—Cattle steady receipts 1104; beef steers, good grade \$15.50@19.00; ditto medium \$16.25@17.75; common steers \$14.75@16.25; beef cows and heifers, good grade \$6.50@8.00; ditto medium \$5.00@6.50; canners and cutters \$2.00@4.00; hogs and pigs (and butcher hogs) \$12.00@15.00; feeder steers \$6.00@6.50; calves, medium to choice 120 pounds down \$10.00@11.50; ditto 200 pounds up, \$4.75@7.50; culls and common \$2.50@4.25.

Hogs lower; receipts 1725, medium, good and choice 160 to 200 pounds \$7.50@8.75; ditto 200 to 250 pounds \$7.15@7.50; ditto 250 pounds up, \$6.75@7.15; smooth packers \$6.00@6.90; rough packers \$4.00@4.70; slaughter pigs \$7.00@7.25; feeder pigs \$6.50@7.15.

Sheep steady, receipts 288; medium, good and choice lambs \$4.00 lb. down \$11.00@12.50; culls and common \$10.00@11.50; yearling wethers, medium to choice all weights \$6.50@10.00; wethers \$4.00@4.50; ewes medium to choice \$4.50@7.00.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO CLEAN UP APPLE PACK BY APRIL 1

The small international distribution of Oregon prunes is vividly indicated in the record of foreign shipments from the Port of Portland for the year 1923 which has just been issued. A total of 2713 tons of prunes went out of that port during the year divided as follows by ton: Argentina, 4; Australia, 2; Belgium, 227; China, 1/2; Denmark, 43; France, 322; Germany, 117; Holland, 63; India, 6; Italy, 1; Japan, 2; Java, 1/2; Norway, 36; Straits Settlements, 3; Sweden, 6; United Kingdom, 1504; Uruguay, 2. As compared to the 17 different countries indicated by these exports from Oregon, a report recently published of business from the Port of San Francisco in prunes during the one month of November alone of last year, showed California prunes going to over 34 countries, with a number of smaller shipments being lumped together under one head. The exports from Portland are representative of both Oregon and Washington prunes.

## MERCHANTS OF STATE WIND UP ANNUAL MEET

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 21.—The twentieth annual convention of the Oregon State Retail Merchants association closed here last night with the selection of the University of Oregon as the meeting place again next year, and with the election of L. B. Thomas of Marshfield as president; David M. Graham of Eugene, was re-elected first vice-president; J. C. Mann of Portland, second vice-president; J. H. Garrett of Hillsboro, third vice-president, and N. L. Crout of Portland, treasurer. The new secretary will be chosen by the board of directors later.

Directors of chapters were chosen as follows:

Three years: C. L. Schoenfeldt, Portland; W. P. Kennedy, Corvallis; George Schaefer, Eugene and B. E. Sisson, Salem. Two years: Cline W. VanFleet, La Grande; B. E. Harrison, St. Helens; A. G. Hoffman, Forest Grove; Harvey McPherson, Pendleton, and E. P. Douglas, Portland. One year: L. A. Blake, Marshfield; Edward Pease, The Dalles; A. C. Marsters, Roseburg; Larry Mann, Medford, and G. W. Hlatit, Enterprise.

Constructive resolutions were passed by the merchants which favored support of the McNary-Haugen farm aid bill, and the Kelly-Stein Manufacturing bill, both of which are before congress. The association also reaffirmed its stand in regard to the opposition to premiums and trade stamps.

## POULTRY AND EGGS

Portland, Feb. 21.—Eggs firmer; pullets 18c; firsts 19c; hennessy 21c@22c, delivered Portland.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Poultry scarce; heavy hens, 34c; light 20@21c; springs, 20@22c; stags 18c; old roosters 10c; ducks colored, nom., do white Pekins 21@22c; turkeys, live, nom., dressed 25c; spring broilers 38@42c; capons 28@32c.

## HAY, GRAIN AND FEED

Portland, Feb. 21.—Wheat hard white \$1.90; hard \$1.00; western white \$1.50@1.75; soft white \$1.00; northern spring 96c; hard winter 95c; western red 95c.

Oats \$23.50@23.50; corn No. 3 yellow \$23.50@23.50.

Millets: millum \$31; scratch \$1.25@1.50; fancy crates \$4.00, steady; \$1.40@1.60.

## POTATOES

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Potatoes steady; \$1.40@1.60.

## BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT

Portland, Feb. 21.—Butter steady standard cubes, city, 49 1/2c; prime firsts 48c; prints 56c, cartons 51c.

Butterfat steady; best churning cream 50@51c lb. f. o. b. Portland.

## What's New on the Market

BY FORREST GINN

California cucumbers made their initial appearance of the year here this morning and were selling at 25 cents each and two for 45 cents, depending upon the size. They are large and nice.

With eggs at 25 cents a dozen, and the supply leading down the market, local growers are arguing more use of eggs as this price is cheaper than meat, it is claimed.

The latest shipment of celery to arrive here was unusually green. Most of the celery arriving here is slightly green but that offered this morning by some of the stores was hardly bleached at all. It sells at from 15 to 20 cents a bunch, depending upon the size.

One local store was able to purchase a large consignment of grapefruit this morning at a reduced price and was offering it to the public at two for a quarter. The regular price was 15 cents each. All grapefruit offered now is of very good quality and of a better flavor than has been the fruit for several years. Small shipments of Dr. Phillips grapefruit, which is ripened on the tree, are offered from time to time. It is claimed that by being allowed to ripen before being picked, the fruit is of a much nicer flavor and does not require sugar.

Rhubarb, which has been offered for the past two weeks, is now being quoted at 10 cents a pound. It will be nearly three months before the first of the local rhubarb will be offered. That of the market now comes from California and is very nice.

## NEWBERG TO HAVE FRUIT CANNERY

Newberg, Ore., Feb. 21.—The erection of a cannery in Newberg was assured at a meeting of more than 100 fruit growers at the city hall here, J. H. Tillman, contractor, of Portland, was called to the fore to lead the movement and an organization of the farmers to guarantee 450 acres which will insure a pack of 75,000 cases a year, or better, is asked by Mr. Tillman. W. E. Burke, local fruit grower, has been handling the proposition with the farmers.

The plan advanced is for the canning of fruit only of those growers who join the association, to be known as the Newberg Fruit Growers' and Packers' association. The canning will be done on a cost plus plan. The growers' association are to pay the cannery all cost of canning and 75 cents a case for the first year. After the first year they will pay 50 cents a case plus the cost of canning. The contracts are for five years.

Many leading growers in this community signed contracts at the meeting. The country was then divided into seven districts and workers will canvass these districts for further contract signatures.

As soon as the signing of acreage is completed ground will be broken and the plan is to be ready for the first fruit of this year's pack.

## ADVERTISING BRINGS FLOOD OF INQUIRIES

Great stacks of letters are piling up in the offices of the Oregon Growers association as the result of a single week's advertising campaign of that association in the east on its prunes and every reply is directly as a result of newspaper advertising.

Replies are coming in written in Yiddish, Bohemian, Spanish and English and each mail brings in a bigger stack.

"Unquestionably this is convincing as to the efficacy of newspaper advertising," said Acting Manager Newhouse.

## SOME NURSERY STOCK BADLY HIT BY FREEZE

Following an inspection of nursery stock in a number of local nurseries, County Horticultural Inspector Van Trump states he has discovered that young pear stock in the nurseries were left out in the field before transplanting was badly hit by the freeze and much of it destroyed. The stock was filled up with water and when the freeze hit it the damage was done. He also found some of the young prune stock slightly damaged. The worst damage to nursery stock, however, seems to have been done to evergreen shrubbery which suffered very materially.

## BROCCOLI INQUIRY STRONG

Numerous inquiries are pouring into the offices of the Oregon Growers association here as to broccoli, indicating that there will be a good demand for the product this year.

There will be no broccoli in this vicinity this year, because of the freeze, and the growers' association has gone out of the broccoli business in the Umpqua valley. All of the growers there have united into a single organization, including those who formerly handled their crop through the cooperative this to be known as the Umpqua Valley Broccoli Growers, Inc. R. H. C. Wood, an Umpqua grower, is manager of the new association.

The association has rented the offices and warehouses of the Oregon cooperative at Roseburg to handle their broccoli tonnage.

## SALEM PLAYS INDEPENDENCE

HERE FRIDAY

Tomorrow evening the basketball championship of the upper Willamette valley high schools will be settled when the Independence and Salem high school teams meet on the local high school gymnasium floor. The game promises to be bitterly contested from beginning to end, especially in view of the fact that the locals won from the Independence team at Independence last Tuesday evening by a score of 12-11.

Unless a game can be scheduled with the Chemawa Indians, the game tomorrow evening will mark the last appearance of the Salem team here until the tournament. Two more games are to be played, but both away from home. On next Tuesday evening the team will go to Eugene to play a return game with the high school team of that city. On the following Saturday, March 1, the players will go to Silverton for a return game.

## CORRESPONDENT SHOT TO DEATH BY FANATIC

Pave, Feb. 21.—Nicolas Buon-servito, friend of Premier Mussolini of Italy and correspondent in Paris for Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo D'Italia was shot by Ernesto Bonimi, a young waiter, while dining in a fashionable Italian restaurant last night. Buon-servito's condition is grave.

Bonimi, who told the police he was an anarchist, "disgusted with the brutality of the fascists" set up a fierce struggle when arrested and kept crying that he did not "want to kill a man, but an idea."

Libby, McNeil Man Here

George Gibson, field man for Libby, McNeil & Libby, is in Salem again "just looking around."

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