

PRUNE CROP PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT, IS REPORT

HOT SUN BRINGS OUT EXTENT OF ORCHARD DAMAGE

"The prune crop is virtually gone. The situation is a disaster—a calamity."

This was the assertion today of H. H. Jones of the Drager Fruit company after examining several different orchards in the hill lands.

"Up to yesterday we knew that the prunes in the lowlands around Salem had been hard hit. But we had been placing our dependence on the hill lands."

"The hot sun of yesterday brought out the truth about the hill lands. While it didn't do the damage, it revealed the damage and in the seven hill orchards I examined there were not enough prunes on any one of them to even start a drier."

"The situation is calamitous. We can't tell yet how many prunes there will be but there will be mighty few."

These are Italians to which Jones refers. As far as can be learned the prunes were not badly hit and Louis Liebrund reports that his Burbanks were not injured very much, but these constitute only an infinitesimal part of the crop.

According to reports that can be gathered generally unquestionably the Italian prune crop was hit with a heavy hand. Ideas differ as to whether the freeze of last year was responsible, whether the cold, rainy period of not long ago, did the damage, but unquestionably damage, and heavy damage at that has been done.

COUNTRY MEATS IN SLOW DEMAND PRICES DECLINE

Portland, Ore., April 22.—Demand for country dressed meats, especially veal, has fallen off 1½ cents a pound. The extra top on choice light veal is 14 cents. Some of the commission men believed choice veal would sell at 13 cents before the day is over.

As soon as prices began to weaken, butchers practically withdrew from the market expecting lower prices.

Choice light hogs are only partly affected by the weakness in the country veal market. Only a few real fancy hogs are coming in and they still bring around 17 and 17½ cents, although the demand is limited to strictly fancy stock.

Print butter is moving out this morning at the cent decline with stock selling at 42 cents, creamery bulk. On the exchange cubes eased off a half cent for extras at 40 cents. Other grades held steady. Buying price of butter fat is two cents lower today with the Portland delivery price 61½ at 40 cents.

Big prices are unchanged with extras still posted at 31 cents on the dairy board. Current receipts are bid at 24½ cents net. The weekly storage report of the government issued today is considered bearish by the local trade. Portland shows 45,318 cases of eggs as compared to 11,837 cases on the same date last year.

No change is shown in the live poultry market. Receipts today were only moderate with a very light call.

Asparagus is plentiful now and cheaper. Best Oregon grass sells at \$1.40 per dozen bunches.

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The abundant arrivals of new potatoes from the south, are fast pushing old potatoes into the background. Texas sent forward 300 carloads and Louisiana 75.

EGGS AND BUTTER

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Portland, Ore., April 22.—Butter extra cubes, city, 40¢; standards 40¢; prime firsts 40¢, firsts 25¢; prints 42¢; carsons 44¢.

Butter: heavy best churning cream 35¢; net shippers truck in zone 11 47¢ delivered Portland.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, Ore., April 22.—Wheat bid, hard white, bluestem, best, \$1.60; soft white \$1.53; western white \$1.51; hard winter \$1.53; northern spring \$1.50; western red \$1.50; H. B. H. hard wheat \$1.75.

Today's car receipts, wheat 51; flour 3; oats 1; hay 1.

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NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA

Portland, April 22.—Nuts quiet; Walnuts 23¢-33¢; filberts nom.

Portland, April 22.—Hops steady, new clusters 15¢; fuggles 15¢-18¢; old crop nominal.

Portland, Apr. 22.—Cascara bark bid; new peel 70¢ per lb.; Oregon grass root 4¢.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Apr. 22.—Cattle steady receipts none; steers, good \$3.50-4.10; medium \$3.25-3.75; common \$2.50-3.50; canners and cutters \$5.50-7.50; heifers, good \$5.00-6.00; common and medium, all weights \$6.00-8.25; cows, good \$3.00-4.50; common and medium \$4.25-6.00; canners and cutters \$12.50-15.00; bulls, good \$11.00-13.00; common and medium (canners andologna) \$3.50-5.00; calves, medium to choice (150 lb. down) \$4.00-11.00; and common (150 lb. down) \$5.50-8.00; medium to choice \$10-20 lb. \$7.00-19.50; medium to choice (250 lb. up) \$5.50-17.00; cull and common (120 lb. up) \$4.00-6.00.

Hogs: week receipts 265; heavyweight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.50-12.75; medium weight (200 to 250 lb.) medium, good and choice \$12.25-13.00; light weight, (150 to 200 lb.) common, medium, good, choice \$13.00-13.25; light lights, common, medium, good, choice \$11.75-13.00; packing hogs smooth \$10.50-11.00; rough \$9.00-10.50; slaughter pigs (110 lb. down) medium, good and choice \$11.00-11.50; feeder and stocker pigs (75 to 120 lb.) common medium, good and choice \$13.00-15.00.

(Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above.)

Sheep steady; receipts 445; lambs, light and heavyweight, medium to choice \$8.50-10.00; heavyweight (32 lb. up) medium to prime \$8.00-9.00; all weights, cull and common \$5.00-6.50; spring lambs, medium to choice \$13.50-15.75; spring lambs, cull and common \$6.00-11.50; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$8.50-9.00; wethers, (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$5.00-7.00; ewes, common to choice \$4.00-6.70; ewes and cull \$1.50-4.00.

(Above quotations except spring lambs on shorn basis.)

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Berry Crops in Fine Shape; Reports of Heavy Damage To Pear Orchards Denied

Indications point to a fine berry crop in this section this year, especially strawberries, according to those who have visited various sections. A good and early bloom is showing on loganberries, but it is noticeable that there are good canes and poor canes showing in the same yards. The practice is being established of cutting off the poor canes to let the new shoots come out, but nevertheless have them out of the way for the picker.

The loganberry crop will be short, it is expected but nevertheless probably up to last year's standard.

Statements by County Fruit Inspector Van Trump to the effect that the pear crop is about gone, seems to be denied by owners of the three large commercial orchards here, Paul Wallace, Lloyd T. Reynolds and Louis Lachmund. These orchards all lie in different localities, the Wallace orchard in the uplands, the Lachmund orchard in Keizer bottom and the Reynolds orchard near the Pacific highway, and it is believed their orchards are a good index on all of the plantings. In fact some of the smaller orchards heard from report good crops in sight. Lachmund is reported as predicting the best crop yet for his orchard. Reynolds states that there is some blight in his orchard, but on the whole it looks fine and the young trees particularly good. Paul Wallace said his orchard is in wonderful condition. There was an early bloom, a fine set and he should have an excellent crop of pears this year.

Pears undoubtedly were the hardest hit. It is considered a little early to tell much about cherries, but growers seem to agree that some damage was done, but the extent of it is problematical.

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PEARCY & BIEHN FIRM DISSOLVED

The firm of Percy & Biehn fruit buyers, is about to be dissolved, for the summer at least. Paul Percy, one partner, has taken on work with the Drager Fruit company in connection with the handling of its black cherry deal here this summer, and Ed Biehn, the other partner, has been named as field man for Young & Wells for the cherry, pear and apple seasons this year. As the two firms are directly in competition, particularly on the cherry deal, the firm has decided to dissolve connections at this time.

Just where the two men will have their headquarters during the year will be determined, it is expected when L. W. Wells, of the Young & Wells firm returns here about a week or 10 days and decides on permanent headquarters for his firm.

MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS STARTED

This, says the petition filed today, "is a subterfuge and is for the purpose only of making it appear that said superintendent of banks and said state banking department maintain an office in said city of Salem, Oregon, and in quarters provided by said Defendant Sam A. Kozor, as secretary of state of the state of Oregon, but in fact and in effect, said office of said superintendent of banks is now located in said city of Portland, Oregon."

Mr. Putnam, in making his demand upon the district attorney for an action against the department, avers with reference to the law now in force that the statute does not even permit a branch office in Portland. The petition asserts that all records, filed and documents of the department, as well as the clerical force have been moved to Portland.

The petition asks an order of the court that in event Bramwell refuses to transfer the department back to Salem, that he appear on May 8 and show cause why he has not done so, and that if he thereafter fails to do so that a peremptory writ of mandamus be issued compelling him to bring the department back to Salem.

LIBBY INVADES VALLEY SEEKING LOGANBERRIES

Libby, McNeil & Libby have invaded this section in search of loganberries at a straight five cent a bushel, seeking 150 tons of them. Earl Percy, it is reported by growers, is doing the buying for the Libby people.

According to reports the northwest is also in the field for logans at 5 cents and this seems to be the present accepted price. Some growers declare they intend to hold for six cents and that they expect the market to go to that figure before the canneries get their requirements for the season's pack.

The Libby people already have purchased the loganberry tonnage at Estacada. Last year that was the bulk of the pack for that canner in the loganberry line. There will be just as many berries at Estacada this year as last, and the invasion of the field here indicates that Libby contemplates a considerably larger pack of logans than last year.

Every invasion of this field by Libby is also encouraging to growers in that it indicates more and more that that concern cannot anywhere near get its fruit requirements in The Dalles section and it is bringing the time nearer when the company may decide to erect a plant here, which is considered an almost inevitable proposition in the course of time.

FARMERS STRIVE TO RETAIN SOIL MOISTURE

Reports coming in from the fruit sections are to the effect that farmers are working like mad to get their ground cultivated down so as to hold the moisture from the recent rains which soaked the soil in fine shape. The hot spell immediately following will rob the ground of the moisture rapidly unless it is retained by cultivation and farmers, realizing this, are working at top speed.

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