

NEWS OF THE ORCHARD

LOW PRICES OF LAST YEAR ENLARGE BOX FRUIT MARKET

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The low prices of last year, a heavy European and South American demand, general disgust with the barreled apples of the east, and a light crop in most fruit-growing sections are the fundamental reasons for the present good prices for Northwestern apples in New York markets. The fact that the first shipments of Hood River Spitzenbergs brought at auction \$2.35 to \$3.25 a box and Wenatchee Arkansas Blacks from \$2.50 to \$3.00 at this crucial time, when at the apples that are not to be put in cold storage are being thrown on the market, is a strong indication that the present demand for high-grade western apples will continue throughout the season. At the Erie Pier, an average of nearly 100 cars of barreled apples is received each day. Most of these are for immediate consumption, and will not be put into cold storage. When they are gone the market for the boxed apple will improve steadily, is the general prediction.

Increased the Demand

Mouths which never before had tasted boxed apples had their fill last winter. The enormous crop produced throughout the United States, with the resultant low prices sent boxes of high grade fruit into thousands of homes for the first time. The grower is reaping a direct benefit from the generous prices of last fall. The fruit brokers of New York place low prices of 1912 as a prime factor in the increased demand for boxed fruit.

Five years ago, Scobel & Day sent the first box of apples to South America from New York. It was a single box, sent as a sample. The Vandike, which left recently for Buenos Ayres and Rio Janeiro, carried 34,000 boxes of northwestern apples. Now that the tariff is to be removed from meat, the steamship companies are increasing their cold storage capacities for the purpose of bringing meat north and taking apples and other fruit south.

South American Demand

The demand for apples from the South Americans, who are now having their early spring weather, is not nearly supplied. Their supply is regulated by the cold storage capacity of the ships. Until the Vandike was built, no ship going to South America had cold storage facilities for more than 10,000 boxes. At the present time the fruit merchants who supply this trade are engaging space in the boats for next August. The growing demand for northwestern apples in Argentina, Brazil and other South American countries, and the increased cold storage facilities in the ships that ply trade in these waters are factors in the creation of the present favorable market conditions and one that will be a permanent and growing one.

Hogue River Pears

Colorado Jonathans, which were much in evidence in the overflooded market at this time last fall, are not to be found. The commission houses are lined with brightly labeled boxes from the Wenatchee, North Yakima, Rogue River and Hood River valleys. There has been an immense shipment of Jonathans from Washington to New York. There are but few Jonathans from the Hood River and Rogue River valleys in the New York market, but Spitzenbergs from the former district are just putting in an appearance. Southern Oregon pears are found in every high-class fruit stand in the city and are retailing at from 5 to 8 cents apiece, according to quality.

Crops Everywhere Short

Colorado is not the only fruit district that has a light crop. California's customary supply of Yellow Newtown Pippins is reported to be greatly diminished by the fruit-growing conditions there. New York, Maine and other eastern states have but half the crop of 1912.

The Chicago markets are taking all the apples grown in the middle west, leaving the western-grown fruit to supply the needs that small crops in the east and Europe and the liking for the product is causing.

Prices given by buyers in New York for apples f. o. b. in the Wenatchee, North Yakima, Hood River and Rogue River valleys are as follows: Rome Beauties, \$2.50; Spitzenbergs, \$1.50 to \$2; Yellow Newtown Pippins, \$1.50 to \$2; Arkansas Blacks, \$2; Jonathans, \$1.40-\$1.60; Winter Bananas, \$2.25-\$3; Winesaps, \$1.75-\$2.

APPLE BROKERS SAY APPLE PRICES ARE UP TO STAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—New York commission men size up the apple market as follows:

"The apple demand is greater than in former years," says Kenneth H. Day, junior member of the firm of Scobel & Day, "and the supply is far below normal. With these conditions the prices are bound to be high for fancy fruit. There is great danger of the growers injuring the market for another year by holding their fruit too high now. The demand this season is greater on account of the low prices last fall and the reverse will be true if the prices are boosted out of sight."

C. Stanley Macomber of D. Crossley & Sons, says: "Now is a trying time for the apple market, as all the fruit which is not to go into cold storage is being placed on the market. Many of the barreled apples have become heated and must be sold soon. I expect the price of apples to slump for a few weeks and then go higher than it is at present."

John Nix Jr., of John Nix & Co., which has been operating on Greenwich street for three generations, gives these reasons for his belief that apple prices are up to stay: "The supply of New York apples regulates greatly the New York market. Last year the up-state growers put on the market 3000 barrels and this fall will not furnish half that amount. I know from first hand information that the apple crop of the northwest is large and splendid quality, as I have just returned from the north Pacific coast, where I visited the Wenatchee Hood River and Rogue River districts."

"There is a certain trade that demands, whatever the market conditions are, an evenly packed, high-grade apple. This is always given the northwestern apples in preference to that of any other locality."

Pasadena, Cal., has a municipal nursery for the production of shade trees.

TRADE TRYING TO BEAR MARKET

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27.—The condition of the apple market at the present time is practically a waiting affair. The general buying trade seems to have its immediate and nearby requirements and for that reason there is a tone of easiness in the trade with little keenness shown in the buying.

Sales at the present time are perhaps the smallest of the season to date. Perhaps there are two reasons for this: the filled up condition of the trade and the recent free offering at low prices by some of the distributing interests.

After a very careful study of conditions of supply and demand, the following special report of the apple trade is given by W. F. Gwin, selling head of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange of this city:

"While the apple market is in a strong position, it is, nevertheless, experiencing a period of extreme dullness. This is partially due to the fact that disagreeable unfavorable weather has been prevailing in the east. The slackness in the demand coming at a time when the movement from the Pacific coast is at its height has resulted in an accumulation of unsold cars at principal middle west gateways. The trade, quick to post themselves on these conditions, and feeling the pressure to sell on the part of the distributing agencies, is naturally quick to take advantage of the situation and are trying to 'bear' the market as much as possible.

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Chicago—Through auction. Mixed car fancy onathans, \$1.65; choice, \$1.49; extra Grimes, \$2.55; Winesaps extra fancy, \$1.72; fancy, \$1.00 to \$1.50; extra fancy Rome Beauty, \$1.65; extra fancy Stayman Winesaps, \$1.55; fancy, \$1.35; Ganos, extra fancy, \$1.60. Disagreeable weather influenced trade apples. Weather clear, trade taking hold better. Understand about 35 cars at Chicago & Northwestern Wood street station.

Philadelphia—Through auction—Northwestern box apples. Wenatchee Produce company for account of J. P. Wilson, Philadelphia—Car G. N. 50,178, extra fancy Grimes Golden, high \$2.23, low \$1.75, average \$1.88; fancy Jonathans, high \$2.15, low \$1.75, average \$1.86.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE **Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank** At Medford, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business October 21, 1913.

Resources		\$94,059.09
Loans and discount	None	
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	18,439.30	
Bonds and warrants	100.00	
Stocks and other securities	8,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00	
Other real estate owned	1,235.03	
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	46,342.41	
Demand certificates of deposit	1,729.43	
Certified checks	12,380.03	
Cash on hand	None	
Total	\$187,185.29	
Liabilities		\$50,000.00
Capital stock paid in	674.37	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,841.41	
Due to banks and bankers	117,638.45	
Individual deposits subject to check	4,162.58	
Cashier's checks	723.90	
Cashier checks outstanding	49.09	
Time certificates of deposit	9,095.43	
Notes and bills rediscounted	None	
Bills payable for money borrowed	None	
Total	\$187,185.29	

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson. I, L. L. Jacobs, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. L. JACOBS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of October, 1913.

T. H. LUMSDEN, Notary Public.

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