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The decline in the auction markets has had a tendency to make the f.o.b. market a little easier, and growers are beginning to be freer sellers. This should give dealers a better chance to buy f.o.b. to advantage.
During the past month or six weeks we have had an unusual amount of cloudy and foggy weather. This has caused a cool spring; but we believe the dampness has been the cause to some extent of the decay which has been reported recently. Fruit shipped during the foggy or cloudy weather is much more liable to decay than fruit shipped in dry weather. It is very unlikely that this foggy weather will continue, and we may expect clear, dry weather from now on.
Another reason for the recent decay is that fruit is always weaker during the blossoming period than at any other time; the fruit now arriving in the east was shipped when the trees were in full bloom. The trees are now about through blossoming and there should be some improvement in the carrying qualities as a result.
Navels are running large sizes, and are getting pretty ripe. For this reason there is not much interest manifested in navels as there is in other varieties. However, the supply is getting very limited. There are probably about 500 cars of navels yet to go forward. Another 200 cars will be shipped from Riverside.
There is a fair demand for seedlings, which are going forward quite freely

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at present. The demand is principally for the cheaper grades.

Sweets are being shipped right along mostly from the cheaper districts. There are very few strictly fancy sweets this year.

St. Michaels are in good demand on account of their size, appearance and flavor. They make a nice summer orange.

Lemons are in light demand at present. The emergency freight rate of 84 cents per box which was to have expired April 30 was extended to May 31. This rate applies to straight car lots only, and not to mixed cars of oranges and lemons. The outlook is good for the summer crop, which promises to be of good quality and a large crop.

From present outlook California will have a very heavy crop of oranges next season. The trees are not only blooming heavily, but are blooming very gradually, which gives the fruit

a better opportunity to set well instead of there being such a heavy drop as is the case when trees bloom heavily all at once. Owing to the cool spring we have had, the trees have been late in blooming, and the blossoming period has lasted much longer than usual. This will have a tendency to make next year's crop late in maturing.—Correspondence Fruit Trade Journal, New York.

Wireless telegraphy has already achieved a splendid success in lessening the dangers of Atlantic sea voyages. Vessels in mid-Atlantic not in sight of each other now hold daily communication. On one occasion one steamship is reported to have informed another of icebergs drifting across his track, and, on several occasions, news from Europe and America was exchanged by vessels invisible to each other.