

# HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

## WOOL AT HIGH PRICE.

Million and a Half Pounds Change Hands at Heppner Sale.

Heppner—The first wool sale day in Heppner as arranged by the Oregon Woolgrowers' association resulted in 1,500,000 pounds of wool changing hands, bringing to the growers a little over \$202,000. This is by far the largest sale ever made in a single day in Heppner, and from every point of view was very satisfactory. Previous conditions this year have been discouraging to the sheepmen and the industry in general, owing to the bad sheep market, but these wool sales added so much encouragement that there is a different feeling, not only among the growers but in all lines of business, for the sheep is a prominent factor in the business affairs of Morrow county.

For almost every lot of wool offered, the growers received more than they expected. The average price received was about 13½ cents per pound, which is fully a cent better than received last year, owing to a better quality of wool, this being caused by the open winter and favorable spring, causing slight shrinkage and good staple. The early grass caused sheep to take on flesh and the fleeces were heavy, many fleeces averaging a pound more to the sheep than last year. The advance in price and the increased weight of the fleeces has added thousands of dollars to the pocketbooks of the prosperous sheep-growers.

The sales will take out about half of the wool which will be handled in the Heppner market. It is estimated that about 1,500,000 pounds yet remain in the hands of the growers in this territory. Other sales days have been arranged for June 8 and 23, to be held here for the sale of this wool.

The sealed-bid method in which sales days are designated when a number of growers and buyers can get together, was inaugurated three years ago. The bids of the buyers are placed in a hat, the highest offer taking the clip, if the grower desires to accept it. This method has been very successful, there having been but very few private sales.

## BIGGEST SAWMILL ON COAST.

To Be Erected at Astoria by Hammond and Other Interests.

Astoria—Negotiations are said to be in progress whereby the interest of A. B. Hammond and the Seaside lumber company in the southern and western portion of this county are to be united and the largest sawmill on the coast is to be erected. The lumber company is composed of wealthy Eastern men, who own a large tract of spruce timber in the Necanicum district. Mr. Hammond also has extensive interests in that section, and by combining the two sufficient timber is available to keep a large mill in operation for many years. Unquestionably the closing of this deal would mean the extension of the Astoria & Columboia River railroad south to Tillamook.

## New State Grange Officers.

Corvallis—The State Grange elected the following officers at its meeting held here last week: Master, B. G. Leedy, Tigardville; overseer, J. Clem, Freewater; lecturer, Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Macleay; steward, C. L. Shaw, Albany; assistant steward, W. A. Young, Clatskanie; treasurer, H. Hirschberg, Independence; secretary, Mrs. Mary L. Howard, Mulino; gatekeeper, S. N. Warfield, Alsea; Ceres, Mrs. Ruby Boyd, Beaverton; Pomona, Mrs. Anna Craswell, Gresham; Flora, Miss Lella West, Scappoose; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ida M. Thorp, Gresham; member executive committee, Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; members legislative committee, J. Vorhees, Woodburn; W. M. Hilleary, Turner.

## Baker City Prepares for Fair.

Baker City—At a mass meeting of citizens held here it was resolved to organize a fair association for the purpose of providing a race track and grounds for the Eastern Oregon District Fair, which will be held here this fall. There was a large number of prominent citizens present, and most of whom signified their intention to subscribe liberally for the stock of the association. Two years ago the district fair was a failure here because there was no race track and no suitable buildings for the accommodation of exhibits.

## Scouring Mills Operate.

Pendleton—The scouring mills got under way with night and day shifts last week, and will run full time until the wool clip is exhausted. Thirty-six hands are employed in all. Washington wool has been coming in for several days.

## EUGENE GETS THE FAIR.

Douglas County is Pacified With a Cash Bonus of \$500.

Eugene—H. L. Traver, F. A. Rankin and J. M. Williams have returned from Roseburg, where they were successful in securing the location of the next exhibit of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society at Eugene. There has been a strong desire to have the fair here again this fall, and the local directors have been working for some time with that end in view. Douglas county at first objected on the ground that they were still in debt \$2,000 on their grounds at Roseburg, which they hoped to be able to raise if they had the fair there.

At a meeting it was arranged that the fair should come to Eugene this year and that Douglas receive from Lane county \$500 bonus, and also that two new directors will be chosen from this part of the district to succeed those from Douglas county, who soon retire.

## Reservation Land For Sale.

Oregon City—The Oregon City land office has been authorized by the interior department to offer for sale townships 5 and 6, ranges 7 and 8 west, in the Grand Ronde Indian reservation. The sale will be made by separate sealed bids, which will be received between August 1 and August 8, and opened at 1 o'clock p. m. August 8. Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for 20 per cent of the amount bid, the same to be credited on the purchase price and the balance paid on establishing his citizenship.

## To Blot Out the Mange.

Salem—Frank Spike and A. B. Thompson, of Umatilla county, have been appointed local inspectors by the Domestic Animal commission to construct vats and dip the mangy horses that are worth saving, and to kill such of the animals as are past curing. These appointments are made at the suggestion of the Stockmen's association there and they will have to bear the expenses.

## Baker City Wool Sales.

Baker City—The first wool sales of the season in Baker county were consummated in this city last week. Shearing has only just commenced in this section, and these sales were made in advance of the clips being delivered in warehouse. The prices paid range from 10½ to 12 cents per pound.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71@72c; blue-stem, 80c; Valley, 81@82c.  
Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.  
Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.25; clear, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.  
Oats—No. 1, white, \$1.25; gray, \$1.20 per cental.  
Millstuffs—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.  
Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$9@10; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.  
Vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 2@2½c; red cabbage, 2½c per pound; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; parsley, 25c; cauliflower, 75@90c; cucumbers, \$1.25 @ 1.50; asparagus, \$1.25; peas, 5c per pound; rhubarb, 3c; beans, green, 15c; wax, 15c; squash, \$1 per box.  
Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.  
Potatoes—Fancy, 75c@81 per cental; new potatoes, 3½ @ 4c per pound; sweets, 5c per pound.  
Fruits—Strawberries, \$3.25@4.50 per crate; cherries, 75c@82 per box; apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c@81.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c; store, 12½@13c.  
Butter Fat—Sweet cream, 18½c; sour cream, 17c.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 13@13½c per pound; springs, small, 20@22½c; hens, 13½@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@8 per dozen; geese, live, 7@8c per pound.  
Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12½@13c; old stock, 10c; Young America, 14c.  
Hops—1903 crop, 23@25½c per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 17@18½c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 11@14c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.  
Beef—Dressed, 5@8c per pound.  
Mutton—Dressed, 4@5c per pound; lambs, 6c.  
Veal—Dressed, 4@7c per pound.  
Pork—Dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

## FLOOD IN HOMES.

Cloudbursts Compel Six Hundred Kansas Families to Flee.

Topeka, Kan., June 4.—Kansas streams are rapidly rising tonight. Cloudbursts are reported from Emporia, Newton, Strong City, Florence, Manhattan, St. John and Salina. At Lincoln Center more than four inches of water fell in three hours.

Heavy rains are reported from up stream in the Kaw valley, but most of the high water trouble is being experienced in the bottom lands between Emporia and Newton. At Emporia the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers are reported as rising a foot an hour. At Florence, the Santa Fe tracks are washed out in several places.

Six hundred people were forced to leave their homes in Newton, and rescue parties will be at work all night saving people from the flood.

The town of Elmdale, eight miles from Cottonwood Falls, is reported as being under three feet of water.

A severe wind accompanied the rain, greatly damaging fruit and growing crops.

## Tornado Injures Twenty.

Omaha, June 4.—Additional reports from Tekamah, which was struck last night by a tornado, indicate that about 20 persons were injured, some of them seriously hurt. There were no fatalities.

The storm wrecked most of the buildings in its path, which was a block in width and several blocks long. The opera house, two general stores, a blacksmith shop and several residences were destroyed. A high school commencement rehearsal was in progress in the opera house when the storm struck the building, carrying away the roof and partially wrecking the walls. A number of pupils were injured. The people of the town had little warning of the coming storm, and many had narrow escapes. The property loss is heavy.

## JAPANESE MINES EXPLODED.

Russians Continue to Clear the Port Arthur Roadstead.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—The following dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the emperor has been received here:

"Rear Admirals Wittsoeff and Grigovich report that up to May 28 numerous Japanese mines had been discovered and exploded in the roadstead of Port Arthur. The Japanese evidently have replaced the fireships which they formerly used, by mines sown by merchant steamers in their service."

The emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kurapatkin: "All is quiet in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng. Siu Yen has not been occupied by Japanese detachments."

"On May 30 two camps of Japanese infantry and 30 dragoons advanced along the Takushan road towards Onalassi for the purpose of turning the left flank of our outposts. Our scouts discovered the movement and firing ensued, in the course of which one Cossack was wounded and one horse killed. "The Japanese detachment, which our cavalry successfully engaged May 30, is now stationed four versts from Vafangow, fortifying its position."

"There have been further Japanese advances from Saimatza toward Feng Chow Ling Pass on the Liao Yang road."

## MEET AT FULL SPEED.

Electric Cars in Ohio Collide and Six Persons are Killed.

Norwalk, O., June 4.—Six persons were killed and a dozen or more hurt this afternoon as a result of the collision on the Lake Shore Electric railway between an eastbound fast electric passenger car and a westbound "package freight" car at Wells Corners, a few miles east of this city.

The accident occurred at a point quite distant from any immediate means of communication, and assistance was sent from Norwalk, where every physician and nurse in the city was hurried to the place. All those killed were in the smoking compartment of the passenger car. The cars were suburban electric cars of the largest type, and were smashed to pieces. They met in collision at full speed.

## One Squadron Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—General Sakaroff has telegraphed as follows, under today's date, to the general staff: "According to reports, the Japanese commander in the action of May 30 near Vafangow had three battalions of infantry in reserve. Our losses were 17 men killed and 23 men wounded and Lieutenant Meyer and another officer, whose name has not been ascertained, wounded. The Japanese losses were very considerable. One squadron of the Thirteenth Japanese cavalry was annihilated."

## Reports Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—An unconfirmed rumor has reached here from Mukden that the Japanese battleship Fuji is aground on a reef off the Miao Tao islands, between the Kwan Tung and Shan Tung promontories, where she is being guarded by torpedo boats.

## NEEDS A RAILROAD

CENTRAL OREGON IS RAPIDLY COMING TO THE FRONT.

State Land Board Touring That Section Examining Irrigation Projects—Members Surprised by What They Saw—Lately Only Sagebrush—Now Thriving Farms are to Be Seen Everywhere.

Haystack, Or., June 1.—"I am astonished that Central Oregon has not long ago been tapped by a railroad connecting this section of the state with Portland," said Governor Chamberlain today upon his arrival here from Shaniko, in company with Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore. These state officers, as members of the state land board, are on their way to the Upper Deschutes country to examine the irrigation projects which have been started under the provisions of the Carey arid-land act. They came out to Shaniko, in the southern part of Sherman county, over the Columbia Southern, and from there took a private conveyance and are traveling across Crook county, learning what they can of the country, so that they may the more intelligently act upon questions that will arise in the transaction of business relative to the irrigation enterprises.

Though the members of the board knew something of the general character of the country and have read statistics showing the quantity and values of the products of this part of the state, they admit that they had no fair conception of the progress that has been made in the development of industrial resources and of the possibilities for future growth. With one accord they express the opinion that Oregon should be looking after her commercial interests in Central Oregon and not permit California to step in and take trade that naturally belongs to Portland. While they have not yet visited the irrigation projects, they have seen enough of the newly-settled country to convince them that this section of Oregon is destined to be a great producer of wealth through its agricultural resources, and that if its irrigation enterprises prove to be the success that is now expected of them, Crook will be one of the most important farming counties of the state.

## BANDIT TOLD TO BEWARE.

America Will Hunt Him to His Death if Captive is Harmed.

Washington, June 1.—Raisulli, the Moroccan bandit, was today notified by Secretary Hay, through United States Consul General Gummero, that if serious injury comes to his American captive, Ion Perdicaris, the United States will hunt him to his death. This will be done whether it takes weeks, months or years. Consul General Gummero was instructed to make this message to Raisulli as forcible as possible, and to inform him that no European nation will be permitted to prevent his punishment.

The cablegram was sent in response to the one from Mr. Gummero advising that Raisulli would kill Perdicaris and his stepson unless the terms of his proposed ransom met with prompt compliance. Mr. Hay has reached the conclusion that the terms imposed cannot and will not be accepted. If Raisulli carries out his threat and kills his captives, the sultan of Morocco will be immediately notified that he must hunt down and execute the bandit. American ships will remain in the harbor of Tangier until the matter is settled. If necessary, American cavalrymen will be sent there to assist in capturing the brigands. Such an intervention will be a friendly one and would meet with assistance from the sultan.

Secretary Hay is still hopeful that he will take up the matter and institute the necessary measures to capture and punish the bandits. In any event, he feels sure that Great Britain will assist the United States, as Cromwell Varley, kidnapped with M. Perdicaris, is a British subject.

## Two Hundred Made Homeless.

Ottawa, Kan., June 1.—The Marie des Cygenes river here is higher than ever known, and the overflow has caused a serious flood. Above here, however, the stream is falling, and the worst probably is over. Two hundred families are homeless in the lower portions of Ottawa and vicinity. In North Ottawa several business houses are flooded, there are two feet of water in the Santa Fe depot, and the lower floor of the Marsh hotel is covered with water. The Santa Fe yards are two feet under water.

## Mined by the Japanese.

Vladivostok, June 1.—It is believed from information received here that the Japanese have mined Peter the Great Gulf, on which this town is situated, a task of easy accomplishment because of the recent heavy fogs. A small Korean sailing vessel was blown up yesterday. The region is quiet so far as military operations are concerned.

## PORT ARTHUR SITUATION BAD.

Famine Prices Exist and Many People Eat Chinese Food.

Niu Chwang, June 2.—Some Chinese fugitives from Port Arthur, who have just arrived here, describe the situation of the inhabitants there as desperate. Famine prices exist. The cost of provisions increases weekly. Many persons are reduced to eating Chinese food, and even that is dear. Millet flour costs \$6 a bag. Whole streets and several public buildings have been wrecked by Japanese shell fire. The hospitals are packed with sick and wounded.

The work of repairing the damaged warships has been stopped. All civilians have been given military duty. The general health of the inhabitants is good, except Chinese, who are dying of starvation. Theft has been made punishable by death.

The railway is completely destroyed as far as Kinchou, and there are frequent gaps between Kinchou and Wa Fang Ting. There are 15,000 Japanese troops there, but no signs of troops further north. During the fighting at Kinchou 209 Chinese were killed by the Japanese fire.

The very highest Russian authority here, while not believing that Port Arthur will fall, admits its loss would be a terrible loss to the Russian arms. The same authority says Russia may send a large army to the south of Niu Chwang in the event of General Stoessel being able to hold his own at Port Arthur. This, however, is not possible at present, owing to the positions occupied by the Japanese armies operating from the Yalu river and Taku Shan. The Russians are not sanguine as to the outlook for Port Arthur. More contraband of war is arriving here. Two cargoes of flour and tinned meats and some speirs were rushed to Mukden as soon as they were unloaded. Heavy rains are daily making the roads almost impassable. The Chinese brigands are becoming active.

## OLEO LAW VALID.

United States Supreme Court Hands Down Decision.

Washington, June 2.—The supreme court of the United States, in an opinion by Justice White today, upheld the constitutionality of the oleomargarine law. Leo W. McKay sued the government in the Southern district of Ohio, to recover \$50 paid by him as a penalty for the sale of a 50 pound package of colored oleomargarine, containing a stamp tax of three-quarters of a cent a pound instead of 10 cents a pound.

McKay's counsel argued first, that, although the "oleo" was colored to look like butter, the color was obtained by the use of butter, which was itself artificially colored, but the use of which as an ingredient in the manufacture of "oleo" was authorized by law; and, second, that the tax of 10 cents a pound was prohibitive and confiscatory, and an attempted federal usurpation of the police powers of the state. The court said the tax contemplated the finished product and not the details of manufacture. The court therefore affirmed the judgment of the lower court, upholding the validity of the law and the tax.

The chief justice and Justices Brown and Peckham dissented.

## MACHINISTS GO OUT.

Three Thousand Chicago Men Protest Against 10-Hour Day.

Chicago, June 1.—The 3,000 machinists employed in the companies that compose that Metal Trades association went on strike last night as a protest against the 10-hour day, and practically all of the 115 shops represented in the association are closed today. No effort will be made to operate the shops until tomorrow, and then the force of the employers will be centralized at a few plants.

The 10-hour day was inaugurated by the employers for the purpose of bringing the strike to a crisis. In a statement sent out tonight by the officers of the association, it is declared that the employers had no intention of returning to the 10-hour day, but they were compelled to take this step to combat the slow individual strike campaign, which was commenced by the Machinists' union some time ago.

## Russian Commands Consolidated.

St. Petersburg, June 2.—By an imperial ukase just issued, the control of the ports of Reval, Sveaborg and Tibau and all the naval forces of the Baltic has been transferred to the commandant of the port of Cronstadt, with the title of commander in chief of the fleet and ports and of the defenses of the Baltic sea. The object of the consolidation of the commands is to insure uniformity in the measures adopted in the defense of the coasts of the Baltic during the existing state of war.

## Disproves Koch's Theory.

London, June 2.—The royal commission appointed in August, 1901, to inquire into the relation between human and animal tuberculosis has arrived at a conclusion justifying the issuance of an interim report according to which the commission finds that human and bovine tuberculosis are practically identical.