

PRUNE GROWERS OBJECT TO BUYING PLANTS

GOOD SIGN UP LIKELY IF \$10 CLAUSE IS CUT

Opposition is developing in the organization of the proposed new pruned plant law, the provision in the market agreement of a cost of \$10 an acre for the purpose of buying plants and predictions are being freely made that with this provision retained in the agreement the local will not go over here.

It is understood the organization committee will have a meeting in the near future for the purpose, among other things, of considering the abrogation of this clause. It is believed likely that a fairly good sign-up may be put over in this district with the \$10 acre clause removed and the purpose of the local definitely placed on a basis of leasing such plants as may be necessary in the operation of the packing end of the local unit.

A meeting also will be held at Dallas tonight at which time the question of whether or not the local will go ahead there will be determined. Under the contracts signed up at Dallas provision is made that the contracts will not be effective unless 70 per cent of the pruned acreage in Polk county is drawn into the local. The 70 per cent was attained around Dallas, according to reports, but failure has met the efforts so far in securing the 70 per cent for the entire county.

The question to arise tonight is whether the 70 per cent clause may be abrogated and the local go ahead on the basis of the present sign-up with no regard to that clause, or whether growers will in fact withdraw and go their own way.

It is likely that if the local is to be failures and the packers are fallen back on to the situation that the packer enters into pooling arrangement (nothing along the line of the Oregon Packing corporation), doubtful whether packers would be to buy any pruned crop under the present sign-up.

Portland, July 21—The market for light poultry is steady at the opening of the week, with prices steady to a shade lower. Heavy stuff held up well, although there was considerable holdover stock from last week.

Prices remained about unchanged. The local egg market showed signs of weakness Monday. Heavy receipts from nearby ranches, and hot weather shipments from outside points, indicated a price in break.

Butter opened steady and good business was reported Monday. Some excellent cherries are still being offered, and prices are still firm as the season closes.

First Malaga grapes of the season are being sold today. Fancy tomatoes from The Dalles reported very scarce, with a good demand.

Portland, July 21—Cattle and calves about steady; receipts 242, steers 1100 pounds, down, good blank, medium \$6.75@7.75; common \$4.25@6.75; heifers, good \$5.00 pounds up, blank, common and medium all weights \$4.00@5.75; cows, good blank, common and medium \$3.25@5.00; canners and cutters \$1.50@3.25; bulls, good, beef yearlings excluded \$3.50@4.00; common to medium, canner and butchers \$2.50@3.50; calves, medium to choice 100 to 250 lbs., \$5.50@8.00; medium to choice 250 pounds up \$4.00@5.50; cull and common 100 pounds up \$3.00@4.50.

Hogs 400 to 1000 lbs., light receipts 1935. Heavyweight 250 to 350 pounds, medium, good and choice \$5.50@9.00; medium weight 200 to 250 pounds, medium, good and choice \$4.75@8.25; light weight 150 to 200 pounds, common, medium, good and choice \$9.25@9.75; light lights 130 to 180 pounds, common, medium, good and choice \$5.50@9.00; medium weight \$5.50@9.00; packing hogs smooth \$7.00@8.00; packing hogs rough \$7.00@8.00; slaughter pigs 130 lbs. down, medium, good and choice \$5.00@8.50; feeder and stock pigs 70 to 120 lbs., common, medium, good and choice \$3.50@6.00. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.)

Sheep and lambs slow; little done early; receipts 322. (Mostly valley lambs direct.) Lambs, light and heavy Mount Adams \$10.50@11.00; medium to good valley \$8.50@10.25; heavyweight 92 lbs. up medium to prime \$8.00@9.50; all weights cull and common \$3.50@5.50; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$5.50@8.00; wethers two years old and over medium to prime \$4.50@7.50; ewes, common to choice \$3.00@5.00; canners and cull \$1.00@3.00. (Above quotations except lambs on shorn basis.)

Butter and Buttermilk. Portland, July 21—Butter, steady, extra cubes city 29 1/4; standard 27 1/4; prime fresh 27 1/4; fresh 34c under grade nominal; cream 42c; cartons 43c. Buttermilk steady; best churning cream 28c net shippers' truck in some one.

POTATOES. Portland, Or., July 21—Potatoes quiet; \$1.70@2.00 for No. 2, No. 3; \$1.50@1.60 for No. 2 grade.

WHEAT. Portland, Or., July 21—Wheat bids: hard white \$1.24; soft white \$1.21; western white \$1.30; hard winter \$1.26; northern spring \$1.26; western red \$1.26. Today's ear receipts: wheat 42; barley 1; flour 3; corn 3; hay 6.

Portland, July 21—Eggs steady; 27c; pullets 24@24 1/2; firsts 24 1/2@27; henneries 27@27 1/2 delivered.

Portland, Or., July 21—Poultry steady; broilers 20@22c; stage 12c; old heavy hens 21@23c; light 15@16c; roosters 18c; ducks, white pekins 18@20c.

FIGHT FOR AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.



GENE TUNNEY GEORGES CARPENTIER

Glorious Georges Carpentier and Gene Tunney, of New York, will meet for the American Heavyweight championship in a 16-round fight at a decision at the Polo Grounds, New York City, on Thursday, July 24.

LEONARD SEEKING WALKER'S TITLE.



BENNY LEONARD & MICKEY WALKER

Mickey Walker, world's champion welterweight, will defend his title against Benny Leonard, world's champion lightweight, in a 12 round, no-decision fight in Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, N. J., on Friday, August 8.

FAMOUS OREGON JERSEY HERDS TO BE AUCTIONED

Two well known Jersey herds are to be dispersed in the near future, their sale being caused by two widely varying reasons. G. H. Dammier of Portland will sell his herd because he cannot collect enough of the particular type cows he wishes to maintain as a large, permanent, high class dairy. Pickard Brothers of Marion, owners of the world famous herd of production Jersey, expect to sell out every animal because of ill health of Ovid Pickard, who has been in Portland the past week consulting with physicians and undergoing X-ray examinations.

The date for the Dammier sale has been definitely set for July 26. The sale will include about 20 animals, all of choice island bred stock or carefully selected American bred. Dammier expects to make a trip to the island of Jersey in the fall and bring back a large shipment which he will retain for his own use in building up a special high class milk business in Portland. Rather than bring over just enough animals to fill out his present herd to the size he desires, Dammier found that it would be easier to sell those on hand and take a chance on getting enough good ones on the island to fill out the large number.

The Pickards are famous the world over for the production records made by this herd, which has held more world records than any other. The Pickards made the Golden Glow family of Jerseys famous when they bred and developed Vito La France, then Old Man's Darling, second and later Darling's Jolly Lasses, besides a number of other animals closely related to these. Breeders are expressing sorrow that such a herd must be dispersed, but are aware at the same time that the one brother cannot stand up under the work while in bad health and the

Brokers Firm Quits. The brokerage firm of Butler & Stewart of New York which has been handling the business of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association there has been liquidated and is succeeded by William Hill, Jr., & Co., a concern made up of

O. A. C. DENIES CHARGES MADE BY CANNERS

To the Editor—That my warfare has been waged between the Willamette valley cannerymen and the Oregon Agricultural college, as reported in the Capital Journal July 14, is news to the college as its relations with the commercial canners have always been friendly and mutually helpful.

The work of the horticultural publicity department of the college, over which the trouble is said to have arisen, is both instructional and investigational, the aim being to train men and women for commercial canning, and to develop new information that will further the horticultural interests of Oregon. In both types of work some canned goods are produced, a large part of which—as such as possible—is sold on the campus—and the remainder disposed of elsewhere at current prices.

College Side Given. Since the understanding of the matter by the country as reported in the Capital Journal story is not the understanding the college has, the college would appreciate space in the Journal columns to get its understanding of the matter before the Journal reader. The college thinks of course that it has taken the right course in disposing of its surplus canned products and that it has not in any way done violence to the buying trade. It has not entered the commercial field at all, nor has it bought fresh fruit at prices above ruling quotations or sold canned goods at prices below those quoted by commercial cannerymen for the same kind and quality of goods. The following is the official explanation:

Charges and Answers. Charge No. 1—Thousands of dollars worth of Oregon-canned goods have stood idle in warehouses in the state because the agricultural college entered the field, cutting prices on a small batch of stuff, amounting to a little over two cartons. Further, that the college has broadcast to the trade its student-made goods resulting in a break in the market, which has caused cannerymen to sell.

Answer—Entrance of the college into the commercial canning field cannot be responsible for the failure of canned goods to move, because it has never at any time entered the commercial field through the regular commercial channels. The college cannery has never produced, in an entire season, more than a half a carton of canned goods. The production of the college has been sold primarily in small lots of 10 to 15 cases, and even less at a time, a large part of which was consumed on the college campus. These goods, for the most part, were sold direct to retailers because the business was not large enough to warrant brokerage connections. The largest sale ever made to a brokerage concern was on "hold-over" canned apple butter and canned fruits amounting to less than half a car of goods, netting \$1150. These goods were mostly 2 years old.

Charge No. 2—The college has overpaid in going among growers in the buying field and by purchasing little data here and there at a quarter or half cent over what cannerymen were offering, and demoralized the situation, even in some instances leaving growers to hold the sack trying to get college prices for big blocks of stuff.

Answer—Prices paid growers for fruit were identical with those paid by other canners as prices were given the college by the Oregon Packing company of Salem and the Western Oregon Canning corporation. The college's purchases were bought this season by the college at 4 cents per pound, plus one fourth of a cent per pound, allowance for containers furnished by the grower. The college does not furnish containers as do cannerymen. Cannery prices on fresh cherries ranged from 4 to 5 cents per pound this season. No large quantities of fruit have been purchased by the college, and the largest quantity being 16 tons of cherries for canning and drying which was bought at 4 cents per pound, plus 1/4 cent for containers.

Charge No. 3—That the machines are furnished free by the American Can company, the college cannery is supported by the state, and the bulk of work is done by students.

Machines Furnished. Answer—The American Can company has furnished machines, as have several other concerns for the express purpose of investigations and instructions. The machines furnished have taken the position that the aid which they give in this way will assist in the betterment of the whole canning industry of the state. Of course, the college cannery is part of the state institution and for that reason is partially supported by state funds. It does, however, turn back proceeds of sales for the balance of its maintenance. Equally, of course, students cannot get practical experience in canning operations without preparing and putting up canned goods.

Charge No. 4—That eastern buyers rejected orders from Oregon cannerymen because of low quotations in the college canning department, that a committee waited on the college authorities from the canners, and that letters flowed into President Kerr.

Sales Made in West. Answer—No quotations have ever been made by the college east of the Rocky mountains. Sales have always been made on the Pacific coast, with the exception of less than a carload of canned goods which were sold in a Rocky mountain state. To date the college has not been visited by any committee of canners, although President Kerr and members of the department of horticulture have cordially invited those interested to make a full and careful survey of the situation. No letters of protest have been received by President Kerr, and only one of polite inquiry.

Charge No. 5—That Kerr had given instructions to Wiegand to make a profit of \$2000 on his department this year, and Wiegand was frantically trying to do it.

Answer—It is self evident from the volume of goods produced that no "frantic efforts" are being made

FORCE GROWERS TO SPRAY CHERRIES COMING YEAR

Quarantine declared in California against black cherries in this district because of the cherry fly will probably accelerate the movement set under foot before the close of the cherry season to insist that the state board of horticulture of this state declare a quarantine on black cherries in Salem and Polk counties and inhibit their sale unless the trees have been properly sprayed.

Fears of a California fruit quarantine on the black cherries here and in Polk county were expressed by local buyers and growers under such an action, which is being watched for worry fruit, some of it crop through and reach the markets. The arrival of such fruit in Los Angeles was said to be the direct cause of the quarantine, although California has been threatening such a quarantine for some time.

Its own troubles with the hoof and mouth disease held off the quarantine for a time. It is stated that action by the state board of horticulture may result in removal of the California quarantine. While cherries here this year were not affected by the disease of the California market, continuation of the quarantine in that state another year would have a bad effect as many of the local black cherries have found their way there, particularly to Los Angeles.

COOPERATIVE CANNING INTERESTS MERGED

An important announcement in the canning industry in California just made is the merging of the interests of the various growers' cooperative canning projects in California represented by the California Co-operative Canneries and the California Growers association in southern California, which are five in number, located at Ontario, Riverside, Elsinore, Hemet, and Fallbrook. The California Co-operative Canneries, whose headquarters is in San Francisco, has plants located at San Jose, Modesto and Visalia.

MARKS OPENING BUTTER MARKET

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PRUNE MARKET IN CALIFORNIA

Prunes in California show the same general situation as one week ago, with a gradually improving market, particularly if desirable sizes can be had over the California Fruit News.

The general crop prospects in this line is still viewed as we have been reporting it. The Prune association tells us that in old crop prunes it has no sizes left except 40s, 50s and 60s and a very few "Sun-sweet" 70s. In this latter size, the association has only "Sun-sweet" brand left and so few that it expects to be out of even those in a few days, which leaves the bulk of its holdings, 50-60s and 60-70s, with a few 40s. Commercial packers have not changed their price ideas on prunes during the week and report a little better business in this line than previously for some time.

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MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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

Sales direct to retailers: Actual prices obtained between 7 and 8 a. m. yesterday by Portland jobbers from their sales to retailers, peddlers, hotels, restaurants, etc. Higher prices are frequently obtained where credit is given or goods are often sold more cheaply.

Apricots—The Dalles, lugs \$2.25. Berries—Per crate, red raspberries \$2.25@2.50; black caps \$2.25; logans \$1.35@1.50; blackberries \$2.25@2.50.

Bunch vegetables—Per dozen bunches, turnips \$5@9c; carrots, beets 40@45c; onions 40c; radishes 35c; carrots, sacked 3 1/2@4c lb.

Cabbage—Local per lb., crated 4@4 1/2c. Cantaloupes—California, standards \$2.50@2.75; flats \$1.90; Wasco standards \$3.25@3.50; pomies \$2.50 flats \$1.00@1.10.

Cucumbers—Field, peach boxes, \$1.25@1.35. Melons—Calif. watermelons 2 1/2@3c per lb., Casaba 4c per lb.

honey dew \$2.50 per crate; number squash \$2 crate. Onions—Per cwt., Walla Walla Yellow Globe \$2.00@3.50. Peaches—Per box, Calif., Crawford \$1.40@1.60; few small \$1.25. Potatoes—Per cwt., local \$2.50@2.75; Wash. in lugs \$2.75@3.00; Oregon Hales \$1.50@1.60.

Tomatoes—The Dalles, per box \$2.50; Walla Walla lugs \$4.00@4.50; Texas, 4 basket crates \$2.50, Calif. \$2.50@2.75.

What's New on the Market BY FORREST GINN

Locally grown celery is now on the market fully a month ahead of the season last year. The quality is exceptionally nice and the price reasonable. It was selling at 15 cents a bunch.

Large fresh crabs were again on the market this morning and selling at 40 cents each. For fishermen who prefer fresh salmon eggs as bait, local fish markets are offering this article. The price was 25 cents a pound.

Sweet corn was selling at 50 cents a dozen ears this morning, which represents a drop in price of ten cents a dozen. Locally grown field cucumbers made their initial appearance this morning, selling at ten cents each.

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