RAIN MAY KILL BLACK CHERRY DEAL IN SALEM AREA

SAY BROWN ROT THREATENING; BERRIES SUFFER

OUTLOOK DISCOURAGING

"The black cherry shipping deal is beginning to look extremely sick. In fact it looks now as though there would be no black shipping deal out of the Salem district this year," declared a representative of one of the firms contemplating putting over a big cherry shipping program in this section this spring. "This is a real brown rot rain. The outlook is tough."

Two or three more days of rain like the rain of today will mean ruin to the next picking of strawberries, according to R. I. McLaughlin of Baker, Kelly & McLaughlin big strawberry barreiers, but he believes that the berries right now are pretty well picked over and the present rain may do no extraordinary damage. Under the weather conditions right now ripening will be slow but anything that is ripe is rained, he stated.

The rain also is considered exceedingly bad for the cherry situation as it will mean rapid development of brown rot, according to Earl Pearey, handling the Denney cherry deal here and if it keeps up any length of time will be practically fatal to the deal.

He reports considerable premature ripening of cherries that all over cherries are turning color and some Royal Annes are showing up htat are almost in an eatable condition right now which adds to the gloom of the cherry situation.

If anything is to be done with the cherries at all spraying is absolutely essential.

In an effort to make a last stand toward saving the cherry crop for shipping, if such is possible, the following letter is being sent out today by Denney & company to all growers holding their contracts this year:

Weather favorable to the spread of brown rot requires the utmost care on the part of the growers of shipping cherries at this time. Warm rainy weather is conducive to the fungus. Unless warm or even hot weather prevails on through to the picking season now it is likely that the shippers will have trouble with brown rot unless the growers apply the proper spray at this time.

The light crop set in the Willamette valley will reduce the likelihood of undue damage or loss providing this application is made and rainy weather does not continue into harvest.

Spray the fruit with the following mixture as recommended by the Oregon Agricultural college bulletin:

16 lbs. finest dusting sulphur or superfine sulphur.
8 lbs. hydrated lime
1 lb. commercial spreader.

Mix these materials together dry and sift into the spray tank while the agitator is running. The above material is good for 100 gallons of spray. Some growers mix the sulphur and lime into a paste with 4 quarts of skim milk before pouring through the strainer into the spray tank. Do not use the ordinary flours of sulphur as it is too course. The sulphur sold for dusting purposes is satisfactory. Spray on a warm day, covering the fruit. Apply before June 1st.

Dusting on a still warm day is also recommended.

Spraying with liquid lime sulphur is apt to cause severe burning of the foliage or to cause the fruit to be small or dwarfed.

In order to maintain the cherry shipping business from western Oregon, growers must do everything possible to revent brown rot, as heavy losses from this cause would keep shippers out of this district. Market indications warrant this application wherever the orchard has cherries enough on to permit picking.

FLAX NOW OVER TWO FEET TALL

Dallas, May 28—Undoubtedly one of the best fields of flax in Oregon at the present time is a 20-acre tract planted by Ed Hodge on the Hort C. Eakin farm just south of Rickreall on the east side of the highway. Just two months after planting the flax had attained a height of over two feet and bloom buds were beginning to show.

The flax was planted on March 24. This week samples were taken that measured from 24 to 26 inches. The stand is very good and with ideal growing weather of the past few weeks assuring continued growth, nothing short of irrigated fields can rival the crop expected. Mr. Hodge is an experienced flax grower.

GWINN ORCHARD HAS GOOD CROP OF PRUNES

Dallas, May 28—E. A. Gwinn, who has an orchard west of Orr's corner on the Monmouth cut-off road has a very good crop of prunes, according to Dallas men who have seen his orchard. A branch of the fruit displayed by W. J. White this week revealed prunes that were a third grown hanging in clusters. An adjoining orchard is only slightly worse off in the way of a crop.

Growers are gradually discovering nooks and crannies where there are quite a few prunes. All records for size will undoubtedly be broken.

NEW CORPORATIONS

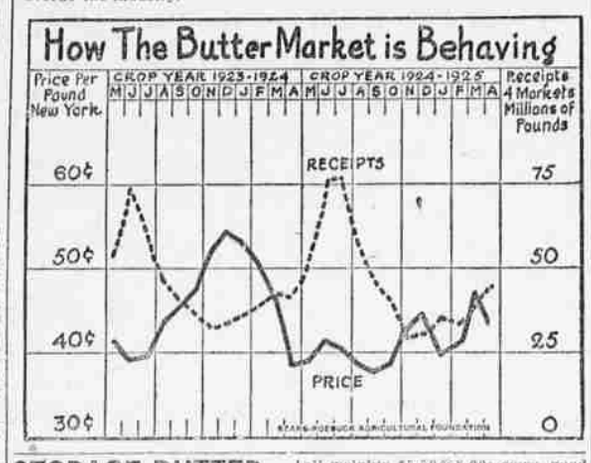
The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the state corporation department:

Roelyn lodge, Portland; incorporators, Henry J. Hobe, Allen R. McCurtain, Thomas J. Green, Jr.; capital $20,000.

Klamath River Boom company, Klanath Falls; incorporators, D V. Kuykendall, M. S. Wherland, Robert B. Kuykendall capital $25,000.

Good Year for Butter Is in Sight

Improved industrial conditions point to a greater consumption of butter this year and favorable spring weather has put pastures in good condition which probably will mean a sizable production, according to the new Index of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Butter prices have held up remarkably well during the spring, as production has been lighter than last year, the large surplus in storage has been worked off, consumptive demand is excellent and competition from foreign butter has been negligible. A year ago the market was at the bottom of a big break, caused by expectations of excessive production and fear of severe foreign competition. During the year lighter feed prices and lower prices for products seem to have eliminated any tendency to overdo the industry.



STORAGE BUTTER IS ON INCREASE PRICES FIRMER

Portland, May 28—Holdings of storage butter in Portland increased 92,244 pounds during the week. Firmer prices are prevailing.

According to the federal bureau of markets, storage holdings of butter in all coast cities were 929,873 pounds greater for the week to May 23 than at the close of the preceding week.

At the six principal Pacific coast cities the total of 4,007,143 pounds of storage butter at the close of last week exceeded the total of the corresponding week of last year by 641,746 pounds.

More eggs are in storage in Portland now than a week ago, the increase being 2788 cases. Compared with a year ago the increase is 3545 cases.

Strawberry prices are firmer in the local market than they were yesterday. This is due to surplus stocks moved from Portland to outside markets and to the rain which will diminish the picking today and tomorrow. Berries that are unpicked will come on to the market Monday because of the double holiday Saturday and Sunday, and probably there will be an oversupply early next week, depending much on the weather. Prices today are 25 to 50 cents a case higher than yesterday. They range from $2.25 to $2.75.

Country dressed veal is sluggish. Poultry and hogs are unchanged.

Mill feed was advanced $1 a ton today in the local market.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, May 28—Hogs slow; receipts 580; heavy weight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice $12.00@13.00; medium weight (200 to 300 lbs.) medium, good and choice $12.25@13.25; lightweight (160 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice $13.25@13.65; light lights (130 to 160 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice $11.50@12.25; packing hogs smooth $11.50@12.00; rough $10.50@11.00; slaughter pigs (130 lbs. down) medium, good and choice $11.00@12.25; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice $11.50@12.50. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded.)

Cattle nom. steady; receipts 163; steers, good $9.25@9.50; medium $8.00@9.25; common $7.00@8.00; canners and cutter steers $5.00@7.00; heifers, good (850 lbs. up) $8.00@8.50; common and medium all weights $5.50@8.00; cows, good $7.50@7.75; common and medium $5.00@7.50; canners and cutters $2.50@5.00; bulls, good (best yearlings excluded $4.75@5.50; common to medium (canners and bolognas) $3.50@4.75; calves medium to choice (190 lbs. down) $8.00@11.00; cull and common (190 lbs. down) $5.00@8.00; medium to choice (190 to 200 lbs.) $7.00@10.50; medium to choice (200 lbs. up) $5.00@7.00; cull and common (120 lbs. up) $3.50@5.50.

Sheep and lambs steady; receipts 840; lambs light and handyweight medium to choice $7.50@9.00; heavyweight (92 lbs. up) medium to prime $7.00@8.00; all weights, cull and common $6.00@8.00; spring lambs, medium to choice $9.00@11.50; spring lambs, cull and common $5.00@9.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime $6.50@8.00; wethers (2 years old and over) medium to prime $5.00@7.50; ewes, common to choice $4.00@6.50; canner and cull $1.50@4.00. (Above quotations except spring lambs on short basis).

BUTTER AND EGGS

Portland, May 28—Eggs firm; current receipts 29c; pullets 27½@28c; firsts 28½@29c; henneries 30@30½c delivered Portland.

Butter firm, extra cubes, city 41½c; standards 41c; prime firsts 40c; firsts 39c; undergrades nominal; prints 43c; cartons 44c.

Butterfat firm. Best churning cream 40c net shippers' track in zone 1; 42c delivered Portland.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, May 28—Wheat: hard white, bluestem, baart $1.65; soft white, hard winter, northern spring $1.62; western white, $1.61; western red $1.58; B. R. R. hard white $1.50. Today's car receipts: wheat 13, flour 6.

POULTRY

Portland, Ore., May 28—Poultry steady; heavy hens 24@25c; light 22@23c; broilers 20@25c; young white ducks 30@32c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES

Portland, May 28—Onions nominal. Potatoes nominal, scarce, No. 2, $2.25@2.35.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA

Portland, May 28—Nuts steady; walnuts No. 1, 29@33c; filberts nominal.

Hops steady; 1924 crop 13@14c; 1925 crop nominal.

Cascara bark quiet. New peal 7@8c per pound; Oregon grape root 4c.

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PRUNE CROP IN DOUGLAS SET AT 9,000,000 POUNDS

Roseburg, May 28—Douglas county will produce about nine million pounds of prunes it is estimated this year, following an extensive survey by representatives of the leading packing companies and others interested in the industry. Damage from the severe cold weather experienced in December of last year, has been confined entirely to the Italian prunes, which, although expected to be less in volume this year than in the past, will be better in size and quality, it is believed.

Douglas county usually produces from twelve to fifteen million pounds of prunes, of which amount approximately three million pounds are petites, or French prunes. These were undamaged by the cold and will have the heaviest yield in the history of the crop in this county, it is expected.

The Italian prunes will amount to about six million pounds, according to present estimates.

In the Myrtle Creek and Riddle vicinities, where nearly one half of the county's prune crop is produced, the cold was not nearly as severe as elsewhere and the damage there is negligible. Further north the orchards are "spotted," some trees having indications of a heavy yield, while others are completely barren.

There has been practically no kill among the young trees, as the most of them were dormant when the freeze came. Wherever there was sap in the trees, a small amount of injury is shown, but it is believed that this will be overcome.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices

Grain: No. 1 white wheat $1.49; No. 1 red wheat $1.46 (sacked.)

Meat: Top hogs 16c; sows 8@11c; dressed hogs 16c; top steers 6@7c, cows $4.00@5.50; canner cows 1½ up; bulls 3½@5c, spring lambs up to 90 lbs., 14c; veal 9c; dressed veal 12c.

Poultry: Springers 25c; light hens 15c; heavy hens 20c; old roosters 6c; dressed ducks 15@18c.

Butterfat 40c; creamery butter 14@15c; eggs 23c; standards 25c; selects 27c; milk $2.20 cwt.

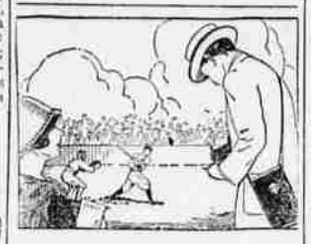
Vegetables: California new potatoes 7½c; old potatoes $2.00@3.50 sack; local lettuce $1.75 crate; Washington cabbage 4½c; crate onions $3.50@4.00; spinach 5c; peppers 25c; rutabagas $3.00; parsnips 2½c; sack carrots $4.00; local turnips 3¼c; California lunch vegetables: carrots 90c; beets, turnips 85c doz.; parsley 60c doz.; local radishes 40@80c; green onions 40@80c doz.; grapefruit $5.50@6.50; tomatoes $5; asparagus tomatoes $5.00; asparagus $1.25@1.75 doz. lb. bunches; local peas 12c; new mustard greens 5c; Oregon, local strawberries 24 basket crate $2.00; artichokes $1.00 dozen; oranges, small naval $5.75@7.50; green beans 18c; wax onions $3.50@4.00; California broccoli $2.75; pineapple $3.50@4.00; cantaloupes 8@10c; Oregon gooseberries 5c in lugs; new crop red onions $6 per cwt.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR PEACH CROP

There will be a good crop of peaches in the valley this year unless one of two things, or both intervene, according to Knight Pearcy, who has recently made a survey of a number of orchards.

One of these possibilities is leaf curl stripping the trees. He states that leaf curl is quite prevalent in orchards he has been in probably due to the fact that rains in February kept growers from spraying before the buds started. The other possibility is that of brown rot. The weather has been ideal for development of brown rot in peaches as well as in other fruits, he states, and it must be guarded against carefully if the crop is to be saved from being hard hit with it.

The other respects crop prospects look good, he states, and with other fruits short prices also should be good.



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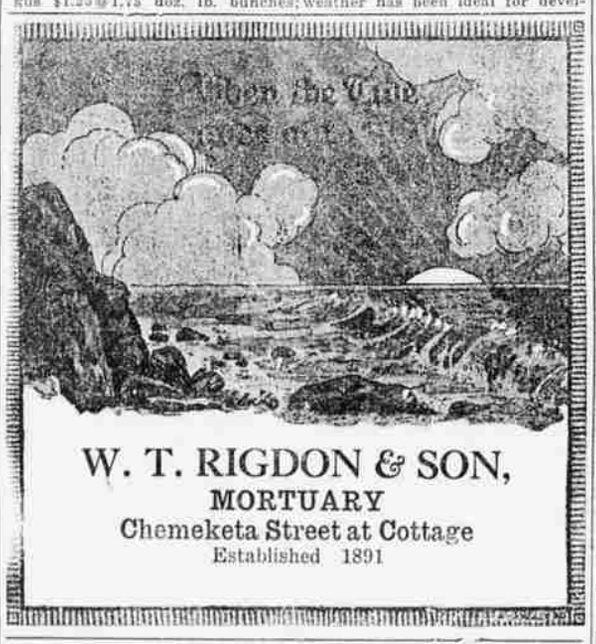

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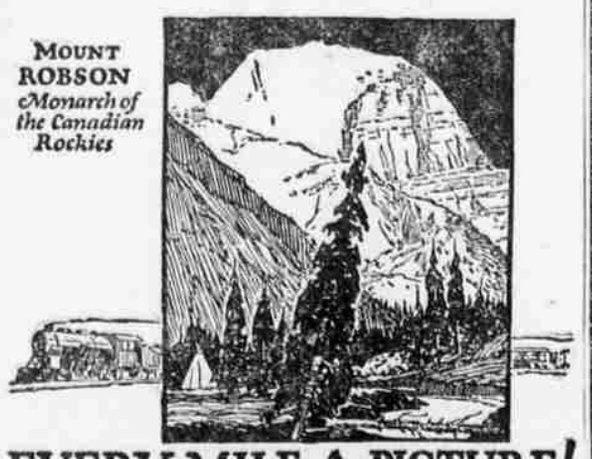

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