

Wool of Oregon Ten Million Pounds of Oregon Wool Contracted For.

OPERATIONS COME TO AN END

Dealers Believe the Top of the Market Has Been Reached—Conditions Apparently Weakening at Foreign Trade Centers.

It is estimated by wool dealers that about one-half of the 20,000,000-pound clip of this state has already been sold. At the moment contracting has ceased, but whether for the remainder of the season or not remains to be seen.

The inactivity is attributed in part to the fact that the majority of growers disposed of wool in advance. They have already let go of their wool. Another reason, and a more potent one, can be found in the condition of Eastern markets, which certainly show less promise than at the opening of the year.

The English markets at large have not responded to the strength of this side, and the belief is, therefore, growing that the top has been reached. For the sake of the growers, it is to be hoped that this will be the case.

Reporting conditions in the East, the Boston Commercial Bulletin of February 4 said: The small export of last week died a natural death. The market is again dull. There have been many manufacturers about the Wool Manufacturers' Association meeting bringing many to the city. But operations in wool have been on a small scale, and there is no immediate prospect of a revival in business.

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Wool from London are continuing. While there is nothing very definite as to prices, advances from New Zealand and Argentina note an easier tendency. Fair-sized purchases are being made in New Zealand on account of the United States, but the actual figures are not known.

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STEEL STOCKS ADVANCE

RUMOR OF PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE SOUTHERN COMPANIES.

Railroad List Sluggish, Probably Owing to Passage by the House of Rate Control Bill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The feature in stocks today was the aggressive advance of the iron and steel industries, especially those whose property holdings are in the Southern region.

A full proportion of the prominent trading stocks were heavy. The influence of a rumor that a consolidation of the Southern region's steel companies had been proposed was a factor in the advance.

The railroad list was sluggish throughout. The passage of the rate control bill through the House of Representatives was held responsible in some quarters for the inactivity of the market.

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TRADE CONDITIONS GOOD

DISTRIBUTION OF MERCHANDISE IS OF LIBERAL PROPORTIONS.

Manufacturing Still the Best Feature, Even the Conservatism of Buyers Being Favorable Symptom.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Daily Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow: Some distribution has been caused by the elements, but business conditions are unusually satisfactory for the season.

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Bank Clearings

Daily Treasury Statement

Unique Finish in Trading Pits at Chicago—Increased Shipments From Argentina.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—A unique finish was witnessed in the trading pits on the Board of Trade today. The entire hall of speculators was in a state of excitement.

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SPRING JOBBING EXPANDS

Reports of Improvement From Western Sections

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THIEF DIES AS A FUGITIVE

Lawyer Who Robbed Estate Forty Years Ago Dead in Berlin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—News has been received here from Berlin of the death of Adrian Van Sinderen, a well-known Brooklyn attorney.

Mr. Van Sinderen, who lived abroad in seclusion as a fugitive from justice, died in Berlin. He was accused of having robbed an estate of \$250,000 in 1880.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE. O.P.N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC 3 TRAINS TO THE EAST DAILY

Table with columns: UNION DEPOT, Leave, Arrive. Lists train schedules for various destinations.

Table with columns: RIVER SCHEDULE, Leave, Arrive. Lists river train schedules.

EAST VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC. SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY. Lists routes and schedules.

COMMISSION. PORTLAND. Lists various goods and services available.

GRAN AND STOCK BROKERS. Lists various financial services.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD CO. Lists routes and schedules.

THE GREAT NORTHERN. Lists various goods and services.