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Oregon—Eastern No. 1 staple, 58¢; Eastern No. 2, 47¢; Eastern No. 3, 45¢; Eastern No. 4, 45¢.

Territory—Fine, staple, 58¢; fine medium, 57¢; fine medium staple, 56¢; fine clothing, 45¢; half-blood, 50¢; three-eighths-blood, 48¢; quarter-blood, 45¢.

Pulled—Extra, 56¢; 57¢; fine A, 50¢; 52¢. A supers, 42¢; 45¢.

Brief Notes of the Trade.
Steel rope is down 1/2¢ and Manila rope of all grades down 1/2¢ a pound today.

Sales of today are better with the best Tokays ranging around \$1.50 and Malaga \$1.25.

Prach market is lower with heavier offerings.

Tomatoes are holding about the same for fancy stock, although poor quality and poorly packed stuff is somewhat sold for less.

Wagonload supplies are as liberal that the market is quiet. Prices are unchanged.

Cantaloupes from Toppenish are bringing \$2 and \$2.50, but quality is scarcely better than that of the first lot.

It seems to be a case of overproduction and being able to demand a price.

Woolpacking is starting slowly with most growers paying 7c and 8c for the pounds.

A car of California onions was unloaded this morning. Selling around \$1.25.

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT.

Portland, Or., Sept. 2.—"In the Willamette, Clatsop, Clatsop, Hubbard, Woodburn, Sherwood and Middleton districts there is practically no trace of mold on the hops thus far this year," said Frank S. Johnson, of the J. W. Seavey Hop company, yesterday. "I have not in any of the hops in these localities so free of mold as they are just now, and barring unfavorable weather conditions between this time and the end of the picking season, the chances are for an unusually fine grade of hops in most of the yards."

Mr. Seavey and Mr. Johnson, accompanied by W. M. Hendershott and W. L. Fry, made an automobile trip Sunday through these districts, and in the course of the day examined a good many yards.

"In addition to freedom from mold in the districts we visited, we found no evidence worth mentioning of damage by the red spider," Mr. Johnson continued. "A good deal has been heard of the ravages of this pest this year, but I don't believe it has done any more damage than the small harm it does every year in a few of the yards. Everything considered, the prospect is for a good average crop of good quality in the sections indicated. Of course there is always a chance of late rains delaying the picking, so as to give the mold a chance, but the growers generally are not apprehensive on this score."

"Altogether, the outlook this year, like that of a year ago, is for more hops than are needed, and the best that can be offered the growers in the way of advice is that the fewer hops picked this year the better the market. They can hardly look for anything better than 7 or 8 cents, and it will not take much figuring to show that profit is small, if not altogether wanting at such a level of prices."

Mr. Johnson says that many of the yards in all these districts show the results of poor cultivation. In these the yield generally will be light, but the quality of the product compares well with that in the well cultivated fields. In all the yards where the vines have been properly cared for the output will be heavy.

First Hop Purchase.
The first purchase of baled hops of the 1908 crop in Oregon have been made by A. Wolf & Sons, of Silverton, who bought 125 bales of Fuggles in the Silverton section. The price paid was 6 1/2 cents. The lots are those of Joseph Scheidler, 80 bales; Northness & Ames, 35 bales, and Geiser & Brunner, 10 bales. The quality is choice.

The price paid for the first Fuggles marketed is not always an index of values that will rule on the later hops. Usually Fuggles sell at something of a premium, though last year this was not the case, the Fuggles bringing 7 and 7 1/2 cents and the latter variety opening at 9 cents. Therefore, it is not safe to base the opening of the market this year on the price of the early crop. The general opinion prevails that the late hops, when in the bale, will sell at around 8 cents.

Contracts were made by Julius Finnes & Co., of Salem, yesterday at 7 1/2 cents. The sellers were Mrs. Fred Knapp, of Chammas, 15,000 pounds, and August Richel, of Woodburn, 12,000 pounds. This is the best price paid for contracts recently. In fact since John Carmichael paid 10 cents earlier in the season.

Views of the Buttery Market Vary.
There is now a marked difference of opinion among the city creamery men and among the dealers in butter products as well on the condition of the butter market. Most of the city creamery men regard the market as fairly firm, and say that stocks are cleaning up well, while a few are a little less sanguine. Some of the handlers of country butter hold that the market is in good shape, while others regard it as weak. At the same time a good deal of office shading is reported in various quarters, and a further factor at this time is the presence of considerable Eastern stock. Settled conditions are looked for within a short time.

Peaches Are Plentiful Now.
Peach prospects today were the height of the season thus far, according to the board of trade, which reports the arrivals for the day as approximately five carloads. There was evidence on the street today of a slight weakening in the market, but the demand for peaches continues strong and with trade active prices were well maintained. The best Ashland, Bates, Deschutes and

Roseburg fruit is sold at 60c to 85c a box. The supply promises to be heavy all the week and perhaps next week as well.

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