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NO CHANGE IS NOTICED IN WOOL PRICE

WOOLEN MILLS ARE MAKING THEIR PURCHASES IN LEISURELY MANNER.

ANOTHER WEEK PASSES WITH INDIFFERENT BUYING

With Few Purchases Made, There Will Be No Change for Trouble Through Order Cancellations; Boston Dealers Are Operating More or Less in Texas.

BOSTON, Mass., May 26.—(Special.)—Another week of rather indifferent business in the seaboard wool markets has come and gone. The mills are buying wool now and again in the most leisurely manner and in spite of the fact that some of them are known to have fairly large requirements still to cover, they continue to buy in the most hand-to-mouth order, making the most of the indisputable fact that stocks of wool are heavy and that there is no need for haste in covering.

Moreover, they do not intend that there shall be any opportunity for the clothing people to catch them unaware again with large cancellations, such as those which happened a year ago and nearly put some of the larger mills into bankruptcy.

Say Business Quiet. Spinners and topmakers say business has been quiet with them during the last week, as well as with the weavers of cloth, no new business of moment having been put on the books. For the time being, most of the mills have a considerable volume of orders still to run off the books, enough, in fact, to keep the majority of them fairly well occupied until the first of July, at least, by which time it is hoped that further business will be in sight.

For the moment, however, trade is in the doldrums. This is reflected more or less in the fact that shipments of wool by rail and sea from Boston, which rose recently to about 5,000,000 pounds of wool per week, have lately dropped to slightly over 2,000,000 pounds per week.

Values Steady. In spite of the lessened activity, values have remained fairly steady, a fact that is attributed largely to the passage of the emergency tariff bill. If the permanent tariff could be enacted sufficiently soon, this might be desirable, in view of the admitted imperfections in the emergency measure.

Operations General. Operations through the West are becoming more general although buying is proceeding in a moderate way, considerable wool being consigned against advances of 10 to 12 cents a pound for the better fine and fine medium clips as a rule; some of the poorer wools realizing even smaller advances.

The Parowan, Utah, growers, according to dispatches received here, sold their pool of over 50,000 fleeces, estimated at close to a half million pounds all told, to a Philadelphia house at 17 cents in the grease, compared with 63 cents received for the same wools last year. These are understood to be wools of the fine and fine medium order or fair staple and shrinking about 65 per cent.

Buy in Texas. Boston dealers have been operating more or less in Texas during the week, and have paid anywhere from 16 to 20 cents, depending upon the wool, the higher price, of course, being for the lighter shrinking twelve-months wool. Last year for wool of the latter type, 71 and 72 cents were offered for a good clip, and the bid summarily rejected by the growers, who later consigned their wools to the same dealer on an advance of 25 cents. This advance proved to be in excess of the value of the wool, when sold at the growers' direction, and it is up to them to make good a deficit of several thousand dollars out of this year's wool.

While the American markets have been hardly holding their own, the foreign primary markets have been exhibiting more or less of a rally from the low point of the market. At the Australian sales prices were maintained fairly well right up to the close, and clearings of 80 per cent or better of the offerings have been reported. Sales were resumed in New Zealand May 25, after a two-months' suspension. In South America buying is reported better for account of England and the Continent, and values have stiffened slightly. Again has been making the best fine wools in Australia, while England and the Continent

Cool Weather Lowers Floods

Dredge Has Strengthened the Threatened Dike at Woodlawn; Rumors Are Declared to Be Exaggerated

PORTLAND, May 26.—A rise of 3 feet in the Snake river, which has been dropping the past few days and a continued rise in the Columbia, were the flood developments today. A continued slow rise in the Willamette has been forecast, with the stage Sunday at 22.8 feet. Today's reading was 22 feet, a rise of 3 feet. The dredge is strengthening the threatened dike at Woodlawn. The St. Helen's crosscutting company is closed, owing to the high water at St. Helen's.

Prospects of a serious flood in the Columbia is considerably lessened this afternoon by the cool weather in the watershed area, said Observer Wells. A report from Woodlawn said that the officials there had declared the dike in no danger and discredit alarming reports. The dredge and scrapers are at work.

CITY PAYS UP MANY WARRANTS

OBLIGATIONS TO MAY 1ST ARE BEING PAID.

Disbursements for Week Over \$15,000. While Less Than \$900 Is Collected.—Pipeline Safe, Says Garrett.

Disbursements of the City of La Grande were far greater than receipts during the week ending May 21, according to the weekly report of George Garrett, city manager, presented to the city commission at its weekly meeting last evening. Receipts reported by the treasurer's office amounted to only \$821.46 and \$29.00 from the chief of police. Disbursements by the treasurer's office amounted to \$15,443.83. The largest single item in the disbursements is under the classification of general warrants, these warrants to the amount of \$13,223.87 having been paid during the week. The reason for the exceptional amount of disbursements the past week is that all warrants to May 1 are being paid, the city having on hand tax monies recently turned over which it is using for paying up its debts.

In the report of the engineering department Mr. Garrett reassures the commission that there is little danger of the undermined pipeline below the Beaver Creek dam being washed out. He says, "There is considerable rock supporting the line and I have no fear of its collapse. As soon as the water reaches its normal stage we will proceed to protect the pipe line against any further trouble of this kind."

NEAL IS GIVEN CONTRACT

ENTERPRISE, May 26.—The contract for the new intake at the head of the Enterprise water system was awarded to Roscoe Neal on his bid of \$5659. One other bid was submitted, by A. R. Thompson, but it was a little higher.

This job consists of the construction of a concrete intake, fed by underground, perforated sewer pipe which drains a spring and a stream which flows from it, a pipe leading the water to the present city main, and partial clearing and fencing of two acres of ground which the city recently purchased. All this will more than double the supply of water flowing into the main at its head, and it is hoped, will give it all it can carry. For some years the main has not been more than half full at the intake. The new distributing system put in last year will be ample for a city three times the size of Enterprise, but if the town grows much a larger main will have to be laid to the spring. This will be postponed until it is needed. The city owns springs which will provide water enough for a town of 10,000 people, and can draw on them as required.

MORE STREET WORK IS ORDERED DONE

A petition asking that an improvement district be created to take in the "highways" on Second between O. and N. and on N. between Second and First, was presented at the meeting of the city commission last evening. The petition requested that the streets be graded and curbed on these blocks and that a gravel sidewalk surface be laid on the

STOCKMEN CLOSE BIG CONVENTION

ENTERPRISE IS SELECTED AS NEXT MEETING PLACE FOR STOCK RAISERS

FRED A. PHILLIPS OF BAKER NAMED OFFICER

Over Two Hundred Stockmen From Over State Attended Three Days of Interesting Sessions at Canyon City; Union County Men Take Active Part.

CANYON CITY, May 26.—After re-electing William Polman of Baker as the president for the coming year against a protest from him that a younger man be made its head, the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon brought its two days annual business session to a close last night.

Fred A. Phillips of Baker was elected first vice-president, George Russell of Prineville, second vice-president; William Doby of Baker, treasurer, and S. O. Correll, who has been secretary since the organization was formed, was unanimously chosen to succeed himself. Yesterday, George McMullen of the Kansas City stockyard gave an address on condition in the middle west and said recovery on prices would be slow. Dr. H. W. Lytle of Salem spoke on poison weeds and how they affect livestock.

T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the American Livestock association, Denver, reviewed in detail the fight the association is making for reduction of freight rates and other legislation. He assured the growers that it is his opinion a tariff law will be enacted soon by congress greatly to assist the livestock industry as to freight-rate reduction. He was not so optimistic but he admonished all growers that one of the great seats of their troubles is with the federal reserve banking system and the way it is being operated.

Walter M. Pierce, of Union county, who spoke in the afternoon on cooperative marketing, asked pointed questions of B. C. Darnall, representative of the Portland branch of Swift & Co. Among the questions he asked was: "Why is Swift & Co. running large bands of cattle in Oregon when their business is that of packers?" Another was: "Why is Swift & Co. shipping in Canadian cattle on the Portland market?"

Mr. Darnall, in treating the question as to why his company is running cattle in Oregon, stated that the cattle belonged to Edward Swift, who also owned large land holdings. Further than that he

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Policy of G.O.P. Told At Dinner

Many Prominent Financiers of United States Were In Attendance Last Night

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The policy of the administration of promoting exportation as a means toward the restoration of normal business was discussed at the White House dinner last night, which was attended by Secretaries Andrew W. Mellon of the Treasury, and Herbert Hoover, of Commerce; J. P. Morgan, Paul Warburg and other prominent financiers.

WOULD MAKE RECORD TIME

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., May 26.—Captain Eddie Richenbacher, the American ace, left here at 8:32 this morning on a flight which he hopes will take him to Washington, D. C., by tomorrow night.

Passes Over Nevada. RENO, Nev., May 26.—Richenbacher passed Reno at 11:15 today.

U. S. FORCED OUT OF GAME.

ELIMINATED FROM AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Frederick J. Wright, of Boston, Sole Survivor of Entrants, Defeated by Darrin.

HOYLAK, England, May 26.—The United States was forced out of the British amateur golf championship at the end of the sixth round today when Frederick J. Wright, of Boston, sole survivor of the American entrants was defeated by Bernard Darrin in a sensational finish.

Wright is a native of Arlington, Mass., and is 23 years old. He won the state amateur golf championship at Brookline last year, besides having Western and state junior titles to his credit. He is a long hitter, a good putter and a fine match player. In addition he is a nervous golfer who can hole more long puts and chip shots than many amateurs of higher rank. He has acquired the Vardon method of getting backswing without gouging the turf, cutting slightly under the ball.

BRITISH TROOPS START FOR SILESIA

LONDON, May 26.—Four battalions of British troops on the Rhine today began an advance on Upper Silesia to reinforce the allied troops there.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



FOREIGNERS DECREASE IN THIS STATE

FOREIGN POPULATION OF OREGON IS ANNOUNCED BY CENSUS BUREAU TODAY

MORE JAPANESE IN STATE THAN THERE ARE CHINESE

Nearly as Many Japanese as There Are Indians; Chinese Population Decreased Fifty-Eight Per Cent During the Past Decade; White Population Increases.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—A notable decrease in the foreign population of Oregon, except Japanese, was shown in the census figures issued today. The figures as given out were:

White	769,148
Indians	4,590
Japanese	4,151
Chinese	3,090
Negroes	2,144
All others	268

Total Population 783,389

The Chinese decreased fifty-eight per cent during the last decade. In the same period, the white population in creased seventeen and four tenths per cent, the Japanese, twenty one and four tenths, and the negroes forty-three and seven tenths.

WATER GOES DOWN FAST

This morning it was reported at the E. H. Miles place above Union that last night the water gauge showed that the 5.9 foot mark reached by the flood of Catherine creek yesterday remained practically stationary. However, this morning it had gone down to 5.5 and was reported to be still going down. Several bare spots have also been reported on Bald mountain, indicating that the snow is melting. The cold weather of last night added materially in checking the water.

W. J. Townely, who has a ranch in the flooded area, reported this morning that the water was sloping over some of the levees. It had reached its highest level on the flooded area. Some back water from the river and Mill creek is reported to be causing some anxiety.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, May 26.—The price of cattle was slow today, hogs 25 cents lower, prime light selling for \$9 and \$9.25. Sheep were slow; eggs and butter steady.

Bride Of 72 Years Believed Murdered

Seattle Police Abruptly Turn to Dragging Lake Union For Recovery of Dropped Trunk

SEATTLE, May 26.—Mrs. Kate E. Mahoney, wealthy Seattle woman, who has been missing since April 1, when she left on a trip with her husband, James E. Mahoney, wrote him from Cuba after their separation. Mahoney's counsel said today, Mahoney is held on a forged charge in connection with an alleged fraudulent order granting him access to Mrs. Mahoney's safe deposit box and papers covering more than \$250,000 worth of property. The police are dragging Lake Union for a trunk which they think contains the woman's body.

The trunk was seen to have been dumped there April 23, the day J. E. Mahoney, 36, former convict, and his 72-year-old bride, Kate Mahoney, are said to have gone on their wedding trip to St. Paul. Mahoney says she left him in St. Paul and he does not know where she went.

DOKIES HAVE A GREAT TIME

CEREMONIAL ENDED AT DAWN TODAY

Largest Affair Ever Put on by Order in Eastern Oregon Was Staged Here Yesterday

Dokie sunshine had its lining yesterday and last evening when the largest attended ceremonial in Eastern Oregon was held here, with the parade last evening and its stunts later, the real festivities began and continued until dawn this morning. Thirty-six tyros blustered their feet on the torrid sands of the Khorassan's burning desert, and at the end of the trail, rested serenely and fully content in the fertile oasis where are demitted the half million Dokies of the North American Continent. There was fun for all on tap. The parade, headed by the band, the divan, the Dokie patrol, burlesque and the Brigands, the prison on wheels where tyros languished, the goats, the camel and the foot delegations marched from the Elks' club to Adams and Depot where the much-touted A. Burge, of Pendleton, entertained the audience with his now notorious shimmy dance. Hal Reese, of La Grande, assisted him. Attired in the feminine garb of the Khorassan dapsene, Mr. Burge showed himself to be a gifted imitator of the gay Parisian madammoiselle who attains a livelihood by the light fantastic.

The local patrol team, which has been resurrected and appeared in public with but two rehearsals, gave a short, snappy drill. The gorgeous costumes which these 17 men wore cost \$1500.00. After the brief fun and frivolity, the Dokies, over 200 strong, sat down to a wonderful dinner in the K. of P. Hall, served by the Pythian Sisters. Service was excellent. Then came the barring of the gates in Rex Hall where the new stage setting was used for the first time in the two hours of Dramatic Interpretation. The lighting effect, the blending of shades and the general tone of the architecture of the setting was extremely pleasing and brands the equipment as one of the most pleasing settings of its kind in the Northwest. Hundreds who saw it during the day were loud in their praise. It was made in La Grande and Pendleton.

The dramatic parts were spoken by K. McCormick, acting for W. H. Riley as royal vicer, Charles Moore as sheik, C. A. Stevenson as mahedi, Marion Davis as saruk, Walt Stevens of Union as grand emir, Bruce Cox of La Grande as mohanna, Delia Green as secretary, J. H. Keeney as ashik, J. A. McCarty as starap and W. D. McCarty as master of ceremonies. Then for an indefinite number of hours there was sport with the tyros. All in all, the night was an eventful epoch in the lives of those present, either as tyro or votary.

The Dokie band, made up of musicians from many towns, was no small part of the affair. During the afternoon the band serenaded Adelbert Palmer, who is ill at his home on Sixth street.

HOUSE PASSES DEFICIENCY BILL

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The house has passed the \$100,000,000 deficiency bill carrying \$20,000,000 for the prohibition enforcement until July 1. The bill now goes to the senate.

COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR ROADS

AWARDS ARE TO BE MADE LATE TODAY AND TOMORROW COMMISSION WILL OPEN BIDS.

TWO DAY SESSIONS ARE NOW POPULAR

In Union County, Two Crossings and Four Small Bridges Are to Be Bid On; All of the Work is Between La Grande and Casey, on the Old Oregon Trail.

PORTLAND, May 26.—The highway commission today opened bids for about one hundred miles of road work of various kinds and numerous bridges. The awards will be made late today. Tomorrow, the commission will open bids for \$1,000,000 in road bonds. The bids of highway improvement projects aggregate an estimated cost of \$600,000 and on bridges, \$270,000. The projects on which the bids were opened follow:

Benton and Lincoln counties—Corvallis-Newport highway, Tumtum section (adjacent to Lincoln-Benton county line), 7.2 miles of broken stone surfacing.

Deschutes county—The Dalles-California highway, Cliffe Falls-Broad Canyon section, eight miles gravel surfacing.

Harney county—Central Oregon highway, Burns-Sage Hill section 14.5 miles grading.

Lake county—Lakeview-Lapine highway, Crooked Creek-Chandler station section, 6.5 miles of grading and surfacing.

Lincoln county—Corvallis-Newport highway, Newport-Toledo section, 7.25 miles broken stone surfacing.

Morrow county—Oregon-Washington highway, Lexington-Heppner section, 9.5 miles grading.

Guard Fence Included. Oregon-Washington highway, Heppner-Jones hill section, unit No. 1, four miles grading; Oregon-Washington highway, Heppner-Jones hill section, unit No. 2, five miles grading.

Sherman county—Columbia River highway, Sherman county section, 7900 linear feet of standard wooden guard fence.

Umatilla county—Cold Springs highway, Holdman section, 13.3 miles grading and broken stone surfacing.

Union county—One crossing of the O.-W. R. R. & N. near Casey; one crossing of the O.-W. R. R. & N. near Hilgard; four small bridges between Kamela and La Grande in one contract.

Yamhill county—One bridge over the North Yamhill River near St. Joseph; one bridge over the Yamhill River about four miles of Grande Ronde.

Chewaucan county—A crossing of the Chewaucan river at Paisley on which alternate proposals are asked for on wood and concrete designs.

Lane county—Two wooden bridges near Goldsboro.

Union county—One crossing of the O.-W. R. R. & N. at Hot Lake; one crossing of the O.-W. R. R. & N. near Telocaset; one crossing of the O.-W. R. R. & N. at North Powder.

STORES TO CLOSE MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, the merchants of La Grande will close their stores all day in order to pay respect to the memories of the fallen heroes of the nation's wars.

This agreement has been reached by all merchants, including department stores, clothing stores, hardware stores, grocery and meat shops. The grocers and meat men ask that all make their purchases for Memorial Day Saturday so as not to be inconvenienced.

IN ELGIN FOR THE DAY. Harry G. Avery, county agent, is spending today in Elgin in his work of aiding the farmers to solve the many problems confronting them.



Tonight and Friday, fair. Cooler tonight in east portion of the state. Heavy frost in the morning in the eastern portion of the state. Warm, or, Friday.