

Contracting Agony Under Way in Eastern Oregon.

LARGE CLIPS ARE SOLD Bulk of This Year's Product May Be Disposed of Before the Regular Sales Days—General Hop Crop Conditions.

A large part of the 1909 Oregon wool clip will be sold before the opening of the regular sales days...

Contracting of wool on the sheep's back is going under way, this time in Morrow County. The biggest deal is that of the Penland Land & Livestock Company.

Heavy clipped wool has been selling at a price in the past week at 13 1/2 to 14 cents in the Walla Walla district...

Receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows: Wheat 34,245; Oats 1,123; Hay 1,123.

Table with columns for Wheat, Oats, Hay, and other commodities, showing prices and quantities.

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QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets. SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today: Oregon Barberries, \$2.25; Salinas Barberries, \$2.40; Sweet Corn, \$0.10.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKETS. Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs. The livestock market was in strong shape yesterday, with the cattle market particularly active. Supplies were light with a good demand for all grades of steers.

CATTLE—Top steers, \$6.00 per lb.; fair to good, \$5.50; common, \$5.00. SHEEP—Wethers, \$4.50 per lb.; lambs, \$5.00.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK, April 26.—Flour—Receipts, 355,000 bushels; exports, 12,570 barrels. Wheat—Receipts, 400,000 bushels; exports, 10,000 bushels.

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