6000 CARS OF APPLES SHIPPED FROM OREGON

Portland, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Oregon has shipped a total of 5,811 carloads of apples this season up to February 12. This compares to 4222 carloads up to the same time last year and to a total of 4702 cars last season. It appears now that total shipments this season will run well over 6000 carloads.

Extra fancy stocks, however, are nearing the windup and will soon be at a premium. Wholesale markets are still well supplied with commercial grades that tends to prevent values from working higher. There is a good demand throughout the country and stocks are steadily moving in to consumption. The two cent advance in print butter is now generally effective in the local market. Parchment wrapped prints were being quoted 52 cents creamery basis with cartons at 53 cents. Butterfat bids have been boosted a cent by cream buyers and now range from 49c to 50c in the country to 52c and 53c delivered, Portland.

Sentiment continues bearish in the local egg market although values are generally unchanged at the opening of the week.

The potato market maintains a steady tone. Buying continues on a fairly active basis in the country with offers ranging around $1.50 for good commercial stock.

Country dressed meats and poultry were on a nominal basis this morning with few new arrivals and not enough trading to establish definite prices.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Cattle receipts 1910, calves 825; slow on cattle, [illegible] on cows.

Steers, good $8.75@9.25; medium $8@8.75; common $6.75@8; canner and cutter steers $6@6.75; heifers, good $7.50@8; common and medium $5.50@7.50; cows, good $7@7.50; common and medium $5.25@7; low cutters and cutters $3@5.25; bulls, good (yearlings excluded) $5.75@6.25; cutters and medium (canners and bolognas) $5@5.75; calves, medium to choice (milk fed excluded) $9@10.50; culls and common $6.50@9; vealers, medium and choice, $10.50@12; culls and common $6.50@10.50.

Hogs, 2250, steady to weak (1922 direct or through).

Heavyweight, 250-350 lbs., medium, good and choice $10@11.75; medium weight 200-250 lbs., common, medium, good and choice $11.25@12.75; lightweights, 160-200 lbs., common, medium, good and choice $12.65@12.85; light lights, 130-160 lbs., common, medium good and choice $12.55@12.85; packing hogs, rough and smooth, $9.50@10.50; slaughter pigs 90-130 lbs., medium, good and choice $12@12.55; feeder and stocker pigs 70-130 lbs., medium, good and choice $12.75@14.00; (soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations).

Sheep and lambs, 1216, lambs, medium choice $10.50@12; lambs, culls and common $8@10.50; yearling wethers, medium to choice $8@10.50; ewes, common to choice $5@7; culls $3@5.

Outside quotations based on best Mt. Adams, Eastern Oregon and similar type lambs. Few valley lambs selling above $12.

PORTLAND WHEAT

Portland, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Wheat: BBB hard white, $1.32; hard white bluestem baart, federation, soft white, western white, northern spring, $1.31; hard winter $1.29; western red $1.27. Today's car receipts: Wheat 89; flour 8; corn 1; oats 1; hay 13.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Dido to producers:

Milk steady. Best churning cream 49c in valley, 50c in net shippers' track in Zone One; cream, delivered Portland, 51c@52c per lb. Raw milk (4 per cent) $2.65 cwt., f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs easy; current receipts 24c; fresh mediums, 21c; fresh standard first 24c; fresh standard extras 25c.

Poultry—Quiet; heavy hens 24c@25c; light hens, 19c@19c; springs, nominal; broilers 30c@31c; Pekin white ducks 30c; colored nominal; turkeys, live, 30c; dressed 40c@41c.

Onions—Firm; local $2.00@$2.50.

Potatoes—Steady, $1.25@$1.50.

Wholesale Prices

Butter, extra cubes, city 46½c; standard 46c; prime firsts 45½c; firsts 44½c; prints, 52c; cartons, 53c.

Nuts—Quiet; walnuts 27c@35c; filberts 19c@20c; almonds, 22c@30c; brazil nuts 14c@18c; Oregon chestnuts 17½c@30c.

Cascara bark, nominally steady: 8c. Hops, nominally steady, 1926 fuggles Hops, nominally steady, 1926 fuggles 21c; clusters 21c@22c; one-year contracts 20c; three year contracts 18c.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Opening at ¾c off to ⅝c up, wheat underwent a moderate general setback. Corn, oats and provisions were also easier; corn opening unchanged to ⅛c down and later holding near to initial figures.

Wheat closed weak ¾c@⅞c net lower; corn ⅛c@⅝c down; oats ⅛c@¼c@⅛c off and provisions showing 10c@15c decline.

WALL STREET STOCKS

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—With many traders away for an extended week-end holiday, speculation for the advance slowed considerably today, meeting increased resistance through heavier profit taking and bear selling.

Baldwin approached within a few points of the 200 mark predicted for the stock when the current advance started a few weeks ago. Union Carbide, Texas Gulf Sulphur, Shelby Oil and Murray Body were among the score or so issues to sell at their best prices since 1923 or longer. Canadian Pacific crossed 170 to the highest price in over a decade.

Motors failed to make much progress, but some of the accessory shares recorded good gains, particularly Briggs Body and Electric Auto Lite. Rails were quiet during the first half of the session, but gathered strength in the early afternoon.

NEW YORK FRUITS

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Evaporated apples easy; choice 9c@10c; fancy 10¾c@11c.

Prunes steady; Californias 5¾c@13c; Oregon 11c@12c.

Apricots, steady; standard 20c@22c; choice 22c@24c; extra choice, 24c@31½c.

Peaches, steady; standard 11½c@12c; choice 12½c@13c; extra choice 13½c@14c.

Hops, steady; state 1926, 30c@40c; state, 1925, nominal; Pacific coast, 1926, 21c@25c; Pacific coast, 1925, 18c@20c.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices

Grain No. 1 white, $1.18; red wheat (sacked) $1.15; feed oats 48c bu., milling [illegible]

Meat — Top hogs, $11.25; sows, 8c; top steers, 8c; cows, 3c@5c; bulls 5c@6c; 1926 lambs, 80 lbs. and under, 10½c; 90 lbs.; top live veal, 12@13c; dressed veal, 16c; dressed pigs, 16c.

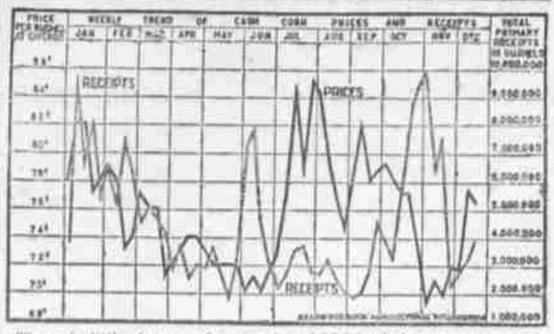
Poultry—Light hens, 16c@17c; heavy hens 20@22c; springers 18@20c; roosters 8c, heavy colored frys 17c@20c; Leghorns light, 17c.

Eggs — Pullets, 22c; standards, 24c; pound, 15c.

Butterfat 50c; cream butter 52c@55c.

Vegetables and Fruits—Sacked vegetables, beets, rutabagas, 4c; green onions, carrots, 50c; beets 50c doz. bunches, celery, $2.25; $3 crate; new cabbage, 4c; potatoes, $1.10@$1.60; local onions, 3½c; California lettuce $1.50 crate.

Feeding Cuts Corn Surplus Danger



There is little danger of a corn surplus in 1927. In fact, there may be a scarcity instead of a surplus, says the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation in its review of the 1926 corn situation. This is based on the fact that more corn is being fed to livestock and because the available supply at the beginning of the corn year (November 1) was 2 per cent less than a year ago.

The crop of 1926 totaled 2,645,031,000 bushels of poor quality corn selling at low prices as compared with 2,916,961,000 bushels last year. The present crop averaged only 72.6 per cent in quality as compared to 82.6 per cent last year and a ten-year average of 81.3 per cent. The average crop for the past five years was 2,850,904,000. On November 1 of 1926 there was a carryover of 141,000,000 bushels of old corn, which was 120,000,000 bushels larger than the carryover the year previous.

A total of 99,492,000 acres were planted in 1926, which was 1.9 per cent below the acreage of last year and 3.2 per cent below the average acreage. The 1926 crop only averaged 26.6 bushels per acres, as compared to 28.8 last year. While there was a reduction in the main corn producing states, a large crop was raised in the south. The export demand also was complicated by a good crop in the Argentine, which largely controls the world corn trade.

In January of 1926, corn prices averaged 82 cents, but late in the year weekly averages of below 70 cents a bushels were recorded. The general price trend of the year was down. Receipts at the fourteen primary markets declined to 1,752,000 bushels one wek in May, but advanced to more than ten million bushels in November, when the movement of old corn was at its highest.

The corn situation is complicated by the livestock industry, as nearly 85 per cent of the corn crop is marketed on the hoof. Early in the year feeding operations were light, but as the advantages of selling corn as meat became more apparent, feeding it was conducted on a much broader scale and old stocks of corn were cleaned up better than was expected.

PRUNE MEN CALLED TO TALK MARKETING

Getting underway again on the movement to organize the prune growers into a plan for stabilization of the market, a meeting of all prune growers of the county has been called for the chamber of commerce Saturday, February 26, at 2 o'clock, to meet L. D. Johnson, government representative, and talk over with him plans for securing information on prunes.

Mr. Johnson is here as a representative of B. H. Critchfield, expert from the department of agriculture here a number of weeks ago, and is working in Polk county this week.

In connection with the work to be done here a prune survey is being launched by Mr. Johnson, with the chamber of commerce and agricultural college assisting, and every farmer in the county who grows prunes will receive a questionnaire. In this he will be asked to list his acreage, with age of trees of every variety, number of acres, distance apart, total number of trees, tons produced on a dry basis in 1925 and 1926, and estimated yield under normal conditions for each age and variety in number of dried pounds to the acre. Information will also be asked as to number of trees pulled out in 1921-26; what further ones are planned to be pulled out; how many pounds were sold for fresh shipment in 1926 and to commercial cannery. It also will be asked as to what enterprises have been added to the far onduring the past five years.

In connection with the questionnaire, the following letter is going out to all of the prune growers in the county in regard to the survey being made:

"Constructive work is in progress to improve the marketing of dried Italian prunes. Success depends upon the hearty cooperation of all of the prune growers in the northwest. There should be no doubt about the response when it is remembered that the whole work is planned in the interest of the prune growers.

"Briefly, an extensive study is being made of the present and probable supply of dried Italian prunes to be marketed, and of the distribution, marketing and probable demands of the markets.

"This investigation is being conducted by the United States department of agriculture, bureau of agricultural economics, under the general supervision of the new division of cooperative marketing. The extension service of the agricultural college is cooperating. There is much interest generally among those who want to see the prune industry put on a firm basis. A large number of growers are giving their time without pay to assist in making a survey to determine probable supplies to be marketed.

"The investigation is to be a broad one. It will cover consumer demand and use of prunes in at three large cities, and retailer, jobber and broker surveys in 10 or more cities. Data will be assembled fro mthe records of transportation companies and other sources. The probable demands of the European markets and the competition to be expected from foreign countries will be studied. The services of about 10 trained investigators in the United States and of special representatives in Europe will be required.

"When the work is done, it will provide the basis for intelligent procedure toward better marketing. Those in charge hope to have a preliminary report available before the next crop is grown."

PLANS HORSE SALE

Hubbard, Feb. 21.—H. Baumer, who has had a number of sales in the Hubbard district is preparing for another sale of horses from Eastern Oregon. These sales have been well attended and these horses will be at the old Radcliffe barn in Woodburn so that they may be inspected previous to the sale which will be held the latter part of the month.

King Signs No Checks

King George of England still signs no checks for himself, merely giving a "skit" or memo of his needs to the keeper of the Privy Purse. Many members of the royalty go out without any money in their pockets or purses, depending on their attendants to provide it for them if the need arises.

PRUNE SURVEY STEP STARTED BY POLK AGENT

Dallas, Feb. 21.—Steps in securing Polk county prune crop information for use of the bureau of economics, U. S. department of agriculture, in it study of prune marketing problems was taken Saturday by County Agent Beck with the mailing out of 760 blanks to growers in the county.

The survey has no connection with any marketing plan but is to aid the department in its study. The information requested includes acreage and age of trees, tonnage yield, and intention to plant or dig up orchards.

The following men have agreed or been asked to serve on the committee for Polk county to get the survey completed in quick order: Les Arnett, Ballston; D. deJong, Amity; G. D. Stewart and H. E. Allen of Sheridan; Fred Ewing, Frank Crawford, J. P. Smart, Fred Kubin and R. W. Hogg in the West Salem area; A. R. Cadle, A. V. Oliver, Pete Hanson, A. G. Rempel, C. C. Campbell, C. D. French and Fred Hughes of Rickreall; T. J. Alsip, Wm. Riddell, Jr., J. M. Powell, C. L. McCaley, Wm. Holsington, and Fred Cody of Monmouth; W. W. Harris and A. J. Wagner of Falls City; John Kosanke and Knowles Bros., of Independence; E. Fleischman and Ben Lehman of Suver; Homer Ling, Airlie; Jacob Van Well, N. L. Guy, H. G. Campbell, W. L. Soehren, G. A. Schroeder, John Martin, L. I. Bursell, L. W. Plummer, Fay Brown, Lester Martin, Glenn De Haven, E. J. Himes, L. H. McBee, Hugh Smith and Wes Elliott of Dallas.

WILLAMETTE EXPECTED TO

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ing the morning was diverted over the west side highway. It is feared the Santiam may cut an entirely new channel.

Water early this afternoon still blocked traffic around Eugene, with the west side highway being opened as far as Monroe and the east side blocked between Junction City and Harrisburg, according to Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Similar conditions exist near Springfield and again around Yoncalla.

Lightning Breaks Windows

Lightning striking a fir tree near Elkins, south of Monmouth broke several windows and badly frightened inhabitants Sunday afternoon. The storm also caused trouble with a switch at the Mt. Angel end of the Portland Electric Power company's Estacada line.

The Willamette at Independence was rising at the rate of half a foot an hour this morning, reaching 26 feet above normal at 10 o'clock. Farmers in the lowlands on both sides of the river are cut off from outside communication and hundreds of head of sheep and other stock are reported marooned on lonely knolls.

The telephone company has its full crew at work near Jefferson and the service is badly "shot" south of Eugene, it is reported by W. H. Dancy, manager. Service over the Postal Telegraph company's wire is interrupted south of Eugene, with messages being relayed by way of San Francisco, Denver and Seattle, Manager Carrol Waters states. The Western Union wires, according to Eric Butler, manager, are still in service.

Pudding River Flood

County Commissioner Porter coming in from Silverton this morning, stated that Pudding river has reached the highest point of the season and that the water is raging over the pavement in the Pudding river flats being seven feet deep at the point, with the posts barely emerging from the water. The flats are about 80 rods wide at the road, and they are covered by a torrent the entire distance, he states.

This morning, according to Deputy County Roadmaster Johnson, reports had as yet come in of washed out county roads, but he said water was high all over the county, and some might be expected in before night.

He who conquers his wrath overcomes his greatest enemy.

ALLEN NAMED MANAGER FOR HUNT PLANTS

Announcement is made of creation of the office of district manager for the extensive canning interests of the Hunt Bros. packing company of California in the Pacific northwest, with Salem as district manager, Mr. Allen for many years has been local manager for Hunt Bros. in Salem. The corporation operates canneries in Salem and Albany, Oregon, and in Puyallup and Sumner, Washington.

C. B. Spencer, local manager of the Albany plant, will be transferred to Salem March 1 to become local manager of the Salem plant, and E. J. Hodge, superintendent of the Salem plant, will go to Albany to become manager of the plant there. Hunt Bros. have owned the Albany plant since 1922, during which time Mr. Spencer has been manager there. E. J. Hodge came to Salem last year from Sumner. Lee Abbe is to be named superintendent of the Salem plant.

Mr. Allen, the new district manager, is one of the best known cannerymen in the northwest. He has invented and manufactured much of the canning equipment used in the Hunt plants in the northwest.

LIBBY PLANT EQUIPPED WITH ALLEN GRADERS

A deal has been closed between W. G. Allen and Libby, McNeil & Libby company, for the installation in the new half million dollar Libby plant at Portland and the Libby plant at The Dalles, of the Allen sanitary canning and grading equipment, invented and manufactured by Mr. Allen. Plans are germinating for the organization of a company to manufacture the machinery, a large share of which work will be done in Salem.

The equipment to be installed in the Libby plants is similar to that which has been installed by Mr. Allen in the Hunt plants in Salem, Albany and Puyallup and in the Ray Maling plant at Hillsboro and the Oregon Canning company plant at Newberg.

The equipment for the new plant will be about the same extent as that used in the big Hunt cannery in Salem.

Mr. Allen stated today that a good share of the equipment to be put in the Libby plants will be manufactured here in Salem, except what it is necessary to manufacture on the ground in making the installations. The Libby plant at Portland is a new one, now being erected, while the plant at The Dalles is an older plant in operation afer a number of years with a different type of machinery. The equipment canufactured by Mr. Allen, includes an agitating grader, conveyors and washers which clean the fruit thoroughly, and the necessary facilities with this type of canning equipment. By its operation in the Hunt plants the overhead expense in the preparation of canned fruits has been very materially cut down.

CHERRY MEN ASKED TO MEET ON MARCH 5

A meeting of all cherry growers, irrespective of whether they grow Royal Annes or blacks, has been called for Saturday afternoon, Mar. 5, at 1:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce by the executive committee of the Royal Anne Cherry growers, according to announcement made by J. G. Hogg, secretary of the association. At that time not only the proposition of the tariff on Royal Annes will be considered, but matters of much importance to cherry growers in general.

The executive committee, at its meeting last week, declared itself in favor of getting behind the progra mof the California growers to get relief from the action of congress in virtually wiping off the 2 cent tariff on cherries in brine and sulphur. An effort was made to defeat the congressional action in court, but this failed and the California growers now have a petition before the tariff commission to secure action by the president in giving temporary relief through granting an increase in the tariff back to 2 cents a pound until congressional action can again be taken.

As a result of the virtual removal of the tariff, cherry men fear that the country will be flooded with imported Royal Annes for the marischino and glace markets, and wreck the market here and in California.

Open Forum

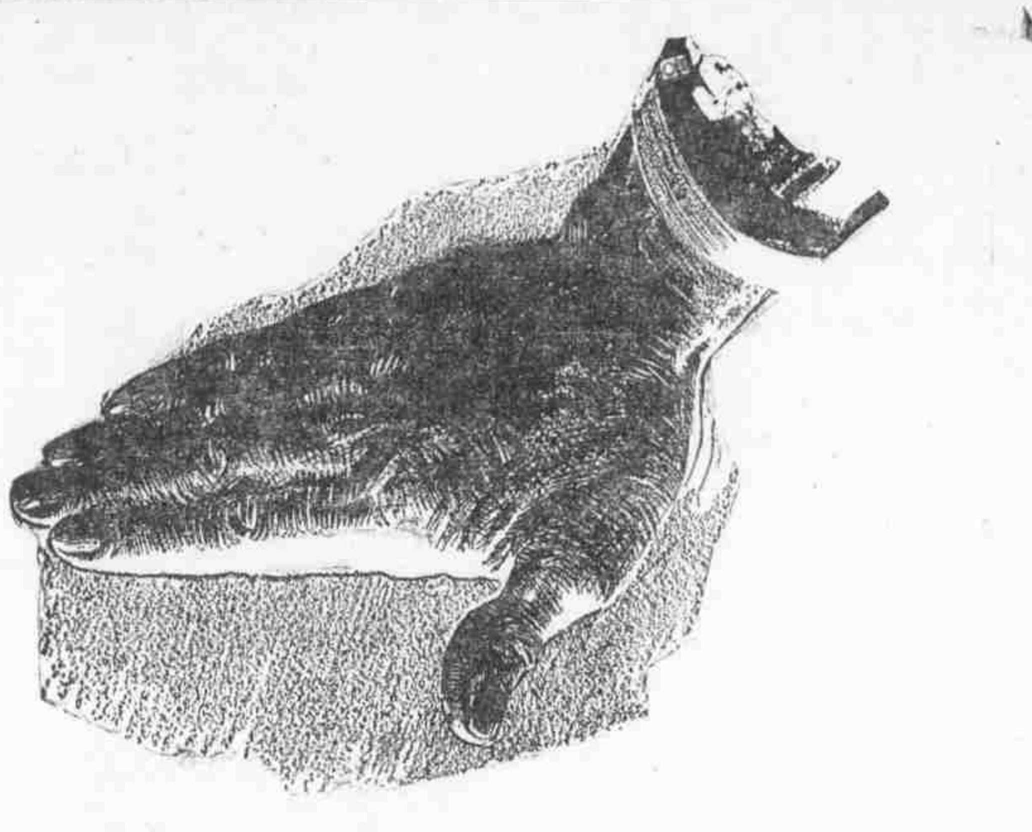
Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 200 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—Doctor Harry Emerson Fosdick, magazine writer, Christian (?) evolutionist, modernist, pastor of a rich and influential New York city church, live statue on a pedestal, etc., etc., is now a "father confessor" in this same Baptist church, says he cures sin sick souls by this process. He is thus Protestant assistant to his "Roman Catholic brethren."

Whether his said "brethren" seem to need his help is not publicly known. He does not state that he requires post mortum "stipends" to mitigate the warm air of purgatory in behalf of the souls he helps, who might find their way there. Perhaps he don't. Some of his Protestant brethren, indeed most of them, have handed his spiritual treatment over to the "psychoanalysts," whoever they are—so he says. Anent is this our doctor of souls and the spotlight.

N. JAY BOWERS

West Salem, Or., Feb. 19.



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