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APPLE PROSPECTS THE BRIGHTEST

Fear of Overproduction Groundless and Use of Fruit Constantly Increasing Among the People of the Nation.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The fear that an overproduction of apples may render the crop unprofitable within a few years is probably groundless. Secretary Williamson of the state board of horticulture, emphasized the true condition of things when he reminded the Portland Applegrowers' association that in 1900 the crop for the whole country was not much more than half as large as in 1889. Pests and neglect had done their work in the old orchards everywhere, while comparatively few new ones had been planted. Since the year 1900 many apple trees have been set out in Oregon and Washington. Eastern growers have been adopting scientific methods lately to some extent. They are learning to cultivate and spray their trees, and in some sections east of the Mississippi the farmers are planting young orchards; but progress of this kind is very slow. It is doubtful whether, with all that has been done since 1900, the production of apples exceeds today the figure for 1889, taking the whole country into account. Since, on the other hand, the population is a great deal more numerous, the danger of overproduction cannot be imminent.

It is well to remember also that, as Mr. Williamson points out, fruit will form a larger part of the diet of the American people hereafter. There are several reasons for this expectation. Perhaps the most important is the high price of meat. Beef and pork may some time cost the consumer less than they do now, but they will never be cheap again in the United States. Cheap meat and dear land are incompatible with each other. The value of farms in all parts of the country has been increasing rapidly of late, and unless something comes it to collapse it is idle to dream of any heavy decline in the price of hogs and cattle. If a large fraction of the farming population should suddenly abandon agriculture and take up some new industry, land values would undoubtedly decline, as they did in England when the era of factories opened, but nothing of that sort is likely to happen. The rural population will constantly become denser, land more valuable and meat dearer.

It follows that people of moderate means will be forced to rely more and more upon a vegetable diet. Recent studies in hygiene seem to prove that this will not be much of a misfortune. It will probably be a blessing. A heavy meat diet is not injurious, perhaps, to persons living an outdoor life, but for others it is extremely inadvisable. Their bodies are more healthy and their minds clearer when they eat but little meat. Fruit is particularly nutritious and salutary for sedentary people.

These facts have now become matters of common knowledge. Very likely there never was a time when the subject of diet was so much studied or so well understood by ordinary people as it is now. The growing demand for fruit arises not only from the high price of meat, but also from the widespread belief that a diet largely vegetable is more wholesome. Since this belief is entirely sound, the demand which it occasions will constantly increase. The market for fruit may reasonably be expected to grow faster than the population of the country, so that it would not become overstocked were orchardists to make vast plantings in many states.

They have not done so, however. It is said that the new plantings of apple trees in the east hardly keep pace with the decay of the old orchards. Even in states where it is known from experience that the fruit will thrive the expansion of orchards is very slow. There has been a marked revival of agriculture east of the Allegheny mountains in recent years. The abandoned farms have been put in tillage again and land values have risen, but this encouraging work has been done by foreigners. Expert in truck farming, these immigrants by incessant toil and rigid economy often make a great deal of money from land which was supposed to be exhausted, but, after all, they know little of agriculture as a science. Especially do they know little of scientific horticulture. They

work by rule of thumb. Their competition is not much to be feared in a branch of industry which requires active and adaptable intelligence. The Oregon apple-grower need not worry, therefore, over competition in the eastern states. The soil and climate of that section are less suitable to the fruit than ours and their immigrant farmers will not acquire the alert American intelligence for many years. Oregon may plant as many orchards as seem desirable without fear of overstocking the market. The only serious danger which the industry need fear is foolish legislation. The size and shape of apple boxes, for example, may best be left to the growers to settle. The legislature cannot meddle with the subject without doing harm.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Hops, Wool and Hides.
HOPS—1908 crop, choice 15c; prime to choice, 16c; prime, 15 1/2c; medium, 15c; 1909, choice, 21c; prime, 20c; medium, 16 1/2c.
WOOL—Nominal, 1909, Willamette valley, 20 1/2c; eastern Oregon, 20 1/2c.
SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10 1/2c each; short wool, 25 1/2c; medium wool, 50 1/2c each; long wool, 75c 1/2c each.
TALLOW—Prime, per lb. 3 1/4c; No. 2 and grease, 3 1/2c.
CRITTIM BARR—Nominal, 4 1/4c.
MOHAIR—1909, 23 1/2c lb.
HIDES—Dry hides, 17 1/2c lb; green, 9 1/2c lb; bulls, green salt, 7c lb; kips, 10 1/2c lb; calves, green, 16 1/2c lb.

Better Eggs and Poultry.
EGGS—Local, candled select, 40 1/4c; local storage, 27c; eastern storage, 27 1/2c.
BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—sweet cream, 37 1/2c; sour, 35 1/2c.
BUTTER—Extra creamery, 39c; fancy, 37c; store, 25c.
CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 18 1/2c; triplets and daisies, 18 1/2c; Young Americans, 19 1/2c.
POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 15 1/2c; fancy hens, 15 1/2c; roosters, old, 11c; geese, 12c for live, 16 1/2c for dressed; ducks, 16 1/2c; turkeys alive, 21 1/2c; dressed, 25 1/2c; pigeons, squabs, 22 per dozen; dressed chicken, 1c to 2c a pound higher than alive.

Grain, Flour and Hay.
BARLEY—Producers' price—1909—Feed, \$21.50; rolled, 33c; brewing, \$21.50.
WHEAT—Track, club, \$1.10 @ \$4.11; blue stem, \$1.20 @ \$1.21; red, \$1.18; forty fold, \$1.12 @ \$1.13; Willamette valley, \$1.08.
MILLET—Selling price—Bran, 22c; middlings, 33c; shorts, 22 1/2c; chop, 22 1/2c; alfalfa meal, 22 1/2c.
FLOUR—New crop, patents, \$6.15; straight, \$4.85; bakers, \$5.95 @ \$6.15; Willamette valley, \$5.70 bbl.; export grades, \$4.60; Graham, 1/2c, \$5.50; whole wheat, \$5.70; rye, \$5.75; bales, \$2.15.
HAY—Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, \$19 @ \$20; ordinary, \$19; eastern Oregon, \$20 @ \$21; mixed, \$15; clover No. 1, \$15.50 @ \$16; wheat, \$16 @ \$17; cheat, \$16 @ \$17; alfalfa, \$15.
OATS—Spot delivery, new, producers' price—Track—No. 1 white, \$22.50 @ \$23.50; gray, \$21.50 @ \$22.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.
FRESH FRUITS—Oranges: New navel, \$22.25 @ \$23.00; Valencia, \$5.65 @ \$3.75 box; bananas, 5 @ 5 1/2c lb; lemons, \$5.50 @ \$6.00 box; grapefruit, \$4; pears, \$1.25; grapes, \$1.75.
POTATOES—Selling, new, \$1.10 @ \$1.25; buying, eastern Newtomaah and Clatsop, 75 @ 85c; Willamette valley, 65 @ 70c.
VEGETABLES—New turnips, Oregon, 90c sack; beets, \$1.25; carrots \$0 @ 90c sack; cabbage, local, \$1.50 @ \$1.75; tomatoes, fancy, \$2.25 crate; beans, 10 @ 12c per lb; cauliflower, \$1.00 per dozen; peas, 10 @ 12c lb; horseradish, 10c; green onions, 10c dozen; peppers, bell, — lb.; head lettuce, 20c doz.; hothouse, \$1.25 box; radishes — doz. bunches; celery, \$2 @ 3.50 crate; egg plant, 15c lb; sweet potatoes, \$2; sprouts, 8 @ 9c; cucumbers, \$2.50 dozen.
ONIONS—Jobbing, \$1.40 @ \$1.50 per cwt.; garlic, 10 @ 12c per lb.
APPLES—\$1 @ \$2.50.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.
SUGAR—Cube, \$6.25; powdered, \$5.95; fruit or berry, \$5.95; dry granulated, 5.95; conf. A, \$5.75; D extra B, \$5.25; golden G, \$5.35; D yellow, \$5.25; best, \$5.75; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.
(Above quotations are 30 days net cash quotations.)

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Meats, Fish and Provisions.
DRESSED MEATS—Front street hogs, fancy, 10 1/2c; ordinary, 9 1/2c; veals, extra, 11 1/2c; ordinary, 10 1/2c @ 11c; extra heavy, 300 lbs., 5 1/2c @ 7c; mutton, 7c; lambs, 7c.
HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) ham, 17 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 18 1/2 @ 20c; boiled ham, 25 @ 26c; picnic, 14c; cottage roll, 15c; regular short clears, smoked, 16 1/2c; backs, smoked, 16 1/2c; pickled tongues, 60c each.
LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 18 1/2c per lb.; 5s, 18 5/8c per lb.; 50 lb. tins, 18c per lb.; steam rendered, 10s, 17c per lb.; 5s, 17 5/8c per lb.; compound, 10s, 11 3/4c per lb.
CLAMS—Harshell, per box, \$2.50; razor clams, \$3.00 per box.
FISH—Nominal—Rock cod, 10c; flounders, 6c; halibut, 8 @ 10c; striped bass, 15c; catfish, 10c; salmon, steelhead, 10c; silvers, 8c lb.; fall salmon, 8c lb.; soles, 7c lb.; shrimps, 12 1/2c lb.; perch, 7c lb.; tom cod, 8c per lb.; lobsters, 25c per lb.; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb.; crawfish, (—) per doz.; sturgeon, 12 1/2c per lb.; black bass, 20c per lb.; Columbia smelts, 25c per lb.; silver smelts, 7c per lb.; black cod, 7 1/2c per lb.; crabs, \$1.25 @ 1.75 per dozen.
OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, \$2.25; per 100 lb sack, \$5; Olympia, per gallon, \$2.75; per 100 lb sack, \$7 @ \$7.50; canned eastern, 55c can, \$6.50 doz.; eastern in shell, \$1.65 per 100.
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(Prices paid by Medford merchants.)
APPLES—2 @ 4c lb.; pears, 1 1/2c lb.
Potatoes, 1c lb.; onions, \$1.50 cwt.; cabbage, 2c; turnips, 1 1/2c; parsnips, 1 @ 1 1/2c lb.; squash, 30c and \$1 doz.; pumpkins, 10 @ 15c.
Butter, Eggs and Poultry.
(Prices paid by Medford merchants.)
Ranch butter, 33 1/2c; fancy creamery, 37 1/2c.
Fresh ranch eggs, 40c.
Mixed poultry, 10c; spring chickens, 15c; ducks, 10c; turkeys, 17c.
(Prices paid producers.)
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$15; grass, \$14; grain hay, \$16.
Grain—Wheat, \$1.20 bushel; oats, \$1.30 ton; barley, \$30 ton.
Beef—2 1/2 @ 3c; pork, 6 1/2c; mutton, 4c; lamb, 4 1/2c; veal (dressed), 6c.
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