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DEMAND FOR WHEAT STRONG

PORTLAND MILLERS CALL FOR BLUE STEM.

General Tendency to Bull Market Is Reported.

Grain dealers throughout Oregon report a fair demand for wheat, especially for bluestem, and as a rule yesterday's Portland prices were quoted, club holding at 79 to 80 cents, fortyfold at 80 to 81 and bluestem at 83 to 84. Some trade in bluestem in the country on the basis of 85 cents is said to have been put through within the past few days.

While the millers for the time appear to be doing most of the buying, with bluestem the strong feature of the market, other varieties of wheat also are getting some attention, and in the event of continued improvement in the foreign situation some increase in the export trade is counted among the possibilities.

In the country tributary to Portland the bullish feeling regarding the future of the wheat market shows no abatement. The farmers are holding stiffly for full prices, and with every indication of improvement in the general market situation their ideas advance accordingly. As a result trade is kept within narrow limits.

In the local oats and barley markets the week has been a dull one. The demand is limited and there appears to be no pressure to sell in any quarter.

Quotations in La Grande today are:
Flour, Feed and Grain.
Wild Hay—(retail)—\$12.00.

- Timothy—\$15.00 (retail).
- Alfalfa hay—\$12.00 (retail).
- Shorts—\$1.45 per cwt.
- Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.
- Bran—\$1.25 per cwt.
- Rolled Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.
- Rolled barley—\$1.45 cwt.
- Blue Stem Flour—\$1.35 sack.
- Patent—\$1.25.
- White Quartz—\$1.35 per sack.
- Snowdrift—\$1.35.
- 10s Corn Meal—35c per sack.
- Home grown apples—75c box.
- Oranges—25@60c.
- Bananas—40c per doz.
- Pineapple—20c and 25c, size.
- Cranberries—15c qt.
- Grape fruit—(large size) 10c.
- Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
- Onions—1.50 per cwt, small lots 2c lb.
- Potatoes—75c per cwt.
- Beans—White, 8 1-3c; Lima, 10 cwt.
- New cabbage—2c.
- Celery—2 bunches for 25c. (Home grown, 10c.
- Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.
- Green peppers—20c lb.
- Squash—2 1/2c lb.
- Pumpkins—2 1/2c.
- Turnips—2 1/2c lb.
- Eggs and Butter.
- Fresh eggs—45c.
- Ranch eggs—45c.
- Storage eggs—35c.
- Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cents, 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 80c.
- Ranch butter—2 lb. roll 70c.
- Cattle, Hogs and Powl.
- (Buying Prices.)
- Heavy hogs—\$6.50 cwt.
- Light hogs—\$7.00 cwt.
- Medium light hogs—\$7.00 cwt.
- Ducks—dressed, 18c.
- Geese—Dressed 18c.
- Cows—4@5 1/2c.
- Steers—6c.

The Swiss railway is to have several of the most powerful electric locomotives in Europe.

AN EGYPTIAN RECIPE

By M. QUAD

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If Farmer John Stone hadn't been a widower, if he hadn't been a bald-headed, whiskerless man, if he hadn't been in love with the Widow Davis, things might have been different. When he told her that he loved her her reply was:

"John, you are a good man, but"—
"But what is it, Mary?"
"You are baldheaded and have no whiskers."

"But I love you."
"That can't make up for it. I repeat that you are a good man, but when I think that I would have to sit here evening after evening and stare at your shiny poll it is too much."

"I—I thought if a man loved"—
"But there are the whiskers or the lack of them. No man can look dignified without 'em. Your character is all that a woman could ask for, but where is the hair? Where the whiskers?"

John Stone turned away in chagrin and despair, and there was no sleep for him for the next three nights. He was still in the dumps when a tin peddler came along and invited him to open his heart. He did so.

"Say, John, it was mean of the widow," said the peddler when he had listened to all.

"Yes, kinder."
"Kinder? Why, man, she has wrecked your life."

"Has she?"
"You want to turn around and wreck the widow."

"But how can I do it?" asked John.
"First of all, get mad at her. Say to yourself that you don't care a darn for her."

"Well, I'm feeling that way. She can go to Texas!"

"Bully for you! Now, then, you know that we peddlers take all kinds of things in trade. The other day I raked in an Egyptian mummy for \$4 worth of milk pans. You know what a mummy is, don't you?"

"Some one that's been dead a thousand years."

"Exactly. When I ripped him open I found this paper."

"By George!" gasped John.
"It is writ in Egyptian, but I can read it right off. It's a recipe for making hair grow on bald heads."

"You don't say?"
"And for forcing whiskers to grow on the smoothest face. It says that one month's use of it will grow side whiskers on a boy of ten."

"You can't mean it!"
"You can have the preparation put up at a drug store and begin to use it, and in a month what happens? Why, you have a luxuriant crop of curly hair on your bald head and chin whiskers that fall down to your waist and are blown to port and starboard by the breezes. You can walk up and down the road in front of the widow's house. From the window she sees you and knows she has made the mistake of her life. She calls to you to admit that she was in the wrong and that you can bring the preacher as soon as you please, but you wave her aside."

"And what?"
"And you wave her aside and go along to the Widder Stevens and propose marriage to her and hustle things along. She dotes on curly hair and chin whiskers, and will say yes at once."

"By George, but it will be great!"
"It will for sure."

"And you'll do this out of the goodness of your heart?"

"I'll do it for one-half goodness and the other half cash. The cash part is \$25. Those chin whiskers alone are worth \$100 to any living man."

No farmer is ready to pay out money unless he can see a return for it. Farmer Stone asked for a week to consider the matter and then closed the deal. It wasn't humanly possible for a baldheaded, whiskerless man to hold out. The formula was copied off to him.

until he could spare a day to go to the village. That day never came. He was killed by accident in his own field.

Then came an interval of seven years during which time nothing was said in his late community about baldheaded men. One day a stranger appeared who had heard from the peddler that John Stone had the Egyptian recipe, and he offered \$5 for it. One of the widow's heirs found it in an old trunk and took the money.

The next heard of the recipe was by advertisement. A coffee and tea house, instead of giving out trading stamps, advertised to grow hair and whiskers for the buyer of every pound of tea or coffee.

They sent a lot of wagons through the country to herald the news by word of mouth, and the highways were plastered with posters, and the weekly papers reaped whole pages of advertising. The campaign was brief, but vigorous.

All those who got the recipes were directed to a certain druggist to have them filled. The druggist was a hustler and sent the stuff away by the scores and hundreds of bottles and made 400 per cent profits. At the end of ten or twelve weeks there were 600 baldheads in one county alone, and the number of burned and blistered chins and cheeks was a full thousand.

The headstone marking John Stone's grave was a rather stingy affair. After the exposure it was replaced by a better one, and the obituary was added to as follows:

"He had neither hair nor whiskers, but he was a lucky man!"

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove State bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at Cove, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913. Business will be considered as may properly be offered at said meeting.

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