

WHEAT DROPS 1 CENTS AT MARKET OPENING

HEAVY SELLING TO STOP LOSSES IS DISASTROUS

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 17.—May wheat fell 18 cents to \$1.55 1/2 on the Winnipeg grain exchange before noon today in the most drastic break ever recorded in a single day here.

The pit was in a turmoil with orders unable to execute stop loss orders or sell their holdings.

Chicago, Mar. 17.—Wheat smashed down excitedly today, 31 cents a bushel as soon as the market here opened. May delivery touched \$1.54 as compared with \$1.64 1/2 at the finish yesterday.

A big drop in quotations at Liverpool over-ought had preceded the collapse here and had contributed to the acute weakness of prices.

Tumbling down in prices spread quickly to other grains, especially rye and corn. Rye fell 11 cents to \$1.13 for May delivery.

New low price records for the season were reached by all deliveries of oats and by distant deliveries of rye. Oats suffered an extreme setback of six cents a bushel.

At the worst of the earlier slashes in price today, the wheat market showed more than 25 cents a bushel loss as against the high point last week and 52 cents loss compared with \$2.05, the top record on January 28.

Fresh waves of selling later swept the wheat market to 2 cents below the opening figures, and whirled the May delivery down to \$1.51. This was a total break of 14 cents a bushel since yesterday's finish.

Minneapolis, Minn., Mar. 17.—Weakness on the Liverpool and Buenos Aires wheat markets sent Minneapolis May wheat prices to new 1925 low levels today, resulting in a semi-panic when opening sales brought a loss of nine points under Monday's close.

The wheat close was unsettled at 2 to 12 cents per bushel, May \$1.52 to \$1.53 1/2, and July \$1.39 to \$1.39 1/2.

Corn closed nervous at 2 1/2 to 3 net decline, May \$1.18 to \$1.16 1/2.

PEAR BUYER HERE TO PICK UP FRUIT IN SMALL LOTS

Guy W. Conner, one of the biggest dealers in fruits in the Medford section, was here today looking into the question of pears.

Report has it that Oregon canneries have picked up over 2000 cases of pears in the Yakima section for their operations.

Conner states that he has a good share of the pear production in the Unquaga valley saved up, as he has a big block of the Rogue river valley and in addition he has the bulk of the space already taken in the new cold storage warehouse being constructed at Medford.

Conner let fall the hint that he is apt to be in here for black cherries if the situation is at all propitious and he finds there are any black cherries left to be had.

"I will admit that I am looking into the cherry situation a bit while here, but haven't anything definite lined up and don't know just what to do in that regard. But, nevertheless I am interested."

In addition to handling fruit for shipment Conner also is manager of a company in the Rogue river valley which has 200 acres of pears of its own, and this adds its mite toward keeping him busy.

NEW YORK FRUIT BROKER IN CITY

Pete Aberle, of the firm of Aberle, Schwab & company, brokers of New York, who handle the Drager Fruit company connections in Salem, primarily to make connections with the new Pacific manery to go up in West Salem and incidentally to get into close touch with the northwest prime situation.

Aberle states that New York wholesalers have been buying from hand to mouth more or less but there are indications of the market opening up.

Salem Markets

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

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.58; No. 1 red wheat \$1.58 (stacked); No. 1 white wheat \$1.58.

Meat: Top hogs 16 1/2c; sows 17 1/2c; dressed hogs 16 1/2c; top steers 6 1/2c; cows 4 1/2c; canner cows 3 1/2c; but 2 1/2c; veal 9c; dressed veal 12c.

Poultry: Springers 16c; light hens 15 1/2c; heavy hens 20c; old roosters 8c; ducks 15 1/2c; turkeys 22c dressed, live 23 1/2c; geese 18 1/2c dressed, live 19 1/2c.

White Pekin ducks, alive 16 1/2c; White Runner ducks, alive 14 1/2c; Butterfats: 4c; residuals 2c; eggs 14c; eggs 20c; standards 22c; selects 24c; milk 22 1/2c cwt.

Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.75 @ 2.25 cwt; head lettuce \$3.00 @ 3.50; California cabbage 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2; celery hearts \$1.25 @ 1.50 doz; crates \$2.00 @ 2.50 cwt; onions \$2.50 @ 3.00 cwt; No. 1, bolters \$1.50 per cwt; sweet potatoes \$1.00 @ 1.25; spinach greens 9c pound; peppers 40c; green Hubbard squash \$3.50 per cwt; rutabagas 2 1/2c; turnips 3 1/2c; crates, cauliflower \$1.00 @ 1.25; sacked carrots \$2.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables: carrots, beets and turnips 90c doz; parsnips 75c; kale 60c; rutabagas 60c; rhubarb 1 1/2c; California rhubarb 10c; tomatoes \$3.00 @ 3.50; Texas cabbage 1 1/2c; rutabagas 2 1/2c; spring greens \$2.00 @ 2.50; asparagus 2 1/2c lb; new telephone press 23c; new mustard greens 7 1/2c.

Portland, Mar. 17.—Flourational local 10 1/2c; extra 11 1/2c; standard 12 1/2c. The past two weeks are causing considerable uneasiness in other lines of farm produce. Not only grain prices are responding to the severe slump in wheat but other feeds and hay are weak and on the lower trend.

Grasses and dealers alike are afraid that the weakness in livestock markets. Rationing high levels in grain have substantially added to the price of feed, poultry and stock. With this surplus of grain it is hard to tell what will happen to values.

At present livestock values are holding up well due to an actual shortage in production. Cows and hogs are at the high peak of the year. Local commission men are even predicting an 18 cent price on hogs at the Kenton yards in another month.

The egg market is easier with pullets and firsts one cent lower on the exchange at 28 and 31 cents respectively, there are no extra or current receipts. Supplies are liberal with storage demand less keen.

A stronger tone is evident in the local butter market. Standard and extra firsts values are a half to 1 1/2 cents higher on the exchange at 44 and 43 cents respectively. Prices are unchanged.

Live poultry receipts were very light today and prices held well. Country dressed meats are holding firm. There was a fairly good run of calves today but quality was good and choice light stock moved out at 16 to 16 1/2 cents. Choice light hogs still holding at the 18 cent top with few coming in.

PRUNE GROWERS OF CALIFORNIA TO CHANGE PLAN

The reorganization committee of the California Prune and Apricot Growers association has agreed upon certain changes in the contract to govern the membership after the season of 1925, says the California Prune News.

The present marketing agreement with the members is for the crops of 1923 to 1925 inclusive, with an expiration date of each year. Under the old contract the association sign-up was for a period of seven years without any power of withdrawal.

The present committee recommends that local units of growers be organized in the different districts throughout the state not only to look after their own sign-up but for the purpose of electing the members of the board of directors of the association. Under the contract now existing the state is divided into thirty-nine districts, each district elects what is known as a member of the voting board, who holds a proxy of all the members.

This voting board elects the board of directors and the proposed will do away with this voting board and will permit the members in district meetings to vote directly for four or five members of the board of directors and these members of the board will be responsible and report to the local organizations. It is felt that this plan will give the members a more direct connection with the central organization and give them a more intimate touch with the conduct of association affairs.

INQUEST IS RESUMED BY JURY TODAY (Continued from Page One)

witnesses, these being the county surveyor and return to the stand of Edwin Swartz, 13 year old son of the dead man.

As the web of testimony was unwound at the inquest yesterday it became more and more apparent that it all was tending toward a verdict of accidental death. It seems likely now with the jury's verdict, when it comes, that the twin mysteries of the Swartz and Kozell deaths by violence will be sealed away and forgotten.

Following conclusion of the testimony of Mrs. Swartz yesterday, her son took the stand. Other witnesses were E. B. Monson, truck driver for the Marion Creamery company, first to see the dead body after its discovery by the widow, Herb Spark, a neighbor and Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith.

E. B. Gabriel, expert powder man, also discussed the use of the short fuse.

After all is said and done the central figure of the inquest, the one whose testimony seems to tell any real story about the death of Swartz is the little widow, who broke down and sobbed a number of times during the recital.

Mrs. Swartz is a slight woman, with indications that heavy toil has bowed her shoulders. During the past year she has had more than her share of tragedy and sorrow. First her brother was found dead in the barn of his ranch with a bullet wound in his head. Hardly had her tears dried when she was charged by her husband with unfaithfulness and faced the trying ordeal of having her name handed about in the prosecution of her alleged paramour. With this sickening trial hanging over her head, came like a bolt from the blue, the death of her husband, leaving her with two young children and the burden of caring for a hundred acre ranch.

A touch of what she had undergone came in the simple recital on the stand, simply told, that the milking was turned over to her on the raw, foggy morning while her husband went down to the field and to the tragedy which brought about the inquest.

GERMS USED FOR MURDER SAYS FAIMAN

Further testimony to the fact that out of what seemingly must have been a drab existence for her, she has been making a two upright citizen. From indications now the inquest will disclose nothing further than the fact that a mother, through a series of trials and tribulations—has sacrificed herself on the altar of work to a husband and her children.

What else has been sought for in the inquest remains concealed behind an impenetrable veil of mystery. And it is likely to rest there for all time.

Indictment drawn. An indictment containing 15 counts was drawn up by Assistant Prosecutor Marshall for submission for a vote of the grand jury.

If a true bill is voted Faïman will be the state's star witness. Mr. Crowe said and would probably gain the minimum penalty if not complete immunity for his part in the case.

Faïman, who yesterday admitted Shepherd had offered him \$20,000 "to keep his mouth shut" explained last night the details of the relations he said he had with Shepherd.

He said that after Shepherd had taken a two weeks' course in his school and obtained the germs in November, 1923, he showed him how to care for them and keep them alive in a hermetically sealed bottle. They frequently met in downtown hotels, he asserted, and he would explain to Shepherd how a body might be inoculated with the germs.

"About a year ago," said Faïman, "according to state's attorney," "Shepherd and myself met several times. We planned how McClintock might be inoculated with the typhoid germs, which I had given to Shepherd in the fall of 1923. I knew Shepherd was going to give the germs to McClintock."

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Four 8, bats 2, hay 12.

POULTRY Portland, Or., Mar. 17.—Poultry now, steady, heavy hens 21 1/2c; light 18 1/2c; spring 22 1/2c; old roosters 16c, ducks, white neck 23c; live turkeys 28c; dressed turkeys 22 1/2c; geese 16c.

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Portland, Or., Mar. 17.—Butter extra, cubes, city 45c; standards 44c; primo firsts 47c; firsts 39c; prima 47c; extra 46c. Butterfat steady, best churning cream 45 1/2c net shippers track in zone 1; 47c delivered Portland.

GRAIN MARKET Portland, Mar. 17.—Wheat bids: hard winter \$1.58; soft white \$1.50; western white \$1.50; northern spring \$1.50; western red \$1.50. Today's car receipts: wheat 7,

THOUSANDS OF CHILD BRIDES IN AMERICA

New York.—More than 667,000 persons living in the United States today were "child brides," less than 18 years of age when they were married, and the great majority of these, contrary to popular belief, are native white of native parentage. These are a few of the many facts revealed in an extended study of child marriages pursued in 50 cities in 28 states, a preliminary report on which was made public here by the Russell Sage Foundation.