

PRICE MOHAIR IS ADVANCING

While the raising of mohair has been on the decline for the past few years, that industry is now looking up. Though prices have not reached the high level of two years ago, the prospects are that this industry will soon come into its own again.

The principal users of mohair are the railroads, which consume large quantities of the fleece of the Angora goat in making the plush for upholstering car seats. The panic of 1907, which stopped all increase in the building of cars, curtailed the demand for this product that the price fell from 33 and 34 cents per pound to 18 cents. Now, however, when the times have improved and railroad activities are on the increase, mohair is resuming its former price to some extent. It is thought by the growers that when the tariff and other disturbing conditions have been settled that the wool of the goat will rapidly ascend to its former position. At present mohair is quoted in the Portland markets at 23 cents.

The industry is growing in the Rogue River valley. The country around Trail is at the present time the headquarters of this business for Jackson county.

Daniel Foeller, who lives three miles north of Trail, was in Medford yesterday and was in an optimistic mood over the outlook for the industry. He has a flock of over 150 goats and disposed of his crop of fleeces yesterday.

Mr. Foeller reports that the fleece is finer this year than ever before, its quality being better in every way, very little kemp being found in it.

He has been breeding up and has his flock in very near thoroughbred condition. The kids this year averaged about two and three-quarter pounds, while the average weight is about two pounds. His fleeces averaged three and one-half pounds this year. The best one in the lot weighed more than eight pounds, while several weighed six and seven pounds.

In the vicinity of Trail there are more than 1000 goats, and the number will be largely increased in the next few years. The farmers find these animals very useful, outside of the fleece that they produce, in the amount of brush that they kill every year. They live in the brush and they save a lot of work and expense to the man who has land to clear.

Some of the other big flocks in that vicinity are those owned by Charles Schumann, who has over 100; John Blair, 450; Ed Briscoe, 150; Frank Hammon, 150.

TWO NEW INDUSTRIES

Basket Making Osiers and Cork Oak to be Tested

The growing of osiers, from which baskets are made, promises to become a new industry in this valley. Charles Meserve, editor of the Rogue River Valley Fruit Grower, has received from Gifford Pinchot, the forester, a bundle of the basket-making willows' shoots and he is distributing them among the farmers of the valley. The shoots were grown on the experimental farm of the forest service at Arlington, Va.

This valley and this climate are admirably adapted to the growing of these willows. They are of rapid growth, adding eight to ten feet per season. This new growth is of about the diameter of a lead pencil.

Most of the baskets and wicker-work used in the United States are imported, mounting into the millions annually.

Another use to which these willows can be put is the protection of the banks of streams. They have immense and matted roots and will hold the soil of a creek bank where everything else has failed. This matter becomes important in view of the damage done in one little freshet to Bear creek last spring.

Another matter that Mr. Meserve has in mind is to secure some cork oak from the government and start that industry in this valley. Most of this comes from Spain, and the climate and the soil of this valley and that country are almost identical. This will come in the fall, as the government's supply of cork oak shoots is exhausted for the present.

ALFALFA BRINGS MONEY

While the fruitmen are telling their tales of fabulous yields and huge profits, it might be well to remember that the possibilities of the Rogue River valley are not limited to the growing of fruit alone.

There is W. H. Gore, who is busy marketing his alfalfa crop. Mr.

Gore's place is located midway between Jacksonville and Medford. He has 300 acres of alfalfa which produced over 1500 tons of hay—and he did not have to spray, prune or cultivate it, either. All he had to do was cut it and market it and take in the coin.

The greater part of it has already been disposed of, although Mr. Gore is now engaged in shipping 150 tons to Ashland and Grants Pass and he has still 150 tons left.

None of this has been sold for less than \$18 per ton. That amounts to—well, figure it up yourself.

Besides that, he had 500 tons of grain hay, and that brought in the coin, too.

"WHITE SOX" HERE

Famous Chicago Team Would Be a Boost for Medford

"There is no reason why Medford should not have Comiskey's White Sox play a game here next spring," says Will Mac Rae, the sporting writer. "It had been known in time that Portland was to have a team in the Northwestern league this year and that the team would train in Medford, the game could have been arranged for this spring."

"An account of that game would be published in practically every daily paper in the country and under a Medford date line. The Associated Press would handle that game, and that means that nearly every paper in the country would carry a story of it."

"There could be no better advertisement for the town, and I believe that plans should be made for such a game next spring. The Chicago team travels about the country on its spring training trip and it could easily stop in Medford and play with the Colts and then accompany that team to Portland for another game, or series of games. I know that they would take in more money than in some of the towns in Southern California."

"Medford is certainly an ideal place for training a team of ball players. The climate is just right. And the accommodations are as good as could be desired. The grounds are good and the training quarters that Court Hall has provided are all that could be wished for."

Mr. Mac Rae is the sporting editor of the Oregonian and is accompanying the team and will keep the Portland paper supplied with news in regard to the progress of the team.

GET YOUR TAGS.

It should be understood by all that it is unlawful for any person to buy, sell or offer for sale, or receive for any purpose, or transport or carry any deer hide within the state of Oregon, unless such hides shall have attached thereto a leather tag. These tags may be gotten from justices of the peace, who procure them from the county clerk, who is furnished them by the state game warden.

Several persons were indicted by the recent grand jury for violations of this law. Many persons violate this law through ignorance of its provisions, and there is no provision in the law granting immunity because of lack of knowledge. To transport or carry untagged deer-skins is a violation of the game laws.

WHERE?

To a valley, sunny valley,
Down 'mongst Oregon's wooded hills,
Where a river, wild and laughing,
Tumbles down through rocks and rills;
Where the blessed boon of sunshine
Mocks to death the northern rains,
Where the breath of fir and balsam
Is a surcease to all pains;
Where the snow-capped mountains,
Rising,
Lift their peaks to skies of blue,
And the river, ever laughing,
Seems to murmur Sikikyou;
Where the woodland meets the sky-line,
And the morning sun looks down
And away across the valley.
Strikes the little mining town.
Ah, my love! 'Tis there I'd take you
Out 'mongst Oregon's own hills—
Let you hear the laughing river,
Taste the mountain air that thrills.
EDWIN VERTON.

REFORMERS WIN

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—Geo. Alexander, the candidate of the Reform league, was victorious in today's recall election over Fred C. Wheeler, the Socialist nominee, by a narrow plurality of 1650 votes out of 25,000 cast. Wheeler carried five out of nine city wards, but Alexander's lead in the fourth and fifth wards overcame Wheeler's slight pluralities.

REPORT IS MADE BY GRAND JURY

According to the report of the grand jury, which is herewith appended in full, the affairs of the county are being conducted in a businesslike manner:

"To the Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge of the Circuit Court:

"We, the grand jury of Jackson county, Oregon, duly empanelled and sworn in the above entitled court at the March 1909, term thereof, respectfully submit and offer for your approval our report.

"We have diligently inquired into all cases wherein persons have been charged with crime, including all cases brought to our attention by the act of committing magistrates in holding persons charged with crime to await action, and all cases wherein parties have appeared voluntarily before us and accused others of the commission of crime, and all cases within the knowledge of our prosecuting officers. In making the investigations we have endeavored to bring in true bills against those persons only where the evidence warranted such action. We have returned into court endorsed as true bills three indictments and have returned not true bills, two indictments.

"We have made a brief examination of the courthouse, jail and out-buildings. We would respectfully recommend to the county court that two new closets be provided in the courthouse yard with modern plumbing and a complete water system, and that a septic tank be added to the equipment.

"We recommend that a telephone booth be provided by the proper officials for the use of the public in the halls of the courthouse.

"We have visited all the offices connected with the public service about the courthouse. We did not make a thorough examination as the books of the various officials are being kept by order of the county court, but we find the offices neatly kept and we think the public is to be congratulated upon the high efficiency of the various officials now in office.

"We especially commend Sheriff Jones and his corps of deputies for their prompt service in bringing witnesses subpoenaed.

"We have visited the county poor farm; we recommend a tent house or some suitable building detached from the poor house to be built for the isolation and care of consumptives who come under the management, and to provide for the care of transient persons whose physical condition has not become well understood to the management.

"We commend the poorhouse and poor farm management for the neatness and care with which the inmates are treated and the economical management of its business, and recommends proper shelves for present ownership maps now being prepared for the assessor's office.

"Having now fully finished our labors, we respectfully ask that this report be received and placed on file and that we be discharged.

"J. R. WICK, foreman.
"GRANT MATHEWS.
"J. W. BONAR.
"W. P. COURTS.
"J. M. RADER.
"LOUIE KNIPPS.
"MR. BLEVINS."

COLONISTS ON WAY

Large Number Are Headed for the State of Oregon

All eyes are turned toward Oregon. From the east, the south and the north, colonists are coming in while their brothers who are less alert so far as recognizing the opportunities in this section are concerned are packing their trunks and preparing to follow their kith and kin to southern Oregon.

Southern Pacific Agent A. S. Rosenbaum of this city today received a telegram from the Portland office stating that trains to leave Omaha on the 30th and 31st will carry a large number of colonists to this state. The telegram reads as follows:

baum, Medford.—E. L. Lomas, general agent Union Pacific R. R., Omaha, wires today that our train No. 3 30th and 31st, will have large number of colonists for Oregon.

WM. McMURRAY
Train No. 5 from Omaha is not, however, the only train that is bringing colonists to Oregon and to Medford. Colonists are coming from all directions and in all manner of conveyances. The number is increasing daily and the message to Agent Rosenbaum but affords a glimpse, as it were, of the tremendous tide of humanity that is sweeping this way.

WILL PLANT MANY TREES

In anticipation of a tree planting day, the school board has been supervising the past week the grading and preparation of the soil at the high school grounds. The preliminary work being about completed, the trees will be set out next week. Because of the lack of necessary street improvements, the lot cannot be beautified by trees lining the street, and that matter will be deferred to some future day. At present the lawn will be seeded and shade trees,

maple, walnut and cork bark elm, will be planted on the two sides of the lots facing Bartlett and Fifth streets, while ornamental trees and shrubs will be set at intervals on the lawn. The location is very sightly and this improvement will add very materially to the beauty of the grounds in a very few years.

The trees in sufficient number have been generously donated by N. S. Bennett, the nurseryman.

WANTS CRATER LAKE ROAD

Butte Falls Will Make Effort to Have It Pass There

Butte Falls wants the Crater Lake road and wants it badly. The citizens of that community are alive to the fact that an automobile road to the great scenic lake and mountains means added prosperity for their section of the county and are, it is reported, considering an active campaign in an effort to have the highway pass through Butte Falls.

The citizens of Butte Falls consider that the route which would bring the Crater Lake road through their town has many commercial advantages over the one following the Rogue river and stand ready, it is said, to prove the worth of their claims.

Recently a crew of men were put to work on the existing road between Eagle Point and Butte Falls and extensive improvements are rapidly being made. Grades are being reduced, narrow stretches widened, sections rather treacherous in winter made safe for all time and a creditable piece of roadway created between Butte Falls and Eagle Point when the work is completed the distance between Butte Falls and Eagle Point will be reduced nearly three miles and one of the best roads in that section of the county turned over for the use of the travelling public.

The residents of Butte Falls maintain that since the new road will not place offer grades in excess of 5 per cent it is the logical route for automobiles. The autoists, it seems prefer the road up the west side of the Rogue river but will doubtless be open for conviction if the citizens of Butte Falls can put up the proper argument.

TREAT IN STORE

Splendid Program for High School Dedication

A great treat is in store for the public on Friday evening, April 9. It is then that the new high school building is to be formally dedicated. Every one is most cordially urged to be present to enjoy the event. An entertaining and instructive program will be given. Several numbers of music will be rendered by Hazelrigg's orchestra, by the high school pupils, consisting of a chorus of a large number of voices, a double quartette and a quartette of boys. There will also be a quartette from Corvallis to give several numbers. Several distinguished speakers will deliver addresses.

The program promises an evening of entertainment and instruction that no one can afford to miss. It is to be free to every one, and it is hoped that every one will plan to be present to enjoy it.

In addition to the program that is to be given, it will be worth any one's time to command see the building since it is completed. The building is exceptional in combining the features of being substantial, commodious and beautiful. It is truly something of which not only the city of Medford, but all southern Oregon, can well be proud. The city is to be congratulated on having such a complete and up-to-date high school building, and the school board is deserving of much praise for their work in erecting such an excellent building at such a moderate cost.

While the invitation to hear the program and see the building is general, it means that each one in particular is invited and urged to come and enjoy and participate in the festivities of the evening.

K. of P. CONVENTION

The fourth annual district convention of the Knights of Pythias was held last night in Talsman hall, the local lodge entertaining the visitors. Delegates were present from Klamath Falls and Ashland and the work in the second and third ranks was put on in splendid style. The lodge rooms were decorated with the lodge colors—blue, yellow and red and after the labors of the evening a banquet was spread in the banquet hall by S. J. Summerlin, that was enjoyed by a full attendance of local knights and their guests. The season of good fellowship and social cheer will render the fourth annual convention of the Knights of Pythias a memorable occasion in fraternal circles.

SHOOTS WIFE.

SALT LAKE, March 27.—J. A. Morris tonight shot and instantly killed his wife and then fired a bullet in his own mouth, dying a few hours later. They had trouble at Reno, Mrs. Morris coming here several weeks ago. He followed her and further trouble resulted in the shooting tonight.

The Patriotism Of Penelope.

By VIRGINIA BLAIR.

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"A man who can vote and won't vote ought to be made to vote," said Penelope dramatically.

"Of course if you feel that way," Oswald Deering said stily.

"Every woman should feel that way"—Penelope's scornful little nose was in the air—"and every man. The welfare of the country depends on it."

"I'm not so sure"—Deering was fast becoming aggressive—"that a woman knows."

And then Penelope blazed. "Of course"—becoming aggressive—"that a woman ought not to dabble in such things. But the blood of my ancestors is in me. All of my grandfathers were in the Revolution and in the war of 1812. My father served with honor in the civil war and my brothers in the Spanish war. How can I help feeling that the men who wouldn't fight were?" She stopped.

Oswald was very pale. "I know what you were going to say—that because I didn't fight I was a coward."

Something in the stiffness of his anger frightened Penelope.

"I didn't mean"—she faltered.

"Yes, you did," he told her. "You meant that I was a coward because I didn't go to the war when your brothers did. But there were reasons."

"There are always reasons," she flashed out. "You may now say there are reasons why you are not going to vote tomorrow."

"Well, I don't think you could understand if I told you, Penelope."

She stood up and faced him. "Oh," she said, and her little figure in the clinging mauve gown was drawn up to its full height—"oh, I always thought that you put women on a low plane. Oswald, and now I know it."

"It isn't that," he said doggedly. "But I think I ought not to be made to explain my reason for not voting. It involves some one else. I shall stay away from the polls tomorrow as a matter of conscience, Penelope."

Her little nose was buried in the bunch of violets he had brought her. "I don't think it is worth arguing about," she said at last wearily as she lifted her head from the flowers. "But I really think we couldn't be happy if we feel so differently."

"You mean"—He had risen and was standing beside her.

"I mean that—that I think we have made a mistake."

"Then you won't marry me, Penelope?"

"I have never said that I would, Oswald."

"No, but you gave me hope. You knew that I thought—"

Before his accusing eyes her own dropped.

"But I never really said 'Yes,' she whispered.

"Perhaps not. But I understood that it was because you wanted to be sure."

His voice broke, and then all at once he gathered himself together and, with his head held high, said sternly: "Don't talk of a man's allegiance to his country, Penelope, when you have failed in your allegiance to your love."

"I don't love you," she began, but he interrupted her. "You do. You know you love me, Penelope. But deep down in your heart you don't trust me. And I don't want that kind of love. I want the love of a woman who believes in me."

She was staring at him in a dazed way. "Then—then—goodby," she quivered.

He came over and took both of her hands in his. "Oh, little Penelope," he said, "why can't you trust me?"

Her lips quivered. "Why can't you tell me," she demanded tearfully, "why you won't vote, Oswald?"

He hesitated and then shook his head. "No; it's a matter best left undiscussed. Perhaps some day you'll see things differently."

Her chin was raised mutinously. "I shall always love my country, Oswald."

"And I shall always love you." And with that he was gone.

Left alone, she wondered if it was true. Surely in a little while Oswald would be back begging her to forgive him.

But the next day came, and the men gathered at the polls, and Penelope's father and his sons went out to vote as the men of their family had done before them for conscience and for country, and at dinner they toasted their favorite candidate in water from their own clear spring, and their father made a little speech. "We have all been fighters," he said, "and I hope I shall never have a son or a grandson to break our record."

And Penelope, thinking of Oswald, winced. What place had he among these men of war?

But when the feasting was over her youngest brother, Bruce, said, "I've always felt that there was no force like the force of arms, but I tell you I heard something about Oswald Deering today that made me believe in a new kind of courage."

"What was it?" they demanded.

"Well, the nurse who takes care of Oswald's mother told me when I was waiting in Oswald's office today. It seems that his father was killed in the civil war and that since then his mother has been very delicate."

"When the first news of fighting in Cuba came Oswald was wild to go, but she opposed it strongly, and at last, when she found that his mind was made up, she had a heart attack that nearly killed her. So Oswald stayed at home and studied medicine, but he has never really got over his disappointment."

Penelope's father brought his hand down on the table with a bang. "But he should have gone at his country's call," and Penelope's eyes flashed.

"And have killed his mother?" Bruce asked quietly. For a moment the older man was silent, and then he said, "It was a test of patriotism, but the boy did the right thing."

Penelope leaned across the table and asked an eager question, but only her mother knew of her real interest and

B. H. Harris

Timber Land Bought and Sold

Those having timber lands or relinquishments for sale would do well to consult us.

Office over Jackson County National Bank

GREEKS BECOME CITIZENS.

ALBANY, Or., March 26.—Greeks residing in this part of the state are all declaring their intentions to become American citizens. A number of them have taken this initial step in naturalization at the county clerk's office in this city and also at Corvallis.

The recent riot in Omaha, in which Greeks were attacked, is said to have inspired this movement, as applications to make declarations of intention began coming in soon after that time. The Greeks who have applied here are as a rule intelligent and conversant with American customs. A large majority of them come from the vicinity of the historic cities of Corinth and Argos.

"Medford looks good to me," said C. W. Butler of Monticello, Ill. And he made good his opinion by purchasing yesterday of the Benson Investment company four lots in West Medford.

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Her Little Present.
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"This looks like a fine town," said
Jack. "I feel right at home."

"Maybe you were raised here," said
his companion.
"No; I never saw the place before,
but I own the town."

"How does that happen?"
"My wife gave it to me before I left
home."

Already Strained.
"Looks like a strong case against
him."
"Still we must presume him innocent
until he is proved guilty."

"I know that is the right thing to
do, and I would like to, but I can't."

"Why not?"
"I broke my presumer on some bur-
glars that sneaked into my house."

Alcohol to Children

Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely. Children do not need stimulating." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young. Follow his advice. He knows. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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