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So far as the wool situation is concerned, there would seem to be nothing of an encouraging nature to offer. The wool market is looked upon as stagnant, with but small hope of improvement in the near future. The history of the past year is filled with discouragements. At the time of the February flurry offers of 15 cents a pound were made, and some of the sheepmen parted with their holdings at that figure. Others among them became headstrong and refused to sell. The advance in price was of short duration, and the continued depression suggested that has left most of the wool in the warehouses.

Some sales are reported at 10 cents a pound and some at an advance of half a cent. But there is no serious demand. No one is selling wool at 10 cents a pound, who can afford to hold it. That some growers will be forced to part with the wool of last season's clip is a foregone conclusion. Many of them received advances from the banks that run as high as 7 cents a pound. They are paying interest on this money as well as warehouse charges, and they cannot stand the pressure very much longer. The banks are beginning to insist on a sale of some kind, or they deem their security somewhat involved.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret Ireland, Pioneer of
Baker County.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 27.—Mrs. Margaret Ireland, an old resident of this county, died at her home in this city Friday evening. She was one of the oldest pioneers of Baker County, having settled at Auburn in 1864. Mrs. Ireland was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1824. She was married to Dr. John Ireland in Pennsylvania, in 1846, and in 1854 the husband died.

THE SALEM JAIL BREAK.

No Trace of the Escaped Prisoners—
Two Men Nearly Got Away.

SALEM, Or., May 27.—No trace has been found of the three prisoners who escaped from the county jail Sunday morning. There is no definite clue to the direction the men took, and they may be in hiding near this city. It was discovered yesterday afternoon that Charley Wright, the horse thief, had a key to the bars of his cell almost through, and would have escaped in five minutes.

The escape does not indicate a lack of vigilance on the part of Sheriff Sherer or his deputies. The iron work in the jail is old style, and very easily cut. No night watchman is employed by the county other than the main jailer, who is a janitor work on the second and third floors. Sheriff Durbin has several times provided such a break, and expects similar occurrences in the future unless hardened steel bars are put in the cell doors. John McDonald, the burglar, who was captured and jailed yesterday morning, came near escaping in the afternoon by sawing the steel bars of his cell. He was held. He was discovered in time and put in handcuffs. He assured the Sheriff that if he had half a chance he would get out, for "this jail is dead easy."

SALMON IN WALLOWA LAKE.

Millions of Bluebacks Have Left for
the Ocean.

ASTORIA, May 27.—Master Fish Warden Van Dusen received from E. C. Greenman today preserved specimens of the young salmon which are leaving Wallowa Lake, in Wallowa County, for salt water. The fish are undoubtedly bluebacks, and millions of them are said to have gone out of that lake in the course of the past few weeks.