

# COLLEGE TO HELP DEVELOP ETTERSBERG BERRY

## TO MAKE EFFORT TO STIMULATE YIELD OF BERRY

Assurances that the Oregon Agricultural college will engage in co-operative work in the Salem district this season in a complete investigation of the Ettersberg situation in order to secure an increased yield in that remarkable canning berry have been brought back to Salem from the college by Earl Peary, who presented the importance of the situation to Director Jardine of the experiment station.

Dr. Jardine promised that one of his best men would be put on the job as investigator during the coming summer, probably Prof. Schuster, Prof. Schuster has been conducting pollenation work on cherries at The Dalles and Eugene with some startling results. While the Eugene and The Dalles investigations took over three years of research work, it is predicted they will result in doubling the production of cherries in those districts through new developments in pollenation work.

According to present plans the work of the college investigator here on the strawberry situation will be under the guidance of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Peary has held conferences with both Manager Wilson of the Chamber and George Greenhorn, chairman of the agricultural department, as well as with a number of cannermen. The proper development of the Ettersberg is conceded to be a community problem into which the resources of the community should be thrown for the benefit of the grower, canner and consumer.

"The experiment station recognizes the value of the canning industry to the state," said Peary in commenting on the decision of the college to send one of its best men over here. "With the necessary co-operation locally this strawberry investigation should become of tremendous importance to the locality. I am told that one cannerman checked up on the tonnage received last year from Ettersberg berries and found that that canner and four other averages of less than a ton per acre was harvested. We should be getting from two to three tons. One third of the strawberry pack of the United States is canned in Oregon. The value of increasing the per acre production of this wonderful variety is apparent both to the canneries and growers."

## PEACH TREES NEARLY IN BLOSSOM, REPORT

Another day or two of sunshine like that of Sunday would bring peach blooms out on some of the trees in the Crawford orchard at Kola near the Patterson ranch, according to O. K. Dewitt, who was at the Crawford orchard yesterday. Dewitt is interested himself in a large peach orchard near Wheatland, Wyo.

"I have seen peach trees in bloom here in February," said Dewitt, "and they bloom so early they when the bloom so early they have some late luck with frosts before the season is over."

## EGGS FIRMER; BUTTER STEADY; PRODUCE SLOW

Portland, Mar. 2.—Egg storage has assumed larger proportions in the local market with considerable interest shown in processed stocks. Receipts are heavy but of better quality due to improved weather conditions. Values opened around steady.

Butter opened strong with supplies still scarce. Arrivals of country dressed meats were light today with a brisk call for choice light hogs. Top pork is firm at 16 1/2 cents. Demand for veal was not so keen and the market held steady at 15 to 15 1/2 cents.

Live poultry receipts were moderate with quotations firms and active. Produce trading in fruits and vegetables opened slow with supplies plentiful.

The apple movement is sluggish with dealers much concerned over high priced stock held in storage. The demand now is for cookers or other cheap stocks.

Local steamed onions selling around 42.50 per sack, although some houses asking more for fancy stocks.

## POTATOES SLOW LITTLE DEMAND FOR SEED STOCK

Portland, Mar. 2.—Just now the sluggish condition of the coast potato markets is causing some anxiety among growers and dealers alike. The movement is stagnant and has been for the past month. Joying prices are nominal at \$1.50 to \$1.60 in the country for good Green Burbanks.

Demand for seed potatoes is disappointing. Growers have ascribed the lack of demand to heavy rains in sections of California that ordinarily use Oregon seed and others to a lack of ability of the southern growers to finance a coming crop.

In a carefully prepared price chart, R. L. Riner, local representative of the bureau of agricultural economics, shows that the present slump is not abnormal and that the price rushed to a peak three weeks earlier than last year.

Analysis of price fluctuations in the government chart shows that values were definitely established at \$1.75 per bushel by January 20th, while competitive buying forced the market to \$2 by February 1st. Since then there has been no buying to speak of and the market has eased back to \$1.50 and \$1.60.

Oregon shipped 72 cars from February 1st to February 26, as compared with 159 cars shipped during the same period last year. Oregon has now shipped a total of 619 cars as compared to 822 cars up to the same time in 1924.

Potato holdings in the whole country at present are estimated to be 15,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. The situation is generally bearish.

## AUSTRALIAN PRUNE PACK IS SMALLER

The total dried prune pack of the 1923-24 season in Australia amounted to 114,249 pounds as against 141,249 packed in that country the preceding season, according to consular figures secured by the department of commerce. The dried peach pack totaled 474,300 pounds as compared to 92,229 for the preceding season, and the dried pear pack was 331,520 pounds, as compared to 89,600 in the preceding season. The total dried fruit pack of the country for 1923-24 was 87,760,649, as compared to 60,486,720 in 1922-23.

## HIGHER GRAZING FEES ARE HELD UP

Because of the present depression in the livestock industry the department of agriculture will make no advances in grazing fees in national forests prior to 1927, and in cases where the range appraisal shows the value of the forage to be lower than the year-long rate charged for stock at present the necessary reduction in fees will be made, according to a letter received by Secretary of State Keizer from Howard M. Gore, secretary of agriculture. The letter is in reply to receipts of house joint memorial No. 7 of the second legislature in which the government was petitioned to withhold any advances in the fees until the livestock men had opportunity to protest.

"As a means of stabilizing the range livestock business," concludes the letter, "it has been decided to issue ten-year permits, beginning with this year. These permits will contain a provision authorizing the secretary of agriculture to determine the grazing fees for 1927 and thereafter for the remainder of the permit period."

## BIG COLUMBIA BASIN SCHEME IS APPROVED

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settlement led the board to fix 25 years as the maximum time in which the entire irrigable area would be settled by farmers and the land under cultivation.

Paving in 5 Years

"A carefully worked out schedule of farm operations," the report states, "indicates that an eighty-acre farm in the most favorably situated lands of the project, will at the end of the fifth year, return a gross annual revenue of \$4100, of which \$1000 would be available for debt reduction."

The board pointed out that the high per acre cost of the pumping plants, which provide for pumping water directly out of the Columbia river, in addition to the fact that 350,000 acres of the best lands cannot be reached by canal, makes them less attractive than the gravity plan.

Several secondary reservoirs sit within the project, and the board make it possible to improve operating conditions, conserve drainage and waste water and by furnishing water at a critical time during the peak demand and permit a further reduction in canal capacity.

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"That the state should assume its proper share of the responsibility for collecting payments from the settlers, and also bear its proper share of the losses, if any, incurred by the project.

The engineers recommended that wherever developed the net returns from power should be applied to the retirement of the principal cost of the proposed project. A summary of the board's conclusions follows:

That there be included in the maximum project, which can be served from the Spokane and Pend Oreille rivers, or from the Pend Oreille alone, 1,650,000 acres by gravity, and 233,000 acres within a 100 foot pumping lift, making it a total reclaimable of 1,883,000 acres.

## ANAEMIA

A remarkable discovery has enabled thousands of worn out, tired, nervous, anaemic people to increase their strength and energy, often in two weeks' time, and to quickly change their leaden pallor and listless look to the pink skin, rosy lips and sparkling eyes of glowing health. Formerly they were given the old fashioned tinctures and pills made from mineral iron, which many doctors now say are scarcely assimilated at all, and so give little benefit. But since the discovery of a new combination of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—which being like the organic iron in our own blood, is promptly taken up by the blood, thousands have found that they can banish every trace of tiredness and dizziness, those peculiar pains and that nervousness incident to old age, in a few short weeks. Further more, Nuxated Iron does not injure the teeth or disturb the stomach. It quickly helps build up rich, red blood that carries new strength, vitality and youth to your whole body.

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## PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOLS NOT TO PLAY IN TOURNAMENT

No Portland school will enter the state basketball tournament which is to be held in Salem on March 12, 13 and 14, according to notification received by Coach Guy Rathbun of Willamette university, who has charge of the tournament. A communication from the secretary of the state board reads in part as follows:

"No chances will be made with basketball districts of the state at this time. The placing of Portland schools on the accepted list does not bring them into the state tournament. The Portland schools have not joined the state league."

This is contrary to general opinion that has been held among basketball circles, the expectation having been that the winner of the Portland city league would be represented at the state meet.

Nine districts will send teams to the tourney, the number being the same as last year.

Rathbun has stated that he will have nothing to do in selecting the teams, simply entering those in the tournament that are selected by the state board. In accordance with action taken by the board, squads of 8 men, one more than previously, will be sent to Salem. With the coaches a total of nine men will come from each district. Aside from this, however there will be increase in the number of men at the meet.

## PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, Mar. 2.—Cattle fully steady; receipts 2740 (275 either direct or through). Steers, good \$7.75@8.25; medium \$7.00@7.75; common \$6.00@7.00;anner and cutter steers \$5.00@6.00; heifers, good (550 lbs. up) \$6.75@7.00; common and medium, all weights, \$5.00@6.25; canners and cutters \$2.00@2.50; bulls, good (their yearlings excluded), \$4.00@4.50; common to medium, canners and hologna, \$3.00@4.00; calves, medium to choice (120 lbs. down) \$8.50@12.50; cull and common (120 lbs. down) \$5.00@8.25; medium to choice (120 to 250 lbs.) \$2.50@11.00; medium to choice (260 lbs. up) \$6.00@7.50; cull and commons (120 lbs. up) \$4.50@6.50.

Hogs, opened 25 to 28c higher, with sales made at \$12, the highest price at the local pens since August, 1922. Receipts 2470 (422 direct or through). Heavyweight (220 to 300 lbs., medium, good and choice \$11.50@12.25; medium weight (200 to 300 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$12.00@13.00; lightweight (160 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$12.75@13.00; light lights (120 to 160 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$11.50@12.75; packing hogs, rough \$11.00@12.50; packing hogs, rough \$10.50@11.00; Slaughter pigs (120 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$11.00@12.50; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 120 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$10.00@11.00. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotation.)

Sheep, opened early, about steady, receipts 2970 (1302 direct or through). Lambs, light and heavy weight, medium to choice \$14.00@16.00; heavy weight (92 lbs. up) medium to prime \$12.00@14.00; all weights cull and common \$11.00@14.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$10.50@13.00; wethers (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$9.00@11.00; ewes, common to choice \$8.00@10.00; canner and cull \$5.00@8.00.

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## LAST OF PRUNES BEING PACKED

Packing the last of the exchange prunes is going on at the plant at Creswell, Earl Peary reports, having just passed through the prune producing section. The Creswell plant is owned and managed by Dr. L. D. Scarborough, one of the largest individual prune growers in the state.

Considerable irrigation was done in the Creswell section prune orchards last year. This was not done early enough for best results, but those that were attained were of sufficient importance to warrant a continuation of the experiments the coming year.

The Cottage Grove cannery put up the smallest pack in a number of years. This cannery is a heavy packer of snap beans, evergreens, logans and peaches. A large Anderson and Banninger resort was installed last year which cut down the swell claims on beans from a staggering sum to virtually nothing, logging at all the last year. President and Manager Knowles states that while only about 9000 cases were packed at the cannery last year a much heavier run will be put on this year.

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## Salem Markets

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

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.75; No. 1 red wheat \$1.72 (sacked).

Wholesale Prices

Meat: Top hogs 10 1/2c; sows 7@8c; dressed hogs 9 1/2c; top steers 6@7c; cows 4@5c; canner cows 1 1/2c; up; bulls 3 1/2@5c; spring lambs up to 99 lbs. 14c; veal 3c; dressed veal 16c.

Poultry: Springers 16c; light hens 15@17c; heavy hens 20c; old roosters 16c; ducks 16@18c; turkeys 25c dressed; alive 23@25c; geese 18@20c dressed; live 12@14c; white Pekin ducks, alive 16@18c; India Runner ducks alive 14@16c.

Butterfat 44c; creamery butter 16@46c; eggs 20c; standards 22c; sweets 24c; milk \$2.20 cwt.

Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.75@2.25 cwt; head lettuce \$3.25@3.00 crate; California cabbage 3 1/2@5 1/2c; celery hearts \$1.25@2.15 doz.; cwt; \$2.00@2.50 cwt.; onions \$2.50@3.50 No. 1; bolters \$1.50 per crate; sweet potatoes, fancy 3@16c; spinach greens 3c pound; peppers 40c; green Hubbard squash \$1.50 per cwt.; rutabagas 3c; parsnips 3 1/2c; sacked cauliflower \$1.50@1.75; sacked carrots \$2.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables: carrots, beets and turnips 80c doz.; parsley 75c; radishes, green onions 60c; grape

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