

# ACTIVE BUYING FORCES PRICE OF PRUNES UPWARD

## 5 CENTS OFFERED FOR 50-60S NOW PAULUS REPORTS

A flock of buyers is here from the outside including five or six for Rosenberg and at least two for the Catz-American company have showed the price of 50s up fully a cent a pound and growers who were receiving four cents for 50-60 prunes a week ago can now get five cents, while 40-50s have been shoved up half a cent, according to a letter sent by the Robert C. Paulus company to their brokers in San Francisco.

Paulus states that about all of the prunes left unsold are some 50s and the remainder practically all 40s. He states that 30s are scarce, that he tried to buy some of them for a friend and was unable to get more than one car of straight 30s.

Paulus also has received a letter from some San Francisco brokers giving interesting sidelights on the prune situation in California which indicates the strength of the market. In fact the brokers there say that because of the present statistical situation, with this only November and all shipments early, and the market receiving the benefit of early consumption that they can see only a runaway market this year.

The San Francisco brokers declare that there are not over 6000 tons of prunes in the growers' hands in California outside of the association and that the association has disposed of all of its old crop except a few hundred tons of 50-60s. They state that of 1924s there is not to exceed 20,000 tons with the growers and that growers are generally so familiar with the situation and have been holding hard boiled enough so that it is impossible to buy from growers only at prices higher than the present selling price. The brokers state that 60s are not plentiful in California and it looks as if in a short time there will be nothing available under 40s. The brokers further say that there has been a practical cleanup of dried peaches and apricots, and extremely light holdings in peaches and apples. They state that there will not be dried down there more than from 7500 to 8000 tons of apples, and 15,000 tons of peaches.

General quotations on California prunes given by the brokers in their letter of November 17 follow:

30-10-15 to 15 1/2  
40-50-10 to 10 1/2  
50-60-8  
60-70-7  
70-80-6 1/2  
80-90-5 1/2  
90-100-5 1/2

## WASHINGTON MOURNS FOR MRS. HARDING

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tel suite here, near the White House divided her time between Washington and Marion and took only a small part in the social activities of the capital. She acted perceptibly and friends who saw her during her last visit here a few weeks ago realized that she was losing ground steadily in her long fight against physical and spiritual adversity.

President and Mrs. Coolidge kept closely in touch with the progress of Mrs. Harding's last illness. They sent her a message yesterday expressing hope for her recovery and as soon as her death became known today the president addressed this telegram to George H. Christian, Jr.

"Please express to the members of Mrs. Harding's family the sincere condolence of Mrs. Coolidge and myself. We share in fullest measure the sorrow which her death brings to them. We are disappointed that her brave fight was in vain, but it is a source of pride to know that she made it and made it so valiantly as to arouse the admiration of her countless friends.

"We shall never forget her unceasing and helpful friendship for us, which will become an increasingly sweet and grateful memory.

"The whole nation sympathizes for her. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those nearest and dearest to her."

## LABOR URGED TO SCORN ALL PARTY TIES

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Political movements may function effectively whenever the need for such may arise.  
"It is also essential," the report said, "that the non-partisan political machinery of the American Federation of Labor must be constantly active in support of men for public offices who are truly responsive to the interests of our people and to labor in particular, as well as to be constantly on guard that those having received labor's support will be true to the promise made."  
"The attainment of this object demands that the non-partisan political campaign committee created during the recent national presidential and congressional campaign be maintained on a permanent basis, instructed to carry on their work continually."  
"It is therefore recommended that our national non-partisan political campaign committee be charged with the duties of carrying out this suggested procedure."

## MASON EHRMAN STILL CUTTING PRUNE PRICES

Telegraphic advices from New York yesterday stated that Mason, Ehrman & company were still in the New York market, although quoting 49 cents prunes at a cent they had advised people here that they had returned to the regular price of 8 1/2 cents on 40s.

The condition seems to have no effect on the market, however, as inquiries were received yesterday on three more full cars of Italians and also some large consignments of peaches. The demand seems to be as brisk as ever at the regular prices and there seems to be no indication of the market weakening, even if a packer or two happens to step out of line on a slight price reduction.

Packers generally feel that what price reductions are made are to get rid of small lots of prunes, and that the trade understands this and there will be no difficulty in holding up the price on quality stuff.

## EGG AND BUTTER MARKET STEADY ALSO TURKEYS

Portland, Nov. 21—Cuba butter quotations were posted steady on the local exchange for today, a half cent advance in firsts being the only change. The market is very firm with San Francisco and Seattle markets up one and two cents on prints and fats.

The local butter trade is fully active, the underlying strength in the market and bought heavily today, anticipating an advance over the week end. At a late hour today no advance in print prices had been announced.

The egg market rules steady with quotations unchanged on the local boards. Values are now more in line with other coast markets considering the freight differential.

Two carloads of dressed turkeys shipped out yesterday by local dealers, has helped the local market, materially. While prices today are steady, the supply and demand are pretty well balanced and dealers do not look for any severe break unless there is a big increase in receipts. Fancy young turkeys, dressed, were quoted at 29 and 30 cents with few No. 1 birds selling under the lower figure.

Undergrade birds and culls are still a problem and the market very weak at 20 to 25 cents. Live turkeys are dragging with the top at 20 cents. Other lines of dressed poultry are in over-supply and prices are weak at the lower level.

## LIVESTOCK

Portland, Nov. 21—Cattle, receipts none; market steady bidding lower; steers, good \$7.50@8.25; medium \$6.25@7.50; common \$4.50@6.25; canner and cutter steers \$3.50@4.50; heifers, good \$5.00@6.25; medium \$3.50@5.00; and medium all weights \$3.50@5.25; cows, good \$5.00@6.75; canners and cutters \$1.50@3.00; common and medium \$3.00@5.00; bulls, good (best yearlings excluded) \$7.25@8.50; common to medium (canner and bologna) \$2.75@3.50; calves, medium to choice (100 lbs. down) \$6.50@8.50; cull (100 lbs. down) \$4.50@6.50; medium to choice (150 lbs. to 200 lbs.) \$6.00@8.00; medium to choice (200 lbs. up) \$4.50@6.50; cull and common (150 lbs. up) \$3.50@5.00.

Hogs steady; receipts 450; heavyweight 250 to 250 pounds, medium, good and choice \$5.00@5.40; medium weight 200 to 250 lbs., medium, good and choice \$4.40@5.00; light weight (100 to 200 lbs.) common, medium and choice \$3.25@3.80; light lights (120 to 160 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$3.50@4.20; packing hogs, smooth \$7.00@7.50; packing hogs, smooth \$7.00@7.50; slaughter pigs (130 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$8.00@8.75; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$6.00@7.00.

(Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above.)  
Sheep steady; receipts 100; lambs, light and handy weight, medium to choice \$11.00@12.50; heavy weight (92 lbs. up) medium to prime \$9.00@11.00; all weights cull and common \$7.00@10.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$2.50@3.50; wethers (2 year old and over) medium to prime \$3.00@4.00; ewes, common to choice \$2.00@3.00; ewes, common to choice \$4.00@6.00; ewes and cull \$1.50@4.00. (Above quotations except lambs on short basis.)

POTATOES  
Portland, Or., Nov. 21—Potatoes steady \$1.15@1.25 for U. S. No. 1; onions \$1.85@2.00 f. o. b. shippers' track.

BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT  
Portland, Or., Nov. 21—Butter firm; extra cubes, city, 27c; standards 26c; prime firsts 25c; firsts 24c; under grade nominal; prints 40c; cartons 41c. Butterfat firm; best churning cream 25@30c net shippers' track in zone 1.

WHEAT  
Portland, Nov. 21—Wheat bids hard hard white \$1.63; soft white \$1.40; western white \$1.38; hard winter \$1.58; northern spring \$1.58; western red \$1.51; B. B. B. hard white \$1.70. (Nov. bids). Today's car receipts: wheat 28 barley 2, hay 2, flour 3.

## PRUNE GROWERS IN POLK POOL SECURE \$13, 160

Dallas, Nov. 21—The Polk County Co-operative Prune Growers association is distributing \$13,160 among its members this week as the result of payment of one cent a pound upon the prunes pooled in this district by the North Pacific Prune Exchange. The payment here is based upon 1,316,000 pounds of prunes.

The selling agency distributed 1 1/2 cents upon its pooled crop but the local exchange applied the half cent upon its operating expenses. As a result the Polk county local is entirely out of debt with all operating expenses paid and all future payments can be made direct to the grower without further expense.

A second payment of 1/2 cent is expected before December 1 and from present aspects the entire pool can be closed at a comparatively early date.

As things stand now the local packing plant has packed out approximately three-fourths of the pool here and is expecting orders soon that will practically clean up the prunes handled through it.

The entire situation looks very encouraging both to the officers and growers, and with no local need to worry about the local should have a clear field to operate in next year.

## Salem Markets

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

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.44; No. 1 red wheat \$1.35 (sacked).

Wholesale Prices  
Meat: Top hogs 9@10; 800 5/2 @7; dressed hogs 11@12; 800 steers 5@6; cows 2@3 1/2; canner cows 1@1 1/2; bulls 2c; spring lambs up to 90 lbs., 10c; veal 7 1/2c; dressed veal 12c.

Poultry: Springers 16@18c; light hens 12c; heavy hens 18c; old roosters 7c; ducks 16@18c; turkeys 25@26c dressed; 18@19c alive.

Butterfat 35c; creamery butter 41@42c; eggs 38c; standards 50c; select 52c; milk \$1.80 per cwt.

Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.25@1.50 per cwt.; head lettuce \$2.50; cante Oregon cabbage 2c; celery 80c dozen; celery hearts 80c per doz.; onions \$1.00 per cwt.; 40@50c doz. 10c size; sweet potatoes, fancy, 6@7c; spinach greens 90c; peppers 10c; green Hubbard squash \$1.50 to \$1.75 cwt.; pumpkins 10c lb.; bunched carrots 40c doz.; rutabagas 2c lb.; sacked carrots \$1.75 cwt.; canbas 2 1/2c lb.; cauliflower, \$1.75 crates; Oregon cranberries, A grade \$5 box; Oregon McFarlands \$5.50 box; sack of turnips, purple top 2 1/2c lb.; yellow 2c.

Fruit: Apples \$1.00 box, face and fill; Delicious, \$2.50 box. Roosters 16c; ducks, white Peking 16@18c; live turkeys 19@20c; dressed turkeys 28@29c; geese, live 12@14c.

CASCARA AND NUTS  
Portland, Or., Nov. 21—Cascara bark quiet. New peel 7c lb.; old peel nominal; Oregon grape root 4c pound.

Nuts steady; walnuts No. 1 banded 28 1/2@30c pound; filberts 15@16c pound; almonds 27c; Brazil nuts 12@15c; Oregon chestnuts 15@17c.

HOP MARKET  
Portland, Nov. 21—Hops weak; new clusters 10@12; fuggles 15@18c; old crop none.

## SANTIAM RISES AT MILL CITY

Mill City, Or., Nov. 20.—Another torrential rain storm swept over the city and the surrounding country Tuesday night, resulting in the Santiam river raising approximately three and a half feet during the night. The rain was a warm one which melted quite a bit of the snow in the mountains, accounting for the sudden raise of the river.

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## LESS THAN CAR OF WALNUTS YET TO BE SOLD HERE

Chance for shipment of a carload of walnuts out of here to the east by the Salem Walnut Growers association seems to have gone by the boards. This is not due to the fact there is not a demand for the car lot but because walnuts have been moving out of here in small quantities for local consumption so fast that there is not a carload left in the warehouse and only about 100 bags on hand. If a carload is made up here it will have to be of walnuts shipped in from other points.

Only a comparatively small portion of the Salem nuts will be cracked this year, and those that are will be moved up to the headquarters at Dundee where the cracking will be done. The superior quality of Salem walnuts this year soon became known to the local trade which absorbed them in a hurry, and the small balance on hand will be moved out shortly.

## PRICE OF WOOL SOARS UPWARD

Boston, Mass., Nov. 21—The Commercial Bulletin tomorrow will say:

Wool prices are surging strongly upward, the scarcity of wool the world over, rather than the demand for clothing being the immediate impulse for the advance, although the clothing trade appears to be in a perfectly healthy condition. The opening of the New Zealand season this week was the signal for a strong advance which has been reflected in South America also. England and America are the two leading buyers at the moment in the primary markets, although the continent is keen at the River Plate.

Advances of five to 15 cents over last year's closing are predicted for the coming London colonial auctions.

Domestic manufacturers are in a much better position than they were a short while ago and consumption lately has been on the increase. Contracting in the west continues in a moderate manner at prices which show little change as compared with a week ago.

Mohair is in limited supply and very firm at last quotations.

## CROSS COUNTRY RACE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

The Interclass cross-country race, held annually at Willamette university, is scheduled for next Monday. The race will be between the freshmen and sophomores since neither of the two upper classes has produced a team.

While dark horses are always a possibility, it is expected that the foremost places will be divided between Coby and Berryman of the sophomores and Kutch and Zeller of the yearlings. Managers of the two contesting teams are withholding definite announcement as to who will run, but it is understood that for the three remaining men necessary to compose a team the second year men will draw from Douglas, Halsiger, Allen, J. Walsh and Meade. The freshmen will make their choice from among Taylor, Lanke, Lauer, Volin and Fiegel.

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## TURKEY BUYING IS ACTIVE

Roseburg, Nov. 21—Turkey buying continued steady at 25 cents today with light receipts. An attempt to break the market to 20 cents was initiated this morning, but the 25 cent price prevailed and all buying so far has been at that figure, but buyers claim it will not go higher. Few growers are killing at that price, and the bulk of the birds will be held for the Christmas trade. Douglas county will ship less than half the usual number of turkeys for Thanksgiving.

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