

WOOL HEADS WEST

Shipments in Transit and Receipts 400,000 Pounds.

MOVEMENT ONLY STARTED

More Wool Will Be Brought to Portland for Sale This Year Than Ever Before—Benefits of Consolidation.

More wool will be handled in Portland this season than ever before, in spite of the strong prices being paid in the country, according to present indications. With the stock now in storage and the shipments in transit, the Portland Wool Warehouse Company will have 400,000 pounds on hand by the close of next week.

With wool prices climbing in all parts of the country and Eastern authorities predicting still higher values, Oregon growers this season show a disposition to hold their clip and await developments. Their bullish enthusiasm is naturally increased by the efforts buyers are making to get the mountains to get possession of choice wool. A spirit of speculation has taken hold of growers in many sections of the country. Many believe their chances of profiting by not selling early were never better than this year.

In the Willamette Valley, where country ranchmen and other buyers have been offering prices on a rising scale, they have found the farmers unusually slow sellers. The tendency in the Valley this season is to get the wool together in larger quantities, either by pools or in consolidated lots, as this method is more attractive to buyers and thus better results to the seller. Projects of this sort are being carried on in Yamhill, Linn, Lane and Douglas counties.

While consolidating of neighboring clips is in line with the policy of the Portland Wool Warehouse Company, which seeks to make Portland the central market for wool produced in the Northwest, the tendency in Eastern buyers here. There are 1103 manufacturing concerns using wool in the United States, and up to this time only a half dozen or so have come West to get their wool. If a large part of the North Pacific clip can be gathered here for sale it will attract a larger number of Eastern buyers and the growers will get the benefit of the increased competition.

LIGHT COUNTRY TRADE IN WHEAT

No Demand at Coast Terminals and Board Prices Are Unchanged.

A small amount of wheat business is passing in the country, but there is little demand at coast terminals. All wheat bids at the Merchants' Exchange were unchanged. Cash wheat, 100 bushels, 1.00; 50 bushels, 1.00; 25 bushels, 1.00.

The alfalfa market is barely steady, as the new crop season is not at hand, and buyers are reducing their bids. California alfalfa is coming up by rail and can be sold down for 100 bushels at 1.00 per day reported offerings of June delivery alfalfa at \$1.10. In the meantime timothy is very scarce and quoted higher.

Brassicas reported steady. Wheat experts this week 16,700,000 bushels; corn experts 8,470,000 bushels. Argentine wheat shipments this week are 2,000,000 bushels, against 2,338,000 bushels last week and 3,325,000 bushels last year.

Terminal receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Wheat, Bar, Fir, Oats, Hay, Portland, Friday, 1916: 1915 1914 1913 1912 1911 1910 1909 1908 1907 1906 1905 1904 1903 1902 1901 1900 1899 1898 1897 1896 1895 1894 1893 1892 1891 1890 1889 1888 1887 1886 1885 1884 1883 1882 1881 1880 1879 1878 1877 1876 1875 1874 1873 1872 1871 1870 1869 1868 1867 1866 1865 1864 1863 1862 1861 1860 1859 1858 1857 1856 1855 1854 1853 1852 1851 1850 1849 1848 1847 1846 1845 1844 1843 1842 1841 1840 1839 1838 1837 1836 1835 1834 1833 1832 1831 1830 1829 1828 1827 1826 1825 1824 1823 1822 1821 1820 1819 1818 1817 1816 1815 1814 1813 1812 1811 1810 1809 1808 1807 1806 1805 1804 1803 1802 1801 1800 1799 1798 1797 1796 1795 1794 1793 1792 1791 1790 1789 1788 1787 1786 1785 1784 1783 1782 1781 1780 1779 1778 1777 1776 1775 1774 1773 1772 1771 1770 1769 1768 1767 1766 1765 1764 1763 1762 1761 1760 1759 1758 1757 1756 1755 1754 1753 1752 1751 1750 1749 1748 1747 1746 1745 1744 1743 1742 1741 1740 1739 1738 1737 1736 1735 1734 1733 1732 1731 1730 1729 1728 1727 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