

made in New York, and the figure was \$21.00. The third sale, made in the city of Philadelphia, at auction, was a record breaker, eight pounds of cherries bringing the remarkable price of \$70.00.

These shipments marked the beginning of California's fruit season. Carload shipments from Sacramento Valley districts began May 13th, when a carload of cherries was shipped from Vacaville.

The fruit crop of California will probably be slightly below the average in quantity this year. The Sacramento Valley fruit districts, which provide the bulk of California deciduous fruits, report heavy crops of pears, but slight shortage in most other fruits. Apricots will begin ripening within a few days.

#### Horticulture at St. Louis.

The space devoted to pomological exhibits is located in the main room of the Horticultural Building. The floor plan adopted is so arranged that there is no main aisles in the building, but instead it cut up in such a way that the aisles run in different directions, this arrangement making the entire area good exhibit space, because it distributes the visitors evenly over the entire space, and there are no favored locations. This entire area will be covered with fresh fruit on the opening day of the exposition, which is something never attempted before at any world's fair.

The fruit exhibit for the early part of the season will necessarily be largely an apple exhibit, because other

fruits are not so successfully kept in cold storage, and for that reason the fruit exhibit will be of great interest because it will enable the different states and provinces to show the quality of their apples from a commercial standpoint, since the keeping qualities of the fruit, in and out of cold storage, is an interesting point when considered from the commercial side and it will enable exhibitors from widely separated localities to compare the keeping qualities of their fruits with others when placed side by side on the exhibit tables.

In addition to the exhibits made by the different states, the department of Horticulture will maintain a collective fruit exhibit. This exhibit is made for the purpose of getting together in one space, different varieties of fruits grown in widely separated localities. In this collection will be brought together specimens of leading varieties of fruits from all countries and states. This is done in order to afford an opportunity for those interested in studying varieties to compare specimens of the same variety from all sections of the country, and to note its variation as to size, color, shape, texture of flesh and flavor.

At the present time there is a great amount of discussion concerning varieties and it seems fitting that there should be an effort made here to give those interested an opportunity to get the most information in the least possible time concerning this subject, and it is believed that this will be accomplished. In addition to the collective exhibit of the leading varieties a collection of the seedling fruits of recent origin will be shown.