

BUTTER FIRM; EGGS STEADY; BERRIES LOWER

Portland, May 20.—Although storage activities have been brisk in the local butter market for the past week or so, total holdings in Portland coolers are far below the figures a year ago. This week's government report shows 113,812 pounds in storage here as compared to 238,022 pounds for the same week last year.

Butter continues to maintain a good healthy tone in the local market. Cakes are a half cent higher on the exchange at 44 cents for extras and 40 1/2 cents for standards. The lower grades remain steady and unchanged.

With the high season at hand, production of eggs has been disappointing. Creamery men report stocks available barely sufficient to meet requirements.

Egg storage has shown last year's figures on the coast with a total of 460,852 cases this year as compared to 452,789 cases a year ago at this time. Portland shows 61,136 cases in the coolers Monday against 45,794 cases at the same time last year. The local market is steady in all grades today with current receipts a half cent higher at 23 1/2 cents on the dairy exchange.

Strawberries sold all the way from \$2.50 to as high as \$4 a crate on the early market. The top price was obtained early in the season for real fancy new Oregon. Late fancy berries went at \$2 to \$3.50 a crate. Ordinary stock was plentiful in the early market but real fancy fruit was at a premium.

Country dressed veal is easier again with fancy calves selling at 23 1/2 to 24 cents along the coast. Country dressed hogs are holding steady at 15 1/2 to 16 cents. Pork receipts are moderate but veal arrivals have been heavy the last two days.

Live hogs and heavy broilers are generally steady with a fair demand by commission houses. Light broilers, however, are slow and hard to move.

Local hay market is quiet and inactive, with no change in prices and demand limited to horse feed. There is plenty of grass now and local feed men say buying has fallen off. Prices on new alfalfa not yet established. Eastern Oregon timothy \$21 to \$24; valley timothy \$20; clover and chest \$17.50; oat and vetch \$20 to \$21.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, May 20.—Hogs steady; receipts 60; heavy weight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$12.00 to \$13.00; medium weight 200 to 300 lbs.; medium, good and choice \$12.25 to \$13.25; lightweight (150 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$13.00 to \$13.50; light hogs (130 to 140 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$11.50 to \$12.50; packing hogs smooth \$11.50 to \$12.00; rough \$10.50 to \$11.00; slaughter pigs (130 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$11.00 to \$12.00; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$11.00 to \$12.00 (soft and heavy and pigging pigs excluded).

Cattle non steady; receipts none; (154 direct or through.) Steers, good \$10.00 to \$11.00; medium \$8.00 to \$9.00; common \$7.00 to \$8.00; canners and cutter steers \$5.00 to \$7.00; heifers, good (150 lbs. up) \$5.00 to \$7.00; common and medium, all weights \$4.00 to \$6.00; cow \$7.50 to \$8.50; common and medium \$5.00 to \$7.00; canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$3.00; bulls, good (best yearlings included) \$3.00 to \$3.50; common to medium (canners and hogsman) \$1.50 to \$2.50; calves, medium to choice (150 lbs. down) \$3.00 to \$4.00; calf and cowman (150 lbs. down) \$2.00 to \$3.00; medium to choice (150 to 200 lbs.) \$7.00 to \$10.00; medium to choice (200 lbs. up) \$5.00 to \$7.00; calf and cowman (120 lbs. up) \$2.50 to \$3.50. Sheep and lambs steady; receipts 1418; lambs light and handweight medium to choice \$7.50 to \$9.00; heavyweight (42 lbs. up) medium to prime \$7.00 to \$8.00; all weights, cull and common \$6.00 to \$8.00; spring lambs, medium to choice \$8.00 to \$11.00; spring lambs, cull and common \$6.00 to \$8.00; wethers, medium to prime \$5.00 to \$6.00; wethers (7 years old and over) medium to prime \$5.00 to \$6.00; ewes, common to choice \$4.00 to \$5.00; ewes and cull \$3.00 to \$4.00. (Above quotations except spring lambs on short basis.)

BUTTER AND EGGS
Portland, May 20.—Butter steady; current receipts 25 1/2; pullets 25 1/2 to 26; firsts 25 1/2 to 26; hennessies 27 1/2 to 28; delivered Portland. Butter firm; cubes, 41; standards 40 1/2; prime firsts 40; firsts 39; undergrades, none. Inal. points 42; cartons 41.

PORTLAND GRAIN
Portland, May 20.—Wheat bids; hard white, blossom, hard, soft, white, western white, hard winter, \$1.60; northern spring, \$1.61; west ern red \$1.55; H. B. H. hard white \$1.50. Today's car receipts: wheat 5, flour 7, corn 2, oats 5, hay 1.

POULTRY
Portland, May 20.—Poultry steady; heavy hens 24 to 25; light 22 to 23; broilers 22 to 23; young white ducks 30 to 32.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, May 20.—Onions nominal, \$5.50. Potatoes nominal; waseca, \$2.40 to \$2.75.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASHEWS
Portland, May 20.—Nuts steady; walnuts No. 1, 29 to 32; filberts nominal. Hops steady; 1924 crop 13 1/2 to 15; 1923 crop nominal. Cashews bark quiet. New peas 7 to 8c per pound; Oregon grape root 4c.

Prunes To Be Large
McMinnville, May 20.—Prominent prune growers here are beginning to ripen, and a few local berries have found their way to market. The crop apparently will be a good one this year, and with a few days hot weather, picking of the berries will be in full progress.

Herries Ripening Fast
Mill City, May 20.—Strawberries in this vicinity are now beginning to ripen, and a few local berries have found their way to market. The crop apparently will be a good one this year, and with a few days hot weather, picking of the berries will be in full progress.

Hope Bring 18 Cents
Silverton, May 20.—Walter Fry, a local hop dealer, has closed deals with G. B. Denton for 121 bales of hops and with the Benedictine fathers for 100 bales. The price paid was 18c.

Her Efforts Freed Son, Jailed Another



LEO SAUERMAN Mrs. HELEN SAUERMAN BOWMAN HARRY HILL.

Mrs. Helen Sauerman Bowman did not believe her son, Leo Sauerman, was a murderer. For two years, after he had started serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Alex Dombrowski, of Detroit, Mrs. Bowman trailed a man whose appearance resembled that of her son. Recently she cornered him in Chicago and caused his arrest. The prisoner, who said his name was Harry Hill, confessed the murder and is now serving a life sentence in Michigan Penitentiary, while Leo is free.

CLARK TO HEAD POOL OF CHERRY GROWERS HERE

Cherry growers meet at the chamber of commerce last night placed the cherry crop for this year at not to exceed 30 per cent of last year's crop, and estimates were made ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. Indications are that the cherry crop is becoming less every day in the district rather than better.

The cherry growers named C. A. Clark as head of an organization to keep track of cherry problems for growers, with G. Hoag as secretary and with Messrs. Max Gehlar, B. I. Ferguson and M. L. Guy of Dallas, make up a committee to confer with canners Thursday evening on the proposition of price. Some canners have informed committees that they are willing to meet a fair price on the cherry proposition.

The association, it was stated, is not organized to fix prices, but the committee will keep track of conditions, co-operate and confer with canners and advise growers what they consider a fair price should be under existing conditions, seeking a price that is neither too low or too high, but a fair price all around.

Max Gehlar read a telegram from the California Cherry Growers association telling of the plight of growers there who have sold all their tonnage at 3.40 and are having it wiped out by continued rains, practically all of the early black shipping cherries being destroyed, the telegram stated, and the rain still falling. Royal Annes in some districts, the telegram stated, are showing some rain damage. There was no prospect of the rain clearing at the time the telegram was sent.

In Movie Plot



MISS JUSTINE VALSE

Miss Justine Valse, above, called "Pola Negri's double" was arrested in Los Angeles as a material witness by authorities investigating an alleged attempt to blackmail the film star, shown below by means of compromising fake photographs.

FREIGHT RATES ON APPLES CUT

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Lower freight rates on apples from the Hood River and Wenatchee valleys under the provisions of the Hoch-Smith resolution were asked of the interstate commerce commission today by the Wenatchee valley and the provisions of the Yakima Valley Traffic and Credit association and the Inland Empire Co-operative Federation of Walla Walla.

The request for reduced transcontinental rates on boxed apples in carload lots from the northwest was supported by the argument that the freight on apples is now \$1.50 per hundred pounds, an increase of 50 per cent since 1912. In that time, due to larger loadings, earnings of the railroads per car on apples have advanced 80 per cent, it is declared, while the apple traffic has increased six times.

If carloadings at present were 630 boxes to the car, the apple growers' associations contend the present rate would be \$467.78, instead of 756 boxes of apples are loaded to every car, so that the rate could be reduced to \$1.25 per hundred pounds and bring the roads the same return they now receive.

LIGHTNING VICTIM COUSIN OF HUSSEY

J. W. Hussey, who was killed by lightning Monday near Halber, Linn county, was a cousin of H. C. Manela, assistant state insurance commissioner. They were about the same age, and when were babes in Missouri often slept in the same cradle when their parents were visiting each other. The cousins had not seen each other since 1881 when Manela left Missouri, and he did not know Hussey was in Oregon. Mr. Manela will attend the funeral.

CROP ESTIMATE OF FRUITS MADE HERE BY PEARGY

In a statement to F. L. Kent of the statistical department of the agricultural department who was in Salem yesterday, Earl Pearcy made the following annualization of fruit crop conditions in the Salem section this year as compared to last year:

- Strawberries 150 per cent.
- Loganberries 115 per cent.
- Cherries 25 per cent.
- Bartlett pears 50 per cent.
- Gooseberries apt to be harvested 25 per cent.
- Prunes, 10 per cent.

Rain conditions are threatening the cherry crop and the outlook is exceedingly gloomy for a successful black cherry shipping year here this year, according to Earl Pearcy, Denney & company's representative here on the black cherry deal. He predicts now a 25 per cent crop as compared to last year with brown rot developing a little all over in the orchards and conditions so far of moisture and warmth being ideal for brown rot development.

In a telephone call to Prof. Barnes of the Oregon Agricultural college yesterday, Barnes confirmed Pearcy's ideas as to this being a brown rot year.

There has been some blossom blight, states Pearcy, but the hot weather for a period or two dried this up.

The brown rot is what is feared, although a spell of hot weather may keep it away. He asserts it is up to the growers to spray for brown rot and this spraying must be done within the next 10 days to do any good. After that period has elapsed the last chance is gone, he states.

He says that liquid lime sulphur or the Bordeaux mixture are not recommended, that the lime sulphur is apt to make small cherries and the Bordeaux to burn the foliage. What the college recommends is either a sulphur dust spray or a liquid application, many farmers not being equipped to use the sulphur dust spray.

The liquid application recommended is made up of 16 pounds of the finest dusting sulphur, 5 pounds of hydrated lime, 1 pound of spreader and 100 gallons of water. The materials are to be mixed dry and sift into the spray tank while the agitator is in action. Application must be very thorough on the fruit.

A real danger which Pearcy sees because of present poor crop conditions lies in the chance that in many orchards the cherries will not be worth picking and as a result there will be no application against the cherry worm and the worm will have a chance to complete a new life cycle and cause considerable trouble next year. A continued moist and warm condition is certain to bring about a bad brown rot situation, say cherry growers and this is beginning to be seriously feared.

As the conditions now are it is certain there will be nothing like the cherry shipments that were first figured on and the question now is whether there will be any black cherry shipping season here or not this year to speak of.



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WICKS PLANT 120 ACRES OF FLAX

Wick brothers have just completed the planting of 120 acres of flax on a farm south of Astoria and under ideal flax growing conditions such as have developed this spring they have some promising plants. Flax already two feet high, considerable flax from 8 to 12 inches high and some just coming through the ground. The flax two feet high is only on a small portion of the planting but a good share of it already is 8 to 10 and 12 inches and conditions are such that they believe a heavy share of their crop will go over 20 inches and get top price of \$25 a ton.

"Flax and cherries make an ideal farming combination for this section," says the manager of George Wick. "In a wet year where the cherries are hit as they are being hit this year the flax is bound to make a bumper crop, and in the dry year which is bad for flax germination and growth the cherries have their chance. I can see no better combination crop for the black cherry grower than flax. He is bound to have something in the weather which is bad for one is good for the other."

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