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First Time in Many Years Wool Supply Has Been in Such Demand.

The extraordinary wool situation in the East is summed up tersely by the Shepherd's Bulletin of Boston, as follows:

The situation in wool is a most remarkable one, being seldom if ever before paralleled in the history of the trade. The demand has continued active for so long a time, and this year's clips have been taken so freely by the large consumers that there remains now in the seaboard market but a small percentage of the stock usually on hand at this time of the year.

In fact, there is less wool in the Boston market today than is usually found there at the beginning of February. There is every indication of a very large consumption of wool during the next six months, as the mills are enjoying generally a good business, and the prospects are that there will be an excellent heavy-weight season for the manufacturers as the result of the cleaning up of stocks in the hands of the trade caused by the exceptionally cold weather experienced last winter.

With a large consumption of wool facing the trade, and with supplies reduced to such low limits, there is increased anxiety as to where they are to obtain sufficient stock to meet the wants of their usual customers.

The buying of the past few months has been mostly by the large consumers, and while the wants of the latter must be, by this time, pretty well supplied, the fact that a number of them are still in the market looking for desirable selections, and that the smaller concerns have not yet by any means supplied their wants, renders it pretty certain in the minds of the wool merchants that they will be "down to bare boards" before the clip of next year becomes available, and that to meet the needs of this country it will be necessary to import large quantities of foreign wool.

But it is not easy to secure large and desirable selections abroad except at continuously advancing prices. This is especially true of coarse wools, which have enjoyed the best demand for the past two years.

Seldom have foreign markets been so well cleaned up as they are at present, the war in the East having stimulated a demand for many lines of wool which are usually available for export to this country. The situation, in fact, increases steadily in strength as the weeks pass by, and holders of what wool remains here are reluctant sellers except at advanced prices.

It is perfectly natural, therefore, that there should have been more or less suppressed excitement in the wool trade the past week, and that in their desire to make suitable provisions for future wants, some wool men should have yielded to the temptation to contract for the 1905 clip.

This has been done to some extent in Idaho and Utah as well as in Oregon and Montana. Never before, at such an early date, has the attempt been made to contract for wools the following season, and it is, perhaps, needless to state that these contracts have in a number of cases been made at very high prices.

NEW BILLS BY STATE LAW MAKER

George G. Mayger, representative to the legislature from Columbia county, is planning to introduce a bill at the coming session providing for doing away with the offices of the state district attorneys,

and providing in their stead the offices of county attorneys. This, he thinks, will be a great saving to the state, and will be more satisfactory in many other ways than is the present system.

According to the plans of Mr. Mayger, the county attorney will be paid a salary to be fixed by the county officials, and the authority of each will be limited to the county to which he is elected. There are at present nine district attorneys, who are paid by the state, and they are paid salaries the amount of which depends on the size of the district in which they serve. The salary for the fourth judicial district (Multnomah county) is more than for any other, but a large number of the attorney's get about \$3000 a year. The work does not, as a rule, take very much of their time, and the pay is generally considered more than sufficient.

There will be nothing in the law if it is passed that will interfere with the present district attorneys, for it will not be effective till after the close of the terms. All the district attorney's in the state at the present time will hold office till four years from the last June election.

There is nothing in the present plan of the law to provide for any other changes in judicial districts, the district judges to be elected as formerly. The bill will probably meet with some opposition on the part of those who have ambitions to become district attorneys at some future time.

Another bill that Mr. Mayger is planning to introduce is one providing for the agreement of juries in civil cases. It is the intention of this bill to provide for a verdict when nine of the twelve jurors agree. According to the present law, one jurymen can hold up a decision if he can continue to stand against the other members. This is deemed unfair in civil suits, and if the proposed law goes into effect it will require four jurors to hang the jury. There is often much complaint made with the present jury system, and some believe that the method should be discontinued, and only competent judges be allowed to act in that capacity.

WINTER WHEAT IS DAMAGED

Wheat crop conditions in the eastern Oregon country are very discouraging at present says the Portland Journal. The rainfall has been very light this season and now extreme cold weather has set in, which threatens to freeze out the little winter wheat sown. The ground is very dry and the grain has not absorbed enough moisture to sprout, leaving it exposed to the frost.

It is estimated that but about half the usual acreage of winter wheat has been sown this fall. Farmers are very skeptical as to the result, and are making preparations to resow most of the fields in the spring, as it is not believed that the wheat now in the ground will withstand the prospective dry, cold winter.

Other Oregon counties along the Columbia river east of the Cascades are in about the same condition as Umatilla, Morrow, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco, Sherman and Union counties—need rain badly. These counties produce about one half of the wheat crop of Oregon, while Umatilla produces almost the whole of the other half. Winter wheat is the most productive, and a failure of this crop would greatly reduce the output and work a great injury to that section. Of the total yield of 11,000,000 bushels fully three fourths is winter wheat.

A good rain just now, followed by fair weather, giving the wheat a chance to sprout, would mean thousands of dollars to eastern Oregon, while a severe freeze would mean practically a loss of every field of wheat now sown.

DUFUR ROAD TO BUILD SOUTHWARD

Great Southern Intends to Extend Line to a Point in Crook County.

As soon as construction trains can be put on the line the Great Southern Railroad company will push construction of the line on south from Dufur. The first 30 miles, from The Dalles to Dufur, is now graded and ready for the rails. Iron has been purchased, and will be laid as rapidly as possible, says the Portland Journal. "We will have the road in operation as far south as Dufur next summer," says Julius Meier, who is secretary of the corporation and purchasing agent of the company. "We do not expect to stop at Dufur. The road is being surveyed southward, and will probably go to Bend. That is a fine country, of great resources, and fully capable of supporting two railroads, even should any other road be extended to that point."

It has always been supposed that the Columbia Southern was to be extended from Shaniko to Bend, but since the Deschutes people have established an automobile road between those two points and invested a large amount of money in the building of the road, and its equipment, the idea prevails that there is no likelihood of an extension of the Columbia Southern. So far as present prospects indicate, the new line from Dufur would have sole possession of the business of the Bend country, excepting that which will go to the automobile road and the Columbia Southern via Shaniko.

John H. Heimrich of Seattle is general manager of the Great Southern, and is backed by his father, who is one of Seattle's millionaires. The elder Heimrich has purchased a home on Hassalo street, in east Portland, and is making preparations to remove next week to this city, to make his permanent home here.

GOOD VEIN STRUCK IN DIXIE MINE

Work at Dixie Meadows is progressing satisfactorily and preparations have been made for an all winter's run, says the Prairie City Miner. The mill which has in the past been the source of some trouble has been doing fine work since it was started some time ago. Everything is now looking in fine shape and the management is highly pleased at the showing made. A new vein was struck last week that is as fine as anything that has heretofore been encountered. Rich veins have been struck before but not of the magnitude of this last one as it is 4 feet in width and runs with an even and high value with considerable free milling ore, no return has been had from the concentrates, but it is believed it will run into good value. It is expected the mine will commence shipping to the Sumpter smelter next Monday and will be continued all winter. This is one of the finest properties in the eastern Oregon gold fields and its magnitude can not be realized until visited.

FORTUNE MADE IN SEVEN YEARS

Thriftiness persistence and opportunity is the combination which has made Gunder Terjeson, who seven years ago arrived in Umatilla county from Norway with scarcely a penny, a comparatively rich man. Mr. Terjeson upon arriving in Pendleton hired out as a farm hand. He was employed a year or two on farms and saved his earnings. He acquired sufficient capital to purchase a few farming implements and horses

and then rented a small wheat farm in the Juniper country. He was attended with success from the start and in a short time was able to buy wheat land in the Juniper country which at that time was considered almost worthless. However, Mr. Terjeson went ahead regardless of the talk of others and was successful in raising good crops. At the end of four years he had his land paid for and was ready to invest in other real property.

His crops turned out well each year and as he increased his earnings Mr. Terjeson overlooked no opportunity to purchase more land. He kept up this system until this fall when he decided that he owned about all the wheat land he could successfully manage.

"I guess I will get all my property abstracted and see just where I stand," said he to a neighbor the other day. Accordingly on Monday he came to the city and had the work done, and no one was more surprised than he himself when he learned that he was possessor of \$35,000 worth of land all free and unencumbered.

"I acquired all this property in seven years, beginning with scarcely a cent of capital," said he. "I think, now, that will do me for a time and I will take life easier now."—Pendleton Tribune.

PORTAGE CONTRACT WAITS SIGNATURE

A. J. McCabe, of Tacoma, who has been awarded the contract for construction of the portage railroad at Celilo Rapids, by which traffic may be transported between the upper river and the lower section by its conveyance to The Dalles, is at the Hotel Portland, says the Telegram. He returned this morning from Salem, where he was in attendance last evening at a conference between the members of the portage Railway Commission and W. J. Marriner, president and J. N. Teal, counsel of the Open River Association. Today Mr. McCabe has been absent from the hotel most of the time and in consultation with persons interested in the project that it is believed, will be of vast benefit to the farmers of the vast region tributary to the Columbia River. In response to a question of the Telegram representative Mr. McCabe stated that he was deferring any plans for the construction work until signing of the contract, which would probably not be until the first of the week.

As the contract has not yet been completed nothing is made public concerning its contents except a general outline. It has been the purpose of the commission to make it include every possible necessity for the successful operation and maintenance of minimum cost of a first-class railroad, of standard gauge, at a cost to the state of \$151,000, the amount remaining of the fund appropriated for the building of the road. The specifications are made a part of the contract and include an incline at the Big Eddy to run the cars down to the level of the docks at each terminal, sidetracks at certain points, a locomotive, box cars, cattle cars, flat cars, hand cars and the tools necessary for maintenance and use of section men and a telephone line are included. Rails of 55-pound standard are to be used and the track is to be ballasted within the contract price.

It is expected that Portland will furnish a large amount of the labor to be used in building the road, owing to its proximity to the line. Owing to the fact that it must be completed before May 1, and that a bond will be required to insure compliance with that provision, it will necessitate working of the strongest possible force to hasten completion of grading and construction of terminals and docks at each end before any possibility of high water in the river from early floods.