

WOOL MEN EXCITED

Merchants More Optimistic Than Ever Before.

PLEASED WITH THE ELECTION

Buying the Staple the World Over and Paying Extreme Prices for Available Supplies—Great Potato Crop.

Eastern wool merchants, pleased with election results, are more optimistic than ever. The possibility of the staple cannot be predicted. The situation is such that all present deals are worthless in trying to arrive at an opinion as to what the future will bring. It is certainly known that the world's markets are excited, active and advancing. There is no evidence that demand is satisfied or the limit in prices reached. No similar movement of the kind has been before witnessed. The boom of past years are being put in the shade. For the present one has so much the appearance of being wholly legitimate that comparisons with 1890 and other historical years are useless and unprofitable. The season of 1904-5 bids fair to go on record as unique in all previous American dealings are buying wool the world over, paying extreme prices for available supplies.

Since the large transaction in Oregon wools in Boston, reported a week ago, nothing of moment has transpired in the product from this state. California wools are also less active with the reduction of supplies. Of Texas wool there is little or nothing doing. In the state the San Angelo Fall wools were to be sold this week.

There is a steady business in secured wool, says the Boston Transcript, the selling quickly at 62 to 63 cents, and fine medium at 58 to 60 cents. Both speculators and dealers continue to trade in them as well as other kinds of secured wools. In baled secured so-called wools, fine fall sale at 45 to 50 cents, and defective down to 40 cents. Baled Spring California is selling at 55 to 57 cents, and Nevada at 60 to 62 cents.

Pulled wools are very firm, with speculation in them at extreme prices. Consumers are also buying and paying 50 cents for B wools, which are held at 50 cents in some cases. B wools are selling at 45 to 50 cents, and medium combed pulled at 50 to 55 cents.

Manufacturers have been cleaning up all the Australian merino and crossbreds they could find on the market. The upward tendency abroad has started the comparatively cheap wool on hand here. From 80 to 90 cents has been the account for merino, and cross breeds sold to cost 55 to 60 cents.

Speculation in the wool clip of the territories continues, and more parties have become interested, including at least one Boston firm hitherto depositing such a so-called foolish policy. A St. Louis merchant, however, continues the most active contractor. Since 16 cents was paid in Utah, there are no reports of wool to contract for less, and some have refused even that inviting basis. Should the contracting fever continue, it may be that, with the beginning of the year a stable proportion of the whole territorial clip may have been covered months in advance of shearing, an event wholly without precedent in the history of wool-growing in the United States.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, 14 1/2c per pound; 14c; 14 1/4c; 14 1/2c; 14 3/4c; 15c; 15 1/4c; 15 1/2c; 15 3/4c; 16c; 16 1/4c; 16 1/2c; 16 3/4c; 17c; 17 1/4c; 17 1/2c; 17 3/4c; 18c; 18 1/4c; 18 1/2c; 18 3/4c; 19c; 19 1/4c; 19 1/2c; 19 3/4c; 20c; 20 1/4c; 20 1/2c; 20 3/4c; 21c; 21 1/4c; 21 1/2c; 21 3/4c; 22c; 22 1/4c; 22 1/2c; 22 3/4c; 23c; 23 1/4c; 23 1/2c; 23 3/4c; 24c; 24 1/4c; 24 1/2c; 24 3/4c; 25c; 25 1/4c; 25 1/2c; 25 3/4c; 26c; 26 1/4c; 26 1/2c; 26 3/4c; 27c; 27 1/4c; 27 1/2c; 27 3/4c; 28c; 28 1/4c; 28 1/2c; 28 3/4c; 29c; 29 1/4c; 29 1/2c; 29 3/4c; 30c; 30 1/4c; 30 1/2c; 30 3/4c; 31c; 31 1/4c; 31 1/2c; 31 3/4c; 32c; 32 1/4c; 32 1/2c; 32 3/4c; 33c; 33 1/4c; 33 1/2c; 33 3/4c; 34c; 34 1/4c; 34 1/2c; 34 3/4c; 35c; 35 1/4c; 35 1/2c; 35 3/4c; 36c; 36 1/4c; 36 1/2c; 36 3/4c; 37c; 37 1/4c; 37 1/2c; 37 3/4c; 38c; 38 1/4c; 38 1/2c; 38 3/4c; 39c; 39 1/4c; 39 1/2c; 39 3/4c; 40c; 40 1/4c; 40 1/2c; 40 3/4c; 41c; 41 1/4c; 41 1/2c; 41 3/4c; 42c; 42 1/4c; 42 1/2c; 42 3/4c; 43c; 43 1/4c; 43 1/2c; 43 3/4c; 44c; 44 1/4c; 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