

VALLEY CHERRY BUYING ACTIVE EGGS UP 1 CENT

Portland, Mar. 28.—Willamette valley cherries are being contracted. Buyers are already in the field signing up the new crop of Blings and Lambrs on a guarantee price plus basis. Approximately 900 tons have been signed up around McMinnville, Sheridan, Salem, Albany, Portland and The Dalles, figures on last year's tonnage as a basis.

R. R. Hurst, representing Deany & Co., of Chicago, reports that the contract provision is popular among the growers, and should net them a fancy price if the cherry deal is as good as last year.

Growers are being schooled on the proper spraying to insure the cherries a good shipping quality and to eliminate insect and worm damage.

Eggs are a cent higher today on extras and a half cent up on current receipts with the top grade again at the 32 cent level. Receipts are coming in heavy now but they are well taken with the movement into storage here.

The butter market closed steady and unchanged.

Live poultry prices ranged upward during the past week closed at the top. Receipts were moderate and quickly absorbed. Light and sold around 23 cents with occasional sales reported up to 21 cents. Heavy hens generally sold around 25 cents.

Commission firms succeeded in cleaning up their country dressed meat shipments today, although the market was plainly weaker. Choice light hogs sold at 14 cents, a premium of 1 1/2 cents, closing around 15 cents, due to the lower trend at the yards.

Flour prices are lower today with family patents down 20 cents a barrel to \$10.60. Other grades declined 40 cents a barrel. Bakers' grades now quoted at \$10.30 to \$10.40.

Salem Markets

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

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.45; No. 1 red wheat \$1.35 (sacked).
 Wholesale Prices
 Meat: Top hogs \$12.50; some 7@9c; dressed hogs 16 1/2c; 100 steers \$6.75; cows \$4.00; 500 lb. pig \$1.50; spring lambs up to 90 lbs. 14c; veal 3c; dressed veal 14 1/2c.
 Poultry: Springers 16c; light hens 15@17c; heavy hens 20c; turkeys 22c dressed; live 12@14c; white Pekin ducks, alive 14@16c; India Runner ducks, alive 14@16c.
 Butterfat 47c; creamery butter 45@50c; eggs 20c; standards 22c; select 24c; milk \$2.20 cwt.
 Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.20@2.25 cwt. head lettuce \$2.75@4.50 crate California cabbage 3 1/2@4c; celery hearts 11.75 dozen; crate, \$6.00@8.50 cwt.; onions \$3.00@4.00 No. 1; boilers \$1.20 cwt.; sweet potatoes fancy 19c; spinach greens 9c pound; peppers 40c; rutabaga \$2.75; parsnips 2 1/2c; Brussels sprouts \$2.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables: carrots \$1; beets, turnips 30c doz.; parsley 75c; radishes, green onions 40c; grape fruit \$4.00@4.75 crate; rhubarb 15c; local rhubarb 6c; tomatoes \$3.50@6.00 lug; sacked beets 4c; cucumbers \$1.50@2.00; asparagus 12@18c; new telephone peas 15c; California strawberries 50c basket, 12 box crate, \$4.50; artichokes \$1.00 dozen, oranges, small naval 5c; medium 2 1/2c; large 4@5.00.

LARGER ACREAGE BEING PLANTED IN EVERY LINE

Portland, Mar. 28.—The intentions of Oregon farmers, as well as the farmers of Washington and of the other nine western states, indicate an increased acreage of all of the major crops this spring, with the exception of rye, which is being planted in smaller acreage in the case of spring wheat. The large increase in this crop is probably due to the severe winter killing in the Pacific northwest, particularly in eastern Oregon.

These intentions are shown in reports gathered by E. L. Kent, agricultural statistician of the department of agriculture. Reports in detail from the state indicate:

"Winter wheat—Winterkill, eastern Oregon, 450,000 acres; western Oregon, 57,000 acres; total, 537,000 acres. Nearly all eastern Oregon winter wheat area replaced with spring wheat. Part of western Oregon area will be planted to oats, barley, corn, etc. More wheat than last year and probably less smutty wheat. Decrease in hard red winter and white club wheat.

"Clover—Spring oat acreage larger than usual due to poor fall for seeding and winter killed fall oats. Probably no over production of crop.

"Hay—Acreage increased in all parts of the state. Increased acreage limited by seed supply. Probably no over production.

"Potatoes—Increased acreage in Union, Umatilla, Benham, Crook and Klamath counties. Decreased acreage in Western Oregon. New potato law will probably improve local market for home grown stock. (Big increase in acreage reported from Yakima district.)

"Tame hay—Greatly reduced acreage in clover, due to failure 1924 sowings. Also, great decrease in vetch dig to poor fall for seeding, and serious winter killing in Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton and Clackamas counties. Alfalfa, reduced in state 1/2.

SMALL FRUITS TO BE IN DEMAND

Demand for small fruits should be active this year with prices ranging around those of 1924 or better, in the opinion of C. J. Hurst, marketing specialist for O. A. C. extension service. Most berries report that their available stock has been sold, and inquiries for the coming season are above normal. This augurs well for the grower, believes Mr. Hurst, because the prices offered for small fruits are largely governed by demand for canned goods.

Short raspberry and loganberry crops are in prospect as a result of injury to canes during the December freeze. Extent of the damage varies with localities.

"The exceedingly low price paid for loganberries for the last two or three years together with damage from the 1924 freeze should materially reduce the bearing acreage for 1925, and ought to make a good demand for the good berries produced," says Mr. Hurst.

"Since the market for loganberries will be for canned purposes, the demand for canned goods will determine the price to be paid for the green fruit.

"Because of the decreased acreage, this price should be such as to justify giving fields the very best care. Early and continued cultivation so as to retain all moisture possible will result in more and better quality berries and a consequently higher return per acre."

FROST DAMAGE HERE IS SLIGHT

Inspections of orchards made by County Inspector Van Trump the past few days both in the hill countries and the lower level country, indicate that recent frosts have done no very material damage to fruits, but winter injury to cherries and peaches is beginning to show up from the February freeze and rain is showing as a result.

The extent of damage to cherries and peaches is not exactly such as can be definitely reckoned as yet but it unquestionably is there, the county inspector states.

Some ranchers are reporting that logans that have been put up are beginning to show up in bad shape in some instances.

In the hill countries he states that the logans are in better condition than right around Salem. He expresses the belief that the logans in the immediate Salem vicinity may have been worse hit than last year.

Athletics Break Camp
 Philadelphia, Mar. 28.—Connie Mack's athletics leave their training camp at Fort Myers, Fla., today, on their homeward journey. In their last game at Fort Myers, yesterday, the Athletics defeated a local combination 14 to 1.

YOUNG & WELLS TO AGAIN ENTER ON CHERRY DEAL

With the declaration they hope to get a thousand cars of fruit out of the valley the coming season, L. W. Wells has written from Spokane to a friend in Salem that he and his partner, John Young, and their foreman, Charlie Anderson, expect to be here during the first part of April in an effort to get a location for the season.

Speculation has been rife along fruit row the past few days as to whether Young & Wells would be back in this year. Announcement was made by Mr. Wells when here the latter part of February that they expected to be in here about March 15. At that time he was just leaving on an extensive trip through the east and south to develop markets.

In his letter here he states he has just returned to Spokane from the east and while there made arrangements for handling a very heavy tonnage out of the valley. Their plans are to handle black cherries, apples and green prunes if the seasons are propitious for all of those lines. He declares that conditions in the east look very good for a prosperous fruit year.

It is barely possible the firm may branch out into vegetable lines a little later, although no definite information has been offered to that effect. The firm states that it will pay the best cash price for whatever it handles and will do no consignment handling whatever.

Last year the firm here handled black cherries, prunes and apples being here off and on from the beginning of the shipping season up to Thanksgiving time.

Compromise Reached

Tokio, March 28.—(By Associated Press)—Compromise agreement satisfactory to all parties was reached in joint conference late tonight of both houses of the Japanese diet on the much debated manhood suffrage bill.

Society

(Continued from Page Five.)
 Arrangements have been practically completed for a homecoming meeting of the W. C. T. U. which will be held Tuesday afternoon in the W. C. T. U. hall beginning at two thirty. A special invitation has been extended to all those who have worn the white ribbon.

Of interest to club women who have community welfare at heart is the conference which will be held in Salem on Wednesday of the coming week when representatives from all of the independent colleges in the state will meet to hear Professor Kalb, of the University of Wisconsin school of social sciences.

Professor Kalb is on a year's leave of absence making a survey of the towns in California and Oregon, and it is through Professor S. B. Laughlin, of the Willamette faculty, that the invitation to hear the results of the survey up to the present time has been extended to faculty members of the Oregon colleges.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, of the Marion county health demonstration program, will take part in the conference, contributing to the health division of the discussion. The educational angle will be handled by the Willamette department, and the religious aspect will be treated by Prof. W. H. Hertzog. Representatives from Langfield college, Pacific university, Pacific college, Albany college and Reed college will attend the conference.

Mrs. Earl Fiegel of Honolulu, and Mrs. Don Byrd of Portland, were the special guests of Mrs. Egan yesterday when she entertained her bridge club at a charming luncheon and after-noon of bridge in her country home.

Wild spring flowers in an attractive basket centered the luncheon table with covers laid for Mrs. Fiegel, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Donald Young, Mrs. Paul Hendrick, Mrs. John H. Carson, Mrs. Helms Huntington, Mrs. Allen Carson, Mrs. Clifford Farmer and the hostess, Mrs. Egan.

High score among the bridge players was won by Mrs. Allan Carson.

Miss Joy Turner will entertain at a twelve cover luncheon at the Colonial Dame Tea Shoppe tomorrow.

The Senior Standard Bearers of the First Methodist church will be entertained Monday evening beginning at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. F. A. Leske, 1499 State street. Miss Grace Allen will take charge of the lesson, Cedric Chang a native of China, and a student at Willamette university, will give a talk on China.

The collection of letters from the members to be sent to Mrs. Margaret Wittchen recuperating from a serious illness in San Francisco, and a talk on the experience of a recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands by Mrs. Milton Meyers made the meeting of the Past Matrons' association at the home of Mrs. Ida Godfrey last night a pleasurable event. Mrs. Lotta Smith, Mrs. Josie LaFore and Mrs. Marian Derby were hostesses.

Mrs. Meyers interested the group greatly with her description of the natives' life on the islands, their occupations, vocations and avocations, and her description of the verdure of the islands.

In the group were Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Lena Cherrington, Mrs. Alice Conledge, Mrs. Cordelia Copper, Mrs. Josephine LaFore, Mrs. Marian Derby, Mrs. Ida Godfrey, Mrs. Monnie Hauser, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Alice Meyers, Mrs. Annabelle Milce, Mrs. Minnie Moeller, Mrs. Marie McCall, Mrs. Ida Nile, Mrs. Elizabeth Shafer, Mrs. Addie Mae Petteys, Mrs. Lotta Smith, Mrs. Josephine Vase and Mrs. Fay Wright.

Mrs. W. J. Linfoot entertained as her house guest this week her cousin, George A. Ross, of Yakima, Washington.

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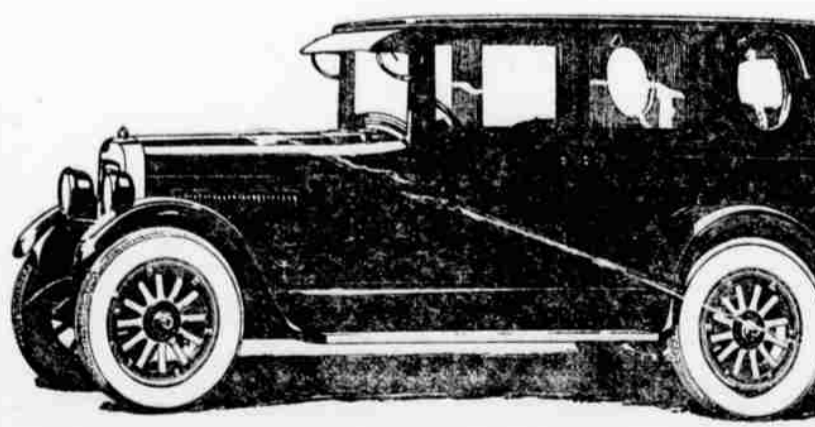
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EGGS AND BUTTER
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Eggs steady current receipts 26c; pullets 23 1/2@24c; firsts 24 1/2@25c; henneries 27 1/2@28c delivered Portland.
 Portland, Or., Mar. 28.—Butter extra cubes, city 1 1/2@1 3/4; standards 46 1/2c; prime firsts 45c; firsts 44c; prills 43c; cartons 43c.
 Butterfat firm; best churning cream 44@47c net shipper's track in zone 1; 48c delivered Portland.

GRAIN MARKET
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Wheat bids: hard white, hard, \$1.50; hard white \$1.55; western white \$1.55; northern spring \$1.55; western red \$1.50. Today's car receipts: flour 8, hay 12, wheat 8, corn 1.

POULTRY
 Portland, Or., Mar. 28.—Poultry scarce. Firm. Heavy hens 25c; light 23c; spring nominal; old roosters 18c; ducks, white pekín 25c; live turkeys 23c, dressed turkeys 33@36c; geese 13c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Onions firm \$2.00@2.25 in country. Potatoes steady \$1.50@1.60.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASABA
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Nuts steady walnuts 28@32c; filberts nom.
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Hops steady new clusters 16@17c; fuggles 15@18c; old crop nominal.
 Portland, Mar. 28.—Casaba back quiet; new pool 7@8c per lb.; Oregon grape root 4c.

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