

THE MARKETS.

The Yakima Republic states that \$1.10 per box, is being paid for hop pickers.

Chas. Carpenter on Saturday purchased from Thos. Shannon, of Zillah, 12,000 pounds of hops at 12 cents.

Chas. Weller, of Puyallup, has been offered 11½ cents. Growers there are hoping for 15 cents.

Two hop kilns owned by James Rankin, of Green River, Wash., were destroyed by fire Sept. 24. Three tons of hops and all his farm machinery were lost.

In Lewis county, Wash., the yield of hops this year amounted to 22,067 boxes.

Apples are selling very slow, and they have to be very good to sell at the present low figure. There is so large a Sound yield that the market is well filled. There is very little demand from Alaska, as people are in the interior and there is no way to get the fruit to them. When one stops to think that all the smaller towns of Western Washington are supplied by their home surplus, and all the large markets are filled by tributary orchards, it can readily be understood why the market is depressed.

The hardest proposition that we have had to contend with is the peach question. During the early part of the season the weather was not bright and warm and the sales were considerably slackened because of this fact. Now there is a complete famine of fruit jars, and people are unable to put up their usual winter's supply result in the market being overstocked. Figures are low.

Prunes have not been selling and perhaps as many dumped as sold, but a good Italian prune is being sought for today and will bring 35 cents.

Watermelons are out of the market.

Cantelopes are in fair demand. A limited amount of them would sell well.

A well-known commission man gives us an idea of the situation of things in Alaska by stating that he offered to consign to a prominent merchant a shipment of 25 or 50 boxes of apples and let him sell them for what he could get, thinking that surely they would sell for some price. But the Ft. Wrangel merchant said that the desertion of his town is complete, everybody having rushed to the interior.

Heavy stocks of grapes are on hand. Eastern Concord, California and Eastern Washington grapes are in heavy supply.

The Eastern Concorde do not seem to be moving very rapidly.

Tomatoes in fairly good demand; where smooth, bring 35 @40c per box.

Some demand for rutabagas, parsnips and carrots. Good, well-bleached celery sells for 40c per dozen. Butter has advanced to 25c per pound.

Following are jobbing quotations at Seattle:

- EGGS—20@22c.
- BUTTER—Washington creamery, 1 and 2 lb bricks, 24c; ranch butter, 15½@18c.
- CHEESE—Washington full cream, 10@11c; half skim, 7@8c.
- POULTRY—Spring chickens, \$2.25@3 per doz; hens, 9@11c per lb.
- POTATOES—Choice Yakimas, \$11; Puget Sound, \$9 per ton.
- FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 50c@\$.25 box; plums, 25@35c; pears 50@90c; peaches, 35@60c; canteloupes, 75c@\$1.00 crate; prunes, 25@35c. 35@40
- VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, 30@35c crate; green corn, 6@8c doz.
- HAY—Eastern Washington timothy, \$12@13 per ton; Puget Sound, \$10; alfalfa, \$10.
- WOOL—Northwest ranges, 10@12c.
- HOPS—12@15c.

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