

MARKET NOW INACTIVE

HOP PRICES QUOTED BELOW COST OF PRODUCTION.

Eastern Trade Reported as Being Quite Indifferent, Which Has Effect of Holding Figures Down.

Efforts to arouse buyers' interest in Oregon hops do not meet with success, says The Oregonian. The season is nearly a month old, but only a few minor transactions have been reported. Not many hops are being offered by growers, yet a certain amount of business could be done if dealers were able to make sales. The prices quoted around 10 cents are far from satisfactory to producers, and if accepted, would mean a net loss to some of them. There is nothing in sight, however, to indicate that prices will be better in the near future. Eastern brewers cannot be tempted to take hold at this time. Some of them have supplies that will carry them well into next year and a few are known to have even a two years' supply. Others are influenced by the spread of prohibition and all of them feel the effect of the country-wide business depression.

A few dealers, in their efforts to secure business, have named lower prices. It is known that offers have been made to brewers as low as 12 cents, delivered and probably a lower figure has been indicated. In the face of a declining market, consumers are, therefore, disposed to hold off. It was thought there would be export business before this date, but the English buyers are also holding back. Cabled offers to London on the basis of 10 cents to the Oregon grower have met with no response. Either the English brewers are in the same position as those in America, stocked up and afraid of the future, or else financial conditions deter them from operating. If it is the foreign exchange situation that is preventing English buying, there should be relief on this score before long.

In the meantime the growers, while disappointed, are not forcing their hops on the market, and this is keeping prices here about steady. Some of the dealers would like to buy cheaper, particularly those who still have sales uncovered, but the market remains at the 10-cent level. A few lots of Oregon hops were offered on the market yesterday at 8½ and 9 cents, but they were below prime in grade.

RAIN NEEDED IN OREGON.

Crop Conditions Throughout the State Reported Excellent.

Following is a summary of the crop conditions in Oregon for the week ending September 28, as reported to the weather bureau by special correspondents throughout the state:

"Although showers fell in the western counties on the 23rd, 24th and 27th, and in some limited areas of north-central Oregon on the 24th, which benefited pastures and gardens to some extent, there is still need for rain in all portions of the state.

The warm weather has been favorable for the maturing of fruit and garden truck. The picking and drying of prunes has been about completed and the harvesting of apples and pears has begun. In the eastern Oregon valleys the peach crop was very heavy and the quality excellent, but owing to an oversupplied market many tons of the choicest fruit are going to waste. Threshing has been practically completed, and the farmers are preparing the soil for seeding, but little wheat will be sown until the fall rains have commenced. While waiting for the rain, the ranchers are hauling their wood and winter's supplies. Irrigated crops of alfalfa are very good, and the third crop is being put up in some sections. Tomatoes are plentiful and of excellent quality. Seasonable fruits and vegetables are in the local markets in abundance, and the quality is very good.

TO STUDY APPLE CROP.

Government Will Send Experts to Make Study of Distribution.

Complying with numerous requests from the growers' councils, chambers of commerce, growers' and shippers' organizations in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, the office of markets and rural organization of the United States department of agriculture has made plans to establish temporary headquarters in the northwest for the study of the distribution of the 1915 boxed apple crop. The plan as outlined is based upon assurance that the office of markets and rural organization will receive the co-operation of all those interested in the apple industry, for without this co-operation the efforts of the office would not produce valuable results.

The work which the office will do is not that of a telegraphic market news service, but rather contemplates the collection by mail and the compilation of data and issuance of weekly bulletins concerning the shipments and destination of the northwestern boxed apples. In this connection similar work will be carried on to a certain extent in the apple sections of Colorado, Utah and California.

Newport Offers Bonus.

Offer of a bonus of \$100,000 has been made by the citizens of Newport to the Portland & West Coast Railroad and Navigation company as an inducement for the early construction of the first 15 miles of the pro-

posed line from Portland to Newport. Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted at a mass meeting at the Commercial club Monday night, the condition being that actual construction be commenced within 60 days of the acceptance of the bonus. J. H. Fitzgerald, manager of the railroad company, has advised the Commercial club that if the offer were acceptable to the company construction would begin within 30 days.

PHEASANTS BY CONTRACT.

Commission Gives Corvallis Man Contract to Supply Game Birds.

The state of Oregon officially withdrew from the pheasant raising business when, by unanimous approval of the State Fish and Game commission at a meeting in Portland on Tuesday, an agreement was made with Gene Simpson, superintendent of the present state game farm near Corvallis, to raise the pheasants himself and turn them over to the state at a certain sum for each bird. Mr. Simpson owns the land on which the state game farm is situated, but the buildings and equipment are owned by the state. Under the agreement he will have the use of these buildings and equipment, but bears the birds at his own expense and on his own responsibility.

The new policy is expected to save the state money, but to some extent is an experiment. If it proves satisfactory to both the commission and Mr. Simpson at the expiration of the agreement, which is for one year, it undoubtedly will be continued. Mr. Simpson is a recognized authority and expert in the raising of pheasants. If his plans work out, he will be able to turn over to the state to be liberated in districts where game replenishment is needed from 3500 to 5000 young pheasants a year.

A Youthful Congregation.

A proportionately larger number of students at the Oregon Agricultural college are church members than in any other college or university that has come to his attention, according to the Rev. C. C. Curtis of Corvallis, who was in Dallas on Tuesday to conduct the burial services of the late Mrs. Anna Williams. Mr. Curtis was formerly pastor of the Dallas Christian church and now occupies a pulpit in the college town. He says that his congregation is largely made up of college students, who also take an active interest in the Sunday school, Bible study classes and the Christian Endeavor society work. Mr. Curtis is well acquainted with the Rev. Mr. McConnell, who will take charge of the pastorate here next month, and says much in praise of that gentleman and his ability.

National Guard Inspection.

The quarterly inspection and muster of Company L, O. N. G., was held at the armory on Tuesday evening, with forty members of the organization in attendance. Captain Statrin inspected the command and checked the muster roll. He accounts for the small attendance by the fact that many of the members are still in the fields and orchards and considers this a good representation for the second drill period after the summer season of rest. The adjutant general's office did not send an inspecting officer to muster and review the company here, but inspections of all commands in the third regiment will be made this week. Captain Statrin has received official notification of the acceptance of the resignation tendered by Second Lieutenant Rich.

Warden To Be Selected.

Sheriff William Eseh of Marion county, former police Bailey of Portland and John W. Minto of Portland, brother of Warden Harry Minto, who was killed Monday night by the desperado, Otto Hooker, are being mentioned prominently among the possible successors to Harry Minto as head of the state penitentiary. Eseh and Minto are especially well-known here and their ability to fill the position, should it be tendered them, is generally conceded. The appointment probably will not be made for several weeks.

Notice to Club Members.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held Tuesday, October 5 promptly at 2:30 o'clock. There will be business of importance to transact and a large attendance is urgently requested. Delegates to the state federation are to be elected. I extend to every member a most hearty greeting after the summer vacation, and will appreciate it if you will each consider this a personal invitation to this first meeting for the year.

ELLA J. METZGER, President.

Clover Seed Growers Lucky.

The farmers in Polk and Yamhill counties who raised clover seed this year are among the fortunate ones. According to Harley O. White, who returned last evening from a two weeks' buying tour, the farmers have been receiving from 15 to 16 cents a pound for their clover seed, and the yield this year is about 40 per cent greater than a year ago, when only 12 and 13 cents was the prevailing price.—Capital Journal.

Fair Prizes.

In the hop exhibit at the Polk county fair last week one name which did not appear in The Observer list was that of E. V. D. Paul of Buell, who was awarded first prize. In the vegetable display Tom Bowman, rather than Tom Brown, was awarded second prize.

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APPEAL BUSHEY'S DECISION.

Twenty-One Widows' Pension Cases Carried to Circuit Court.

An appeal was made in Marion county on Tuesday from the decision of Judge Busby in the twenty-one widow's pension cases being prosecuted by Glenn O. Holman and Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas. This turn of affairs brings the cases to an issue in the Marion county circuit court which meets at Salem next Monday. At this time the Dallas barristers are confident that they will secure a reversal of Judge Busby's decision.

Those appealing through Holman and Tooze from Judge Bushey's orders are as follows: Sarah Kemmer, Eva Smith, Lydia B. Keene, Mary Covey, Jessie V. Loter, Zora Baker, Ada M. Wilson, Dora B. John, Eva Wolfe, Jennie Headrick, Jennie N. White, Ida M. Masey, Keshiah Hoffman, Robina Ector, Ollie Lewis, Lettie Yoho, Carrie M. Chace, Cora M. Kephart, Olga Pederson, Matilda Chamlee and Mary L. Finley.

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