

# WHEAT TUMBLES 8 1/2 CENTS IN WILD SELLING RUSH

## MARKET CLOSES AT LOW POINT OF EXCITED SESSION

Chicago, Mar. 15.—In a wild rush of selling just before trading was ended today, the wheat market tumbled 8 1/2 cents from the day's top level and closed excited at the lowest point reached, 1.64 1/2, to \$1.65, May delivery, 1 1/2c, corn and oats also suffered a severe fall.

Initial wheat prices, which ranged from 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c, with May \$1.57 to \$1.63 and July \$1.45 to \$1.49, were followed by a rally of nearly four cents in some cases. After opening at 1/2 decline to 3/4 gain, May \$1.21 1/2 to \$1.22, corn and oats also suffered a severe fall.

Starting unchanged to 1 cent lower, May 46 to 47 cents, oats continued to lag as compared with other grain.

Higher prices on hogs helped to lift provisions.

Wheat closed weak, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 net lower, May \$1.64 1/2 to \$1.65 and July \$1.45 to \$1.49 1/2.

Subsequently corn dropped, closing heavy 1/2 to 3/4 net lower, May \$1.21 1/2 to \$1.22 1/2.

## CANNERS SEEK TO ELIMINATE SAME CAN SIZES

Reduction of the variety of tin containers used for the packing of fruits and vegetables is being given serious consideration by canners, growers, label manufacturers and others, according to information received by the division of simplified practice, United States department of commerce. The National Canners association has a committee on the simplification of containers, whose chairman is Leonard S. Armit of Marshalltown, Iowa, says the California Fruit News.

The National Wholesale Grocers association and the American Grocers association have taken steps to assure the cooperation of the members of those organizations.

The can manufacturers, of which there are ten large companies, will be asked to submit figures as to the present extent of variety and as to the proportionate demand. When these figures have been compiled and analyzed, it is expected that a program will be drawn up which will be submitted to groups such as the carton manufacturers, box manufacturers, packers and distributors, who would be affected by any action toward simplification. It is declared in several quarters that simplification of these products would be of great value to all groups, advocates of the movement pointing to the benefits accruing to other merchandising groups through simplification in other lines.

## COURT HEARS SCHOOL BILL ARGUMENTS

(Continued from Page One)

George E. Chamberlain, W. R. Moore, A. H. Putney and P. Q. Nye for the state; William D. Guthrie for the Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus Mary and John C. Veach for the Hill Military Academy.

**Plaintiffs' Pleas Attacked**

In argument prepared for today, counsel for the state pointed out that in the lower court the challenge of the law was based upon the charter rights of schools incorporated by the state. Contending that the injunction has been based largely upon the assumption that the property rights of the parochial and private schools granted by the state, could be impaired by the requirement that children should attend public schools, they took the position that the court in deciding the issue should ignore the investments of private schools, holding that any loss which might result from the exercise of a non-governmental function by the state did not constitute an unlawful taking of property.

Counsel for the appellants on the other hand, based their argument on the contention that the new school law violated the right of liberty and property secured by the constitution. That it amounted to a denial of the rights of those following the useful occupation of conducting a school, violated parental control over children and exceeded the police power of the state.

**Contractual Right Pleaded**

There was a contractual right of those chartered by the state to conduct private schools, they further held, which the state could not take away.

The real purpose of the law was described by the attorneys for the private schools as one to completely destroy private primary schools in the state. Insisting that should this be permitted, secondary schools, colleges and universities could also be brought under state control, counsel for the schools contended this would mean that only those subjects could be taught and those theories and doctrines expounded which the state approved.

The Seventh Day Adventist and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal as friends of the courts, filed briefs attacking the school law.

## MIALL RECEIVER FOR DEFUNCT FRUIT UNION

C. M. Miall, general manager of the Northwest Fruit Products company, successor to the Phez company interests, has been named as receiver for the Salem Fruit Union to handle prosecution of suits against growers for 18 cents a crate damage, growing out of the famous loganberry contract cases, and also to have charge of such disposition of the Salem Fruit Union property as is decided upon.

This was determined at a hearing in circuit court Saturday afternoon.

## STORAGE BUTTER SUPPLIES FOUND SHORT OF DEMAND

Portland, Mar. 15.—Large holdings of storage butter a few months ago was a bearish factor that caused much concern through out the country. At that time it appeared very ominous for the dairy industry during coming season. Big storage operators too, were worried and plans for a national campaign to encourage the consumption of butter were considered.

Today the situation has changed considerably. The big surplus in storage has been reduced far beyond expectations, although holders took a loss to move it out. The last government report showed a total of 28,862,000 pounds in storage on March 1, as compared to 45,748,000 pounds on February 1. Locally the butter market is in a healthy condition. A carload was shipped south Friday, and this helped to take care of the small accumulation in the curb market.

Country dressed meat receipts were high today and prices were firm at 17 1/2 to 18 cents for choice light hogs and 12 to 14 1/2 cents for choice light veal.

Country dressed meat receipts were moderate with only a nominal call. No change is shown in prices.

An easier trend is shown in the local egg market with prices unchanged. With the California market lower today a decline is expected in sympathy with the south.

## MARKET ON DRIED FRUITS IS QUIET

A quiet dried fruit market has been making this week at primary points here. The general trend of prices in apricots, figs and peaches is upward, says an analysis made by the California Fruit News.

The latter are almost sold out entirely in some of the grades and are being quoted very generally now at definite increases in value. Prunes are indicating a little better activity in some of the eastern markets that have been for some time trading in their spot supplies, without having to come to the coast. As here are, however, quoted a trifle easier by some of the operators. There is no change in the Northwest situation in this line. Raisins are being quoted a little easier by commercial operators in practically all of the markets, to attract increased interest.

A report, which is the most authentic of anything available here now, of the unimproved stocks of dried fruits still in California comes from the meeting of the Pacific Coast Regional Advisory board, held in Los Angeles on February 28, as the report of the dried fruit committee, covering the needs of the dried fruit industry for some time past. This shows the generally accepted estimates of dried fruit supplies available in California in that time to be: Apples, 1500 to 1700 tons; apricots, 800 to 850 tons; figs, 1900 tons; peaches, 1000 tons; pears, nominal; prunes, 25,000 to 40,000 tons; raisins, 120,000 to 130,000 tons. These figures, having undoubtedly been passed upon by the industry itself would seem to constitute the best public information on the subject at the present time. The figures reflect just about the general understanding and show, just as we have been saying for some time, that there is practically nothing left but raising and some prunes. The figure on the latter is a little higher than some of the estimates current earlier in February, but are in line with other estimates.

## EGGS AND BUTTER

Portland, Mar. 15.—Eggs steady current receipts 27c; pullets 24 1/2c; firsts 25c; second 23c; 2 1/2c delivered Portland.

Portland, Or., Mar. 15.—Butter extras, cubes, city 45c; standard 43 1/2c; prime firsts 41 1/2c; firsts 39 1/2c; butters 40c; cream 40c; butterfat steady, best churning cream 45 1/2c; net shipper's track in zone 1; 46c delivered Portland.

## GRAIN MARKET

Portland, Mar. 15.—Wheat bid: hard winter \$1.60; soft white \$1.60; western white \$1.59; northern spring \$1.60; western red \$1.58; B. B. B. hard white \$1.75. Today's rice receipts: wheat 11, flour 11, oats 2, hay 9.

Portland, Or., Mar. 15.—Poultry nominal. Heavy hens 21 1/2c; light 18 1/2c; spring 20c; 22c; old roosters 16c; ducks, white 25c; live turkeys 22c; dressed turkeys 22 1/2c; goose 16c.

Portland, Mar. 15.—Onions slow; 27 1/2c to 27 3/4c in country. Potatoes steady \$1.50 to 1.60.

Portland, Mar. 15.—Nuts steady walnuts 25 1/2c; filberts nom.

Portland, Mar. 15.—Hops steady new clovers 18 1/2c; fugles 15 1/2c; old crop nominal.

Portland, Mar. 15.—Cascara bark 40c; nutmeg 1 1/2c per lb.; Oregon 20c; nutmeg 4c.

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## PRUNE BLOSSOM BLIGHT CONTROL BY SPRAY SHOWN

Where blossoms and twig blight of Oregon prunes, cherries and apricots has been serious in the past, special attention to spraying them should be given this year. The experiment station, The deceased spores are already being produced, and as soon as winter buds open they will start new infections.

In places where the disease has been severe in the past, particularly on apricots or other very susceptible varieties of fruit, a number of sprays will be required if the season is at all wet and favorable for spread of the disease.

The following program is suggested: As soon as the winter buds open, use bordeaux 4-4-50 or even stronger, covering every bud and twig. In California as high as 3-3-50 strength is recommended. The second application, with the same mixture, is best applied just as soon as the first blossoms are opening. The third application is applied when the trees are in full bloom.

Growers do not need to fear results from blight spray. The protection from blight usually increases late set of fruit.

Peach leaf curl in Oregon cannot be prevented or controlled after the leaves have opened in early spring, says the experiment station. Before this time bordeaux mixture spray will give complete protection. Where a protective spray has not been given, the trees there are only a few small peach trees the owner can help conserve the vitality of the trees by pulling off the disease leaves before they reach full size. In doing so the tree will send out new leaves provided the buds are not pulled off. This of course is not practicable in orchards.

## Society

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Members of the Community bridge club and their husbands enjoyed an evening of bridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pettys on Saturday. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pettys were Mrs. Earl Dane and Mrs. W. E. Flournoy.

Club members and guests in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. James Imah, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chaffee, Miss Nellie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Flournoy.

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## Salem Markets

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Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.48; No. 1 red wheat \$1.46 (sacked).

Wholesale Prices

Meat: Top hogs 10 1/2c; sows 10 1/2c; dressed hogs 15 1/2c; top steers 6 1/2c; cows 4 1/2c; canner cows 1 1/2c; bulls 3 1/2c; spring lambs up to 50 lbs. 14c; veal 9c; dressed veal 15c.

Poultry: Springers 15c; light hens 15 1/2c; heavy hens 20c; old roosters 8c; ducks 16 1/2c; turkeys 32c dressed; alive 23 1/2c; turkey 13 1/2c dressed; live 12 1/2c; white Pekin ducks, live 12 1/2c; India Runner ducks alive 14 1/2c.

Butterfat 44c; creamery butter 45 1/2c; eggs 20c; standard 22c; yolks 24c; milk 12 1/2c; cream 2 1/2c.

Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.75 @ 2.25 cwt. head lettuce \$4.50 @ 5.00 crate California cabbage 3 1/2 @ 5 1/2c; celery hearts \$1.25 @ 1.75 doz; crate \$4.00 @ 5.50; onions \$2.50 @ \$2.50 No. 1; boilers \$1.50 per cwt.; sweet potatoes fancy 7 1/2c; spinach greens 3c pound; peppers 40c; green Hubbard squash \$1.50 @ 1.75; rutabagas 2 1/2c; parsnips 3 1/2c; crated cauliflower \$1.50 @ 2.50; sacked carrots \$2.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch beans 30c doz; parsley 75c; radishes, green onions 60c; grape fruit \$4.90 @ 4.75 crate; rhubarb 15c; California rhubarb 10c; tomatoes \$5.00 @ 6.00; lettuce 5c; cabbage 5 1/2c lb.; asparagus 25c lb.; new telephone peas 24c; new mustard greens 7 1/2c.

## Quick Starting SHELL GASOLINE

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Friends of Mrs. Eugene Holley and her mother, Mrs. R. L. Penton, will be happy to hear that Mrs. Penton is recovering from a severe attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Graag entertained at four tables of cards in their home on Saturday evening. Attractive St. Patrick day novelties were combined with spring flowers about the room and shamrocks were used for center and place cards.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Amort of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Doan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graag, Miss Doris Langland, Frank Needham and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Graag.

Friends of Mrs. Gilbert Kemis of Salem will regret that she is ill at her home and unable to come to Portland for a visit as expected. Mrs. A. Q. Muntzel, who arranged an informal bridge and tea for Mrs. Kemis, has postponed the affair until a later date.—Oregon Journal.

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